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Principal's Report

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A Glorious Defeat

This week, for the first time in thirty years, MHS lost the Crawford Shield to Nth Sydney Boys' School on our home grounds. The 7 rubbers to 6 defeat was even more inglorious as this was the 50th exchange with our Sydney counterpart. There are not too many occasions when we have cause to be thankful for a loss, however, this may be one of them.

The first exchanges involved one sport only; over time, more events were added reaching a peak of 15 several years ago. For the past year, however, the two schools have been undertaking discussions about the ongoing viability of the exchange. Nth Sydney have felt that changes to their student demographic have impacted their capacity to field competitive teams and certainly some events were proving to be lopsided. It was not a good omen for the future of the competition when two long standing sports were removed from the program in its 50th year.

The exchange assembly was, as usual, a robust affair with a healthy exchange of derisive commentary from both sides. As usual, MHS won the unofficial singing contest whilst Nth Sydney may have taken the points in the exchange's first improvised breakdance battle. The earnest spirit of our visitors left us in little doubt that every contest would be hotly contested and this proved to be the case with the outcome of most rubbers being evenly poised.

The competition outcomes were:

Athletics - MHS

Best player: C Rauchfauss

Basketball - NSBH

MHS best player: L George

Chess - NSBH

MHS best player: D

Bhattacharya

Cricket - MHS

MHS best player: H Nurse

Debating - NSBH

MHS best player: M Cheng

Fencing - NSBH

MHS best player: A Grant

Futsal - MHS

MHS best player: S Lally

Golf - MHS

MHS best player: L Cosic

Lawn bowls - NSBH

MHS best player: T Adolph

Music - NSBH

MHS best player: H Tidy

Table tennis - MHS

MHS best player: R Abeyawardene



Tennis - NSBH

MHS best player: M Dogliotti

Waterpolo - MHS

MHS best player: L Draper

Our bluster and claims of superiority at the opening assembly now seem hollow boasts and for the first time in thirty years, MHS faces the daunting task of travelling to Sydney to reclaim the Crawford Shield. For the good health of the exchange, there is no doubt that this is a good result. In effect, it maintains a win-loss ration of 8-2 in favour of MHS for each of the last four decades of the exchange. Nevertheless, the last time our Director of Sport, Mr Pritchard, lost the shield he was exiled to America for two years. The consensus is that a tour of duty in Antarctica may be now be in order.

I would like to acknowledge the

commitment of our team coaches, the sportsman-like and competitive spirit of all the boys who competed and the hospitality and support of the many families in the School community who billeted a Nth Sydney student for three nights. We know this is a significant commitment for our families, however, without this support the exchange would not be possible.

Parents and Friends Form Representatives

For the first time this year every form group in the School will have a nominated P&F contact representative. This role was first introduced four years ago and now encompasses every year level. When parents complete enrolment forms they have the option of consenting to the School providing email and phone contact details to these designated officers of the P&F. These contact details will be used for school purposes only and cannot be passed on to other individuals.

The primary role of the form contact representatives is to serve as a communication channel providing information about forthcoming P&F and School activities, as well as calling for support for these events when required. Parents have responded very positively to this initiative and have appreciated the friendly, personal contact from a fellow parent. If you have provided the School with a family email address and consent for P&F access, you can expect an introductory email from your form representative in the near future.

Jeremy Ludowyke
Principal

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VCE EXAMINATION SUPERVISORS NEEDED FOR THE GAT EXAM – June 11

Due to the large numbers of students sitting the GAT on **Thursday 11 June** at MHS, additional VCE exam supervisors are required. People doing this supervision need to be confident reading notices aloud to a group of senior students, and available from 8.00am to approximately 2.30pm on the day. Any close relatives of students doing VCE Units 3&4 studies this year are **ineligible** for this employment. There is a small remuneration for the work.

As with last year there is an additional requirement that all supervisors who are not VIT registered teachers must have applied for a *Working With Children Check* (WWCC). This is now mandatory for any adult working or volunteering with children. Once obtained, the WWCC is valid for **five** years.

The WWCC costs \$71.50 and is available from any post office. Once completed and lodged at a post office, the back page of the form will be verified and stamped to become your application and receipt. This needs to be shown to our chief supervisor when you report for GAT supervision on June 11.

