



## NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

#### Computers for students

As you may be aware from media reports, the Federal Government is providing funding to ensure that all students in Year 9 to 12 have one to one computer access by the end of 2011. Secondary schools are coming to terms with how this 1:1 ratio will be achieved and what will be needed in infrastructure to support such an increase in computer usage in the school. The principal team members attended a meeting last Friday at which the departmental officers with responsibility for the implementation of the program gave us some insights into the thinking behind it. The idea is to provide “Any time, anywhere learning” through the provision of computers.

#### Enhanced Wireless Networking

We have now received information that DEECD will introduce a new centrally managed Internet service for all schools commencing in 2010 and will meet all costs for this service. Additionally, to support the computer fleet expansion, secondary schools will receive an enhancement wireless network to provide an ICT platform for teaching and learning. This will occur in two phases, the first during the first quarter of 2010 will increase the number of Wireless Access Points (WAP), and the second commencing deployment in Term 3, an enterprise class, managed wireless network with enhance capacity and coverage will be developed. From previous experience we can anticipate that this gigantic enterprise may not go according to schedule but ultimately we are assured of having a vastly enhanced ICT capacity to facilitate teaching, learning and curriculum development and implementation.

#### In2science Peer Mentoring in Schools

This program from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering at La Trobe University aims to raise the profile of science and mathematics and inspire students. Five of our teachers have participated in the program this year.

#### Community Forum

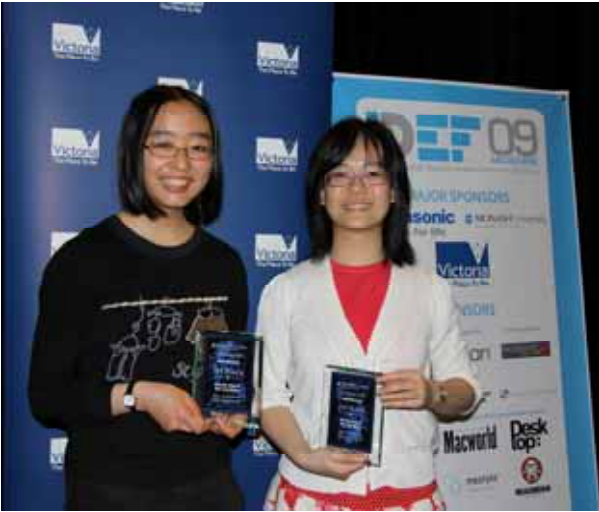
This is a reminder about the Masterplan presentation from our Architect Kerstin Thompson on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30 in the Theatre. Come and learn about the proposals for developing the school's facilities and have your say about what we should do.

**Ms Jane Garvey**



## 1st Place Winners

Nicola's done it again! This time  
with Hui Jun



**Congratulations to Nicola Jing and Hui Jun Heng** who have been awarded **1<sup>st</sup> place** for their Web Design. Nicola and Hui Jun won the **2009 IT Challenge Competition** offered by Monash University Information Technology.

Nicola had entered the competition in 2008, when she was in Year 11, and had been awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This year Nicola mentored Hui Jun, who is in Year 10, and together they came up with the winning design. They were officially acknowledged at an awards night held at the Royal Exhibition Building on Friday night.

Well done to both girls.

Nicola Jing and Mary Duong, the 2009 Website Captains, also designed Mac. Rob's School website. If you haven't visited the site it is worth having a look.

<http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/>

**Ms Lisa Fitzgerald**

## IMPORTANT SPEECH NIGHT REMINDER (Year 11 & 12)



This year **Speech Night** is on **Tuesday 24 November** at **7.30 pm** in the **Town Hall**.

A reminder to all students, especially to the **Year 11 and 12 students** who are no longer at school, **Ms Paula Glover (First Aid Assistant)** is still accepting requests for tickets.

Any further queries, please contact Ms Glover.

Telephone: **9864 7759** or email to, **studentabsence@macrob.vic.edu.au**

## 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.

## Australian Science Innovations



In August and September this year, around 3,000 Australian students sat the **2009 Australian Science Olympiads National Qualifying Examinations (NQEs)**.

Of the **five Victorian students** attending the Physics Olympiad training, the following **three students** are from **Mac.Rob** — **Madeleine Barrow, Hilary Hunt** and **Miriam Lim**.

Three of our students were offered the Biology Olympiad — **Nishani Nithianandan, Oshi Swarup** and **Hilary Hunt** (who declined due to the Physics Olympiad).

**Nupur Goyal** was accepted into the Chemistry Olympiad.

A remarkable effort by all !

<i>Chemistry Examination</i>		
Credit	Distinction	High Distinction
LIM, Miriam	NITMIANANDAN, Nishani	BARROW, Madeleine
NAGANUR, Vaidehi	LOW, Eunice	GOYAL, Nupur
		HUNT, Hilary
<i>Physics Examination</i>		
Credit	Distinction	High Distinction
CHAVAN, Mrunal	GOYAL, Nupur	BARROW, Madeleine
MODAK, Semonti		LIM, Miriam
		HUNT, Hilary
<i>Biology Examination</i>		
Credit	Distinction	High Distinction
BALASOORIYA, Piyumi	LOW, Alison	GOODCHILD, Georgia
KARIM, Sadia	MUNTEANU, Diana	HUNT Hilary
HOSSAIN, Shejuti	NAGANUR, Vaidehi	CHARTERS, Kate
	OOI, Olivia	ASOKAN, Meera
		NITHIANANDAN, Nishani Stephanie
		SWARUP, Oshi
		YANG, Yuxin Maggie

Ms Von Hayes

## HELP NEEDED!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> November** between 12.30 and 2.30 pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** between 1pm and 2 pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** between 12 pm and 2 pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** between 9 am and 1 pm

### Book and Uniform Sale Day

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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



Thank you

Phil Bourke

Treasurer

[parents@macrob](mailto:parents@macrob)

contact us at [macrobpa@macrob.vic.edu.au](mailto:macrobpa@macrob.vic.edu.au)

## SECONDHAND BOOK/UNIFORM SALE

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

Proceeds go towards school improvements and student activities  
Year 11 and Year 12 formals

House Chorals

Small Grants Program

Adelaide T Shirts

Speech Night Prizes

Year 9 BBQ

**MAKE SOME 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 a 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 20<sup>th</sup> November** between 12.30 and 2.30 pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** between 1pm and 2 pm

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Sellers Kit from the Office (limited number)  
or Download from  
[parents.macrob.vic.edu.au](http://parents.macrob.vic.edu.au)

# Forthcoming Events: Term 4, 2009



## 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—Friday 11 December**

Japanese Exchange

## 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