



NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Last week the school leaders were invited by the Premier's office to attend the ceremony to commemorate those lost in the Black Saturday bushfires, "**Together for Victoria**", held by the Victorian Government at the Rod Laver Arena last Sunday. I was very pleased that seventeen of them, including our School Captain and Vice Captain, were able to attend this very moving occasion to represent the school. The ongoing bushfires across the state are still leaving a trail of destruction, death and injury and the girls were commended by individual audience members for their support of the victims of this devastation. It was fitting that Mac.Rob was represented so visibly on this occasion given the enormous fundraising effort made by our community.

At the close of nominations for School Council on Monday afternoon, I had received three nominations for the three parent vacancies and two for the two DEECD vacancies so there will be no need for a ballot this year in either membership category. I congratulate **Ms Ruth Healy** and **Mr Shyam Das** on their re-election as parent members of Council and new parent member, **Ms Jane Ashman**, on her election. Congratulations also to the DEECD members, **Mrs Chris Kelly** and **Ms Lisa Fitzgerald**. The first meeting of the new Council and the Annual Reporting meeting of Council are on March 31 and all community members are warmly invited to attend the Reporting meeting in the theatre.

Congratulations to 2008 Year 12 student Justine Carey on having her work in Unit 4 Visual Communication and Design selected for the VCE Top Designs exhibition which is part of the VCE Season of Excellence 2009. Top designs will show work by 108 exhibitors who were selected from a short list of 294 from over 2000 applications, so Justine's selection is a great distinction. The program of events and details of the VCE Season of Excellence are available at;

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/seasonofexcellence.html

Jane Garvey



ATTENTION

YEAR 10,11 & 12 PARENTS



Welcome!

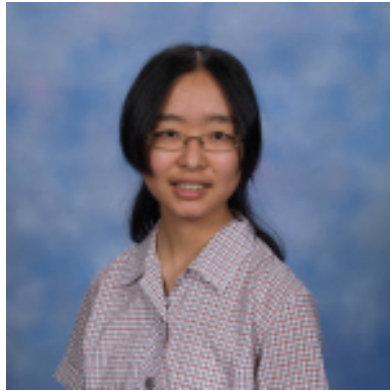


On Sunday 1 March, parents@macrob is organising the annual **Year 9 BBQ** and needs your help with welcoming new students and their families to Mac.Rob.

If you can spare some time between 9.00am and 3.00pm on the day, please contact Jan on **9386 0041**.



Website Captains - 2009



Nicola Jing



Mary Duong

As the Website Manager, I would like to introduce you to our **2009 Website Captains, Mary Duong and Nicola Jing.**

Late last year, these girls were among a number of girls interviewed for the position. As part of the interview process, candidates were required to present a portfolio of their work, which included a practical task, an analysis of the website, and their vision for the site's future enhancement.

Mary and Nicola were unanimously selected to lead this year's committee.

These girls have wasted no time in bringing their own flair to the school's website. They spent a number of days during their holidays designing a brand new website. Their new design will be available to be viewed this week by visiting: <http://www.macrob.vic.edu.au/>

Another initiative of the 2009 Website Committee is the creation of the position a IT form group representative (IT Angels). The IT representatives will be elected from each Year 9 & 10 form group. The elected IT Rep will attend IT meetings, run by the Website Captains, so that they may become 'experts' in using the software and hardware offered at Mac.Rob. They will then be able to assist students and teachers with IT problems that occur from time to time. The reps will also be encouraged to share their expertise with their class.

All students are invited to join the website committee. Meeting times will be announced in the daily bulletin.

