

# Principal's Report

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## BEYOND SCHOOL

One of the new MHS 2020 initiatives being implemented this year is continuing the connections and support available to our students beyond Year 12.

For the past three years we have asked our exit students to complete a questionnaire at the end of their first year beyond school. The picture this has provided of their post-school experience is illuminating.

By the end of their first year, over one third felt that their transition to tertiary study had not been as successful as they had wished. Many found the quality of their courses disappointing and felt unprepared for the environment and lifestyle of a university student.

By the end of their third year more than half had changed courses, in many cases altering their intended career path dramatically.

Given this pattern of experience, what role can MHS play in improving our students' transition to tertiary studies? The School is fortunate in being able to comfortably predict that tertiary study will be the destination for the vast majority of our students.

We have commenced discussions with Melbourne and Monash University to seek their support in developing a transition support program.

Next week is orientation week at most universities and on Sunday 25 February, last year's Year 12s will return to the School for Homecoming Day.

We have also invited students from previous years now nearing completion of their tertiary courses to join us and discuss their experiences of university.

Following this, we will be convening Alumni meetings at Melbourne and Monash Universities to enable past MHS students to seek advice from students already completing specific tertiary courses.

We are particularly grateful for the support of the MHSOBA which has assisted with the facilitation of these Alumni meetings. It is hoped that these

may develop into continuing associations at the major universities.

The advice and information we will glean from these initiatives will also enable us to better prepare our senior students whilst still in school for what awaits them.

The Class of 2006 achieved a median ENTER of 95.35, which is the highest attained in the School since the inception of the ENTER scheme. With tertiary placement now largely completed, 98.6% of our exit students have accepted tertiary offers. The vast majority of these will be continuing their studies at Melbourne University (43%) and Monash (38%).

The School is justifiably proud of the achievements of last year's students. However, our goal is always to do better and I have already challenged this year's Year 12s to better the records of their predecessors.

## SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS

As another indication of the successes of last year, the folio work of two of our Art students has been selected for inclusion in the Top Design exhibition to be held at the Melbourne Museum from Monday 19 March. Matthew Martin's Magazine folio for VCE Media and Sunny Tai's Visual Communication and Design folio have been selected. Congratulations to both of these students.

## COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A reminder that nomination forms for the four parent representative positions on School Council are available from the Reception Office and must be lodged no later than this Monday 19 February at 4.00 pm.

**Jeremy Ludowyke**  
Principal

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## YEAR 12 NOMINATIONS TO ATTEND THE FUTURE LEADERS FORUM ON APRIL 13

This year's annual Future Leaders' Forum is at the Sidney Myer Asia Centre during the holidays on Friday 13 April. It is run by the Future Leaders group who run regular student seminars during the year. At this annual forum, students are addressed by successful young people working in such areas as law, medicine, media, business, the arts and hospitality. It will provide ideas and approaches to leadership initiatives and career concepts via some inspiring role models. Year 12 students can give their names to Mr Smyth.

### PARENTS WEEKEND MILLGROVE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

**Have you been canoeing, bushwalking, rock climbing, mountain biking, caving or on a high ropes course?** Your son has, or is going to soon when he participates in his Outdoor Education Program. So why not come along and experience these activities for yourself!

This is a fantastic opportunity to have lots of fun, experience new things and meet other parents in a friendly and social atmosphere at The Millgrove Outdoor Education Centre. **All parents** are welcome to attend a weekend of activities catering to a range of ability levels. A great chance for Year 9 parents to get involved, and make connections with other parents from school!

- Where:** Millgrove Outdoor Education Centre  
**When:** Friday 9 March, starts @ 7pm (it is possible to arrive Saturday morning if you prefer) and finishes Sunday 11 March @ 3.30pm  
**RSVP** Friday 2 March – all forms and payments must be received by this date at the latest. Please be prompt as places are limited.  
**Cost:** \$80.00 per parent. Includes: 2 nights accommodation, instruction, specialist equipment, all meals - excluding Saturday night dinner.

#### **Information and booking form:**

Available from Rosemary Dickson or ask at the main office (03) 9826 0711

**Enquiries:** **Megan Wilson**, Coordinator  
Millgrove Outdoor Education Centre  
Phone – 0409004694  
Email - [mhsmoec@bigpond.com](mailto:mhsmoec@bigpond.com)



## MELBOURNE HIG BASKETBALL – BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

On Sunday 3 December 2006, a slightly revamped MHS senior basketball team made the journey to Geelong to participate in Basketball Australia's Annual National Schools Basketball Tournament where schools from all states in Australia compete. Without two of our finest players, our team looked fairly undersized and far from intimidating compared with the likes of Christian College, a local school – our first opponent for the tournament.

Our first game began a little scrappy and remained consistently scrappy throughout the match with poor defence, turnovers and missed shots, aspects of the game we unfortunately flourished in. Christian College Geelong, who we would later play against in the bronze medal match, won comfortably by 10 points in a low scoring affair.

