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Thurs 3 Dec

Last Day classes Year 9

Fri 4 Dec

Report Writing Day - Student Free Day

Mon 7 - Fri 11 Dec

Year 10 Work experience week

Year 9 Battle of the Forms

Tues 8 Dec

Year 9 Symposium with MHS

5.00pm - 6.00pm

Wed 16 Dec

Presentation Night 6.45pm online

Mac.Rob Official YouTube Channel

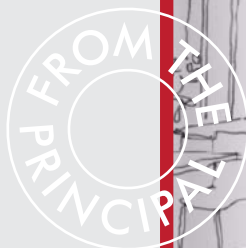
Fri 18 Dec

2020 Term 4 concludes

Early finish - 2pm

Thurs 31 Dec

VCE Results released



Early concept drawings for upgrade of Lakeside building

Upgrade for Mac.Rob!

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the year. As I write, our senior students are completing the last of their VCE exams, and I hope they are feeling confident and relaxed now that the hard work of exam preparation is over. Year 8 students have also been able to sit their entrance exams for Mac.Rob and the three other Selective Entry schools, and students will shortly be receiving their offers of enrolment. After all the uncertainty of 2020, it is wonderful to finish the year with some sense of normality and I congratulate all our current and prospective students on their fortitude and dedication to get to this point.

This week we also received the exciting news that we have been allocated \$4 million from the State Government to support our proposed upgrade to the Lakeside Building. I am delighted that the Government have matched our own contribution dollar for dollar, so we will be able to plan, design and build a fantastic new learning space for current and future students. Information about the planning and design stages will be shared with the school community as the building stages progress, and I know our students will have some excellent ideas to put forward when we seek their input. JCB

Architects provided us with some early concept drawings for our business proposal and as you can see from the image below, there is the possibility for some beautiful spaces to emerge.



Mac.Rob staff are now beginning to plan for 2021 and as restrictions ease, we are looking ahead to our camps and events for next year. Our middle school camps have been rescheduled for 2021, and we're pleased that no one will miss out on what is always a great fun time on camp...albeit a year later than anticipated! We're also now planning some of our key events, such as our combined productions with Melbourne High School; I'm excited to announce the first of these events will be Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', to be performed outside in our own rose garden. It promises to be a delightful evening, so I encourage all our families to look out for booking details early next year!

In December our Year 10s will embark on their Work Experience program, which this year will be online. Students will participate in a four day program which will include resume building, interview skills, and an introduction to work skills and capabilities. They will also participate in industry-specific tasks, with feedback reports provided by industries back to our students. This promises to be a terrific alternative to our usual Work Experience program and we expect to incorporate some of these new elements into our regular, ongoing program into the future.

Finally, don't forget to save the date for our online Presentation Night celebrations. Although we can't be physically together as a community just yet, we are looking forward to sharing some of the wonderful things we have been doing this year, and recognising the achievements of our students. The evening will showcase some of the highlights of 2020...and all from the comfort of your armchair at home! Please subscribe to our YouTube to be ready to join us on the night.

Anne Stout, Principal



Captains Update

Hello wonderful Mac.Robbians!

I cannot believe this year has come to an end, a year which we never forget. Wow, it's been a crazy ride! I never could have imagined a single year could both change the entire world the way in which it has and teach us so many lessons, I know many of you feel the same way.



This year has been challenging for all of us. We have fought the same battle but from our individual perspectives, 2020 has given us all the skills to face any challenge in life. I am so proud of every single Mac.Robbian for the strength, courage, commitment and positivity they have displayed this year and you should all be very proud for not only getting through this year, but shining through it.

This year has proven to me something I already knew to be true, Mac.Rob is a place like no other. A place full of intelligent, driven, curious, passionate and resilient young adults who support, challenge and respect each other– who are growing and developing into leaders of the future. A place where students have a drive to learn and are taught by people who are so much more than teachers, they are leaders, mentors, motivators and people who have a wealth of knowledge and passion for what they teach. Mac.Rob is a place where everyone is accepted and celebrated as they are, and this year has proven to us that our community is connected, strong and supportive. I am very proud to be a Mac.Robbian, the past four years have changed my life and am grateful to be a part of such a magical place.

