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The weekly newsletter of Melbourne High School

Principal's Report

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REVIEW OF REPORTING

We apologize to all parents who encountered difficulties with the trial of our new online interview request system. Demand for Term 3 interviews has generally been much lower than experienced this year, perhaps indicating that students have been 'filtering' their parents' interest in the past. This is a sound reason to persist with, but improve, an online system that enables both teachers and parents to request interviews.

The online system has also provided us for the first time with some reliable data on the efficacy of our current reporting arrangements:

- Of 1327 families only 550 or 41% attended interviews
- On average parents requested 4-5 interviews
- Less than 5% of interviews requested by teachers were taken up by parents
- 25% of teachers were booked out within a few hours
- 40% of teachers were not fully booked on the night
- Requests for further contact ranged from 0-30 with the average being 5

The feedback from parents and staff was generally very positive with the new system having an 'equalizing' effect. Parents and teachers who had previously experienced difficulty gaining appointments reported an increase in interviews. Parents who previously had seen many teachers reported seeing less and some teachers were overloaded with requests. Other issues identified were:

- Some parents were unable to make any bookings if booking requests were logged very late
- Generally, teachers still did not see the parents they had requested interviews with
- There was less 'queue jumping' and parents attempting to see teachers without appointments

A more general problem was that many parents did not realise that the bookings they had requested may not be confirmed as teachers were required to exercise some discretion before confirming interviews if overloaded with requests. Some parents printed off their booking sheets prior to Wednesday as instructed and therefore were not aware that their booking requests had been changed.

Some teachers were also overwhelmed with requests for contact outside the interviews. This may mean that they will again need to prioritise who they can contact and may need to defer some contacts into next term.

It has not been understood that it has never been the intention of the current system that each teacher will be able to see the parents of every student. On average, MHS staff teach approximately 150 students. For a teacher to see every parent for 5 minutes would require 12.5 hours of interview twice a

year for every member of staff. At present, staff are able to see 34 families only on each report evening.

It is clear that we need to take a different approach to reporting student progress and the trial of an online booking system forms part of a broader review of the MHS reporting system. We have recently completed both an online and hard copy parent survey of reporting to assist us in planning a better approach. 219 parents completed the survey distributed during the interviews. Their responses were:

	Yes	No	Unsure
Should Students attend reporting interviews	72%	26%	2%
Should the timing of reporting be adjusted by year level	78%	19%	3%
Should a more flexible range of reporting options be explored	84%	14%	2%
Should MHS consider online issue of reports	76%	23%	1%



100 parents also responded to an online survey evaluating the most convenient hours for reporting interviews. Their responses were:

9-10am	13.00%	13
10-11am	17.00%	17
11-12pm	16.00% 1	6
12-1pm	11.00%	11
1-2pm	13.00%	13
2-3pm	9.00%	9
3-4pm	13.00%	13
4-5pm	23.00%	23
5-6pm	35.00%	35
6-7pm	62.00%	62
7-8pm	67.00%	67
8-9pm	43.00%	43

Thank you to all parents who took the time to respond to these surveys. The results and feedback regarding the online booking trial will be taken into account in planning a revised reporting program for 2010.

Jeremy Ludowyke
Principal

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SPEECH NIGHT 2009 POSTER COMPETITION

MHSOBA will provide \$100 cash for the winning design.

Students who wish to register their interest in submitting poster designs electronically must notify the Executive Director of MHSOBA by email (colin.green@mhsoba.asn.au) prior to **Friday 25th September** (end first week of school holidays).

A detailed brief will be forwarded to the student.

Final entries must be submitted electronically by **Friday 9th October** (first week back Term 4).

MHSEAG PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 2009

A few weeks ago, the Melbourne High School Environmental Action Group held a conference at MHS, which aimed to bring local schools together in support of "practical" environmental action.

We had many schools come along with about 10-15 students each, among which were Melbourne Boys Grammar and University High School. These students, along with members of the EAG were able to listen to a handful of speakers and participate in workshops. Speakers included members of RMIT, the Australian Socialist Party, Wilderness Society and Friends of the Earth.