Our next 2 games saw MHS rise as a team defeating Tension Woods College and St. Edmunds College, the two remaining teams of our pool. Tate Du Plessis was solid, playing every minute for the first three matches whilst the youngest of the team Harrison Straw, Lachie (Rookie) George and Bernard Wojcic rose to the occasion.

The next game of the tournament was against Trinity College who the next day would take out Gold for our division. MHS was definitely competitive and pushed Trinity until the final buzzed, going down by less than 10 in a high scoring match. This match would see MHS face Christian College once again for the bronze medal.

Perhaps our defeat to Christian College early in the tournament gave them a false sense of security and gave us the challenge we were looking for in this tournament, a challenge MHS warmed to, unleashing an assault of their scrappy defence as their home crowd watched on. We won fairly comfortably in the end - 60 to 49.

Many thanks goes to Adam and Mrs Grinholz, Ms Julie Goschnick, Mr Bill Flanagan, Mr Lenny Bedier, Alex Zachary and all the boys for a terrific and successful tournament

**Michael Goschnick 12J**

## FORREST HILL, SOUTH YARRA WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 4 MARCH

The first working bee for this year will be held on Sunday 4 March beginning at about 9am till about 3 - 4pm. You are welcome to attend for as long as best suits you.

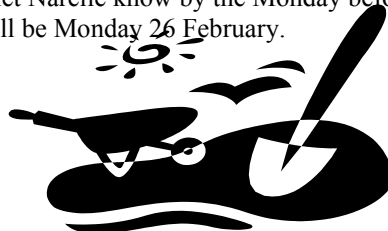
Our management team at School will be creating an interesting list of jobs for the day and these will be listed in the following editions of *OURS*

Lunch will be provided on the day, as well as a tasty morning tea.

If you are able to attend this day, could you phone or email the Principal's secretary, Ms Narelle Smith, to record your name/s? Her phone number is 9823 7122 and email is [narelle.smith@mhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:narelle.smith@mhs.vic.edu.au).

You are encouraged you to bring any useful gardening tools that you may wish to use. Most will be provided on the day. Your own gardening gloves are a good idea.

Please let Narelle know by the Monday before the working bee? This will be Monday 26 February.



**David Smyth**  
Assistant Principal



# STUDENT SERVICES

## STUDENT WELFARE AND SUPPORT

Student welfare and support are a priorities at Melbourne High School. Your Form Teacher, your Student Learning Coordinator, the Student Welfare Coordinator: Ms Jodie Fox, the School First Aid Officer: Mrs Jenny Mills, and the School Psychologist: Mrs Vanessa Surowiecki, are all part of the student welfare and support network. Any of these people can be approached at any time and are available to both students and parents. Students may need help for a range of reasons, for example:

- A student may have a personal or family crisis and may need extra help and support
- Some students have trouble striking a happy balance between academic, social activities and work commitments.
- Some students lack the confidence to deal with change
- Some students or families may require financial assistance or support

It's worth making contact as soon as you realise that you may need help and before you allow yourself to get too distressed. It's up to you to realise when you would benefit from some assistance. Remember, we can't help you unless you let us know that you need help.

## PARENTING CHALLENGING YOUNG PEOPLE

Drummond Street Relationship Centre invites parents who are experiencing challenges with their teenagers to a free seminar. The seminar will cover:

- Ages and stages – where they are at
- Why these challenges occur
- 3 effective parenting approaches
- Dealing with a crisis
- How to seek more specific help

There will be an opportunity to sign up for a 4 - 6 week group after the seminar (but no obligation at all).

**When:** Monday 19 March (and repeated on Wednesday 11 April)

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30pm

**Booking Essential:** Call Helen or Kate 96636733 or visit the website on [www.drummondstreet.org.au](http://www.drummondstreet.org.au)

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Reach Out	<a href="http://www.reachout.com.au">www.reachout.com.au</a> - great ideas and support
Depression Info	<a href="http://www.ybblue.com">www.ybblue.com</a> , <a href="http://www.justask.org.au">www.justask.org.au</a> . or <a href="http://www.moodgym.anu.edu.au">www.moodgym.anu.edu.au</a>
Aust. Drug Info Network	<a href="http://www.adin.com.au">www.adin.com.au</a>
Lifeline	131 114 or <a href="http://www.lifeline.org.au">www.lifeline.org.au</a>
Kids Help Line	1800 551 800
Helpline	1300 886 999
Smoking Quitline	131 848
Drug Info Line	1300 858 584 & 1300 660 068
National Drugs Campaign	<a href="http://www.drugs.health.gov.au">www.drugs.health.gov.au</a>
Youthlaw	9611 2412



## SOUTH PACIFIC – YEAR 9 AUDITIONS!

Melbourne High and The Mac.Robertson Girls' High schools and are proud to announce the 2007 Combined School Opera is Rodgers and Hammerstein's *SOUTH PACIFIC*.

