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performances



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The Formal – a
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DATES/EVENTS

Monday 3 June

Palladians Committee Meeting
7.00–8.30pm

Tuesday 4 June

Parents Association Meeting

Monday 3 – Friday 7 June

Intercultural Week

Thursday 6 June

Autumn Concert, 6pm

Wednesday 12 June

GAT Day

Friday 14 June

20/30/40 years reunion (Palladians)

Sunday 16 June

Parents Association Family BBQ

Tuesday 18 June

School Council

Friday 21 June

Winter Sleep Out

Monday 24 – Thursday 27 June

Gifted outreach camp

Monday 24 – Friday 28 June

Music Week

Friday 28 June

Enviro Parade

Friday 28 June

Last day of term two
School finishes 2.35pm

Shining a light on the power of women

‘Nothing can dim the light that shines from within’

Maya Angelou

This month, a number of our events have led me to reflect on what it means to be a young woman in society today. As the Principal of a girls’ school, it is something I consider often, knowing the values and ideas we promote at Mac.Rob will help shape our students’ dreams and aspirations.

This year our fabulous production, combined with Melbourne High School, was *Ladies in Black*, the story of a group of women working in a department store in Sydney in the 1950s. As an audience, we laughed at their humour, and the familiarity of the characters’ friendships, but were reminded of the struggles and societal limitations imposed on women of this era.

In late April we were fortunate to host ABC journalist Virginia Trioli, keynote speaker for the Mac.Rob Foundation’s *Cristina Montgomery*

Oration. Inspiring and entertaining, Virginia spoke of the importance of women being authentic, of being true to oneself and not being quieted by others. ‘*When,*’ she mused, ‘*did we learn to mute our voices?*’.

Last week I had the pleasure of joining more than 80 Palladians for their 50+ year reunion lunch. It was a delight to hear about their time at Mac.Rob as they reminisced; which House won the cup, who got into trouble for not wearing their hat on the tram, who got called to the Principal’s office... amidst much hilarity and warmth, the Palladians shared their stories. One thing that stood out in all my conversations was the message that the school instilled in each and every young Mac.Robbian; women can do anything. For these women, growing up in a society of inequality, that message was powerful indeed, and formed a backbone of confidence and self-assuredness that remains with them today.

Empowered women empower women, and this is demonstrated every day at Mac.Rob.

As you read about the many things our students have been up to so far this term – from social service, to sports achievements, musical accomplishments or the organization of the Year 12 Formal – know that this is achieved because our students support each other, rely on each other and work together. Today, as ever, Mac.Rob stands for empowering young women to be all they can be, and to be proud of who they are.

Mac.Robbians, you can indeed do anything – **shine your lights brightly!**

Anne Stout
Principal





School leaders update

Hey Mac.Rob,

We hope everyone has had a great start to Term 2. Since our last issue there have been many exciting events and student initiatives that have taken place.

In the week of the 16th of May, the combined school musical *Ladies in Black* was held here at Mac.Rob, directed by our own Mr Wegner. The production was elaborate and the attention to detail really made the show an engaging and hilariously enjoyable night.

To recognise Anzac Day this year, our year 10 students, alongside Melbourne High, sang together at the Shrine of Remembrance in honour of all those who fought in World War I.

This term, Social Service captains, Lakni and Vinuthi successfully organised Social Service week. Throughout the week, there were many initiatives held to raise awareness about issues such as animal welfare and accessibility to clean drinking water.

Our Interact team of enthusiastic club leaders put together a Club Exhibition which was to inform students of the variety of clubs and extracurricular activities that students can get involved in that they are passionate about.

Finally, we'd like to acknowledge the winners of the 'Mac.Robbians of the Moment Award' this term. This is an informal award, nominated by the student cohort and given out by the School Captains to appreciate those teachers and students who embody our school values. Thus, we would like to thank students; Kousitha Sivayogan, Phoebe Zhang, Jakiah Ali, and teachers; Mr Dole, Ms Lionello, and Ms Chamaa for their tremendous efforts and demonstration of school values.

We wish everyone the best, stay warm.