Overall, the day was a success with our guests going home after a day of environmental action planning, to help bring about change on our environmental perspective.

Steven Connolly 9F

MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL MILLGROVE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Traineeship Opportunity for 2010

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic and energetic person to undertake studies, and gain qualifications and experience in Outdoor Recreation, whilst assisting in the running of the School's camp program during 2010.

Ideally you will be completing year 12 in 2009 or have completed your VCE recently and may be now looking to start your career in this area, or undertake a gap year to gain some qualifications and further your experience.

The camp is situated at Millgrove and you will be working with camp staff who will provide you with on the job training. Additionally, you will be supported to complete a TAFE Certificate III course in outdoor recreation during 2010. The award training wage, accommodation, and meals are provided.

For an application package please visit the school website www.mhs.vic.edu.au or contact:

Val Nixon
Melbourne High School
(03) 9826 0711

For further information please contact:

Megan Wilson
Millgrove Outdoor Education Centre
0409 004 691
Email: mhsmoec@bigpond.com

Applications close 12th October

**Megan Wilson
Millgrove Outdoor Education Coordinator**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 18 September	Term 3 concludes
Monday 5 October	Term 4 commences
Friday 9 October to Friday 16 October	Arts cultural week
Friday 9 October	Art show opening
Sunday 11 October	Spring breakfast Welcome Day

INTERNET SITE OF THE WEEK

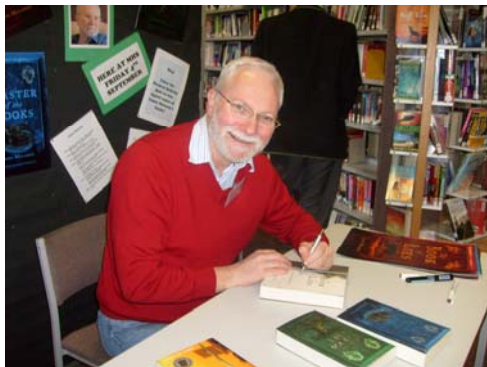
- **National Geographic**
- The famous popular magazine *National Geographic* <http://www.nationalgeographic.com> has a large website which is well worth investigating. Categories include environment, science and space, music, travel and the geopedia, a research tool.
- The photography section features some impressive images and a wide range of wallpapers for desktops. The Map Machine is an on-line world atlas with road maps, satellite views and close-up bird's eye views.
- Highly recommended.

**Richard Wakeham
Library**

THE MAN BEHIND THE BOOKS

On Friday September 4th, James Moloney, renowned Australian author of 32 books, visited the Year 9s of Melbourne High School. He talked to Year 9 groups about his books, which was an invaluable experience. He shared his experiences of growing up and becoming an author, explaining his main sources of inspiration. It was extremely interesting to see the man behind the books and to discover where his ideas had come from. Some of his ideas were quite strange, such as eavesdropping on his daughter's friends and other interesting people. Everyone learned from him and especially about *what it means to be a writer*. He briefly discussed his best books and how they came to be, which gave valuable insight both to the boys who have read his books and to those who are looking to read them. Overall, it was a great session where the year 9s benefited from meeting a famous Australian author.

Rohan Navani, Form 9L
Competition Writing



James Moloney signing books in the MHS library

THE FRANKENSTEIN EXPERIMENT

On September 4th, James Moloney, the author of numerous books such as the *The Book of Lies* series, visited Melbourne High School and spent a session performing, what he called, his "Frankenstein Experiment" workshop. Members of the Competition Writing group and some other interested students stitched up their very own character and then set them loose with a few threads of plot. The brief workshop will hopefully be useful when developing characters in the future.

Ruben Clark Form 10K
Competition Writing

STUDENT ART AND DESIGN

The annual student art and design exhibition opens on Friday 9 October at 6.30pm in the Arts Studies Centre and everyone within the School community is invited.

Admission is free. The special guest on the night is Chris Bond, former student and respected contemporary artist. Works will reflect studies and practices across the visual arts disciplines from all year levels.

This event begins the Arts Cultural Week activities.