Year 9 students interested in being in the Chorus are welcome to audition on Wednesday 21 February from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Music Centre at Melbourne High School.

Audition information and other details are available on-line at: <http://resources.mhs.vic.edu.au/southpacific/>.



## FRENCH EXCHANGE 2007

MHS will be returning to our sister school, *Lycée Branly, Amiens* in December 2007. The planned dates are Friday 30 November till Thursday 20 December. The first 2 weeks of the trip will include a home stay with a French host family, school activities and a range of cultural and sightseeing excursions in and around the region of Picardie.



Towards the end of the stay, the group will take a tour of Normandy and Mont St Michel, including a visit to the site of the Allied landings in 1944.

The trip will conclude with 4 days in Paris, including a tour of Versailles and a Seine River cruise.

The trip will provide a great cultural experience and will be a highly valuable opportunity for further development of the students' French language skills. The cost at this stage will be around \$3500-3600. Expressions of interest need to be made to the organising teacher, Mr A Wright, via email at [wrighta@mhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:wrighta@mhs.vic.edu.au). Places are filling fast so be quick!



# FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

## MHSOBA Luncheon Careers Talks

Sadly, the first of the series of 4 for this term has been cancelled due to a lack of students registering for it. Only 10 students are needed to run the session, which in a school of this size isn't a lot. This is such a great opportunity to learn about a particular job and pathways that can be taken to get there from someone currently in it. Registering is essential for catering (BBQ sausages and a drink are freely provided by the MHSOBA). I encourage students to sign up in room T39 for the following topics that are coming up:

### Thursday 1 March: Paul Arnost

**Topic:** ANZ Bank & University by Correspondence

Paul joined ANZ as a trainee and has worked there for almost 6 yrs as of March '07 in a number of roles the most recent ones being a major project from the Victorian DSE.

### Thursday 15 March: James Bentleigh (note change of date)

**Topic:** Environmental Economics

Studied Commerce/ Science at Melbourne University and has maintained a working knowledge of both fields. Currently in London working as a consultant for a management consultancy advising on water risk management and climate change strategy. In February, James will return to Melbourne to work for an economic consultancy that specializes in water and climate change advisory services.

### Thursday 29 March: Jared Heath

**Topic:** Studying and practicing law

Jared Heath (MHS 1996-1999) completed a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) at the University of Melbourne. Today, Jared is a lawyer at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, a leading Australian law firm who acts for a wide range of corporate, commercial and government clients. Jared also volunteers at a Community Legal Service and is President of the Debaters Association of Victoria.

### Automotive Careers Seminar: March 6 & 7

Any student interested in attending a careers seminar, which covers apprenticeships, marketing, engineering, design, finance and IT see me in room T39.

**Anne Parker**  
Careers and Work Experience Coordinator

## INVITATION TO PARENTS

All school parents are invited to attend a social event over the weekend of Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 February. This is an occasion to meet parents new to the School and renew acquaintance with parents already part of the School community. There are 12 events over the weekend. One will be near you. Specific details are included on a flyer included in *OURS* today.

Contact: Diane Danscuk – 9876 4057 for further details.

## POSITION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL 2007

Annually there is a place on the School Council for a Year 11 student to be a full voting member of Council. Council meets usually on the last Tuesday of most term months of the year. Any interested student may submit a written account of why they would be best suited for this position. Submissions should be in a minimum of font 12 and be no more than one A4 page. Deadline for submissions to Mr Smyth is 3.30pm, Thursday 22 February.

**David Smyth**  
Assistant Principal

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 19 February P&F Non English Speaking Background Information Evening
- Tuesday 6 March House Athletics Round 1
- Wednesday 7 March Year 9 Parent Information Evening
- Thursday 8 March House Athletics Round 2
- Monday 12 March Labour Day (No School)
- Wednesday 14 March House Chorals

### INTERNET SITE OF THE WEEK

#### WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

A comprehensive online resource to help you make educational decisions relating to pre-school and school, through to university and technical or further education  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/>

**Merren Ward**  
Library

### Mission Statement

As a selective entry statewide provider of broad, stimulating and challenging education of the highest quality, Melbourne High School is in a unique position to enhance the vast and varied talents of its diverse body of students, preparing them for academic, civic and vocational leadership, whilst encouraging individual happiness and satisfaction.

## MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

### MEETING FOR PARENTS FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUNDS

**When:** Monday 19 February **Time:** 7-8.30 pm

**Where:** MHS Staff Centre

A meeting will be held for parents of three language groups – Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese Chinese – at MHS on Monday 19 February.

The principal, Mr Jeremy Ludowyke will welcome you to the School community and we would like to discuss parental involvement in the School, such as:

- How the school communicates with non-English speaking parents
- Any concerns of non-English speaking parents
- How non-English speaking parents can be actively involved in the School and in Parents and Friends' activities

The meeting should conclude by 8.15 pm, followed by light refreshments.