Anyone interested should email me on smythd@mhs.vic.edu.au. Please type **GAT supervisor** and **your name** on the subject line of your email. Please include this information in your email:

- Your full name
- Your home address and postcode
- Your preferred phone number: mobile, home or work
- Whether you have a WWCC **or** are beginning the process for obtaining one

David Smyth
Assistant Principal

FINE ARTS FACULTY -SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS

The School community would like to congratulate Jake Stasser (2008 VCE Studio Arts and Media student) whose folio and film have been selected for the VCAA, VCE Season of Excellence 2009. His work is displayed in Top Screen at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, 3rd March to 8th May and in Top Arts at NGV Australia 25th March to 14th June both at Federation Square.

Mihaela Brysha
Fine Arts Faculty Coordinator

THE RAY WILLIS LEADERSHIP SCHEME – 2009 - SPECIAL INVITATION TO YEAR 9 STUDENTS

As Year 9 students have now elected their form captains, vice captains and SRC representatives for the year, students **who have not been elected** and are still keen to take part in one of the School's valuable leadership programmes, are encouraged to consider the following.

The Ray Willis Leadership Scheme is entering its fourth year. All students in leadership positions within the School are automatically involved in this. As well, any individual students may submit a request to Mr Smyth to be included in this scheme.

The Forum Night on which this year's topic will be introduced is on Wednesday 1st April beginning at 5pm in the Memorial Hall. From this night, students in groups of 3-5 including at least one from each of Years 9, 10 and 11, will work towards a project submission due early Term 4. The four best group projects will share \$1000 prize money for each group, and present their projects at a Presentation Night on October 27.

The topic for this year's Ray Willis Leadership Scheme is **"The importance of ethical leadership"**.

Any year 9 student interested in taking part should give his name and form to Mr Smyth asap.

David Smyth
Assistant Principal

Advance Notice: P&FA Trivia Night

Saturday 30th May 2009 7pm -11pm
MHS Memorial Hall

Come along and have some fun while raising money for the School. This year we will be having a professional host with a fast paced format starting at 7pm and finishing at 11pm.

Get your own table together or we can put you on a table with others. Boys are encouraged to come along (all help needed to beat the teachers this year!) Last year a table of year 9 boys got together. Make new friends, have fun and test your trivia skills.

SPORT MOVIES NOSTALGIC TRIVIA
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

FAMOUS FACES ON A DVD SCREEN TV
NAME THAT TUNE

Don't worry if you lack a little confidence in general knowledge or you're too young for nostalgic trivia or your memory is fading! There will be something for everyone.

Lots of fun games, silent auction items and sports memorabilia.

DONATIONS NEEDED, PLEASE HELP

We require prizes to be donated for the upcoming Trivia Night. If anyone can help with gift vouchers, tickets to events, a night's accommodation or other auction items, it would be greatly appreciated, as all money raised will be going to the School.

Items are also required to fill hampers, suggestions include: chocolates, bottles of wine, toiletries for both men and women, condiments (jams sauces spreads), sporting accessories, stationary.

If you can help please contact Maggie Stevens: tmrstevens@dodo.com.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday 1 April Ray Willis Forum evening
- Thursday 2 April Family Concert
- Friday 3 April Term 1 concludes and interim reports distributed
- Monday 20 April Term 2 commences

INTERNET SITE OF THE WEEK

- **Consumer Reviews:** There are many sites offering product reviews. A very comprehensive one is www.consumerreview.com
- where thousands of reviews of popular products by their owners are available. The site is subdivided into the following categories with numerous further sub-categories: Cars, Cameras, Computers,
- Electronics, Food and Wine, Health and Beauty, Home and Garden, Kids and Family, Office, Sports and Outdoors, Video Games.

Richard Wakeham
Library

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP LOWER DINING HALL

Open Friday lunch times. Five pairs of vintage MHS football shorts @ \$5.00 each are available as well as rowing shorts in excellent condition and maroon VCE jumpers.

Eva Pragier

ROWING FRATERNITY LAPEL BADGES

New rowing fraternity lapel badges available from John Smith in the rec centre: \$10 each.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS UP-COMING EVENTS

Parents and Friends committee meeting:

Monday 20 April
7.30pm for coffee and a chat
8.00pm for committee meeting

Mothers' Day brunch:

Sunday 3 May

Trivia Night:

Saturday 30 May
7.00pm - 11.00pm in Memorial Hall

We hope that you join us for the above events and support the Parents and Friends Association.