On Sunday 11 October the students and music faculties present the Spring Breakfast concert in the Dining Hall. The student art and design show will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Many works will remain on special display during the week.

Music festivities will continue throughout the week during lunchtimes, culminating with a 'battle of the bands' on Friday 16 October.

There will be a guest speaker, professional photographer, Barry Gittens, discussing his work with year 9 and 10 photography students on Thursday 15 October.

Theresa Fry
Art Teacher

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

So many commendable music performances during Term 3

Junior Soiree

The annual Junior Soiree was held on August 14 and showcased the performances of our years 9 and 10 performers. The standard was exceptionally high and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performances, which included brass players, saxophone, clarinet and pianos.

Melbourne String Festival at Robert Blackwood

The Symphony Orchestra and Camerata took part in the Festival this year and were each awarded a bronze trophy.

The orchestra also performed in the Royal South Street Competitions and sadly passed back the Peperual Trophy we won last year to Blackburn High School. Congratulations Blackburn HS and to MacRobertson Girls' High School (conducted by Vladimir Goncharov) who were awarded second place and to our Melbourne High School students who won third place.

Big Band and Stage Band perform at Dizzies Jazz Club

On Sep 2 Parents and Friends of MHS flocked to Dizzies Jazz Club to be entertained by the Big Band conducted by Mr Mark Dipnall, and the Stage Band conducted by Mr Vladimir Goncharov.

This was such a great night that we are planning to make it a yearly event.

Steinway Piano Recital

On Wed Sept 2, our annual Steinway featured a number of our gifted and talented pianists, all of whom gave credible performances to a large audience. They included the Piano Trio consisting of Francis Lai, Philip Wu and E.J.Khoo, and solo pianists Andrew Do, Jeffrey Van, Michael Quim, Joshua Gunadi, Michael Wu, James Russo, Joe Melling, Felix Fung, Chris Liu, Sam Hartley and Austin Li. We welcomed back Yuan Xia (2008) as our guest artist and were delighted that Alan Kogowski also performed for us.

Chopin Recital and masterclasses

Alan Kogowski, former student of MHS and internationally acclaimed concert pianist, gave a stunning Chopin Recital to an appreciative audience at MHS on Saturday 5 September. Alan is a most valued supporter of the School and the music department, and generously offered his time in the afternoon to give a masterclass to three of our elite pianists who also performed works by Chopin. They were James Russo, (2009 Vice Music Captain and School Pianist); Sam Hartley (Year 11), and Austin Li (Year 9). This was a most inspirational experience for these students and for the audience as a whole. Chris Liu was also fortunate to have an open lesson with Alan on Beethoven's Sonata 'Appassionata' a few days earlier.

Caroline Almonte, who is also a concert pianist and highly respected teacher, also worked with Austin Li on his L.Mus.A program which was attended by a number of pianists.

Dr Anne Lierse
Director of Music

INDONESIAN EXCHANGED Artikel untuk surat kabar MHS

"On the 18th of August, 19 Indonesian exchange students from SMA IV Denpasar arrived at MHS for a 10 day exchange trip. The students from Indonesia were billeted by many generous MHS students currently studying Indonesian.

The trip allowed the two schools to mix language and culture in a laid back and relaxed environment. The host students and their billets visited several of Victoria's premier tourist attractions including Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Zoo, the Melbourne Museum and South Yarra Railway Station.

The weekend provided the host families the opportunity to take their exchange students to even more iconic Victorian tourist attractions, with the Indonesian students being taken to different places, including Eureka Tower Skydeck (and the EDGE,) Scienceworks, the Melbourne Aquarium, AFL matches, local and major markets (like Queen Victoria,) Lysterfield Lake and Grants Bird Feeding in Sherbrooke Forest.

The trip was extremely beneficial for both groups in developing each other's knowledge of each other's languages, and learning different things about each other's cultures. Some of the best things were learning phrases like 'dingin sekali, ya?' which translates as 'very cold, yes?' and 'kereta api ini sangat terlambat!' which means 'this train is very late!'. The trip also reassured many of the Year 9 students' belief in themselves when it comes to learning Bahasa Indonesia.