Our theme for the year was 'Shape Your Story'. Little did we know, 2020 has turned out to be a pivotal chapter in all our stories. No doubt it will be studied in curriculum all across the world and will be in our history books. There's something I want you to remember, your own story, who you are, is just as important. Your story is there for you to keep writing, you have the power to shape your own story and your story is what matters. I hope this year, even if in the tiniest of ways, I have helped you realise that your story is what makes you YOU. In the words of Kamala Harris, a woman who has inspired us all this year, "what I want young girls to know is YOU are powerful and YOUR voice matters".

Being School Captain this year has been the greatest privilege, I am grateful for having this opportunity not only to lead you all, but also to grow and learn. Leadership is something I have always had a passion for. My main belief, which is at the core of why I love leadership and why I believe in it, is that when you learn to love yourself, to back yourself, and when you find your voice, why not try to help and inspire others to do the same.

To the class of 2020 – this may not have been the Year 12 we dreamed of, but it has pulled us closer together, thank you everything. A huge congratulations on finishing your exams. You did it! Now, we are ready more than ever, there's a big beautiful world out there, go live your life, keep learning, growing, and never forget these 2 buildings, rose garden and patches of grass which have given you all the skills you will need.

As we come to the end of this year, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday with your loved ones. Melbourne is a very special place to be in the world right now.

Mac.Rob, thank you for helping me become a better person and find the real me... but more importantly, thank you and for helping thousands of others do the same.

Best wishes,

Michaela McMahon, School Captain 2020.



School Council Update

School Council is delighted that the Selective High School examination was held mid November. We wish all prospective students well and thank them for their interest in our school. We look forward to welcoming the successful candidates next year.

As the VCE examinations draw to a close we congratulate all students that have worked hard and stayed focussed during the challenges this extraordinary year presented and we thank our wonderful staff that have worked hard to support our students this year.

We warmly congratulate our Class of 2020 on their graduation and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Council looks forward to next year where we will keep you updated with the progress of our upcoming building works and the final stages of our accreditation as an IB school.

Mac.Rob School Council

Got any articles
for the newsletter?
Contact Geri Barr
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Real Life Sticky Situations

Guide to adulting

Each Friday students in year 11 and 12, look forward to Ms Rowleston's class time of Sticky Note Friday, (for Year 10 it's held on Wednesdays). Emerging from these popular sessions is a podcast which is insightful, helpful and very informative.

Listen and learn things about life here: <https://anchor.fm/msrowleston>

Here's what Mac.Rob students love about these sessions:

The sticky note Friday questions created a safe space for us all to ask questions we had on our minds. Ms Rowleston's answers are raw, honest and she took time to give us advice and support. But it also created so much more than just a safe space for questions, it made us feel supported, valued and cared for. This question time meant so much to me and my friends and was something I genuinely look forward to each week. Thank you for creating such a safe space and caring for us as humans.

'Sticky note Friday's' gave us the opportunity to ask questions about life and really know what's coming for us after high school but also just to let us have some fun at the end of a long week. We were able to ask questions about anything whether it was about life after school or fun "which would you rather...?" questions. It made us feel more together and very cared for, the Friday questions were just another way of making us feel supported.

"Sticky notes is a fun and comfortable way to ask for advice or opinion because Ms Rowleston gives in-depth feedback with accounts from her personal experience. Sometimes it can be heavy subjects and sometimes it can be lighthearted but every single one of them helps us take our mind off of schoolwork and stress, and give us advice about life."



Taking up the Challenge!

Congratulations to all Year 9 students, earlier this week we announced the winner of the 2020 LRC Premier's Reading Challenge Competition.

Our outstanding students were able to produce highly creative responses to their reading, and engaging peer to peer book reviews. Normally, we would share these responses in the form of a 'Literary Wall' in the LRC foyer, however due to being in lockdown we achieved this digitally via a Google site: <https://sites.google.com/macrob.vic.edu.au/prc2020/home>.

Please have a look and see the wonderful responses from Year 9.

Congratulations to 9J, and their captain Kashvi Shah who were the winners this year, who produced an excellent array of reviews and creative responses.

There were a number of outstanding efforts from other forms and we awarded 15 prizes for individual efforts.

See a photo of those students below and attached is a full list of individual winners.

