



NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Community Forum

On Tuesday 17th November at 7.30 pm we are holding a forum on developing the facilities at Mac.Rob. The School Council has engaged **Kerstin Thompson Architects** to assess the school's future needs and to develop a Masterplan for the campus. You are invited to see her presentation of what has been developed and to give the school feedback about the proposals. School council is very excited about this project which aims to "future proof" the school by providing more flexibility in the ways classrooms can be used, provide more ICT rich spaces for students including a VCE study centre and enhanced library and staff facilities. School Council will be guided by community feedback in proceeding with implementation of the Masterplan and also in seeking financial support to do so. Please put this date in your diary and come and add your thoughts to this major project.

Year 12 End of Year

Last week we celebrated the end of the school year for our **class of 2009** with the usual rituals. Students applied their creativity to their uniforms which took on weird and marvellous forms on the Wednesday and teachers were honoured by presentations made to them by their classes. That night the Valedictory evening was held at Crown Palladium which is one of the few venues large enough to hold such a large group of students with their parents. MCs for the evening, **Safiyah Muyeen** and **Ayanthi Weerasooria** introduced speakers and ensured that all ran smoothly. The audience enjoyed hearing from the School Captain, **Bebe D'Souza** and Vice Captain **Jennifer Tang**, the SRC President **Amanda Jenkins** and Vice President **Michelle Le** along with the House Captains and, in a new feature this year, each of the Year 12 Form Captains. The form captains gave a marvellous sense of the characteristics of each different group.

The Valedictory Speech which was a highlight of humour and sentimentality in the unique Mac.Rob way was given by **Gifar Hassan** and **Hui-Ling Yeoh**.

Head of Senior School **Mrs Chris Kelly** gave a tribute to the year level as did the Year 12 Coordinators **Ms Linda Harvey** and **Mr Karl Russell**, and I also wished the girls well for their futures.

The girls obviously enjoyed the two musical items from their peers, one of which was an original song composed for the occasion. The evening concluded with a presentation to each student which included their school reference and graduation certificate. **Thank you** to all who contributed to make this a very fitting recognition and farewell to the **class of 2009**, especially **Mr Karl Russell**, **Ms Linda Harvey** and **Ms Deb Stringer** for their organisation of the night.

Next morning the teachers cooked a pancake breakfast for the Year 12s who came dressed as 'childhood dreams'. I wonder who other than Mac.Rob girls would come as Rubik cubes? The breakfast was followed by the student concert and the much anticipated Year 12 Video production, with the Year 9 students providing the finale - a guard of honour to our exiting cohort.

A very happy last week overall!

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA Cheques for Semester 2 are now available for collection from Mrs Baldock in the student welfare office.

Mrs Gillian Baldock
SWC



Mac.Rob Wins Debating Grand Final!

Last Thursday Mac.Rob 3, comprised of **Bebe D'Souza, Gifar Hassan, Antonija Kurbalija, Caitlin McInnis, and Ramyaa Muruganandah**, competed in the DAV Grand Final against MLC, and won the debate in a unanimous decision made by four DAV adjudicators. They debated that 'Australia is not a racist nation' and demonstrated a great deal of knowledge about the topic. All five team members were involved in preparation for the debate, and Antonija, Gifar and Bebe debated on the evening. They spoke with their customary insight and humour, making it an enjoyable debate to watch.

This team has been an outstanding debating team since they formed in Year 9. In four years of debating the team has only lost one debate, and have won three of the possible four grand finals. They have shown extraordinary talent and commitment, and have certainly set a high standard for debating here at Mac.Rob.

The Victorian state debating team was also congratulated at the grand final for their excellent year of debating. Of the five members in the team, two were from Mac.Rob, **Bebe D'Souza** and **Rishada Cassim**. They are both excellent debaters and have provided a great deal of assistance to younger debaters throughout the year.

Thank you to all the parents and students from across the year levels who came to the debate and supported the students last Thursday. It made the event all the more enjoyable, and I hope provided inspiration for younger debaters.

I wish everyone the very best for debating in 2010.

Ms Yvette Arnott

Debating and Public Speaking Co-ordinator



Gifar, Antonija and Bebe preparing their arguments



Antonija, Ramyaa, Liz Sheargold, Caitlin, Gifar & Bebe

World Vision 40 Hour Famine 2009

Nearly 200 students took part in **World Vision's 40 Hour Famine** this year. Participants could choose to deprive themselves of food, furniture, talking or technology for 40 hours over the weekend of August 21st to 23rd. Overall, Mac.Rob students raised over \$8,400 for World Vision.