My personal favourite moment, however, was the look on my billet's face when my brother took him to Lysterfield Lake on only his second day in Australia and he saw a wild kangaroo. He couldn't get his camera out quick enough!!!

The following Friday, we farewelled our billets, leaving them with toy kangaroos, Australian money, photos and facebook addresses. We look forward to visiting them in their home country in late 2010 as our two school's relationship continues to grow.

Sam Hall 9C

INDONESIAN EXCHANGE 2009

Our warmest gratitude to parents and students of MHS in welcoming 19 Indonesian students to your homes and showing your hospitality. It was very encouraging to witness the positive effects the 19 guests brought to all Indonesian language students at MHS. We can only hope that the differences and difficulties we encountered in this exchange experience expose us more towards cross-cultural, mutual understanding. We thank you all for a very successful 10 days.

**Jatni Rachmat
Indonesian Teacher**

1000 STEPS CHALLENGE – A GREAT SUCCESS

Last Sunday dawned cool and rainy – a good start, since no-one felt like running in 30 C heat. Rowers and parents started arriving from 8am and the anticipation was intense – would the record of 9 laps be broken? Would any parents seriously challenge the boys? Given their jet powering capacity, should one consume the onions before or after the event? Would Flanno's biscuits arrive on time?

The Challenge got underway at just after 9am, with 30 rowers from year 9 to year 12. The first few laps were fast and furious, with Kumaran Radhakrishnan lapping the field in no time. Soon those 1000 steps and the slippery, steep descent started to take their toll. By the finish at around 1pm, the combined effort for the rowers was 127 laps, with a new record of 10 laps by Kumaran Radhakrishnan and a further 6 boys who did 6 laps. To put Kumaran's effort in perspective – he ran the equivalent of a marathon up a mountain and down the other side.

Awesome.

The parents, sibs and supporters also got involved, with 35 of them walking a total of 56 laps. Five such folk completed 3 laps each to match (or better) the efforts of 12 of the lads. Our grand total was 183 laps – which is about 800kms.

But, given this was also a fundraising challenge, the time has come to focus on collecting the pledges from all those sponsors. Rowers need to lodge their forms with the school office in a sealed envelope with 'MHS Rowing Fraternity - 1000 steps' and their name on the front. The money can either be included with the envelope (either cash or a cheque to the MHS Rowing Fraternity) or direct credited to the Rowing Fraternity account

NAB – South Yarra

BSB: 083427

account Number: 822493203

reference 1000 steps – and your surname

All of this aids our treasurer in the reconciliation. Just so this doesn't get forgotten over the holiday break, we suggest everyone collects and delivers the proceeds by this Friday as it is the end of term.

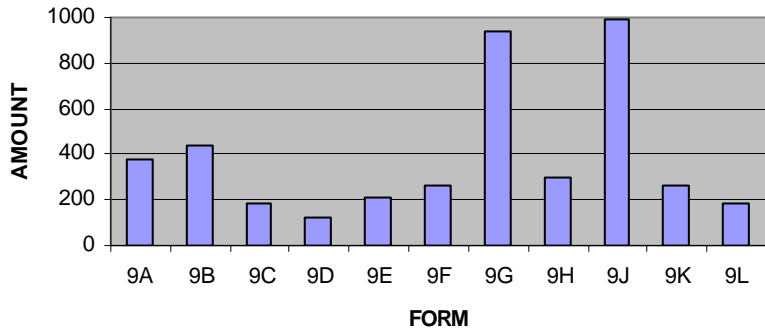
The fundraising started on the day with sales of shirts, caps and badges and snags, and a raffle (of donated goodies – thanks to all who brought along items) which was won by the Smoley family (year 10) and the Fernandes family (year 9). Stay tuned to hear the total result when all those sponsorships come in.

Special thank you to Kelly McDonagh for organising the day, to the Tarantos for the donation of fruit and onions, to Jan Tennent and Mark Biss for donation of sausages and bread and to Tony Taranto and Steve Cox, who spent the morning behind the bbq cooking up the sausages.