All students were led by their elected PRC captains who played a pivotal role in remote learning encouraging and assisting students with the challenge. Many thanks also to Year 9 English teachers and the middle school! PRC certificates are on the way as a formal acknowledgment of their participation in this state wide event.



Front Row from left to right: Le-Ann Lim, Sophie Wang, Rebecca LeLim, Evonne Lu



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Back (Top) row from left to right: Le-Ann Lim, Rebecca Le, Clarissa Van
Middle Row from left to right: Evonne Lu, Sharaana Jayaroopan, Arushi Senchaudhuri
Front (Bottom) Row from left to right: Hedy Shi, Sophie Wang

PRC Individual Prizes Winners 2020

9A

Gauri Apte for 15 reviews and her creative response to All the Boys I've Loved Before (Baking Cookies)

9B

Senithya Karunaratne for 5 reviews and her creative response to The Fault In Our Stars (Digital Artwork)

Callista Leong-La for 6 reviews and her creative response to The Infernal Devices (Drawing with themes and quotes)

9C

Sydney Lay for 6 reviews and creative response to Crazy Rich Asians (Digital Artwork)

9D

Sarah Bi for 13 reviews and her creative response to Chasing Boys (Letter to the author)

Rachael Rawal for 5 reviews and her creative response to Delirium (Scrap Collage)

9E

Joanna Chittilappilly for 5 outstanding reviews

9G

Alphonsa Benjamin for 6 fantastic reviews

9F

Madison Greco for 4 reviews and her creative response to Nothing Ventured (Drawing)

9H

Ananaya Mittal for 10 reviews and her creative response to Paper Towns (Fan Art)

9I

Jessamine Lau for her creative response to The Hunger Games (Song Performance)

Milly Shaw for her creative response to All The Boys I've Loved Before (Tik Tok Baking)

Ruby Hall for her creative response to And Then There Were None (Fan Artwork)

9J

Form winners of the PRC 2020!

9K

Aidah Khan for 13 reviews and three creative responses (two fan fiction, one fan artwork)

9L

Nusaybah Syed for 23 reviews and her creative response to My Sister's Keeper (Digital art)



Parliament Prize



Every year the Victorian Parliament holds [The Parliament Prize](#), a competition for young people to share their views on important issues, by presenting a 90-second Member's Statement as if they were a member of parliament. This year, a record 748 students entered the prize, representing 186 schools across Victoria.

The judges acknowledged three Mac.Rob students achievements with 'Finalist Certificate' which were awarded to students who placed in the top six in the Year 9 and 10 level category.

Congratulations to these students and to everyone who entered, engaging with big issues affecting our society is very important, as you will be the future decision-makers.

The judges also acknowledged two Mac.Rob students achievements by awarding them a 'Highly Commended Certificate' which were awarded to students who were in the top 5% of entries across Victoria.

MAC.ROB FINALISTS

Diemmy Pham (10F)
Sydney Lay (9C)
and Sanaaya Ranasinghe (9I)

MAC.ROB HIGHLY COMMENDED

Ananaya Mittal (9H)
Jasmin Jasin-Pathiranage (9A)

Student Experience

My experience with The Parliament Prize was wonderful, I learnt that you can gain a certain peace from passionately speaking for a minute. I entered the prize because this was a chance for me to vent my frustrations about parliament in an academic outlet. The important issue I spoke on was how insensitive the Victorian curriculum is regarding the history of non-white and non-hetero individuals. I believe Australian children have become insensitive due to the lack of education and empathy towards racism and homophobia, most of us don't learn why saying the n-word is so disrespectful, or why using 'gay' as an insult is degrading and as a result Victoria's children grow up to be racist, homophobic, apathetic adults. There are many ways that our educational systems disregard the LGBTQ+ community, African-American history, indigenous Australian culture, language and history. Our concerns, whether big or small, deserve to be heard which is why I would recommend this competition to anybody frustrated with the Victorian Parliament.

Diemmy PHAM, 10F



Sydney Lay (9C)



Sanaaya Ranasinghe (9I)



Ananya Mittal (9H)

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Mac.Rob students Emily Kaing and Ananya Bose, both from Year 10, who have been awarded Kwong Lee Dell scholarships for Melbourne University!