Enquiries:

Helen Zhan, Parents & Friends' liaison parent for Chinese speaking parents on 9807 6683, 0411 836 689.

Natalie Nguyen, Parents & Friends' liaison parent for Vietnamese speaking parents on 9311 5527, 0421 170 911

#### 墨尔本中学家長/朋友协会

#### 非英语背景的家长的座谈会

二零零七年二月十九日 星期一晚上七点至八点半

#### 墨尔本中学教职员中心大楼

本次座谈会是专门为以下的语言背景的家长而设：广东话，普通话，越南话。

校长杰拉米·路都维克先生将会出席并欢迎家长朋友们加入学校的大家庭。我们将会探讨有关家长参与学校的事务的问题：

学校应怎样与非英语背景的家长交流？

非英语背景家长所担心的问题？

非英语背景的家长应怎样参与学校及家长朋友协会的各项活动？

会议将会在晚上8点15分结束，会后有茶点招呼。欢迎家长朋友们届时光临。

查询：湛惠萍(Helen) 03 9807 6683 / 0411 836 689

( 家长朋友协会中文联系人 )

#### **Hội phụ huynh học sinh trường Melbourne High**

Buổi họp dành cho phụ huynh không nói tiếng Anh.

Thứ Hai 19 tháng 2 năm 2007, từ 7 đến 8 giờ 30 tối tại trung tâm nhân viên của trường.

Hội sẽ tổ chức một buổi họp dành cho phụ huynh của 3 nhóm ngôn ngữ sau:

Tiếng Việt, tiếng Phổ Thông và tiếng Quảng Đông tại trường Melbourne High vào ngày thứ Hai 19 tháng Hai năm 2007.

Ông hiệu trưởng Jeremy Ludowyke sẽ chào mừng sự gia nhập của quý vị vào cộng đồng của trường và sẽ bàn đến những công việc mà phụ huynh có thể tham gia như:

- Phương cách trường liên lạc với các phụ huynh không nói tiếng Anh.
- Những điều thường làm các phụ huynh quan tâm.
- Làm thế nào để phụ huynh không nói tiếng Anh có thể tích cực tham gia vào những sinh hoạt của trường và hội Phụ-Huynh Học Sinh.

Buổi họp sẽ kết thúc vào lúc 8 giờ 15 tối, sau đó là tiệc trà thân mật.

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết xin quý vị liên lạc: Natalie Nguyễn, qua số: 93115527 hoặc 0421170911.

## COMMONWEALTH TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

On October 13 2006 I boarded Virgin Blue Flight Number DJ307, following my athlete's breakfast of 2 bacon and egg McMuffins. Two hours later, I arrived at Brisbane Airport, ready to take on the Commonwealth Nations in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships.

After a three hour wait, I checked into the Holiday Inn, a modest hotel. Following a healthy lunch (KFC), I had to endure a two hour team meeting where I received my Australian tracksuit.

At 5pm, the official weigh-in was conducted. Taekwondo, like boxing, has weight divisions ranging from fin weight to heavyweight. As a fin weight, I had to be less than 45kg. I stepped on the scales. The numbers flashed "41.5."

Next morning, after an all you can eat breakfast, the team filed into a bus which took us to the Boondall Entertainment Centre. The opening ceremony was conducted there, and speeches were given by various officials. Following that, the competition began.

Commonwealth Nations competing included Canada, England, and India, with some competitors being Olympic and World Championship medalists. The first day of competition went from about 10am to 8pm. All my fights were on that day, and 18 minutes of the ten hours was spent by me fighting for gold. I fought my way up to the finals, meeting a fellow Australian there. First round was even, and I held a one point lead (3-2). Second round my opponent was by far the aggressor and built a three point lead (8-5). However, in an excitement filled final round, a flurry of kicks lead me to an 11-9 win.

Overall, Australia did extremely well, coming first overall in the junior divisions and third in the senior divisions.

**Adrian Chee 10K**

#### **KASUKABE HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE (JAPAN)**

It is now ten years since we officially established the exchange relationship with Kasukabe High School in Saitama prefecture, Japan. This tie has developed into a strong, unique relationship.

This exchange program with KHS is a mutual student exchange program in which students of Melbourne High School visit Japan and are hosted by students of KHS and reciprocate the hosting when KHS students visit MHS the following year. The school is a traditional, academic and public boys high school located in Kasukabe city about 50km from the centre of Tokyo.

In addition to the existing exchange program which includes a trip to Japan every second year in April for 20 MHS students, another reciprocal program commenced in July 2002 to cater for the interests of the broader school communities.

These programs include a Long Term Student Exchange. As part of the program, Goru Fukushima of KHS stayed at MHS and was hosted by Simon Bruckard (Year 11) and his family for three months in 2006. Simon studied at KSHS and stayed with Goru's family until recently. Simon has experienced many aspects of Japanese culture and a very cold winter as well, but enjoyed his stay immensely. This April 20, students of MHS will visit Japan and KHS for biannual exchange program with the School (Friday 9 – Friday 23 April).