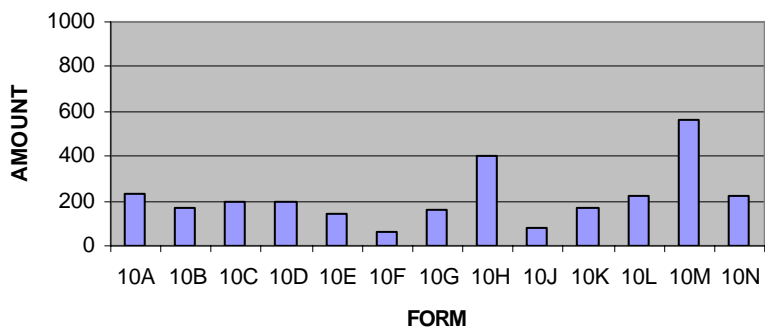
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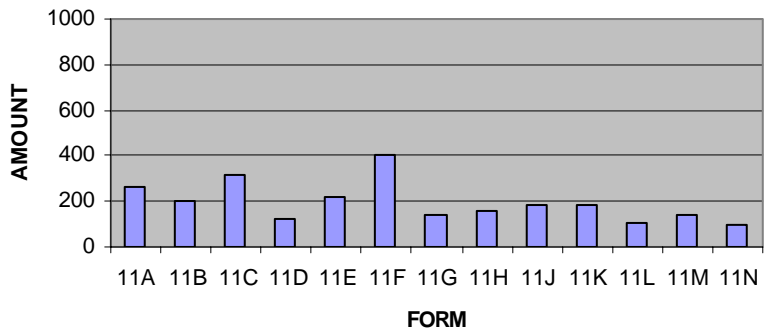
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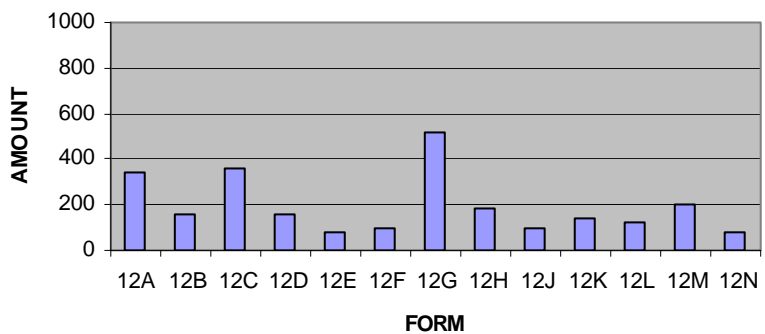
YEAR 10 TICKET SALES



YEAR 11 TICKET SALES



YEAR 12 TICKET SALES



MHS RAFFLE PROGRESS

More than \$12,000.00 has been raised.

All tickets must be returned sold or not by Monday 5th October.

The raffle draw takes place at MHS on 11th October.

Nives Cosic
P&F Raffle Committee



STUDENT SERVICES

STUDENT WELLBEING GROUP – student of the week

SANJEET AJGAONKAR – 10F

Most influential person: his Grandma. She remains optimistic under any circumstances, even through her fight with cancer.

Interesting hobbies: Sanjeet is very enthusiastic about his cricket. He plays cricket religiously and collects cricketers' autographs. He also collects stamps, some dating back to 1918.

In 20 years time: Sanjeet hopes to have a career in cricket and hopes to have his MCC membership ready!

Why he loves MHS: Sanjeet loves the school because it seems more like a community than a school. He looks forward to school because every day he is unsure of what to expect.

Embarrassing MHS moment: when Mr Keat repeatedly swung a bulky bag of exams at his head. Ouch.

In the near future: Sanjeet hopes to improve his confidence.