Ananya Bose and Emily Kaing

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

You don't have to wait to get a taste of uni life! The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Victorian Year 11 and Year 12, and select secondary students living close to the New South Wales and South Australian borders.

If you're eligible, you'll get the exciting opportunity of experiencing university life and taking part in a range of academic events and activities, facilities to help you achieve your best – plus get a head start on your future studies and career!

When you finish your secondary studies, you could also be offered a guaranteed place in an undergraduate degree, financial assistance to move to Melbourne, and an overseas scholarship during your studies

Careers Podcast - New Episodes!

Palladians "Career Perspectives"

NEW EPISODE

Recently released a further two recordings from two AMAZING women in our community,

- EPISODE 3: [‘Engineering, Overseas Study and Working in Motorsport’ with Krystina Emmanouilides](#) - Alfa Romeo Racing ORLEN Team Development Engineer
- EPISODE 4: [‘Marketing & Business’ with Katrina Dowling](#) - CEO @ The Westmead Institute for Medical Research Foundationn



Krystina Emmanouilides



Katrina Dowling

EPISODE 3: Are you a STEM student? Interested in Engineering? This is for you!

In this episode, we speak with Krystina Emmanouilides, a CFD Development Engineer for the Alfa Romeo Racing ORLEN Team, a journey that has taken her to study in the UK and now resides and works in Zurich. She shares the challenges and the environment of working in her passion of motorsport while also reflecting on how she got to where she is today.

EPISODE 4: Are you considering a career in business and marketing? This is for you!

In this episode, we speak with Katrina Dowling, CEO of The Westmead Institute for Medical Research Foundation and explore the process of becoming a CEO and the skills and mindsets required. Katrina shares her experience in working for a start-up in Virgin Australia, starting her own business and further insights from her journey that took her from a marketing student to a CEO.

Take a break from your study and sit outside or listen to it on the train ride home today!

COMING NEXT WEEK:

- ‘Design & Architecture’ with Kirsten Day - Architect & Lecturer at The University of Melbourne
- ‘Careers in Science, Studying Overseas and Quantum Physics’ with Nana Liu

Many thanks to Tyson Day, a career strategist from [Arrive & Thrive](#), who hosted the interview on behalf of Mac.Rob Careers and to our talented Palladians for their time and input to our careers program.




Career Perspectives with Palladians

By MacRobertson Girls' High School

Come on a career journey with our Palladians and educate yourself about potential career pathways and the future of work. Our speakers share tips and advice about their journey and field.

Mac.Rob Careers, Palladians and Arrive and Thrive, are pleased to give you access to six Mac.Rob alumni, from careers such as media, design, computing, business and engineering.

Listen on  Spotify

Creativity Expands at Mac.Rob

Studio Art Exhibition

In lieu of a real life exhibition this year, an online exhibition of the senior students' artworks is available to view on [this site](#).

We are so impressed with the breadth of work the students have been able to complete this year and how resourceful and creative they have been in making them.

Students have created their own alphabet, examined light and colour through the Impressionists, made self portraits, created works that respond to the idea of the 'Anthropocene' and much more.



Rebecca Ananya Shaw



Victoria Wang



Aareba Masood



Trish Sreeparna Das



Aishah Brockhoff



Caitlyn Nguyen



Hannah Bachelard



Diya Sengupta

Mac.Robbian Destiny

The NGV will soon be opening its doors and we can't wait! One of the most highly-regarded indigenous artists in Australia is Destiny Deacon. She is also an ex-Macrobbian and has her portrait hanging in the alumni gallery.

We recommend visiting the exhibition DESTINY.

NGV

from the NGV: DESTINY DEACON

NGV Australia will open on 23 November with DESTINY, a retrospective exhibition of more than thirty years of work by Melbourne based contemporary artist Destiny Deacon, a descendant of the Kuku and Erub/Mer people from Far North Queensland and Torres Strait. The exhibition has been curated by NGV Curator of Indigenous Art, Myles Russell-Cook, who worked closely with Deacon and her long-time collaborator Virginia Fraser.