Chelsea and Sinali



Mathematics + Art = Connections

MC ESCHER X NENDO EXHIBITION

On 1 April, two Year 9 Maths classes had the opportunity to visit the Escher x Nendo exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria.

MC Escher's art pieces are very detailed and combine geometry and other mathematical tools to create optical illusions and tessellations. Escher's intriguing work made me and my classmates look closely at his art for a long time, trying to figure out where the patterns led and how the optical illusions connected. I sensed he was a person who examined and observed the world closely.

The creative use of the gallery space by the Nendo design studio in their creative response to Escher's work was fantastic and really enhanced my appreciation of MC Escher.

The Escher x Nendo exhibition is definitely something I will remember, as it was a fascinating experience. **Pari Jagdeo 9J**



Student reflections:

The best thing I saw was the miniature models of X Nendo's designs which showed the planning and geometry in the architectural process.

Tanvi Mudhiganti 9A

My favourite was the 3D house. Listening to the music while examining the house was quite lovely and it was great that I could physically be there and experience Escher's work with my body.

Fiona Kim 9A

I liked the 'Drawing Hands' artwork for its lifelike sketch of hands drawing each other representing infinity displaying how 2D can look like 3D.

Diya Dasgupta 9C

The best thing I saw at the exhibition were the illusions that you could physically walk through, these included Transforming House and Gathered House.

It was really interesting figuring out how the illusions of Escher's art worked.

Emily Kaing 9J



Fabulously Formal

On Friday the 24th of May, Brighton Reception was bustling with laughter and smiles as over 350 attendees gathered for the 2019 Mac.Rob Formal. The students of Mac.Rob were amazed by the talented performances from their peers and wowed by the chic decor put together by members of the formal committee. With a flipbook booth, photobooth and professional photography, the students will have many wonderful mementos of the night.

Special thanks to Mr Sawaki, Mr Crowe, Ms Compton, Ms Griffin and Ms Kuzmicky for their ongoing support.

The event was only possible due to the generosity of both the SRC and Parent's Association, so many thanks to them as well! The team of students behind this event (Harini Rajakumar, Jessica Wang, Nuha Seyed, Joanna Xue, Tajrian Alam, Yalini Selvandran, Majdina Widodo, Dhileena Basanayake) have been hard at work since the beginning of the year in order to create a truly unforgettable night which everyone enjoyed.

Faadhila Ziyad and Shreya Rath
Year 12 SRC Executives 2019





Women remembered in *Ladies in Black*

Ladies in Black, the Australian musical was performed by the combined Melbourne High School and Mac.Rob students at this year's production.

The show combined singing, acting and dancing to create a comedic, heart-warming story about a young girl wanting to make it in an era when young girls weren't allowed to get an education. In true Mac.Rob style, she persevered and was able to defy the limitations of the time and succeed despite them!

Involving students from years nine to twelve, be it playing lead or support roles, or working behind the scenes, there were various opportunities to showcase the many talented students we have at Mac.Rob and MHS. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the show in the audience including the early creators and producers of the original musical.

The show was deftly directed by Mr Wegner and ended in joyful smiles and bittersweet tears at Saturday's closing performance after four near full-house performances.



Sports report



House Athletics

Blessed with beautiful sunny weather, the 2019 House Athletics carnival was a highlight of the sporting calendar. The ever colourful House Parade created a great atmosphere and was followed by excellent displays of athleticism. Students ran, jumped and threw all day long with great results achieved by all. A special mention to Emma Davies of year 10 who threw the discus 10.10m, breaking the age group record of 9.45m which was previously set in 1993. The novelty events provided some added fun and were enjoyed by all involved. Well done to all competitors and thank you to the staff and student helpers for their efforts on the day.

Congratulations to Dryads who were the winning house, followed by Oreads, Nereids and Naiads. Congratulations also to the age group champions Carly Senior, Dehansa Herath Mudiyanse, Krish Rajavel, Dilanka Samaranayake and Vi Huynh.

Intermediate Softball

The Intermediate Softball team competed in the region finals on May 7. The team were crowned champions in a close final match and will now progress to the State finals. We wish them the best of luck for their competition at the end of the month.