HOLIDAY PROGRAM – Stonnington Youth Service

Looking for something to do over the holidays. Stonnington Youth Service is running a number of fun and FREE activities. Places are limited to 30 per activity so be sure to register before 17 September. Contact Stonnington Youth Services on 8290 7020 or youth@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Monday 21 September

1:00 - 2:30pm - Bollywood dance workshop

2:30 - 4:00pm - X-box on the big screen

Wednesday 23 September

1:00 - 2:00pm - hip hop dance workshop

2:00 - 4:00pm - movie on the big screen

Monday 28 September

2:00 - 4:00pm - indoor Soccer workshops

Wednesday 30 September

2:00 - 4:00pm - tri-tactics martial arts workshop

Friday 2 October

2:00 - 4:00pm - bowling at AMF Bowl Chadstone

TEENAGERS AND ALCOHOL – talking to your sons, part 2.

The following are suggested tips for parents wanting to talk to their teenagers about alcohol (or any other topical issues for that matter).

- **Set an example you are happy for teenagers to copy** – parents and other adults are powerful role models that children copy as they grow older. Alcohol consumption is very much a part of the Australian lifestyle and parents who drink can teach children how to use alcohol in low-risk ways by modelling responsible use to their children.
- **Be part of teenagers' lives** – make time for your teenager, know what's going on in their life, and help them to feel like an important part of the family. Be interested in what they are doing, regularly take time to do things (that they want to do) together and get to know their friends.
- **Know the whereabouts of your teenager** – ask where your teenagers are going, who they will be with and when they will be home but do so in a friendly way. While direct supervision is more appropriate for younger children, monitoring teenagers' whereabouts and staying in touch with their daily lives is important. Ask your teenager to contact you if plans change and be prepared to check if teenagers are where they say they are going to be. Teenagers who think their parents will check on their whereabouts are less likely to take part in risky behaviours than teenagers who think their parents will not check.
- **Listen** – show your teenagers you know how to listen. This will help them feel more comfortable about talking to you. Help them feel comfortable about telling you their problems. For example, ask them what they think about family decisions. This shows you value their opinions. Try to have discussions rather than give lectures. Asking for, listening to and talking about teenagers' opinions helps in this regard.
- **Be prepared to hear things you may not agree with** – It is normal for teenagers to disagree with parents. If your teenager says things you do not agree with, acknowledge their right to have an opinion and explain why you disagree and what you would prefer them to think or do. Teenagers need to hear your views and know what you expect of them. This helps them to feel secure and provides them with information they may not have known. It also helps them to accept responsibility for their opinions and decisions.
- **Be honest** – teenagers appreciate adults who are honest. It is important to be informed but don't pretend to know everything. Be prepared to say "I don't know but I will try to find out". Be honest and clear about where you stand so that your children will find it easier to be honest with you.
- **Pick your moment** - choose the right time to discuss alcohol by looking for natural opportunities as they arise. This might be watching TV, reading over OURS, or when talking about someone at school.
- **Stay calm** – if you find out that your teenager has been drinking without your permission, stay calm and think about what you want to say. Think about when you will discuss the issue – discussing it at 2am when people are tired may not be the best time. Never try to talk to your teenager about the issue if they (or you) are under the influence of alcohol. Focus on what it is that the teenager did that was wrong (eg, drank alcohol without permission, broke an agreed curfew, drank more than the limits you had set, failed to let you know of a change of plan, etc).
- **Keep talking** – once you've had a discussion, it's important to have another. Always be willing to discuss alcohol. Check what teenagers think you have said – sometimes what teenagers have "heard" was not the message the parent wanted to say. You could ask "so what do you think I mean?" or "what do you think my opinion would be?"

This information was taken from the Australian Government; Department of Health and Aging – "Teenagers and Alcohol: A Guide for Parents." www.alcohol.gov.au

EMERGENCY AND SUPPORT CONTACTS

Kids Help Line (24hrs)	1800 55 1800
Life Line (24hrs)	13 11 14
Grief line	95967799
Gay and Lesbian Switchboard	9827 8544
Drug and Alcohol 'Direct Line'	1800 888 236
Reach Out	www.reachout.com.au
Kids Help Line 1800 551 800	www.kidshelp.com.au

SERVICE AWARDS

Service Awards are given by the Service Council which meets three times a year: mid Term 2, early and late Term 3. Degrees of achievement are recognized by the granting of Full Colours, Half Colours or Merit Certificate, so that students can gain recognition for their achievements. All full and half colour Service Awards for 2009 will be published in *Unicorn* at the end of the year.