This trip will be of 15 days duration which consists of 2 parts: a) 7-day study trip to Kyoto, Nikko and Tokyo and b) 8-day schooling at Kasukabe High School and home-stay with the students' families.

**Masaya Fujino**



## SCIENCE COMPETITIONS AND EXPERIENCES



There are several competitions available in science this year, such as:

- International Competition and Assessment for Schools Science
- STAV Science Talent Search
- National Youth Science Forum
- Rio-Tinto Big Science Competition
- Australian National Chemistry Quiz
- The Siemens Science Experience.

Also watch for Optus on-line quiz, Melbourne Uni's workshops in engineering, Vic Uni's Technology problem solving challenges, Clunies-Ross meet the scientist days, Swinburne University of Technology experience a snapshot of the life and work of a science researcher workshops, University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Schools Prize, and Victorian College of Pharmacy workshops that all ran in 2006.

See below for further details on each of these.

The **International Competition and Assessment for Schools Science**. ([www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)) will be held at the School on Thursday 10 May. Time has been allocated after lunch on that day for the competition to be run. All students in Years 9 and 10 will participate. For students of Years 11 and 12 the competition is optional. They will need to register their interest in participating with Mr. Goodey by **Thursday 1 March**. The Science faculty, hence no cost to the student, covers all costs.

The **STAV Science Talent Search** ([www.stav.vic.edu.au](http://www.stav.vic.edu.au)) is open to 25 entries from the School. Year 10 students should consider their multimedia presentations from last year and can they be modified to meet the video area. In 2006 all entries that were entered received a bursary (min \$50). Students can enter an individual project (\$8) or a group project (\$15) per entry. Entries close on Friday 4 May.

The **National Youth Science Forum** ([www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)) is focussed on students in Year 11. It is a two-week residential programme at a University, mixing with other students from Year 11 who are considering a science or engineering career. The sessions are Saturday 29 December to Saturday 12 January, or Saturday 12 January to Saturday 26 January 2008. It is supported by Clubs of Rotary International. The cost is about \$1500 but Rotary will cover at least half of this cost. Applicants will be required to complete a number of interviews in order to be selected. In 2005 we had three successful applicants. Nominations must be lodged with a Rotary club by **Sunday 6 May**.

The **Rio-Tinto Big Science Competition** ([www.RTBSC.edu.au](http://www.RTBSC.edu.au)) will be held on Thursday 17 May. Due to the significant school program, this competition will be run after school. It consists of 30 multiple choice questions to be completed in a maximum time of 75 minutes. There are papers for Years 9/10 and for Years 11/12. The cost is \$3 per student with additional costs paid by the Science Department. While this competition follows the **Australian Schools Science Competition**, students will need to register with Mr. Goodey (with your \$3) by **Thursday 15 March**. In 2006 25,000 students entered the competition. From MHS 49 entered, of which 91% of entries achieved a credit or better.

The **Australian National Chemistry Quiz** ([www.ancq.com](http://www.ancq.com)) will be held on Thursday 26 July. Due to the significant school program, this competition will be run after school. It consists of 30 multiple choice questions to be completed in a maximum time of 1 hour. There are papers for Years 9/10 and one for Year 11 and one for Year 12. The cost is \$3 per student with additional costs paid by the Science Department. **Entries close Saturday 28 April**, so students will need to register with Mr. Goodey before that time (with your \$3). In 2006 115,000 students entered the competition. From MHS 44 students entered, of which 36 achieved a distinction or better.

The **Siemens Science Experience** ([www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)) is a three-day workshop aimed specifically at Year 9 students going into Year 10 in 2006. It is a hands-on program that also has speakers from Scientists, Technology experts and Engineers. The program is held in late September with applications to be in by early August. The cost is \$90 but the local Rotary club may cover this fee if you apply to them). See Mr. Goodey for further details or register online at the above site.

Other possible competitions include:

The **Australian Science Olympiads** ([www.aso.edu.au](http://www.aso.edu.au)) is open to students in Year 10 and Year 11 to take up the Science Olympiad challenge through the 2005 National Qualifying Examinations. Entry to the NQE is free, with a selective focus on one discipline – Biology (Thursday 30 August.), Chemistry (Thursday 6 September) or Physics (Thursday 23 August). It consists of a two-hour examination, with all participants recognised and the top 10% invited to attend 16-day residential school at the Australian National University in January 2006 to build students ability to first year university level. Registrations must be in by Saturday 14 July.

The **BHP - Billiton Awards** ([www.scienceawards.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.scienceawards.bhpbilliton.com)) are for students who have undertaken practical research projects, which demonstrate innovative approaches and thorough scientific procedure. Entries can be independent or the project completed as part of your science assessment. Entries close Saturday 23 June.

