



PRINCIPAL NEWS

Last Tuesday the new School Council met for the first time to co-opt the community members and elect its office bearers. I congratulate **Dr Chris Mcauliffe** on his election as **School Council President**, **Ms Pattie Beerens** and **Mr Frank Rog** on being elected **joint Vice Presidents** and **Ms Ruth Healy** as **Council Treasurer**. The school community needs the generosity of the volunteers who contribute time and skills to the governance of the school and I thank each of the new councillors for taking on this responsibility.

I would also like to say a **sincere thank you** to each of the **retiring Councillors** for their contributions. Community Members **Mrs Wendy Taylor** represented the Palladians for five years, **Antonia Kurbalija** student representative in 2008, **Dr Andrea Bendrups** a former student, **Ms Rebecca Vosper** DEECD representative for four years and **Mrs Fay Wong** a parent representative who served as Council Treasurer for two years. My **special thanks** to **Dr Helen Marshall** who served as School Council President over the last two years and was on Council before that for two years, contributing to both the School Review and formulation of the Strategic Plan.

School Council has now moved, on expert advice received, away from setting up a charitable foundation and instead setting in place a fundraising committee to seek ways of raising money to fund the provision of the facilities identified by the facilities review, as being needed for our students and staff. The working party of the Property and Buildings committee of School Council has contacted a number of architects with a view to selecting one to work with us to develop this concept further.

On Tuesday afternoon **Dr Fiona Broderick**, who is also a member of the Parents@Mac.Rob, came in to inoculate staff who wished to have the flu vaccine. I would like to record our thanks to her for offering us her services again this year and hopefully ensuring the continued good health of the staff members who received the injections.

Jane Garvey

Parent Teacher Interview

Year 9 students, new students and students with an area of concern will receive an interim report at the end of term 1.

All school parents are encouraged to meet with their daughter's teachers at the scheduled parent teacher interview in Term 2.

The students with surnames beginning with letters

A - L will be held on Monday 27 April from 2—8 pm

M - Z will be held on Tuesday 5 May from 2—8 pm

Please contact your daughter's Coordinator for further information.

Ms Marilyn Smith
Assistant Principal



CAREERS

Students in Years 10-12 have been emailed the extended version of this newsletter.

Lunchtime Guest Speaker

On Monday 30 March our speaker was **Natalie Houghton** and her dog Holly from the **RSPCA**. Natalie provided information on careers working with and for animals. She reminded students of the **Annual Million Paws Walk** to be held at Albert Park Lake on Sunday May 17. Registration is at www.millionpawswalk.com.au

Discover Deakin University

Students are invited to attend a one-day '**Discover Deakin**' school holiday event, which will give you the opportunity to get an inside look at **Deakin University** and what it can offer you!

You will participate in **campus tours**, **find out about our range of courses and flexible study options**, **speak with faculty staff and current students**, **view accommodation facilities and learn more about the transition from secondary school to university**.

When: Wednesday 8 April

Time: 10.30am onwards

Venue: Campus of your choice

For more information or to book your place, visit www.deakin.edu.au/discover. If you have any queries call (03) 9246 8055.

THE AGE

The AGE VCE & Careers Expo 2009

The Age VCE & Careers Expo 2009 will take place on the first weekend of Term 2!

When: Friday 24 April to Sunday 26 April

Time: 10.00am – 5.00pm

Where: Caulfield Racecourse

The Expo provides students, teachers, parents with a unique opportunity to obtain VCE, VCAL and general career information and resources in one location! The Expo features seminars on VCE subjects, as well as career and study advice. The \$10.00 admission fee is valid for the three days of the Expo, and also includes all seminars.



Defence Force Recruiting 2009

Are you interested in applying for the ADF GAP Year?

Applications open on **Friday 1 May**.

This is a very popular program! Act quickly, start your application process on 1 May. Phone and book YOUR session!



Are you interested in applying to ADFA?

Applications open on **Friday 1 May**.

The process of selection is lengthy, so get it started soon!

Phone and book YOUR session!

For more information about the selection process for any of the above-mentioned programs,

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/recruitment/centre/process/> to find out more details on recruitment or call 13 19 01

Ms Irene Serpless
Careers





ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony for Year 10 Students at the Shrine of Remembrance – 23 April 2009

This is an important event in the Mac.Rob school calendar and this year will occur in **Week 1 of Term 2**. It is conducted by **Legacy** to honour the memory of those who gave their lives in armed conflicts so that we can enjoy the freedom Australia experiences today. Over 3000 students from government and non-government schools are expected to attend.

Year 10 students from MacRob and Melbourne High School play a leading role in this ceremony as they are invited to sing a number of songs as part of the program. The captains of both schools also recite poems at the service. Rehearsals of the singing, are already underway and a full rehearsal will be conducted at Melbourne High on the afternoon of Tuesday 21 April.

As Year 10 students are representing the school at this major public event, they are requested to pay careful attention to their appearance and ensure that they are in full winter uniform.

Legacy has invited students to honour their relatives, who have been servicemen or women, by wearing their medals on the right –hand side of their blazer

Ms Rebecca Vosper
Assistant Principal

OREADS LEADS ALL AT THE ATHLETICS SPORTS



Oreads House has repeated their 2008 achievement and have won the Interhouse Athletics Competitions held at Olympic Park on Thursday 26 March. Despite the predictions of inclement weather, the day was fine, the students were ready for action, and the program was completed with enthusiasm and commitment.

Competition was keen between the houses, and especially in the Novelty and Field events, however the depth of talent and the overall commitment of Oreads House, enabled them to prevail.