Senior Winter Round Robin

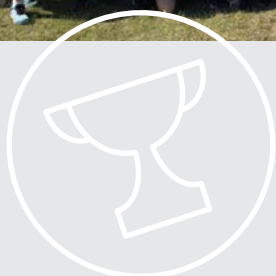
This term has seen multiple senior teams compete in a variety of sports. Congratulations to the Badminton and Table Tennis teams who won their respective competitions and to the Netball A and B teams, Basketball team and Soccer team who were all runners up.

Beachside Cross Country

Mac.Rob's distance runners had a great day out at the Beachside Cross Country carnival. Students achieved fantastic results in the three kilometre event. Well done to our 17-20 and 16 year teams who won the team competitions. Congratulations also to Abby H and Kavya B for placing second and to Lily X for placing third.

Intermediate Tennis

On Friday May 24 the Intermediate Tennis team participated in the State Championships at Boroondara Tennis Club. The girls played very well, winning their pool and progressing to the semi finals. In a very competitive match, the team unfortunately lost to Maribyrnong College by four games. Well done to Joanna, Archie, Solai, Yenuli and Aarmaya for reaching this level and representing Mac.Rob so well! Thank you also to Ms Tinney for coaching the team.



From Melbourne to Fulda and back

In late November last year until the end of January, we, Jacqui 11D and Maggie 11G, went on an 8-week exchange to Fulda, Germany. We stayed with two welcoming families in small villages in the countryside nearby the small town of Fulda, and attended school with our German host sisters, Marie and Laura. It took a while before our German had improved enough that we could contribute in class, but when we could it was a good feeling.

Aside from attending classes, Christmas in Germany was very exciting for the both of us. We immersed ourselves in German culture by going to Weihnachtsmärkte (Christmas markets), drinking hot orange juice and eating local sausage, Currywurst. It was wonderful to be involved in the German Christmas traditions.

During our time away, our hosts kindly took us on a trip where we travelled to Berlin, Lindau, Bregenz in Austria, and saw the amazing Rhinefall, the largest waterfall in Europe, in Schaffhausen just over the border in Switzerland.

The exchange was an excellent experience, not only did we improve our German, but were able to immerse ourselves in a completely new culture. We strongly recommend anyone who wants to go on any exchange to just go for it, because you definitely won't regret the experience!

Jacqui Green 11D and Maggie Li 11G



Legacy Service

On the 3rd of April, Year 10 students of Mac.Rob walked to the Shrine of Remembrance to take part in Legacy's 88th ANZAC Commemoration Service. We, along with Year 10 students from Melbourne High School, represented Victorian secondary schools by singing as a massed choir, accompanied by the Melbourne High School marching band and conducted by Ms Joanna Patocs.

To open the ceremony, three fighter planes soared above us after which the Governor of Victoria, Linda Dessau AC, was joined on stage by important members of our society and Mac.Rob School Captain Chelsea Truong.

The speakers touched on the experiences of families of ANZACs, the valuable aid which Legacy serves, as well as the importance of the ANZACs in protecting our nation. Each of the schools representatives laid wreaths in front of the eternal flame after which we sang *Waltzing Matilda* and the Australian National Anthem, while the crowd waved their small Australian flags in patriotism. Paying tribute to the ANZACs and others who were impacted by the war was a humbling and valuable experience.

Krishni Rajasingam-Roshan 10H and Chen Li 10B



Summer Concert – a tuneful triumph!

On the 4th of April our Summer Concert was held with the ensembles, including percussion, voice and string, all of whom gave outstanding performances. Thank you to all involved! The concert showcased the pop/rock band *Stress Biscuits*, featuring year 12 students Kye-Ann, Kameron, Arya Prabha and Hannah Chin who provided a wonderful act.

The concert wouldn't be possible without our music teachers, we would like to acknowledge their guidance. We'd also like to thank both Dr Hiew and Mr Dema for their tutoring in music during their time at Mac.Rob and we wish them well for their futures.

Don't miss our Autumn Concert on 6th of June, to be held in the Mac.Rob Hall the theme of which is '*Music in Movies*'. It will be a full theatre-going experience with the ensembles playing music soundtracks and movie snacks available. We hope to see you there!