DESTINY opens with a two channel video work titled *Abi See Da Classroom*. To celebrate the ABC's fifty-year anniversary of Australian television, Deacon and Fraser were given unrestricted access to the archive, possibly the most significant collection of film and television held in Australia. From uncomfortable to distasteful, to overtly racist, the two channels prompt audiences to reconsider how Black and Aboriginal people have historically been depicted on TV.

As one of Australia's most acclaimed contemporary artists, Deacon's work seeks to subvert social norms through humour.

A mixture of photographic works and videos, created throughout Deacon's career, unfold within the exhibition, introducing audiences to Deacon's signature blend of artistic humour. Singular photographic images such as *Adoption* explore the relationship between seemingly innocent imagery and much darker and more complicated ideas. A new work by Deacon that will be featured in the exhibition is her representation of one of her iconic photographs from 1994, *Whitey's watching*.



Winner of Cipher Riddle!

One keen student contacted us after the September Newsletter to ask:

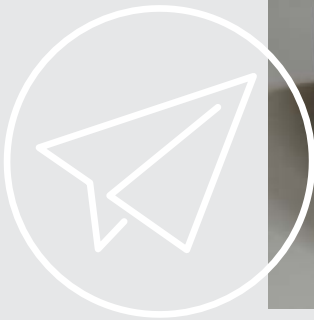
“Is the answer to the cipher riddle in the newsletter, ‘age’?”

Well we can say to Meghana Jonnalagadda, that YES! You are correct! Your correct answer and for being engaged with our Newsletter has won you a gift, please come to the Communications office when you are next at school to collect your prize.

Congratulations Meghana!

The Riddle:

Message to Aliens...



Cipher students used to send the message to aliens

Clue: 3 9 16 8 5 18

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Level 1

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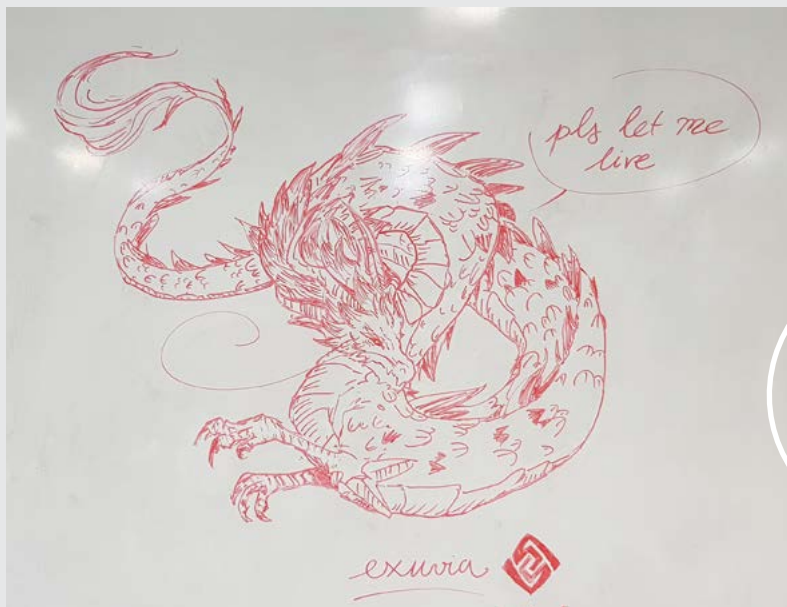
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Incidental Art

Thank you to the teacher who discovered this incidental art on a whiteboard this month. I think you'd agree that it is an excellent example of Mac.Robbians taking every opportunity to express themselves, whatever avenue that may be!



Let the Celebrations Begin!

Presentation Night 2020

A celebration of 2020 at our annual Presentation Night will be held online this year, so break out the snacks and settle into your favourite chair! Our students and staff are proud to present a night of entertainment, including musical interludes and announcements of academic and community awards.

Our students and staff are proud to present a night of entertainment, including colourful and dynamic dancing, and the awards to students who have excelled this year.

This special, one of a kind event, will be broadcast on the Official Mac.Rob YouTube Channel. We have nearly reached the magic number of 1,000 subscribers, help us get there by clicking the link below to subscribe. One lucky winner will be chosen randomly to receive a prize from the full list of subscribers, so if you haven't already subscribed, jump on now!

We'll see you on 16 December for an excellent night of entertainment.



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