The nomination of candidates and the selection of candidates to receive the awards are based upon the following criteria:

- the quality and commitment of the student in the activity over a sustained period
- the significance of the activity in the life of the School
- the contribution of the candidate in relation to other nominated candidates
- the student's involvement in outside activities on behalf of the School
- the student's general contribution, good behaviour and positive attitude towards the teacher in-charge, teachers, the School and the community.

Any concerns regarding the awarding of colours must be in writing and forwarded to Dr Janet Prideaux (Assistant Principal).

The following students have been awarded service awards in the third and final round this year and are to be congratulated on their fine contributions to MHS:

BARBERSHOP CLUB

Full colours

Andrew	Bird	12C
Jamal	Blakkarly	12C

Half colours

Aaron	Lee	12A
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AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

(AAFC)

Full colours

Michael	Kogan	12G
James	Hill	11B
Peter	Murdoch	11E
Luke	Taylor	12J
Cameron	Smith	12C

Half colours

Max	Jeffries	12M
Andrew	Kirk	12A
Matthew	Cho	11F
Marc	Howarth	11E

Merit certificate

Jackson	Bukor	10M
Manjot	Jassal	10C
James	Muus	10K
Steven	Nguyen	10A
Elwin	Sia	10D
Rey	Takeshima	10A
Martin	To	10L

BREAKDANCE

Half colours

Peter	Huynh	12F
Dominic	Teng	12H

STUDENT WELLBEING GROUP

Half colours

Abid	Khan	12B
Tom	Katilius	11J

Merit certificate

Kanishk	Chaudhary	10M
Chris	Le	11D

Will	Gort	12L
Long	Nguyen	11E
Scott	Lennard	11D

SCHOOL PLAY

Full colours

Mashood	Qureshi	12F
Chris	Chosich	12F
Jack	Zheng	11C
Jamal	Blakkarly	12F
Ronan	McDonnell	12J

Half colours

Ben	Lew	10M
Christopher	Johnson	11C
Kevin	Turner	11C
Haydyn	Jones	10N
Jay	Ryder	11J
Izzi	Williams	11C

Merit certificate

Duminda	Weerasooriya	10L
Henry	Hammersla	10G
Andrew	Deller-Blue	11G

STAGE CREW

Full colours

Jack	Zheng	11C
Kevin	Turner	11C

Half colours

Duminda	Weerasooriya	10L
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Merit certificate

Kieran	O'Gorman	9C
Nick	Burgin	9C
Lician	Fitzgerald	9C
Calum	Walker	10N
Michael	Ricci	10N
Alex	Grant	12G
Nick	White	11A
Steven	Connolly	9F

THEATRE SPORTS**Full colours**

Mashood	Qureshi	12F
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Half colours

Chris	Chosich	12F
Tom	Lew	12G

Merit certificate

Ronan	McDonnell	12J
Roman	Boyar	12F

POLITICAL INTEREST GROUP (PIG)**Full colours**

Scott	Lennard	11D
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Half colours

Andrew	Deller-Blue	11G
Sachin	Nagaretnam	11L

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)**Full colours**

Arnan	Rajan	12E
Alexandru	Mirt	12D
Matthew	Yap	12M
Siddharth	Kumar	12F
Arvin	Yerramilli	12G
Brian	Nuwayhid	12E
Xile	Wang	12F

Half colours

Mark	Santomartino	12D
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BAKA ANIME**Full colours**

Kevin	Chong	12G
Vince	Cheng	12A

Half colours

Eric	Payad	10L
Darren	Lee	11D

Merit certificate

Garruck	Sarton	10A
David	Pham	12G

STUDENTS ALIVE**Full colours**

Jonathan	Mah	12L
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Half colours

Matthew	Tan	12H
Warren	Hwa	12L
Henry	Guo	12J
Daniel	Phillips	12H
Joshua	Wong	12H

Merit certificate

Nathan	Yii	12L
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Certificates will be placed in form pigeon holes on Friday. Use certificates to purchase half and full colours ties. If you received full colours, see Dr Prideaux for the blazer pocket authorisation.