**Mark Goodey**  
Science Coordinator



### YEAR 9 MILLGROVE DATES 2007

Form	Form Teacher	Camp Date
9A	Matthew Roberts	Monday 14 - 18 Friday May
9B	David Veale	Monday 7- Friday 11 May
9C	Sam Bryant	Monday 19 - Friday 23 March
9D	Blair Mahoney	Monday 22- Friday 26 October
9E	Robert McComb	Monday 26 February - Friday 2 March
9F	Hildy Essex	Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 February (4-day camp)
9G	Merran Ward	Monday 19 - Thursday 22 February (4-day camp)
9H	Ben Davidson	Monday 30 April - Friday 4 May
9J	Bill Flanagan	Monday 16 - Friday 20 April
9K	Nick Fairlie	Monday 26 - Friday 30 March
9L	Masaya Fujino	Monday 5 - Friday 9 February

# **REVISED SCHEDULE**

## **OVERSEAS, INTERSTATE & VICTORIAN TRIPS AND EXCHANGES – 2007**

<b>Trip No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Approximate Cost</b>	<b>Teacher Responsible</b>
1	21 - 26 January	Annual Rowing Camp-Carrum	\$300	Sonny Chua
2	7 - 10 February	Sydney Rowers to MHS	Billeting	Sonny Chua
3	15 - 18 Feb	Year 9 Air Force Cadets – bivouac	\$100	Shaun Kemp
4	12 – 16 March	Nationals Rowing Regatta - Nagambie	\$300 - \$500	Sonny Chua
5	16 – 19 March	Army cadets – bivouac (1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$250 for the 3 camps (16 days in total) throughout the year	Colin Axup
6	23 – 25 March	Years 10,11 & 12 Air Force Cadets – bivouac	\$100	Shaun Kemp
7	24 – 27 March	Sydney to Melbourne - sport exchange	Billeting	Tony Goodwin
8	30 March – 15 April	China / Hong Kong - Business Management trip	\$3500.00 per person	Joe Marotta
9	7 – 20 April	Kasukabe High School – Exchange	\$2800.00	Masaya Fujino
10	21 – 26 May	PIG – Canberra	\$450	Ray Pask / Linda Wilson
11	22 – 27 June	Army cadets – bivouac (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	\$250 for the 3 camps (16 days in total) throughout the year	Colin Axup
12	23 – 27 June	Years 9, 10 , 11 & 12 Air Force Cadets – bivouac	\$100	Shaun Kemp
13	25 – 27 June	Rowers Camp at AIS Canberra (tbc)	\$500 - \$600	Sonny Chua
14	29 June – 10 July	England – Youth Leaders International (YLI)	\$2500 to \$3000	David Smyth
15	6 – 17 July	Czech Republic – YLI	\$2500 to \$3000	David Smyth
16	6 – 10 July	Perth – MHS Singers & Instrumental Group	\$800	Anne Lierse
17	13 – 24 July	U.S.A. - YLI	\$2500 to \$3000	David Smyth
18	5 – 8 August	MHS to Adelaide – sport exchange	\$400 - \$450	Tony Goodwin
19	19 – 24 September	Army cadets – bivouac (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	\$250 for the 3 camps (16 days in total) throughout the year	Colin Axup
20	3 – 7 December	MHS to Sydney – 1 <sup>st</sup> XI cricket exchange	\$400	Tony Goodwin
21	30 Nov - 21 Dec	France - exchange	\$3500	Alex Wright
22	12 – 15 December	Year 9 rowers to Sydney	\$500 - \$600	Sonny Chua
23	30 Nov - 24 Dec	World Challenge	Between \$5250 and \$6850	Matthew Roberts

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen **and** be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently, parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (Tuesday 30 January 2007 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (Monday 16 July 2007).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **Wednesday 28 February 2007** for the first instalment and **Friday 3 August 2007** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$210** for primary students and **\$420** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2007, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

### Payment Amounts

Installment	Portion	Primary School*	Secondary School*
One	Parent	\$ 73.50	\$ 147.00
	School	\$ 73.50	\$ 147.00
Two	Parent	\$ 31.50	\$ 63.00
	School	\$ 31.50	\$ 63.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2007 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after Wednesday 28 February 2007 and prior to or on Friday 3 August 2007, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office. **Application must be submitted to the School by Wednesday February 28 2007.** Late applications cannot be accepted.

Parents/guardians wishing to find out more about this allowance can visit: [www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/ema/index.htm](http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/ema/index.htm)

Gia đình nào hội điều kiện sẽ được cấp Trợ Cấp Giáo Dục (Education Maintenance Allowance - EMA) để giúp họ trang trải các chi phí liên quan tới việc học hành của con cái.