Karen Connolly
P&F President

UNYA VICTORIA STATE CONFERENCE

Last weekend (20- 22 March), Junou Qin (11F), Simon Hunt (11H) and Paul Niklas (10M) and I went to Oasis Youth Camp in Mt. Evelyn to participate in the United Nations Youth Association's annual state conference. Junou and I travelled there together expecting a typically lengthy and perhaps occasionally interesting conference filled with lectures and seminars on the functions of the UN. We were in for a big surprise.

The weekend consisted of a trivia night, a themed social mixer and a bevy of other fun tasks; and these were just for leisure! The real content of the weekend involved Model-UN debates that addressed mock resolutions, and required delegates for member states to argue for or against them. The process was new to me, despite my experience with debating for over a year now, and the fervour and passion of all delegates, including the MHS students, were something to see. Everyone was given ample opportunity to speak and be heard. It was fantastic to see just how many people were willing to become involved and sink their teeth into some really divisive topics, ranging from indigenous peoples' rights to child soldiers.

The weekend proved to be a great success overall, with many new friends made and even more new ideas shared. We're all waiting now with baited breath for the announcement of the speakers chosen to represent UNYA Vic in the national leg of this competition.

Mashood Qureshi 12F

PS – the latest news is that Mashood has been selected as one of 12 Victorian students to attend the United Nations Youth Association National Youth Conference (UNYC). This is a prestigious nationwide conference, which brings almost one hundred and thirty senior high school students from around Australia, as well as delegates from New Zealand, to Canberra in July this year. Congratulations Mashood.

David Smyth
Assistant Principal



To be held on
Thursday 14 May 2009
at
7.30pm

Memorial Hall
Melbourne High School

Tickets are available for purchase at
mhstix.com.au
or by contacting MHSOBA
9824 0480
administrator@mhsoba.asn.au

Adult: \$22 Child & Student: \$16
Family (2 adults + 2 children): \$70

May 13, 14, 15, and 16 at 7.30pm
Matinee: Saturday 16 at 2.00pm

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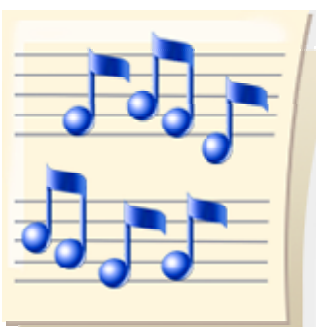
House Music

A splendid House Music Competition took place at Melbourne Town Hall last Thursday.

Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding performances and congratulations to all the conductors, accompanists and solo performers. The adjudicators were Ms Michelle Stanic, Mr Phillip Quast, and Mr Matthew Toogood and they were extremely impressed and excited about the standard of performance.

The winner of the Choral contest was Yarra and the winner of the Instrumental contest was Forrest.

Performances in the Community



The 2008 VCE vocal quartet was invited as the guest performer at a workshop presented by the internationally acclaimed Deke Sharon. Derek Sharon is from Boston USA and is president of the international A Capella society, and regarded as the leading close harmony specialist world-wide.

Tattam Band had the honour of providing music at the MCG for the Victorian Sports Award luncheon last Friday.

Diplomas of Music

On Monday, a number of students from Melbourne High School graduated with a Australian Music Examination Board Diploma of Music at Wilson Hall, The University of Melbourne. They were: Ruobing Yan and Simon Bruckard (A.Mus A piano), Luke Stevenson (A.Mus.A violin), Gavin Wei (A.Mus.A Clarinet), E.J.Khoo (A.Mus.A Cello) and James Russo and Gareth Huang (L.Mus.A piano). Congratulation to these boys for this outstanding achievement.

We cordially invite the Melbourne High School community to our Family Concert which will take place on Thursday April 2 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

MSO Passports applications are being processed at the moment. If you have not yet filled in your application you are advised to do it immediately.

Please visit the Music Department Web-site on the Portal to view *Performance* the Term 1 Newsletter. Please also note the

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(SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL)

ANNUAL RAFFLE 2009
MAJOR FUNDRAISER

run by
MHS PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

We need prizes. Can you provide a prize or prize voucher?