Hannah Chin and Christina Ni (Music Co-captains 2019)

Next generation of leaders

Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS) is a summer academic enrichment and leadership program for outstanding high school students from around the world.



This is a superb academic and leadership opportunity for successful candidates to take part in an elite academic enrichment and leadership program, which empowers the next generation of leaders and builds a global community. They will participate in interdisciplinary programs that foster intellectual curiosity, deepen understanding and inspire creative action across all borders.

Congratulations to the following year 11 students as successful candidates for this program: Hannah Senior; Ewa Pluciennik; Meghana Jonnalagadda; Fatima Mirza; Shatakshi Taing; Chehak Kaur; Trisha Tan; Nuzhat Sarwar; Caitlyn Nguyen

We look forward to sharing a full report of their experiences in a future newsletter.

Ethics Olympians win bronze

Two teams of fine philosophers represented Mac.Rob at the inaugural *Melbourne Ethics Olympiad* on Friday 17th May. The event, hosted by Scotch College, saw 22 teams from secondary schools around Victoria grapple with a range of knotty ethical problems.

These included:

Can software be accused of bigotry?

If de-extinction of certain species were possible, should scientists go ahead with it?

If drones were proven to make nations more trigger-happy, should the UN impose a ban on them?

The students who attended would be happy to discuss these questions with you further. These are Diya Sengupta, Maeve Riches, Tram Anh Pham Ho, Alice Zhan, Carol Meng (Team A), and Jasmine Ye, Avia Sanders, Vanessa Huang, Muskaan Monteiro and Megan Grove (Team B). Congratulations to all these students who did Mac.Rob proud with their verbal dexterity, keen reasoning, collegiality and sound moral compasses.

Congratulations to Team B for taking home the bronze medal!





Roots and Shoots makes a difference!

On 11th of May, I had the pleasure to help revegetate the Annulus Billabong to help improve biodiversity and habitat for local wildlife with Dr Jane Goodall's *Roots and Shoots Institute*. I had the privilege to listen and speak with Dr Goodall about her world renowned work.

Myself and Rose Cindric a Mac.Rob Environment Captain, were fortunate to attend a second meeting with Dr Goodall the following day at the Melbourne Zoo, accompanied by Ms Rodriguez. Rose and I were involved in an animal enrichment activity hosted by the Zoo and listened to Dr Goodall her work and vision of helping young people work on issues they identify in their communities to make the world a better place.

Roots and Shoots is a global network of young people taking action to work on environmental, conservation and humanitarian issues. I work with Roots and Shoots at Mac.Rob by sharing the actions taken by our students to promote sustainability, regularly featuring activities run by my Keen Green Beans Club in their newsletter to empower more young people to take action.

Join us at *Roots and Shoots* to make a difference!

Chenxin Tu, 11A



Celebrating volunteering at Mac.Rob

When Year 11 student Chenxin Tu left China's rural southeast for suburban Melbourne nine years ago, she was adamant not to lose her connection with nature. Today, the 16-year-old Mac.Robertson Girls' High School student is not only leading a variety of environmental volunteering projects, she's inspiring Melbourne's Chinese community to join her – hosting Mandarin language environmental volunteer workshops as Victoria's first Multicultural Coastal Ambassador with @ecocentrestkilda.

Last week, Chenxin was one of a handful of Victorians invited to meet with world famous primatologist Dr Jane Goodall for her work, which has recently included sea star removal, mollusc surveys and a re-vegetation project on St Kilda Pier to help protect little penguins.

This National Volunteer Week, we're celebrating Victoria's 100,000 environmental volunteers like Chenxin who give their time and skills to protect and enhance our amazing and unique natural environment – including our urban coastal areas.

Click on article
'Encouraging the
community to
contribute' within
[this link](#) to see
Chenxin in action
for the environment.

Confronting social issues

During 'Live Below the Line Week' 6–10th May, the Mac.Rob team raised awareness of this acute issue in our society and ate on less than \$2 a day, which is the equivalent of the extreme poverty line in Australia. The team raised \$5,000 to go towards Australia's largest youth-run international development organisation, Oaktree, for their work to help end poverty.

