



Melville High News

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2013 HEAD STUDENTS



L to R: Nic (Deputy Head Boy),
Cian (Head Girl), John Boi (Head Boy)
and Kendall (Deputy Head Girl)

It is my pleasure to introduce Melville High School's head students for 2013.

2013 Head Boy, **John Boi** is a Year 13 student studying five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Drama, Food Studies, Music, Photography and Physical Education. As part of his leadership role for 2013, he wants to bring a lot of shy people out of their shells so we can all be equal. Following this school year, John Boi plans to serve a fulltime Latter Day Saints mission.

2013 Head Girl, **Cian**, is also a Year 13 student taking five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Drama, English, Food Studies, History and Media Studies. During 2013, she wants to do well in her studies, build relationships with her peers and create a fun environment for students. In 2014, Cian hopes to study at the University of Waikato, majoring in English and Theatre, and also gain a teaching degree.

Nic, 2013 Deputy Head Boy, is also studying five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Art Photography, Drama, English, History, Media Studies and Music. As Deputy Head Boy, he hopes to aid in bettering the relationships between students among all year levels. In 2014, he hopes to be either study for a teaching degree at university or Music at polytech. He also wants to continue with a music career associated with his band, "Devilskin".

Kendall, 2013 Deputy Head Girl, also studies five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Art Photography, Biology, English, Gateway and Physical Education. Her personal goals for this year are to get to know all the students, have a better relationship with the teachers, and to be an example and to encourage people to participate and get involved in everything the school has to offer. In 2014, Kendall is intending to study physiotherapy at the Brigham Young University in Hawaii.

C Hamill, Principal

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WORKING BEE SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY

The school is hosting a working bee from 9.00 am-12 noon of Saturday 23 February. This event is being held in conjunction with the LDS Helping Hand activity morning at the school. The work will include some gardening, painting and minor construction. Some equipment and resources will be available but we would appreciate helpers bringing their own equipment. This is an excellent opportunity to help us make a positive difference to the school environment and meet new parents and whanau. We would welcome your support.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

E ngā mātua, e ngā kai-atawhai, e ngā rangatahi, ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa. Ko te tūmanako kei te noho ora mai koutou.

Parents, caregivers and students, New Years greetings to you all. We hope that you are all in good health.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to an exciting year at Melville High School. A very special greeting is extended to our new families. Please make an effort to catch up with myself and my team so that we can begin to develop those positive relationships which will strengthen the home-school partnership. This newsletter is full of information which will help with the transition to Melville High School but please just make contact with us if you have any further questions or queries.

2013 is expected to be a very busy year once again, especially as we implement the revised NCEA Level 3 standards. This term we will have the interim report evening, swimming and athletic sports, school camps and trips.

We begin the year with five new teaching staff who join Melville High very aware of the school's vision and with a commitment to Te Kotahitanga and Restorative Practices. They bring great gifts to the school and together with existing staff have demonstrated an impressive commitment to students' achievement.

Academically I am able to report some very positive improvements. 2012 NCEA Level 1 and 3 results are the best results we have ever achieved, with a significant improvement (50%) at NCEA Level 3. Well done students, families and staff. While there was an improvement in Māori student achievement, these outcomes and those at Level 2 were not up to expectations. A full report on these results will be made when NZQA finalises results late this term.

2013 brings with it several opportunities which will ensure that Melville High School will provide fruitful pathways for every student. This year we are: implementing a new a subject, Media Studies, a new integrated Year 9 class, a focused Year 11/13 class to support transition and undertaking a major remodel of the C Block Science Laboratories and the Recreation Centre.

I look forward to working with you all as we strive to ensure that 2013 is a successful year.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill
Principal

LATE ENROLMENTS

We are continuing to enrol students even though school officially got underway on Tuesday 29 January and we were open for late enrolments the week before.

The beginning of the year is a busy time and we note that there have been delays in enrolling students. I thank those families for supporting us by undertaking enrolments early.

The enrolment information was advertised in the *Waikato Times* and the free weekly publication, *The Hamilton Press*, on two separate occasions. The enrolment dates were also posted on the main office doors from Wednesday 14 December 2012.

To date we have had 41 late enrolments this year which is nearly 7% of our school roll. As a result, some of our classes have been bulging at the seams and we have unfortunately had to make changes to timetables.

Parents are reminded that those students who enrol late end up not getting their preferences while those who enrolled early generally gained their course choices.