Thank you to all the family and friends who supported them in their fundraising efforts.

Year 9s raised over \$4000 and Year 10s over \$2,000.

The three forms which raised the most money were:

9D	-	\$1,180.70
9E	-	\$1,100.50
9H	-	\$ 821.15

The highest individual fundraisers were:

Genevieve Aldridge, 9D	\$444.00
Elysia Teh, 10I	\$375.75
Rhoda Kwan, 9D	\$300.00

Well done to everyone involved and thank you for all your efforts in raising money to support World Vision in their vital work of supporting children in overseas countries who are living in poverty.

Mrs Fay Bock
Social Services Coordinator

AUDITIONS

The 2010 MHS & Mac.Rob combined school musical

Little Shop of Horrors

will be held on **Sunday 15 November** in the Music Centre at Melbourne High School

Girls from 9:30am to 12:30pm

Boys from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Information pack, application forms, and audition bookings are only available on-line:

<http://resources.mhs.vic.edu.au/littleshopofhorrors>

Prior to auditioning, students must read the 'Information Pack', be able to commit to the show, and have the approval of their parent or guardian.

2009 SPEECH NIGHT

This year **Speech Night** is on **Tuesday 24 November** at **7.30 pm** in the **Town Hall**. Students have already received information about how to order their 2 complimentary tickets and any additional ones they require. To secure their tickets, **students need to return their order form to the General Office by next Monday 2 November**.

Rehearsals for the Speech Night singing have already commenced. The school is running a slightly adjusted timetable to allow additional rehearsals on most days.

Students are required to wear their school blazer, winter skirt, white shirt, school tie, black tights or black knee-high socks and black school shoes to Speech Night. They should ensure that their uniform meets the high standard of dress required for this most important school occasion. Now is the time to check if any cleaning or repairs of their uniform are necessary.

Ms Rebecca Vosper
Assistant Principal

Middle School Soirée

Do Numbers Count??

Perhaps they do!

Or, at least, perhaps they enhance our understanding of something!

SO Let's look at some numbers taken at last week's Middle School Music Soirée

We had 147 performers in ensembles playing French Horns, Bassoons, Oboes, Piano and Keyboards, Cellos, Guitars, Violins, Violas, Flutes, Clarinets, Percussion instruments and singing in Vocal Ensembles.

Our audience extended from the floor of the Hall to the Balcony.

BUT, I hear you say, What About Quality? AH, I reply, the Quality was "Top Drawer" – a night to remember!

Congratulations, to all performers and Music Teachers.

Thank you to Friends of Music for supper and for providing items for our raffle.

Mrs Jane Elton-Brown

Year 9 & 10 Exam Week

Year 9 Accelerated Maths Students – Attendance at school on exam days

All Year 9 students enrolled in the Accelerated Maths program will be sitting 2 exams next week at the following times:

Monday 2 November	Maths Exam 1	11.00am – 12.15pm
Wednesday 4 November	Maths Exam 2	10.45am – 12.30pm

This is just a notice to confirm that students are **not** required in classes on the morning of their exams; however, after the completion of the exams they are expected to attend afternoon classes per usual.

School uniform should be worn to these exams.

Please contact the Middle School with any queries regarding this. Exam room information should be given to students via their Maths teachers.

Thank you

Ms Lucy Madden

Year 10 Exam Timetable

DATE	SUBJECT	EXAM TIME	INSTRUCTIONS
Monday 2 November	English	9 00 am – 10.40 am	All students will be dismissed after the Maths 1 exam, except for the Biology Elective students
Monday 2 November	Maths 1	11.00 am – 12.15 pm	
Monday 2 November	Biology Elective	1.15 pm – 3.00 pm	
Wednesday 4 November	Science	8.30 am – 10.15 am	All students will be dismissed after the Maths 2 exam, except for the Psychology students
Wednesday 4 November	Maths 2	10.45 am – 12.30 pm	
Wednesday 4 November	Psychology	1.30 pm – 3.15 pm	

Miss Linda Harvey
Acting Head of Middle School

Introduction of the Victorian Student Number (VSN)

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a **Victorian Student Number (VSN)** to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout their education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student reports cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/government/vsn/overview.htm>

Second hand Uniform & Book Sale

This is advance notice that the Mac.Rob 2H Book and Uniform sale will be held on **Saturday 5 December** from 9am to noon.