The subsequent week, during 'Social Services Week' 13–17th May, enthusiastic Social Service Team members organised themed activities to highlight current global issues such as access to clean water, poverty, blindness and cruelty to animals, which are affecting millions of people in our society. The focus of Monday was animal welfare, where we had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Stout's furry friend, Sasha, and heard about her story as well as understanding the importance of animal adoption, especially for greyhounds, and giving all our animals a safe, cozy home!

Following on from 'Live Below the Line Week', Thursday was dedicated to a serious issue in our world that is unfortunately not getting better, which is poverty. A short film on poverty around the world was shown, depicting the harsh effects of poverty on men and women as well as children. This was followed by an educational game of Kahoot, which highlighted to us the startling statistics of poverty around the world.

It was an informative week of activities to highlight issues to Mac.Rob students and raise money for the various causes.

Written by **Dilanka Samaranayake**





Stella creates stellar writers

Over the last two weeks, nineteen students were chosen to participate in the Stella School Writing Intensive with writer Elena Savage who is publishing her first collection of essays later this year. This is a program which aims to improve the writing skills of young writers and becoming an author.

Having the opportunity to work with an author was phenomenal and Elena was very generous sharing her own experiences as an author and within the writing industry. Some lessons you just can't learn from a textbook

The program offered a safe space to share our thoughts and ideas freely and we not only honed our writing skill but we also improved our editing and proofreading skills, we also connected with other students who shared the same passion as us. By the end of the program, we all felt more confident as writers and had a text to share, and some read their work to the Principal.

Participating in the program was an invaluable experience and we encourage you to sign up next year! Our collection of pieces has been made into a booklet, available both in print and digitally via the library. Feel free to take a look!

Gila Bloch 10C and Mingqiu (Sophie) Dai 10J

Join a culture club!

During lunchtime on Monday the 29 April, Mac.Rob held our second Club Expo which was a really good opportunity for Mac.Robbiens to find out about the variety of student run clubs that we have to offer. These are a core part of Mac.Rob culture and show the diverse interests of our students through the wide range available – from the Multicultural Dance Club to the Keen Green Beans Club, and much more!

Find a club with your passions at heart and get involved!

Hannah, Vinuthi, and Vi



Alice and Kavya go to camp

The Rotary Club of Port Melbourne recently sponsored two Mac.Rob students to attend the 3 day RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) camp. Read about their life changing experiences!

Alice Zeng:

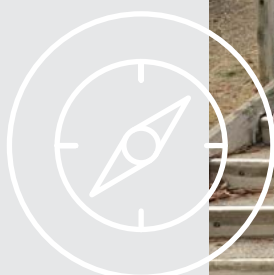
Going on RYPEN camp was a truly memorable and meaningful experience for me.

Though the camp was short, it was filled with so many enjoyable activities that built teamwork and communication skills, taught us valuable lessons, and helped us gain a deeper understanding of ourselves. We discussed values we found most important, and brainstormed personal goals. The activity that had the greatest impact on me was a session called 'Reach', where we paired off with another person who we had never talked to before and were given 60 seconds to share anything we wanted. I was able to open up about something that I never thought I would be able to share with anyone and it truly meant so much to me.

Kavya Balaji:

Attending the action-packed RYPEN camp for three days recently was such an amazing experience that taught me so many incredible skills through both physically and mentally challenging activities. One main theme was to break down our barriers which meant opening up and sharing issues with strangers. This experience had a big impact on me and to my surprise many people opened up and shared personal issues which had been weighing us down to the stranger in front of them. It was a beautiful moment to see the change in the atmosphere as everyone started feeling much more comfortable.

Both Kavya and Alice would like to thank the Rotary Club of Port Melbourne for sponsoring them, and to Paul and Pauline Kildea and Lucy Douglas for providing transport to and from the camp. *'If you have the opportunity we would definitely recommend you take it!'*





Celebrating Creativity

Recently the VCE Studio Arts students explored NGV Ian Potter Centre gaining ideas and inspiration from the 2019 Top Arts exhibition and exploring the contemporary work of Melbourne artist Darren Sylvester.