Families are reminded that we have only **one start day** at Melville High School per week. This is on Mondays and students undertake an induction programme including an orientation tour before they go to their new classes. This has been very well received by new students. Students who enrol during the week therefore don't begin until they have their uniform and they start on the next Monday morning.

C Hamill, Principal

SCHOOL AND SUBJECT FEES

With reduced resourcing from the Ministry, including quarterly funding, escalating costs and reduced discretionary funding, we continue to face a challenge of balancing our books. We therefore need to recover the costs of course fees and actual co-curricular expenses (eg swimming sports pool and bus hire).

To assist families meeting such expenses we provide Automatic Payments as an option. If you wish to avail yourself of this service, please contact Lynette Malone, our Executive Officer.

The payment of fees makes a substantial contribution towards costs and enables us to provide the resourcing for the benefit of all our students.

C Hamill, Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

The Board of Trustees welcomes new students and their families, returning students and staff to Melville High School for the 2013 year. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and rejuvenating holiday period and are looking forward to being part of Melville High community moving forward and upward over the year.

This year we will continue to build on the positive foundations that the school has been producing over the last year or two, these being improved behaviour, attendance and learning, respect of school values, improvements to the school physical environment etc. so that everyone can feel valued and have a sense of belonging and pride in our school.

As a Board we are proud of the improving achievements of our students over the past two-three years whether they be in the academic, sporting or cultural arenas. Recent NCEA results for the 2012 year continue to show an overall improvement in students obtaining academic success. It is attributable to the staff we employ that their teaching and support of our students has resulted in the improved achievements being gained.

High emphasis is placed on attendance and behaviour in the school as these are a prerequisite to learning. The Board is highly supportive of the expectations being set by staff as any lowering of standards not only affects the student(s) concerned but also has an impact on staffing resources not being available to the other students in the school. We ask that parents support us in these expectations so that the school can provide/focus on providing the best learning opportunities for all students.

The school is very proud of its cultural diversity and many activities/projects are held to support this, including Kapa Haka, Stage Challenge, Barber Shop singing etc. Increasing participation rates and performances in the sporting fields have also been a feature in the school over the last few years.

All of these activities help to build pride and interest in our school and I urge students and parents to give support as these assist students in their academic engagement in the classroom by promoting an increased sense of belonging within the school.

A major refurbishment of the science building (C Block) and the Recreation Centre will commence at the end of term one which will see the school have first rate laboratories available for student learning. This continues recent modernisation of school buildings which include the library, admin block, hall etc.

It is also great to be able to report that the school has made a cash surplus for the 2012 year, the

third year in a row after several years of prior deficits. Prudent management of finances will continue to ensure that we get best value for the precious funds that we have at our disposal to provide the best possible resources and support to students and staff. The school donation is vital to the school's financial position as without it we would have to cut back in some areas which would impact negatively on students.

School Trustee Elections are to be held towards the end of term one. The current Board is proud of the progress made by students and staff in the school over the last three years and would urge parents to consider putting their names forward to serve on the Board for the next three year term. It is a team effort and the success of our students makes the effort more that worthwhile as a reward.

We must not lose sight of the fact that our prime purpose is to further the learning opportunities for our students first and foremost. Family support of students also forms a vital contribution in their learning.

Have a great year.

Kia Ora

Bruce Tocker (Chairperson)

On behalf of: Shervan Heu (Deputy Chairperson), Tracey Cooper, Michael Walmsley, Stephanie (Student Representative) Bill Russell (Staff Representative), Clive Hamill (Principal)

RAFT RACE

Students are reminded that the Annual Raft Race down the Waikato River gets underway on **Tuesday 17 April**. All rafts need to pass scrutiny on the day and all participants are required to wear life jackets and helmets and prove their swimming skills. All students need to complete the documentation and entry forms. These are available from our Sports Co-ordinator, Russell Wilson.



Rafts depart from The Narrows boat ramp at 9.30 am. The trip lasts approximately two hours and concludes with a barbeque at the Grantham Street boat ramp. Families are encouraged to assist and support their children in the construction of rafts.

R Wilson, Sports Co-ordinator

A GREAT START TO THE YEAR

The year began with a special welcome to new students, their families and staff at the Powhiri at the school Marae, Te Manaakitanga on Tuesday 29 February.

The fresh fine morning and the sense of anticipation provided an excellent backdrop to this introduction for those who were new to our school.