提供教育補貼 (EMA) 是幫助符合條件的家長支付子女的相關教育費用。申請人必須符合下列條件才有資格領取教育補貼：

Để được nhận EMA, quý vị phải:

- là cha/mẹ hoặc người giám hộ của học sinh bậc tiểu học hoặc trung học từ 16 tuổi trở xuống, và
- hội đủ điều kiện để được nhận tiền cấp dưỡng, phụ cấp hay trợ cấp của Centrelink theo đúng như định nghĩa trong *State Concession Act 2004* hay là người Nhận Cấp Dưỡng của Bộ Cựu Chiến Binh Sự Vụ hoặc (TPI) là cha/mẹ nuôi.

- 不滿 16 歲的中、小學生的家長或監護人；**並且**
- 申請人必須符合《2004 年州優惠法令》(State Concessions Act 2004) 所界定的 Centrelink 救濟、補貼或優惠的領取資格，**或者是**退伍軍人津貼 (TPI) 領取者，**或者是**養父母 (foster parent)。

Vì vậy phụ huynh/giám hộ sẽ nhận được EMA nếu học có Health Care Card (Thẻ Y Tế) hay Pension Card (Thẻ Cấp Dưỡng) đang có hiệu lực.

因此，家長/監護人如果持有有效的保健卡 (Health Care Card) 或养老金卡 (Pension Card) 就可獲得教育補貼。

Quý vị phải hội đủ điều kiện vào ngày đầu tiên của Học Kỳ 1 (30 tháng Một 2007 - ngày đầu tiên các giáo viên làm việc) và Học Kỳ 3 (16 tháng Bảy 2007).

申請人須在第一學期的第一天 (2007 年 1 月 30 日，此日也是教師上班的第一天) 和第三學期的第一天 (2007 年 7 月 16 日) 符合申領教育補貼的資格條件。

Đơn xin EMA phải được nộp cho trường trễ nhất là **28 tháng Hai 2007** cho đợt trả tiền thứ nhất và **3 tháng Tám 2007** cho đợt trả tiền thứ nhì.

如要申領首期教育補貼款，您必須在 **2007 年 2 月 28 日** 之前向學校遞交教育補貼申請表；如要申領第二期教育補貼款，您必須在 **2007 年 8 月 3 日** 之前向學校遞交教育補貼申請表。

EMA dành cho học sinh tiểu học là **\$210** và **\$420** cho học sinh trung học và sẽ được trả làm hai đợt. Số tiền này được chia đôi giữa phụ huynh/người giám hộ và nhà trường. Trường nhận được phần dành cho trường qua điện tử hai năm một lần và phụ huynh/người giám hộ nhận phần của họ qua hai chi phiếu. Học sinh nào lên 16 tuổi trong năm 2007, sẽ được trả theo tỷ lệ chứ không phải theo căn bản 70/30%.

小學生和中學生的年度教育補貼總額分別為 **\$210** 和 **\$420**，分兩期支付。這筆款額將對半付給家長/監護人和學校，學校在當年年分兩次通過電子轉賬形式領取學校份額，家長/監護人則領取兩張支票。2007 年中滿 16 周歲的學生按月數比例，而不是按 70/30% 比例來領取教育補貼。

Số tiền được trả

### 支付款額

Đợt trả tiền	Phần dành cho	Trường Tiểu Học*	Trường Trung Học*
Thứ nhất	Phụ huynh - 70%	\$73.50	\$147.00
	Nhà trường - 70%	\$73.50	\$147.00
Thứ nhì	Phụ huynh - 30%	\$31.50	\$63.00
	Nhà trường - 30%	\$31.50	\$63.00
<b>Tổng cộng</b>		<b>\$210.00</b>	<b>\$420.00</b>

分期支付	付給家長或學校	小學*	中學*
首期	家長	\$ 73.50	\$ 147.00
	學校	\$ 73.50	\$ 147.00
第二期	家長	\$ 31.50	\$ 63.00
	學校	\$ 31.50	\$ 63.00
<b>總額</b>		<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>

Phụ huynh nào vẫn tiếp tục hội đủ điều kiện, được trả tiền đợt thứ nhất của niên học 2007 qua trường này sẽ không cần phải điền đơn mới cho đợt trả tiền thứ nhì. Phụ huynh nào chuyển trường cho con sau 28 tháng Hai 2007 và trước hay vào 3 tháng Tám 2007, phải làm đơn lại tại trường mới cho đợt trả tiền thứ nhì.

如果通過同一所學校獲得了 2007 年首期教育補貼，繼續符合條件的家長就不必重新填寫第二期教育補貼申請表。如果子女在 2007 年 2 月 28 日之後與在 2007 年 8 月 3 日之前轉到另一所學校，家長就必須向新的學校重新遞交領取第二期教育補貼的申請表。

Đơn có sẵn tại văn phòng trường.