This event is a major annual undertaking by parents@macrob and we are seeking indications of support from parents (or past students!) who would like to assist us with the smooth running of the day and the lead-in book collection sessions.

If you are able to assist in any way, could you please reply to macrobpa@macrob.vic.edu.au and indicate your availability or preference for activities.

Most activities are fairly straightforward tasks, but training will be given as appropriate.

Book Collections (Book grading and simple sorting)

Friday 20th November between 12.30 and 2.30 pm

Monday 23rd November between 1pm and 2 pm

Friday 27th November between 12 pm and 2 pm

Friday 4th December between 9 am and 1 pm

Book and Uniform Sale Day

Saturday 5th December from 8.30 am (Doors open 9am)

Book sale Counter - Tally buyers book docket

Credit card/Cashiers

Sales docket sorting

BBQ-Refreshment stall

Uniform Sales room

The Secondhand Book & Uniform Sale is a major fundraiser arranged by the MGHS Parents Association - proceeds go towards school improvements and student activities

Thanks

Phil Bourke

Treasurer

parents@macrob

contact us at macrobpa@macrob.vic.edu.au



Council Tree Summits:

Less rain + a hotter climate = trouble for trees

Do you have opinions and ideas about looking after local trees and nature strips? If yes, come along to one of our

Tree Summits and help council develop our city wide policy on trees and nature strips.

Not a tree expert? It doesn't matter! Experts will be on hand to help everyone contribute to this important community event.

Sessions:

14th November	9:00am – 12:00pm	
South Melbourne		
18th November	6:30pm – 9:30pm	St Kilda
25th November	6:30pm – 9:30pm	Port Melbourne

To register and for venue details, please email rsvp@portphillip.vic.gov.au or call ASSIST on 9209 6777.

Please forward this to anyone who might be interested in participating in one of the Summits.

***** SELL YOUR  AT THE 2nd  SALE *****

The Secondhand Book & Uniform Sale is a major fundraiser arranged by the MGHS Parents Association

**Proceeds go towards school improvements and student activities Yr11 and Yr12 formals,
House Chorals
Small Grants program
Adelaide T Shirts
Speech Night prizes
Yr9 BBQ.**

MAKE MONEY FROM THOSE OLD BOOKS!!

**HELP US TO HELP YOU
SELL YOUR BOOKS AT THE parents@macrob
SECONDHAND BOOK AND UNIFORM SALE**

To sell books you will need sellers kit:

List of 2H Books (has sell prices and what you can receive back)

Book tags (so we know they are your books)

Booksellers Form (so we can pay you)

Students can deliver books to Consultation Rooms 5 and 6 - ONLY at the following times

Friday 20th November between 12.30 and 2.30 pm

Monday 23rd November between 1pm and 2 pm

Friday 27th November between 12 pm and 2 pm

Friday 4th December between 9 am and 1 pm

Sellers Kit from the Office (limited number) or Download from
parents.macro.vic.edu.au

Forthcoming Events: Term 4, 2009



Week 5:

Monday 2 November

Year 10 Exams Commence

Tuesday 3 November

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 4 November

Year 10 Exams

Week 6:

Tuesday 10—Thursday 12 November

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Camp (group 1)

Thursday 12 November

New Parents Information Evening, - Hall 7.30 pm

Week 7:

Tuesday 17—Thursday 19 November

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Camp (group 2)

Tuesday 17 November

School Council Meeting 6.30 pm
Conference Room

Parents Association, 7.00 pm Function Room

Community Forum 7.30 pm Theatre

Thursday 19 November—Thursday 10 December

Japanese Exchange Commences

Week 8:

Tuesday 24 November

Speech Night, Town Hall 7.30 pm

Saturday 28 November

French Exchange Commences

Week 9:

Tuesday 1 December

Year 9 Orientation Day

Friday 4 December

Last Day Year 10 Students

Saturday 5 December

Parents Association Second Hand Book and
Uniform Sale 9 am—12 pm

Week 10:

Monday 7—Friday 11 December

Year 10 Work Experience

Week 11:

Tuesday 15 December

School Council Meeting 6.30 pm Conference
Room

Wednesday 16 December

Final School Assembly—Reports sent home