This process is a very important part of the induction procedure we provide for both new students and staff.



The Year 9 students then began their orientation with a two day programme and with the assistance of Year 13 students eased themselves into high school without the "helpful advice" of Year 10, 11 and 12 students who began school on Thursday 31st.

The induction culminated with a 'new student' barbeque which was hosted by Year 13 students on the Wednesday evening. The dome area, by the flag poles and adjacent to the office, was an ideal location with the mature trees providing much appreciated shade.



Over 150 staff, students and their families valued the opportunity to mix and mingle, meet each other and enjoy a bite to eat.

I am very appreciative that all concerned took the time to attend this function. I thank the many senior students who acted as excellent hosts and helped with the preparation and tidying up. It was an impressive start by the 'class of 2013'. I was also thankful that staff and Board of Trustees members took time out to be there too

YEAR 9 FIRST DAY ACTIVITIES



2013

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

☒ Strong leaders make strong schools

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Hei Awhina Hei Mahi



To Serve and To Work

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

The election of parent representatives to the Board of Trustees of Melville High School for their three-year term is to be held shortly. The Board of Trustees is made up of five parent representatives, a staff trustee, a student trustee and the Principal, who is responsible for the control and management of your child's school.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TIMELINE FOR OUR ELECTIONS:

Parental electoral roll closes	Noon 9 March
Nominations Open	11 March Nomination forms posted to eligible voters and also available from the School Office
Supplementary parental roll closes	23 March at Noon [available for inspection at the School Office]
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	25 MARCH AT NOON
Voting papers posted	30 March
MEET THE CANDIDATES	WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL, 7.00 PM AT MELVILLE HIGH
Close of voting	8 April at Noon
Results declared	14 April 2013

ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

If you are a parent, guardian or immediate caregiver of a student under 20 years of age, who is enrolled full-time at the school you may register to vote for the Board of Trustees election. The school will use the information it has on its students records to compile this roll in the first instance. Adult students [over 20 years of age] enrolled full-time at the school may vote on the parent election if they so desire. You may wish to check with the school office by 3 March to ensure we have your correct postal address on our database.

NOMINATIONS

- Anyone can be nominated and stand for election to Boards of Trustees, except those who fall within the categories listed on the back of the nomination form.
- Parents can nominate themselves or someone else.
- Non-parents wishing to stand for election must be nominated by a parent on the school electoral roll.
- The names of people who have been nominated can be inspected at our school office, or with our Returning Officer, up till the close of nominations.

VOTING PROCEDURES

All voting forms, with instructions for their return, will be distributed by mail by 30 March 2013 to people eligible to vote.

Any questions on the election process can be directed to our Returning Officer Jocelyn Caughley by email: jcaughley@melville-high.school.nz or by phone 843 4529 ext. 803 during normal school hours or 029 843 9943 after hours.

*All interested candidates are invited to our next Board Meeting on 5 March
from 5.00 – 7.30 p.m. in our Konica Minolta Meeting Room [opposite Principal's Office]
Please let us know.*

Absence Line**Phone 843 5212/Text 027 287 2428**

Please phone or text the above numbers if your child is absent from school for any reason. No note is required on return to school if you phone or text in.

Deans

Deans are available regarding any subject or behaviour concerns you may have about your child. Phone messages will be responded to at their earliest convenience.

Student Services Centre

- Notification of change of details
- First aid
- Student sign out/in for appointments
- Lost property
- Fees payments

Stationery/Uniform Shop

Opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

11.00 am –11.30 am

Guidance Counsellors

Students and families are invited to make appointments with our Counsellors, Lesley Beech and Paul Gay during tutor time each day or by phone (843 4529 ext 939/940).

Careers Adviser

Students and parents are welcome to make appointments with Mrs Searancke for advice on courses and careers (843 4529 ext 953).

Gateway Co-ordinator

Students and parents are welcome to make appointments with Mrs Climo for advice on gateway placements (843 4529 ext 925 or 027 4521026).

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

I would respectfully like to ask parents and caregivers that they only contact the office in regard to passing on urgent messages to their child. Please do not ask us to disrupt learning with messages which are not of an urgent matter.

I would also like to ask those parents/caregivers who are contacting their children by cellphone during class time to refrain from doing so as it is extremely disruptive during lessons when this occurs. Thank you in anticipation.