Year 9 student Eliana Roxas has recently been chosen to be a part of the NGV Teen Council work experience program where she will work behind the scenes at the NGV and learn about curating art exhibitions.

Over the Easter holidays Vy Tran, Helen Nguyen and Caitlyn Nguyen sold their artwork at Melbourne's Supanova Comic Con Expo. The expo is a fun fan convention focusing on science fiction, fantasy film and TV, comic books, anime, gaming and collectables.

The process of drawing 'Timeless'

When I was asked to draw my interpretation of infinity, I will admit it was difficult at first. I had no idea what I was going to do as it seemed all the good ideas have already been done! I began by asking myself this question; what lasts/goes on forever? I came up with love and a figure 8. I questioned how love could last forever.

I guess you keep loving someone/something for a very long time but what happens when you pass? Does the love transfer elsewhere? It really was a confusing theory that love could last forever so I decided to get rid of that option. The next one was a figure 8 and I didn't exactly just want draw a figure 8 because it was a bit boring, plain and its simplicity just didn't appeal to me. So again I was

stuck on what to do. Then suddenly, something popped into my head, time! When I thought about it, time continues no matter what happens. Time cannot die and it won't just randomly stop (but if that could be done it would be pretty cool!).

So now that I had my idea, there was another obstacle; how am I supposed to draw time? Instinctively I thought of a clock, but that didn't look very artistic. Thinking of a clock lead me to an hourglass and that is how I found my way of expressing time so I drew an hourglass. If you look closely, you will realise that the sand does not just go down one way and run out. It goes both ways, up and down, this way there is a never ending flow of sand. I wanted to incorporate the figure 8 idea, hence, the shape of the glass holding the



sand is in the shape of an 8. When contemplating whether to use colour or not, I did a little bit of research. I found the following quote on a website:

'Black is evil; white is good. Black traps space; white opens space. Black evokes sophistication; white communicates innocence.'

This lead me to believe that if black and white are forever fighting for the opposite thing, they will never come to an agreement, therefore black and white is another representation of infinity. That is why for my drawing, I have used black and white instead of colour.

By **Rachel Lin 9B**

50 years later...

Mac.Robbians 50+ year reunion

On a sunny May morning I walked into the foyer of Mac.Rob to see groups of women excitedly chatting. Over 80 past students, had arrived for the reunion of the Class of 1969. As three of the Mac.Robbians looked into the main office through the window they were surprised to see it looking very different to when they attended as students 50 years ago. *"Of course, we didn't have computers back in our day!"* they remarked.

A busy day followed and after a tour of the school and visiting classrooms in action, the Mac.Robbians walked to nearby Royce Hotel where they enjoyed a very sociable and convivial occasion over lunch. The program included presentations by a variety of people including, Dr. Valerie Volk, class of 1955, who delighted the attendees with stories of her career in writing. The opportunity arose to interview two Mac.Robbians, Jill Clark, (nee Elliot) from the class of 1948 (pictured top left) and Doreen Rosenthal (nee Lapin) from the class of 1955 (pictured top right photo in white shirt). Photos of the reunion will be available on the Palladian website in the near future.

Geri Barr Communications



Sensory Science

A group of Unit 1 Biology students had the opportunity to attend the Day of Immunology workshop at Monash University. They engaged in a series of activities run by Professors of Immunology to enable the students to obtain a better understanding of the immune system and the current research being carried out in that field.

The girls created a 'sensory science' poster which would be used to teach immunological concepts to vision-impaired students, listened to talks by researchers and also had the chance to grow protein crystals which would be run through the synchrotron to visualise diffraction patterns. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned many interesting things about the immune system.





GIV a helping hand!

GIV volunteering was busy this term with The Smith Family's *student2student* Reading Program, running for 18 weeks from the 13th until the 19th of September. Mac.Rob has 32 enthusiastic student tutors in the program which is a wonderful opportunity for both student reader and student tutor to connect and have a lasting impact by drastically improving the literacy and confidence of the student readers.

Saturday 25 May saw 24 Mac.Rob girls shaking tins shaking for Red Cross donations. The Red Shield Appeal came out in full force at the South Melbourne Market with. All funds will be directed into important projects, such as: youth homelessness, emergency and disaster relief and resettlement of women and children victims of domestic violence.

