



NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL NEWS

On Wednesday night this week we enjoyed the **59th Annual House Drama Festival**. It is interesting to see the different dramatic genres which are used in different years. This year the more abstract and absurdist styles were popular although there was still a strong narrative approach. The adjudicator this year was Ms Claire Johns who is Head of Drama at Shelford Girls' School and she was very enthusiastic about the quality of writing and production displayed as well as the quality of the acting, about which she was most voluble.

House Drama is one of my favourite activities of the year and I commend the work of the house teams in their writing, costuming, production and the technical work of lighting and sound which all came together to provide a great night of entertainment. **Thank you** also to the **teachers** who work with the houses to supervise, advise and support the students. **Special thanks** to **Mr James Richards, Ms Kylee Cook** and **Ms Marian Haddrick** for their work in organisation as well as their professional expertise.

Dryads were thrilled to be named as the **winners of the House Drama in 2009** with their play *Mary and Her Friend Called Lamb*, a play on the traditional nursery rhyme and **Oreads** came a very close **second** with *Fruitless Reality* about the power of true love and the futility of a 'Reality Evasion Clinic'.

Congratulations to **Caitlin McInnis** of **Naiads** on **winning best actor** for her role as Granny Smith in an apple themed night. **Dryads** featured **Vaidehi Naganur** as a lamb cast out by an unfeeling Mary and seeking his way in the world before being joyfully reunited with a repentant Mary in the happy ending that we had to have. The situational humour developed along the way contributed significantly to the appeal for the audience, especially "Lamb's" efforts to pick apples with his hooves. Well done Dryads.

Ms Jane Garvey

Parent – Teacher Interviews

Reminder that **Parent – Teacher interviews** will be held next **Thursday 27th August** in the **Lakeside building between 2.30 pm and 8.00 pm.**

PLEASE NOTE

The following adjustments to bell-times

Thursday 27th – earlier finish

Classes will finish at 1.35 pm

Friday 28th - later start

Students to arrive by 9.10

Period 1 to start at 9.20 am.



INDONESIAN EXCHANGE

For the majority of students studying Indonesian who have not travelled there, Indonesian culture may seem a little unfamiliar, but we choose to study the language from a genuine interest in the people north of our border.

The experience of hosting two students from Indonesia was the second best thing to visiting the country itself, as we learnt so much about the language, culture and traditions in the four weeks they were here. Many generous students, across Year 10 and 11, opened their homes for **Galuh Kinanti Kusuma Ayu** and **Fani Rahmawaty Putri** from **Krida Nusantara School in West Java** to stay.

The visiting students attended classes with their host sisters and gained insightful knowledge into subjects not usually covered in the Indonesian school curriculum. It was, however, not all about school and work; the students enjoyed visiting a number of iconic Australian sites, such as Eureka Tower, The Victorian Market and Healesville Sanctuary. They came four weeks ago to a foreign country with unfamiliar culture, but left with friendships that will last a lifetime.

Marita Bryan 11D

I would like to publicly acknowledge the generosity of the host families who took part in the placement of two exchange students from Indonesia from 19th of July until 16th of August. **Thank you** to the families of Nivasini Subramaniam, Sarah Ashman-Baird, Natasha Podesser, and Jessica Miral of 11D; Larissa Whitton, Georgina Lupson, and Joanne Usher of 10I . Without this generous assistance, this very beneficial program would not have been possible.

Ms Rebecca Kristanto
Indonesian Teacher



Premiers Reading Challenge Winners

Following the article in last week's newsletter on the Premiers Reading Challenge, the 2009 winners of the challenge are pictured.

Individual Winners: Janet Duong 9E and Anna Hua 9E, who both read 300 books each.

The Class Winners: Class 9E, pictured with Ms Purcell and Ms Fitzgerald, which read a total of 2655 books.



2010 Literary Tour of England

The initial information session for the proposed **2010 English Study Tour** was held last week in the school theatre. A number of interested students and their families attended to preview highlights from the proposed tour and to obtain practical information from teaching staff and Trekset Tours representatives.

Planned for June and July next year, the Study Tour has been designed to provide the minimum disruption to school work at all year levels and to maximise the English summer, taking place after midyear exams and the GAT at the end of Term 2 and during the term holidays. We hope this scheduling encourages senior students of English and Literature to participate in the Tour and we now invite all interested students who will be enrolled in Years 10-12 next year to apply for a place on the Tour.

To secure a place for your daughter, we request a deposit of \$200 be paid to the office by Wednesday, 16 September, the last week of Term 3. If the Tour does not proceed, your deposit will be refunded. Assuming at least 20 places are filled, further information will be provided to you during Term 4 regarding final costs, a payment schedule and a complete itinerary.

If you wish your daughter to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to experience first hand the literary traditions, history and culture of England, further information and a consent form with payment options can be obtained at school from Ms Deborah Stringer. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact **Ms Stringer** on **9820 0788**.

Ms Deborah Stringer

Free Admission for Students to a Piano Masterclass

On Saturday the 5th September, **acclaimed Pianist Alan Kogosowski** will be playing at Melbourne High School's Assembly Hall, 3.30pm to 5pm.

Please give your name to the Music office by Tuesday 1 September.

Combined Mac.Robertson Girls' High School and Melbourne High School Play

Come and see the dark and ultimately humorous play "**The Visit**".

The play centers on the fictional Central-European town of Gullen (Swiss-German for "manure"), which was always formerly a center of culture but has in the past few decades decayed into bankruptcy. When the play opens, the town is preparing a celebration of the arrival of Claire Zachanassian, a former resident who had since attained an incredibly great fortune and is coming back to visit... but with what intentions?

Ms Marian Haddrick



Opening night — Tuesday 8 September, 7.30 pm

Show dates Tuesday 8 September to Saturday 12 September at 7.30 pm

No matinee performances

Venue— The new Melbourne High School Studio Theatre.

Tickets—\$22 Adults, \$17 Concession and \$70 for a family.

Tickets are available www.mhstix.com.au and are on sale at the door.

Sports News

The Mac.Rob Intermediate Basketball, Hockey and Table Tennis Teams were unable to win the Yarra District Competitions. All of the Teams reached the finals in their competitions with the Basketball and Table Tennis Teams losing narrowly to Fitzroy Secondary College and University High School, 3 sets each and on points. The Hockey Team defeated Brunswick and Princes Hill Secondary Colleges but lost 10-0 to Melbourne Girls' College.

Mr Russell Webber

Sports Coordinator



The Mac.Rob Music Department
presents a

Music Staff Gala Concert

Monday
14th September 2009
At 7.30 pm—Hall



Forthcoming Events

Term 3 2009



Week 7: **HEALTH WEEK**



Wednesday 26 August

Biology Olympiad

Thursday 27 August

Parent Teacher Interviews 2.30 pm—8 pm

Friday 28 August

Late start to school—Students to arrive by 9.10 pm

Week 8:

Wednesday 2 September

Chemistry Olympiad

Friday 4 September

Winter Sleep Out—Gym

Week 9:

Sunday 6 September—Tuesday 8 September

Sydney Girls Exchange

Wednesday 9 September—Saturday 12 September

Combined Mac.Rob and MHS Play—The Visit

Week 10:

Tuesday 15 September

School Council Meeting 6.30 pm

Parents Association Meeting Function Room
7.30 pm

Wednesday 16 September

Science Study Tour departs

Deposit due for English Literary Tour

Friday 18 September

Last day Term 3

Winter Concert on DVD—\$25

Act now and order your DVD. Order forms are available from the Music Office and Music Staff.