D McNulty, Deputy Principal**ATTENDANCE: STILL A PRIORITY AT MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL*****Good attendance at school is a must***

I am pleased to report that the focus on improving attendance in 2012 was a success.

Keeping young people attending school and engaging in education has always been important. Attendance and engagement in school improves employment, social and life chances and reduces the development of antisocial behaviour and youth offending.

At Melville High School we have the catch cry - **at school, in class and on time**. This term we will be engaging in conversations with students and their families as soon as attendance or lateness becomes a pattern.

This year we are working with Te Kohao Health in the management of students whose attendance is an issue. This service replaces SASH who used to work with the school. We are very pleased to have this group working with us and are looking forward to supporting students and families who find regular attendance a challenge.

We will be continuing with confirming clear expectations for students, staff, parents and caregivers and share this information. This will include elements of the following:

- a. Prizes for excellent attendance. Last year 20 MPS Players were balloted to students who had excellent attendance.
- b. Rewards for students with good attendance (minimum 85% attendance), including punctuality (not being late to class) and access to:
 - i. Playing in sports teams
 - ii. Swimming Sports
 - iii. Athletics Day
 - iv. The Raft Race
 - v. The School Ball
 - vi. Cultural activities including Stage Challenge and Kapa Haka Competitions
 - vii. Tournament week
 - viii. STAR
 - ix. Gateway
 - x. Trips
 - xi. Sport trips
 - xii. Class trips
 - xiii. Special programmes
 - xiv. Vehicle Passes

Clearly such a strategy will require a partnership between students/families and school. I look forward to your continued support in this area.

D McNulty, Deputy Principal**PUNCTUALITY**

We value the attribute of punctuality at Melville High School and again seek parent and caregiver support to ensure students arrive at school every day on time to start classes. Punctuality is a habit that is important and must be developed. It shows respect and commitment. I would like to acknowledge those parents and caregivers who ensure that their children arrive on time at school, such practice enables a smooth start to the day.

D McNulty, Deputy Principal

UNIFORM AT MELVILLE

The year has started well regarding the wearing of our uniform. An area of concern however, is wearing of non-uniform items on the cooler mornings. Tee-shirts worn under the school polo top or blouse must be white. No other colour is permitted. Students should wear the school uniform jacket, a green school polar fleece or a green school jersey on cooler mornings. Any non-uniform item will be confiscated for the day. On the odd occasion when a student does not have a correct uniform item, they need to take a note to one of the Assistant or Deputy Principals who will then issue a uniform pass. This is generally a one-off situation. Students who arrive at school consistently out of uniform may find that they are sent home to rectify the situation.

Shoes must be plain black. They may be any style of shoe or sandal provided that they have a backstrap on them, which must be done up. Jandals may not be worn under any circumstances, even by Year 13 students. Parents can see the full uniform and dress code in the Student Diary which is issued free of charge to every student by their tutor teacher. Spare copies can be obtained from the Main School Office. The only trousers or shorts that are acceptable are those bought from the school's uniform shop. It is disappointing to be having conversations with Year 12 students about whether an item belongs to our uniform.

Students who wear their uniform correctly, are a great advertisement for our school and they look very smart in their white tops and black skirts or trousers. The Board of Trustees is conducting a review of the uniform and has already begun to rationalise some items. The stocks of green polar fleeces are being run down and none have been ordered for 2014. Students are able to wear the school jacket and school jersey when the weather is cool and/or wet. When leaving school for the day, students are expected to wear school uniform, unless for some reason they need to change completely into mufti clothes. Students who have Physical Education period 5 are expected to change back into their school uniform to go home.

Finally, the only socks students should be wearing at Melville High School are black ankle or knee length socks which are available from the uniform shop. Girls may also wear stockings if they prefer. However, footless tights or knee-length tights are not acceptable. The staff appreciates the support of parents and caregivers with regard to wearing our uniform with pride and helping our students follow the RAP code of conduct at Melville High School.

A Tuck, Assistant Principal

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

On Thursday 21 March, the Melville High School swimming sports will be held at Waterworld Te Rapa. The Hamilton Municipal Pool has been closed and so we are shifting our sports to Waterworld. Competitive swimmers will be taken to the pool in the morning and in the afternoon the whole school will be at Waterworld participating in the AquaSports event.

Parents are invited to come along from 12.30 pm. Students will be transported by bus and are expected to return to school at the end of the proceedings. The day is always one of high energy and competition and a highlight of the House competition calendar.