Upcoming engaging and meaningful community service events include: Hampers for Homeless, St Vincent Care, and a visit to a local animal shelter.

Keep GIVing.

Jennifer and Justina – GIV Leaders 2019

2020 Scholarship now available

The Department of Health and Human Services Student Scholarships Program for 2020 is now open for applications.

The department is very pleased to offer a scholarship to Year 11 and 12 students living in Community Housing, is valued at \$1,100 and can be used to cover educational costs of students.

Applications close on Friday 21st June so if you would like to apply for a scholarship please contact Gillian Baldock in K201 soon who will assist in applying.



Congratulations!

After teaching at Mac.Rob for 43 years, former Assistant Principal Margaret Akins was recently awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for service to education.

How very appropriate that it was the first female governor of Victoria, The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, who was to award our very own Palladian Margaret Akins her OAM!

"At first I didn't want to accept the award," Margaret said, "as there are a lot of people out there behind the scenes working hard, but after further thought, I decided to accept, as it gives recognition to women and especially teachers."

What a wonderful role model for our Mac.Robbians to look to. Congratulations Margaret, and thank you for your service!

Parents Association

Mac.Rob Parents Association International Ball was held on Saturday 27 April at the St. Kilda Town Hall. This splendid event allowed the mainly student attendees to come together and enjoy the cultural diversity that makes up Mac.Rob, with some students fully embracing the spirit of the evening by dressing in traditional dress! Sincere thanks to help from volunteers, with special mention to our extraordinary outgoing president, Marita Warmsley.

The MPA is involved in providing refreshments at school events such as parent teacher interviews and recently had a lot of fun managing the refreshment stand at the combined school musical, *Ladies in Black*. We enjoyed lending ourselves to the exciting, convivial atmosphere, whilst our wonderful students provided such a high level of entertainment.

If you would like to enhance your daughter's experience at Mac.Rob and meet other parents, or are a parent of a student involved in music at the school, then the Mac.Rob Parents Association is for you!

New members are very welcome! Contact us on macrobpa@macrob.vic.edu.au and look at Compass for upcoming meetings and events.



Last, but not least...

Music Concerts

Autumn concert – 6 June

Winter concert – 24 July

Spring concert – 19 September

Palladians

2019 Reunions

Place the following date in your diary and let all your class mates know.

20, 30 and 40 Year Reunion Classes of 1999, 1989, 1979 – **Friday, 14 June 2019**

Register at www.palladians.com/events

Parents Association Family BBQ

The MPA is hosting a Family BBQ on **Sunday 16 June** to encourage families to meet other families from Mac.Rob. The team travelling to Peru at the end of the year will be working on the BBQs and all staff are welcome to attend!

If you are interested in coming, (and your family are welcome also) please use the Try Booking link below for catering numbers. Details are also available on Compass.

During the afternoon, some students who hold leadership portfolios will be presenting 15 minutes of their highlights for the year in the theatre, please come and watch.

Sunday 16 June, Midday to 3pm. BBQ lunch provided from midday to 2pm.

RSVP www.trybooking.com/510847



SCHOOL SURVEY

The survey should take no longer than five minutes

As part of our school review and forming our Strategic Plan for 2020–2023, our school is seeking feedback from parents/carers.

Please take some time in helping to complete the survey forms below as your feedback is extremely valuable to us and will make a big difference in informing the school review.

The surveys were launched at Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews (PTSI) on 9 May and 15 May. There was a different survey for each day.

If you completed the **initial survey during PTSI on 9 May**, please complete a **second survey** found here: <https://bit.ly/2HhxHdi>

If you completed the **initial survey during PTSI on 15 May**, please complete a **second survey** found here: <https://bit.ly/2GDCmoo>

If you did not complete any survey on PTSI, please complete both surveys.

Thank you for your valuable time!

MAC.ROB FAMILY BBQ

Join us for a FREE BBQ to welcome all families to Mac.Rob for 2019. This is a great opportunity to meet other families, staff and students.

Representatives from student portfolios will be running sessions in the theatre on the day.



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