To all Current Rowers, Parents, Staff, MHSOB & Friends of Rowing,

You are cordially invited to attend one of the most prestigious events in the MHS rowing calendar:

Captain of Boats – Auction Evening

Friday 23 October, 6.30 for 7.00pm,
Memorial Hall
Melbourne High School

Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$25.00 for students for a fabulous spit-roast dinner. BYO drinks.

In order to finalise catering, we need to know by Wednesday 14th October how many tickets you would like and if you have any special dietary requirements.

Tickets may be booked by contacting Jan Tennent by phone [98131640](tel:98131640) or by email jan.tennent@bigpond.com

Payment can be by cash (via school office in an envelope marked 'COB' and including name and the number of tickets required), by cheque made out to MHS Rowing Fraternity (mail to Jan Tennent, 6 Cambell Grove, Hawthorn East, Vic, 3123 or via school office in an envelope marked 'COB' and including name and the number of tickets required) or by direct credit to the MHS Rowing Fraternity account (NAB – South Yarra, BSB: 083427; Account Number: 822493203, including the reference 'COB - your surname').

We are planning a fantastic night of great food and company to accompany the announcement of the Captain of Boats for the 2009/10 season.

Also, there will be lots of fun as we conduct an auction for an exciting range of great items. The auction represents the most important fundraising opportunity for the MHS Rowing Fraternity in 2009. As you may know, the Fraternity has contributed to the purchase of one new quad from the 2008 fundraising effort and the boys are relying on your further support to reach the Fraternity's commitment towards the second new boat.

To ensure success, we need **YOUR HELP** to donate goods and services to auction on the night.

What sort of things I hear you ask – the following are a few ideas to get you thinking: a facial or massage therapy, wine, non-perishable foods such as chocolates or vacuum-packed meat, sporting memorabilia, a weekend stay in a holiday house, loan of a performance car, a night's accommodation at a city hotel, 2 hours gardening, window cleaning, home maintenance or domestic tradesman services, water tank installation, Gold Class movie tickets, a family restaurant meal, pet grooming, car service, an interior design consultation ...

Please contact Jan Tennent ASAP with details of your donation and if you have any ideas for the night.

Don't forget to bring along plenty of cash & your cheque book on the night so that you can be the successful bidder for some quality items.

Remember that all profits from the night will be used to enhance the boys' rowing experience at MHS.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Best regards,

Jan Tennent
President
MHS Rowing Fraternity

THE MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL AND
THE MAC.ROBERTSON GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL



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**INVITATION TO A
SPRING BREAKFAST &
WELCOME DAY**

**FROM THE MUSIC STAFF AND
STUDENTS OF M.H.S.**

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2009

You are warmly invited to join us
for breakfast from 9.30 to 12.30.

This concert will combine good food, good company and good music. Entertainment will be provided by the Orchestra, String Orchestra, Tattam Band, Davis Band, Stage Band, Big Band, Chorale, Unicorns, Singers, Camerata, Flute Choir, Guitar Ensembles and various chamber groups.

A delicious breakfast, hot chocolate, coffee and orange juice will be served by the Friends of Music. The concert and breakfast will take place in the dining hall. Admission is free, but breakfast is not. This is a casual occasion - feel free to come and go at your convenience. We look forward to seeing you there.

Spring Breakfast is the major fundraiser of Friends of Music to support the music program at the School. We would welcome support on the day in the form of parent helpers for set up, cooking, serving of food and pack up. We also are appealing for any donations of food such as bread, pastries, coffee, eggs, bacon, sausages, fruit etc which can be used on the day. We also will be holding a cake stall on the day and welcome any contributions to be sold throughout the morning (they must be labelled clearly with all ingredients). If you can help us with either some of your time or donations of food please contact me. Looking forward to seeing you at Spring Breakfast,

Anne Ferrie

MELBOURNE
HIGH SCHOOL

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