A Tuck, Assistant Principal

2013 TERM 1 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Week 5

Tues 28 School Athletics Sports

MARCH

Week 6

Tues 5 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

Tues 5-Wed 6 Year 13 Geography trip

Thurs 7 Class Photos

Week 7

Mon 11-Fri 15 MHSIS OPC Great Barrier Island trip

Week 8

Thurs 21 School Swimming Sports

Fri 22 Interim Reports posted

Newsletter posted

Week 9

Mon 25 Nominations close for BOT Elections

Tues 26 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

Wed 27 **PARENT REPORT EVENING 3.30pm-6.00pm**
GOOD FRIDAY

Fri 29

APRIL

Week 10

Mon 1 **EASTER MONDAY**

Tues 2 **EASTER TUESDAY**

Thurs 4 Waikato Secondary School Swimming Sports

Week 11

Mon 8-Fri 12 Year 9 Camp

Week 12

Tues 16 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

Fri 19 Last day of Term 1

2013 TERM DATES

Term 1 29 January - 19 April

Term 2 6 May - 12 July

Term 3 29 July - 27 September

Term 4 14 October - 10 December

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

One year exchange programme open to students aged 16-17 year old in January 2014. Free information seminar on Thursday 28 February at 6.00 pm, Cobham Room, Novatel Tainui Hotel, Alma Street, Hamilton.

Register at sand@xtra.co.nz or phone (07) 856 5869 by 25 February.

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



Mr Jeff Bennett

Mr Bennett comes to Melville High after a teaching position at Forest View High School in Tokoroa. He joins our Technology faculty teaching Graphics and Metalwork. He is also interested in giving support to sporting and music extra-curricular activities. Apart from kayaking and Masters rowing, in his spare time he is a family man involved in church life.



Mrs Frances Diaz

Mrs Diaz joins the English Department after teaching at Linfield College in Mt Roskill, Auckland. Having recently moved to Hamilton, she is enjoying exploring her new surrounds. A busy mother of three small children, she also enjoys running and playing the piano when time permits.



Mrs Elsie Leslie

Mrs Leslie joins the English and Social Sciences Departments teaching English and Tourism. Having previously taught at Hamilton Girls' High School, she is interested in being involved with the Pasifika Performing Group. In her free time she enjoys family time, reading, eating and cooking.



Mrs Jan Masei

Mrs Masei joins the Mathematics Department after taking time out to raise two small daughters. She previously taught Mathematics at Church College. She enjoys music and family activities in her spare time.



Mr Harnesh Prasad

Mr Prasad takes up a position in the Mathematics Department after previously teaching at St John's College in Hamilton. In his free time he enjoys playing soccer, listening to music, travelling, socialising and watching movies. He is interested in assisting with our school's soccer teams

HOUSE SPORT COMPETITIONS

The school's Athletics Sports Day will be held on Thursday 28 February at Porritt Stadium from 10.00 am-2.00 pm and the school's Swimming Sports Day is being held at Waterworld Te Rapa on Thursday 21 March.

All parents are encouraged to come along and see our school in action as students seek to break records, have fun and earn participation points for their school house in true Melville High School spirit whether that be the students in the sea of Red from Wharauora house, the mass of Blue from Tirohanga house, the Green machine from Mahaukura house or the Gold army from Ruapane house.

Good luck to all students who get involved in these house competitions.

M Edwards
LoC Physical Education

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2013

Melville High School will be entering four teams into a local competition this year (Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Boys, and Senior Girls). We will be running practices and, if need be, trials (due to large numbers of student sign-ups) next week – 18 February to 2 March so please be watchful of notices concerning which team will practice and when. Please note that this year students will not play unless they have first paid their fees or an instalment pay plan is in place. This is the first year that I will enforce this policy due to the burden and stress it causes if students do not pay.

I have run an academy for basketball since the end of last year and through the holidays with nine keen Melville High School boys. The academy is separate from the school teams and practices and participants in the academy have had the advantage of developing their skills over the holidays. The academy is new and so I have only been working with boys. I am going to start working with the girls also so if you are interested in the academy for your daughter then let me know. Spaces are limited in the academy so that there will only be space for up to 16 girls. Likewise for the boys, I have nine players already so there are only another seven spots left. The academy is about developing players who will be committed and who would really like to go somewhere in basketball. The only cost involved in the academy other than the sacrifice of time and effort is the cost to purchase a reversible uniform which academy players wear to training.