申請表可向學校辦公室索取。

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## INVITATION

You are warmly invited to an event in your link area during the weekend Saturday 24 February - Sunday 25 February 2007. Wherever you live, there is an event near you. Come to welcome the new Year 9s and renew acquaintances with local families. If you would like further information, please call Diane Danscuk, Link Groups Convenor, on 9876 4057

*\*Please note time and venue change marked with an asterisk. \**

### **AREA:**

#### **Brighton/Port Melbourne/Elsternwick**

Saturday 24 February, 4.30 pm.<sup>\*</sup> *time change*

75 Vincent St Sandringham Melway 76 H9

#### **Cheltenham/Frankston/Mornington Peninsula**

Sunday 25 February, 12 noon onwards.

Kingston Heath Reserve, Melway 87 F2 (opposite Direct Factory Outlet).

#### **Camberwell/Inner East/Kew**

Sunday 25 February 5.30 - 7.30 pm

Canterbury Gardens, Canterbury, Melway 46 D11

#### **Doncaster/Bulleen/Templestowe/Warrandyte**

Sunday 25 February, 3.00 - 5.00 pm.

Eltham Park (Lower), Melway: 21 H10

#### **Essendon/Tullamarine/Keilor**

Sunday 25 February, 2.30 pm onwards

Rotunda, Woodlands Park, Essendon, Melway 16 F12

#### **Mt. Waverley/Glen Waverley/Forrest Hill**

Sunday 25 February, 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Valley Reserve, Mt Waverley, Melway: 70 G2

#### **Clayton/Dandenong/Berwick**

Sunday 25 February, 12.00 - 2.00 pm

Dandenong Park (Pultney Street), Melway: 90 E9

#### **Eltham/Rosanna/Watsonia/Greensborough**

Sunday 25 February, 3.00 - 5.00 pm

Eltham Park (Lower), Melway: 21 H10

#### **Ringwood/Blackburn/Croydon Hills/Lilydale**

Sunday 25 February, 3.00 - 5.00 pm

7 Boongarry Ave. Blackburn, Melway 47 J11

#### **Northcote/Brunswick/Fawkner/Thomastown**

Saturday 24 February, 3.00 - 5.00 pm

51 Newcastle St. Preston, Melway: 30 H3

#### **Wantirna/Ferntree Gully/Rowville/Scoresby**

Sunday 25 February, 2.00 - 4.00 pm *address correction*

*\*12 Sovereign Crest Bvd, Rowville, Melway: 73 J9*

#### **Bentleigh/Glen Iris/Chadstone/Carnegie**

Sunday 25 4.00 pm onwards

Allnutt Park, McKinnon, Melway: 72 K2 C11

#### **Altona/Sunshine/Yarraville/W'town/Werribee**

Sunday 25 February, 1.00 pm

Yarraville Gardens, Crn Hyde St & Sommerville Rd

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## ROWING

The juggernaut that is Melbourne High School Rowing has once again shown that we are a force to be reckoned with within the rowing community.

After a hugely successful campaign at the Rutherglen Regatta, where we made our presence felt by taking out two VIIIs races, one quad race and Kane Van Orschott, Laurie Walker and Mark Ham all winning races in single sculls divisions, we were all entered last week's regatta with a palpable sense of excitement. And we were not disappointed.

In unusually trying water on the Yarra (extremely windy and turbulent weather) we once again confirmed that Melbourne High rowers are able to prove themselves in any conditions. We left the regatta with a bevy of medals to our names with special mention to Nathan Waters who won his single scull division in particularly hairy conditions. The year 10s also had a very successful regatta and may just reinforce our return to the tradition of a winning Melbourne High Boat Club amongst the rowing world.

On a side note, the boys of the senior 2<sup>nd</sup> had some surprisingly tough competition from another crew on the day. They lost the heat (of half a length) to a crew from the Richmond Rowing Club but in the A finals, the 1<sup>st</sup> IV managed to scrap up enough power to achieve a dead heat (a draw) with the same RRC crew, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> VI pulling up not too embarrassingly far behind.

This boat from Richmond RC was incidentally seated by none other but our own Mr Chua. This was a somewhat bittersweet win for all concerned! This crew are now more than ever motivated to be the better men in the next race. (Please don't let us down, boys!)

I hope I will be reporting more rowing successes in the next few weeks as the regattas roll on in full force. The next one is on this Saturday on the Yarra River from 8am onwards. Please come along for a nice picnic on the bank & see your MHS boys mix it with the best. The MHSRF will undoubtedly be there in full force supporting their boys with a MHS marque & feverish cheering. Come along for some adrenalized moments of sweat, tears & glory! And that's just from the parents!

*"May our oars be swift & all rise up as one!"*

**Mark Ham 12D**  
**Captain of Boats**



## JUST ADD WATER SWIMMING CLUB...

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- National and State Age level swimmers
- Water Polo swimmers
- Surf life-saving swimmers
- Fitness swimmers

So if you're aiming to be the next swimming star for Australia or at your next school swim carnival, give our head coach, Allan Bugay, a call on 0408097469.