The results of the house competitions were;

Oreads	1st
Dryads	2nd
Naiads	3rd
Nereids	4th

The winners of the age group awards were:

U15	Michelle Liacos
U16	Rosie Donegan
U17	Jade Gilbert
U21	Greta Leropoulos

The outstanding individual achievement was that of **Rosie Donegan** who smashed the U16 record for the 1500 m event by 15 seconds.

Special thank you to the house leaders, the competitors, and the staff, for ensuring that the day was fun, and that the events were efficiently managed.

Mr Russell Webber
Sports Coordinator

PARENTS@MACROB
APPLICATION FOR SMALL GRANTS FUNDING 2009

The following details need to be supplied by persons or groups requesting financial support from the Parents' Association at MacRobertson Girls' High School. Parents@MacRob will consider all requests for funding which meet the guidelines established by the Association (see over).

Received by..... (Name of Office Staff Member)

Date.....

PROJECT DETAILS

Project title

Funding requested:

Project summary: (Describe the project/program. Is it a new initiative or the continuation of an existing program? Please explain. Where will the activity take place? Why is it needed? Where did the idea come from? How does it fit in with the objectives of the Parents' Association?)
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Who will benefit?

Who will be involved?

What are the goals of the project? What might be its outcomes?
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What is the timetable? (Include expected start date and end date).
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APPLICANT DETAILS: (Please print clearly)

First Contact Person

Second Contact Person

Name:

Name:

Year level (if applicable)

Year level (if applicable)

Representing which group?
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Representing which group?
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Phone number:

Phone number:

Address:

Address:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

Teacher endorsement:

- Thank you for submitting this application (please remember to sign). We will be in touch if we need additional information
- It should be noted that the Parent Association funds are limited. Not all requests for funding, even those meeting the guidelines, will be successful.

Please feel free to attach additional documentation / information if you think it would be helpful.

The Parents' Association at Mac.Robertson GHS aims to

- A.) contribute to the well-being of the students, staff and other members of the school community;
- B.) help extend the participation of parents in the life of the school in general, and in the education of their children in particular.

Parents@MacRob is interested in supporting projects and/or programs which

- 1.) Improve the quality of education at Mac.Rob
- 2.) Enhance the experiences of students at Mac.Rob
- 3.) Expand educational opportunities for students at Mac.Rob
- 4.) In pursuit of the school's and the Parents' Association's stated goals and aims extend participation by students, parents and teachers.
- 5.) May include 'experiential' items e.g. attendance by a student or staff member at a conference.
- 6.) Meet the above criteria
 - but are unanticipated/unforeseen
 - Would not become operational without PA assistance

All projects funded must conform to the aims and criteria listed above

Decisions of the Parents' Association are final, and are not subject to review or appeal.

This form should be completed and forwarded to the Parents' Association through the main school office at MGHS

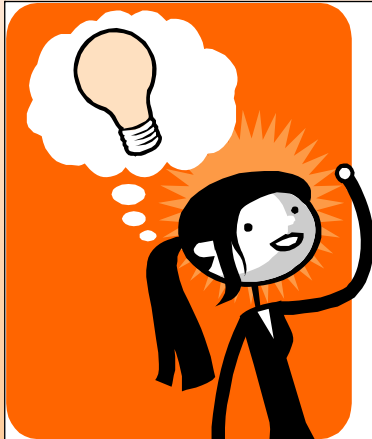
Please make sure it is dated and signed by the member of staff in the office who receives it.

Keep a copy of the completed form for your own records.

**SMALL GRANTS 2009 – A Parents' Association Initiative
(Ends 26 June, 2009)**

Dear brilliant Mac.Robians – Yes, Students AND Teachers!!!

Did you miss out on a Mac.Rob Activity?
Or can you think of a new one?



For Example:

Debating

Arts

Music

Sports

Community building

Cultural

(Insert your ideas here!!!)

Here is your chance to create and lead your own opportunity and take others with you on the journey!!!

parents@macrob Small Grants support, through financial assistance, projects which -
Bring new experiences of learning – something you did not get to do because of it not being available

Involve additional exploration of knowledge – e.g. through attending external events and conferences

Extend participation by students, teachers and parents

Will not become operational without this assistance

Please download application forms and detailed criteria from the school newsletter or the Parents Association web-site.

When you have completed your application:

- 1. Make a photocopy for your record**
- 2. Lodge the original at the General Office**
- 3. Make a note of the name and person who dates and signs your form.**
- 4. Submit the application to the General Office by Friday 26th June.**

Forthcoming Events

Term 1- 2

2009



Week 10:

Friday 3 April Last Day of Term 1—Finish at 2.30 pm

Friday 10 April (School Holidays) Pied Piper Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital

TERM 2

Week 1:

Sunday 19 April House Chorals rehearsals, Hall 9 am—2 pm

Monday 20 April First Day Term 2

Tuesday 21 April House Chorals Rehearsals

Wednesday 22 April House Chorals—Hall 7 pm

Thursday 23 April Year 10 students ANZAC Service—Shrine

Saturday 25 April ANZAC Day

Week 2:

Monday 27 April Parent Teacher Interviews A-L 2 pm—8 pm

Week Three:

Tuesday 5 May Parent Teacher Interviews M-Z 2 pm—8 pm

Week 4:

Tuesday 12 May School Tour for prospective parents
11 am—12 pm

Wednesday 13 May—Saturday 16 May Mac.Rob & MHS Beauty and the Beast
Combined Play 7 30 pm—MHS Memorial Hall

Saturday 16 May Beauty and the Beast Matinee Play 2 pm—MHS
Memorial Hall

Week 5:

Tuesday 19 May School Council Meeting 6.30 pm

Thursday 21 May Prospective Students Information Night 7 pm
Hall