The plan is to continue to have Melville High School make its mark in Waikato Secondary School Basketball and National Secondary School Basketball as it has done in the past three years. If you would like to volunteer to assist the basketball programme in some way then please make contact with me through the school and we can discuss and plan in what capacity you may be able to help.

P Smiler, Teacher-in-charge Basketball

FREE HOMEWORK SUPPORT 2013

Any intermediate or secondary school students of migrant or refugee background are offered free homework support classes in English, Mathematics, Science, Gateway and other courses. These sessions occur during school term times commencing Wednesday 13 February:

Wednesdays 3.30 pm-6.00 pm
Fridays 3.30 pm-5.30 pm
Waikato Migrant Resource Centre,
Boundary Road, Fairfield, Hamilton

For more information please contact Zena Taylor on 854 6352 or 0274735733.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Melville High School continues to be involved with PB4L which starts with our school wide rules or kawa.



This poster is widely displayed around the school and all students and staff should know these three rules, widely known as the RAP. For the past two years, PB4L has focused on classroom behaviour. Systems have been developed to teach and reward appropriate behaviour as well as responding consistently to inappropriate behaviour. Behaviour data is collected and strategies are developed to bring about improvements in behaviour. Annual surveys have shown a definite improvement in behaviour and PB4L has probably contributed to improvements in NCEA results.

The PB4L goal this year will be around improving student behaviour in out-of-class areas. Data will be analysed for issues such as punctuality, litter, out of bounds, etc and the staff will implement strategies to improve student behaviour. By this process we aim to bring about a deliberate improvement in student behaviour leading to improved learning and achievement.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal

HAMILTON ROLLER SHAKING CLUB MELVILLE PARK

Sunday Mornings

10.00 am-12 noon

Mums and Dads skate free, Kids \$2.00

\$2.00 skate hire

Mondays 5.30 pm-6.30pm

Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, or \$3.00 per night

Thursdays 6.00 pm-7.00 pm

Speed Skating \$2.00

Thursday Nights Twilight Skate

7.00 pm-9.00 pm

\$3.00 each, \$1.00 skate hire

A great way to get out there and get active with your kids.

INTERIM NCEA RESULTS

I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate those students who succeeded in their NCEA results. A special mention is made of those who did well in the external assessments (exams). You have all received recognition for the extra effort you expended. Our 2012 NCEA Level 1 and 3 results were the best ever.

The interim results are as follows. A fuller report will be made when the results are confirmed in April.

Melville High School All Students %

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
NCEA Level 1	53	56	62	64	65
NCEA Level 2	55	54	52	75	66
NCEA Level 3	41	38	27	42	63

Melville High School Māori Students %

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
NCEA Level 1	36	46	50	52	59
NCEA Level 2	20	50	40	74	50
NCEA Level 3	0	0	18	35	54

We are also pleased with the continued improvement in Māori student achievement. While we are not satisfied with these current levels, we are pleased that our deliberate strategies to nurture Māori success are producing results.

We recognise that such success is the result of significant effort and focus of students, families and, of course, our staff. Such focus begins well before the senior years of high school. We therefore acknowledge the contribution made by primary and intermediate schools.

A Tuck, Assistant Principal

CANTEEN

Melville High School provides a school canteen for students to buy their lunch and snacks at school. The canteen endeavours to provide healthy options for students, but has a variety of items for sale. Students in Years 9-12 are not permitted to go to the Ulrich Shopping Centre under any circumstances. The main consideration is the safety of students at the Ohaupo Road lights. This is a busy intersection and we do not want to expose our students to traffic hazards. The canteen does not have eftpos. The Student Council has investigated this option, but found that the time taken to serve each customer using an eftpos facility would be excessive. Students should bring cash to school for purchases at the canteen. Notes will not be issued for students to get money from the ATM, so they should organise this before school. A price list was given to all students on their return to school.

A Tuck, Assistant Principal

YEAR 9 CAMP

All Year 9 students once again have a wonderful opportunity to attend the Year 9 Camp to be held at Karapiro Domain in the week following Easter. Three tutor groups will travel out on Monday 8 April and return on Wednesday 10 April, while the remaining three tutor groups are on camp from Wednesday 10 until Friday 12 April.