**Would you like to donate a
“points redemption” gift voucher?
The amount does not need to be large.
Several small vouchers can add up to a BIG prize!!**

**Perhaps you run a business?
The raffle is a great opportunity to promote your
business.**

**Tickets are distributed to all families of the school &
the wider school community.**

If you can help, phone Evelyn Erlichster on 9525 8571 or
email george@erlichster.com.au



STUDENT SERVICES

Year 10 Parent Information Evening for Head Smart 2009

The Head Smart program is an interactive program designed in partnership with ORYGEN Youth Health and the Sunrise Foundation which aims to **engage, educate and empower** young people on the issue of depression. The program has been specifically designed to increase young people's mental health literacy and assist with building the necessary skills that will enable individuals to:

- Recognise depression
- Support others living with depression
- Seek help
- Improve coping strategies and
- To remove negative attitudes and perceptions towards depression.

Year 10 students will receive a two hour workshop which is interactive based, non-confronting, practical and engaging. ORYGEN Youth Health Training and Development deliver the program in partnership with Wayne Schwass from Sunrise Foundation. ORYGEN Research and the University of Melbourne have been conducting research into the expected outcomes of the program over the course of the last two years and will provide feedback on the success of the program.

The parent evening will be on **Monday April 27th commencing at 6.30pm in T29.**

Year 10 students have been provided with further information about the program and reply slips are to be returned to form teachers by Friday 3rd April.

Overseas Study Scholarships

United World College (UWC) is a worldwide movement that aims to promote international peace and understanding through the education of young people in an international, culturally diverse and community focussed context.

The UWC committee invites applications from Australian citizens studying year 11 or 12 for scholarships to complete the two year International Baccalaureate Program at a UWC.

Victorian students can apply for

- A two year scholarship to Canada
- A two year scholarship to Italy for citizens of Italian descent
- A 60% scholarship to Hong Kong
- A 50% scholarship to America
- A 50% scholarship to Costa Rica

Further information can be found at www.uwc.org.au

Applications close Friday 3rd April

USEFUL WEB SITES:

Parenting information:

www.parentline.com.au

<http://www.relate.gov.au/parenting/index.html>

<http://www.abcdparenting.org/>

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/family/parents/>

<http://www.stepfamily.org.au/>

Information on separation/divorce:

www.relate.gov.au/separation/

www.familylawsection.org.au/public/ps_a31.htm

www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/feelings_and_behaviours/managing_grief-loss-change/separation_and_divorce.html

www.relate.gov.au/separation/guide_children.html



FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

ADF Adopt A School Program:

On Tuesday 17th March, sixteen years 10 and 11 students spent the day visiting *HMAS Cerberus* to learn more about careers in the Navy. The program, organised by the IMVC and ADF recruitment, was enjoyed by all who attended. Below are some comments by the students who attended.



A highlight of the day was the weapons training simulation system (WTSS), where we were able to fire laser rounds at a simulated target. (Christopher Le 11D)

The staff comprehensively covered all the aspects of the recruit training school, as well as giving an insight into the different jobs called 'categories'. It was great to check out all the different practical areas of the training. (Thomas Howe 11E)

At the beginning of the day, I knew nothing about the Navy; by the end I found out what they do and how they do it. The highlights of the day were seeing the training machines they use and the WTSS session. (Steven Eskaf, 11L)



High points definitely included WTSS and getting to talk to recruits about why they joined. (Tom Underwood 10G)

University of Melbourne: Access All Areas:

This is a day long program which offers an introduction to the university to students in years 10—12 and their parents. The program offers a series of sessions covering course offerings from 2010 onwards, the transition to university and aspects of the Melbourne Experience. Participants are able to tailor their program for their own needs by selecting from a variety of seminars, course information sessions and tours.



Where: The University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus **When:** Friday 17th April

To attend you must register at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/accessallareas.html



Engineering Careers Expo:

The Victorian Division of Engineers Australia invites students interested in an engineering career to its annual expo.

Wednesday 29th April 2009, 1pm – 7pm, Melbourne Town Hall, Crn. Swanston & Collins Streets

Entry is free but you must registration online at www.vic.engineersaustralia.org.au/events/expo.html

La Trobe University: Talk & Tour:

Students and parents interested on learning more about La Trobe University can attend a half day program on **Tuesday 7th April** or **Thursday 24th September 2009** at the Bundoora campus. For further information or to register go to: www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour or phone: 1300 135 045.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

At Monash Seminar Series 2009

This series is a must for all students interested in studying at Monash University. The program will include a faculty overview, current and graduate students speaking as well as an opportunity to ask questions. All sessions are between 6.30 and 8pm. The following seminars will take place over the next month:

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| • Science | Tuesday 31st March | Clayton |
| • Arts & humanities | Wednesday 1st April | Clayton |
| • Education, sport & outdoor recreation | Tuesday 5th May | Peninsula |
| • Physiotherapy, occupational therapy & health sciences | Thursday 7th May | Peninsula |

For more information and to book online: <http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash> or

Telephone: 9903 4758



Annette Travers

Careers & Work Education Coordinator

For further information on any item above email: traversa@mhs.vic.edu.au

**MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL
FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

INVITES YOU TO A

FAMILY CONCERT

IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL



Thursday April 2nd, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

On Thursday April 2nd MHS Friends of Music will be host to the first major musical function for the year. Commencing at 7.30, the boys will present an informal musical program, and light refreshments will be served. A particular welcome is extended to the parents of new music students.

The music will be provided by the Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, Camerata, Tattam Band, Davis Band, Stage Band, Big Band, Singers, Chorale, and other small groups. All students in the groups performing will be participating.

A donation of \$10.00 (adult), \$5.00 (child) or \$25.00 (family) is requested to cover the cost of the evening. All performers are asked to bring a plate of food for the supper. In addition, it is expected that performers follow concert etiquette and stay for the whole concert.

Would you please complete the section below and return it to the Music Office via your son.

PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR

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We will/will not be attending our son's performance in the Friends of Music Family Concert on Thursday 2nd April 2009.

Signed

Son's Name Form



MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH 2009

Not to be repeated until 2013!!



Limited supplies - Early ordering is advisable

Order Options:

1. Laminated photograph with names on the back (100cm x 50cm) \$45.00
2. Glass block mounted with names on the back (100cm x 50cm) \$75.00



To place an order: *Complete the form below and submit to the General Office*

Student Name: _____

Form: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Write number to be ordered:



Copy / Copies of laminated copy of Whole School Photograph



Copy / Copies of block mounted copy of Whole School Photograph



I attach a cheque / money order made payable to 'Melbourne High School' for the amount of: \$ _____

Beauty and the Beast – BOOKINGS

Date submitted: _____

Wednesday 13 May – 7.30pm

Type	Qty	Amount \$	Balcony / Stalls	Comment (aisle,etc)
Adult	\$22			
Student / Child	\$16			
Year 10 MHS	\$8			
Family (2ad+2ch)	\$70			
Total				

Thursday 14 May – 7.30pm

Type	Qty	Amount \$	Balcony / Stalls	Comment (aisle,etc)
Adult	\$22			
Student / Child	\$16			
Year 10 MHS	\$8			
Family (2ad+2ch)	\$70			
Total				

Friday 15 May – 7.30pm

Type	Qty	Amount \$	Balcony / Stalls	Comment (aisle,etc)
Adult	\$22			
Student / Child	\$16			
Year 10 MHS	\$8			
Family (2ad+2ch)	\$70			
Total				

Saturday 16 May – 2.00pm (Matinee)

Type	Qty	Amount \$	Balcony / Stalls	Comment (aisle,etc)
Adult	\$22			
Student / Child	\$16			
Year 10 MHS	\$8			
Family (2ad+2ch)	\$70			
Total				

Saturday 16 May – 7.30pm (Evening)

Type	Qty	Amount \$	Balcony / Stalls	Comment (aisle,etc)
Adult	\$22			
Student / Child	\$16			
Year 10 MHS	\$8			
Family (2ad+2ch)	\$70			
Total				

NOTE:
 All bookings will be confirmed by **email**.
 Provided tickets are ordered by **Wednesday 6th May** they will be mailed to the address stated below on **Thursday 7th May 2009**. Ticket collection thereafter is from the box office up to 1 hour prior to the commencement of the performance.
 All credit card payments via this form or online incur a processing charge of **\$2.50 per order**, irrespective of ticket amount.
 Cash payments must be securely fastened to this sheet. No change will be given.
 Cheques should be made payable to **MHSTix**.

Name _____ Phone _____

Name of Son or Daughter _____ Form _____

Category (MHS Parent, MacRob Parent, etc) _____

Address _____ P/C _____

Email _____

Payment method: Credit Card - Visa or Mastercard or Amex Cheque Cash (*circle one*)

Credit Card No. _____ / _____ / _____ Exp _____ / _____

Total Amount (incl. \$2.50 credit card charge) \$ _____

This booking form must be deposited in the designated place in each school.