Lisa Fitzgerald
Web Manager

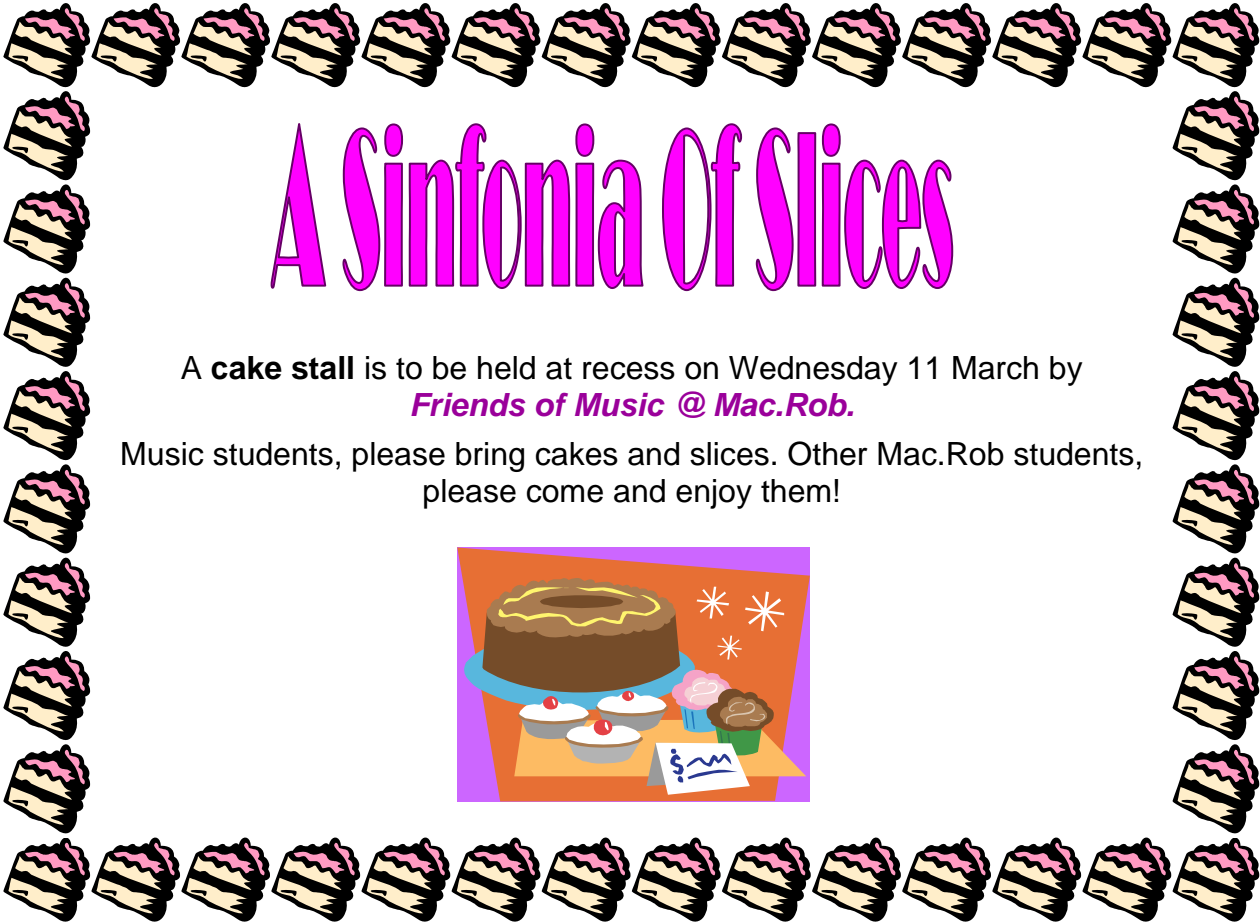


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 STUDENT LEADERS



At school assembly our 2009 Student Leaders were presented with their leadership badges and congratulated by the Principal, Ms Jane Garvey. Each one of the following students will undertake an important, challenging but also very fulfilling leadership role in the school throughout 2009. We thank them for being willing to take on the responsibilities of student leadership and wish them the very best for a successful year.

School Captain: Bebe D'Souza
School Vice Captain: Jennifer Tang
SRC President: Amanda Jenkins
SRC Vice President: Michelle Le
Social Service Captain: Chavy Arora
Social Service Vice Captain: Jassinta Chinniah
Drama Captain: Prudence Davie
Drama Vice Captain: Stephanie Lewis
Sport Captain: Linda Ho
Sport Vice Captain: Megan Jennings
Debating/Public Speaking Co-Captains: Ramyaa Muruganandah and Mayda Ziabari
Environment Co-Captains: Gida Clark and Genevieve Stewart
Music Co- Captains: Christine Lee and Sanja Domazet
Website Co-Captains: Nicola Jing and Mary Duong
Stage Managers: Pippa Malone and Hilary Hunt
Pallas Editor: Stephanie Nithianandan and Semonti Modak
House Co-Captains
Dryads: Gifar Hassan and Maritza Sibanda
Naiads: Antonija Kurbalija and Caitlin McInnes
Nereids: Hannah Bills and Emma Hoy
Oreads: Rishada Cassim and Janani Paramanantham



A Sinfonia Of Slices

A **cake stall** is to be held at recess on Wednesday 11 March by *Friends of Music @ Mac.Rob.*

Music students, please bring cakes and slices. Other Mac.Rob students, please come and enjoy them!



An important message from the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster Inc.

MENTORS FOR OUR STUDENTS PILOT PROGRAM

Are You Recently Retired?
Enjoy Helping People?
Have a few hours to spare?

You can make a difference in a young person's life!
By committing to one hour a week for one school term you can enhance young people's industry knowledge, improve career pathway transitions and increase school retention rates!

To become involved in the Mentors for our Students Pilot Program contact Meri Ivanovska on 9686 2354 or mivanovska@imvc.com.au at IMVC.

NB. Police Checks & WWCC required



An Australian Government Initiative

Forthcoming Events

Term 1 - 2009



Week 5:

Sunday 1 March

New Parents Information Session, (Theatre) and
BBQ 11am—2 pm
DAV Debating Trials— Kingsway
Palladians AGM—Theatre 2 pm

Wednesday 4 March

Swimming Trials—Pahran Pool 12.50—3.30 pm

Thursday 5 March

Year 10 B & F Geography Field Trip

Friday 6 March

Year 10 D & H Geography Field Trip

Week 7:

Monday 9 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 10 March

Swimming Sports at MSAC

Week 8:

Monday 16—Saturday 21 March

Multicultural Week

Saturday 21 March

Parents Association International Dinner—evening

Week 9:

Thursday 26 March

School Athletics Sports—Olympic Park

Friday 27 March

Grand Prix. Students not required at school

Week 10:

Wednesday 1 April

House Chorals Rehearsals

Thursday 2 April

Year 9 Activity Day

Friday 3 April

Last Day of Term 1