2012 Year 9 Camp

The cost will be kept to an absolute minimum thanks to the generous support of Perry Outdoor Education Trust. Students will sleep in tents and as we do not have room to take mattresses it is advisable to get started now in organising a suitable pad to sleep on. All students have a huge amount to gain from attending camp and we are happy to work closely with families to support students where medical issues could be a possible barrier to attendance at the Year 9 Camp.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Our school is very dependent on our community for support to ease the financial burden we face in these tight times. Our appreciation is extended to the following companies:

The Gallagher Group

The **Gallagher Group** is one of a number of organisations that consistently support us and provide the school with 'hands up' support. They recently changed their photocopier supplier and we were very fortunate to be gifted three modern Konica Minolta machines (similar to our existing ones in the office) and the accompanying toner. This has been of huge assistance to our Learning Support and Curriculum areas. These are quality machines with low print numbers so they will be a great asset to the school.

The Listening Post

When Bryce from Entertainment and Automation specialists, **The Listening Post** noted that the organisation making inquiries about a very large digital projection screen was a school, he immediately offered it to the school for free. This is an excellent resource and will be used extensively.

C Hamill, Principal

Futures@Melville



Careers - Gateway - STAR

Futures @ Melville welcome you all back after the summer break. Mrs Ruth Searancke (Director of Careers) and Mrs Angela Climo (Gateway Co-ordinator) are available to talk to students in the Futures office in J6 usually during interval or lunchtimes. So pop in and see us and make an appointment.

Careers

Once again we have a careers period on Wednesdays where students will achieve credits for NCEA from Careers related Unit Standards. They will also be timetabled into a computer room so they can complete tasks and investigate the useful career services website www.careers.govt.nz. During this time each week we will also have people coming in to give information about many things that will help students to have a successful transition from school, eg universities, polytechs, Studylink to name a few. Year 13 students will be interviewed this term so we can find out what assistance they need to help make successful transitions from school.

Gateway

The Gateway Programme is available for our Year 12 and 13 students who are in a Gateway class. In this programme students have one day a week work placement gaining work experience in a careers area that interests them. Students also get credits in that placement towards NCEA. This year, we have places for 90 students.

***If any employers wish to host a student in their work place
please feel free to contact us to discuss.***



Geoff at Somerset Kitchens



Arnya at Snapshot Cameras

STAR (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource)

This resource is available to enable students to experience a range of careers through programmes at WINTEC and other providers. These usually are just for one or two days. Students can apply to enrol on these courses through Futures @ Melville and we will be advertising the list of courses very soon. This resource also supports courses such as building, hospitality and outdoor education to allow students a wider range of experiences.

***It is important that students either read the daily notices each day
or like us on Facebook to keep up with all that is happening at Futures@Melville.***

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And keep updated with all that happens at Futures
e.g. courses, employment opportunities, scholarships,
University information, Wintec etc

YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP CAMP



This year's Year 13 Leadership Camp was held at Raglan's Kopua Camp. This three day camp was attended by 75 students who boarded two buses and headed to Raglan on Monday 11 February.

The camp was organised by the Year 13 Dean, Ms Christian with support from Mr Hamill, Mr Edwards, Mr Warren, Mr Halsted, Mr Kallahar, Mrs Searancke, Mr van Rooy, Lesley Beech and Russell Wilson. Many thanks go to these staff for their contribution and commitment to the camp. The students spent three days and two nights involved in many activities including swimming, volleyball, cycling, kayaking, weaving, amazing race plus leadership focus workshops.



A critical aspect in the Outdoor Education programme over the next few years will be the school's involvement with the Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET). The Trust supports selected schools in the provision of resources and training to improve the outcomes for students of such events. This year we have worked with POET's Gemma Periam and have received funding support from the D V Bryant Trust. Such contributions have assisted us in improving the quality of accommodation and the development of greater synergies between Year 9 and senior camps, especially in the provision of leadership and peer support.



The students all settled into the usual camp routines of setting and clearing tables, food preparation and serving, dishes, lining up for meals, duty rosters, briefings for the next activity and lots of good rivalry between the teams. A few of the high points were the evening skits, the amazing meals and the friendships that were formed.



The camp provided an excellent platform for the year ahead and enabled students to get to know each other and their teachers. They all demonstrated positive relationships and the tenor and tone was both supportive and encouraging. This camp was a great start to the year and we now look forward to the Year 13 students making a big contribution in 2013.

K Christian, Year 13 Dean

