

Melville High News

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2014 ENROLMENTS

If you wish to enrol your child
in Year 9 for 2014, Enrolment
Packs are available from the
school office. These can also
be downloaded from our
website: www.melville-high.school.nz

If your child wishes to access
their course preferences it
would be appreciated if the
Enrolment Form was
returned to us by
Friday 8 November 2013.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VICTORIOUS 1ST XV

In front of a crowd of 500 spectators on Saturday 17 August, Melville High School's Rugby 1st XV (pictured below) beat Hillcrest High in the Division 2 final 36-12. Unbeaten all season, the team made the most of their home venue advantage. With commentary, music and encouragement provided for the crowd by a DJ situated on the deck of the Patricia Avenue Satellite Unit balcony there was a festive air surrounding the game. The team was lead on to the field by Māori warriors who laid the challenge to the visitors. The boys gave a sterling performance and justifiably triumphed. The game was concluded by the victorious Melville team giving a rousing rendition of the traditional haka 'Tau ka tau' which was ultimately strengthened by a huge portion of Melville Supporters.



Winning the **Warren Gatland Trophy** meant a lot to the team and was a fitting farewell for long serving coach, Paul Nathan. Paul had nurtured this team for a number of years bringing the senior boys through from Year 9. We are all indebted to you Paul and wish him all the very best for the future.

My congratulations are extended to the team, the coaches and managers Paul Nathan, Tiwai Parai, John Toroa and Graeme Kuiti. It was great to have the tremendous support from students, families, staff and the community. I would particularly like to acknowledge the Melville Rugby Club and the Waikato Rugby Union for their support both on the day and throughout the year too. It was a great game played in a good spirit.

C Hamill, Principal



Please note that due to Senior Assessment Week, school will be
finishing at **3.15 pm** this coming Wednesday (28 August).



Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa

We are well into the new term and we are all firmly focused on supporting our senior students as they target their assessments and preparation for external exams. This coming week is Assessment Week and then some students will be away at the annual Tournament Week in different North Island centres. We thank you for your support of your children as they focus on these important events.

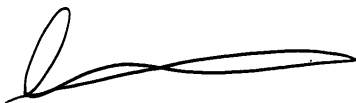
It is almost the end of a very busy winter sports programme. It has been tremendous to see the number of students involved in winter sport. My congratulations are extended to the First XV in their success in winning the **Warren Gatland Cup**. This is a tremendous achievement for a school our size and reflects the effort and support of parents, the Melville Club and some key individuals. Well done team.

Sport provides an opportunity for students to develop their physical and inter-personal skills in a fun and challenging environment. All this could not be done without the support and efforts of staff, parents and community members who act as coaches or managers and the host of supporters who cheer and assist from the sidelines.

My thanks also go to Graeme Kuiti, our Sports Co-ordinator, for his role in helping facilitate the organisation of these teams. Graeme has responded well to the challenge of this new role.

Finally, please support your children in their endeavours to prepare for their mock exams and other assessments. It is important that they study and come prepared for these 'formal' assessments to help them prepare for their external exams that get underway in just over two and a half months.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill
Principal

ORIENTATION VISITS AND OPEN DAY

Our preparations for 2014 are well underway. We held a very successful Open Day and Orientation Evening on Thursday 15 August. Over 50 parents and students attended the daytime and evening meetings. One of the highlights of the evening was the number of students involved in demonstration activities in the classrooms.

Nine Year 9 Student Ambassadors, **Alyssa, Tom, Ervin, Hannah, Alex, Xavier, Natalie, Kaylee and Mitchell** joined me in visiting 11 of our Primary and Intermediate contributing schools, both urban and rural, as part of the open day process. These visits involved a presentation; the Year 9's talking about their experiences and answering the questions of Year 8 students and their parents.

This year, the Ambassadors were excellent representatives of Melville High School. I was impressed with their confidence, their candour and their ability to share their experiences. At the conclusion of these visits, we presented the schools with a picture book in appreciation of being able to speak with their students. The response from our contributing schools was very positive.

A larger group of senior students acted as guides and support people during the daytime tour of the school. Together they all created a very positive impression upon our visitors.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to my Leaders of Curriculum Areas, Heads of Curriculum and to the selected students for making themselves available for the Orientation evening. I know those present were very impressed with your efforts and your commitment to our school.

C Hamill, Principal

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION

Nominations for the annual election of the Student Trustee for the Board of Trustees will be opening on Friday 30 August and closing on Friday 13 September at Noon. Nomination forms will be given to all eligible students. Candidates will be invited to speak to a full Assembly on Tuesday 17 September. Voting will take place during Tutor time on Thursday 19 September, with voting closing at Noon on Friday 27 September.

Jocelyn Caughley, Returning Officer

MAATANGI WHENUA

Recently, six Year 11 Geography students, **Oliver, Kaitlyn, Assryia, Breanna, Moesha and Arama** were selected to take part in the annual Maatangi Whenua Geography quiz night contest. This year it was held in Rotorua at John Paul College. Twenty schools from all over Waikato and the Bay of Plenty attended, and although our team was not placed in the top 8, the students gained a lot of valuable information and enjoyed the event. Special thanks to John Paul College for hosting the event.

J Warren, Geography Teacher

SENIOR EXAMINATION WEEK : 26 – 30 AUGUST 2013

Examination Week for the senior students will be in Week 5 (26-30 August) of Term 3. This is a practice examination for senior students and is very important. It provides the students with the opportunity to experience the conditions they will go through in the actual external examinations in mid-November. Senior students will be on study leave during this week and will attend school when their subject appears on the examination timetable. There are some examinations which will finish at 4.15 pm. Students and caregivers will need to make arrangements for transport. The school does have some study rooms available but students will need to clarify the availability with their subject teachers.

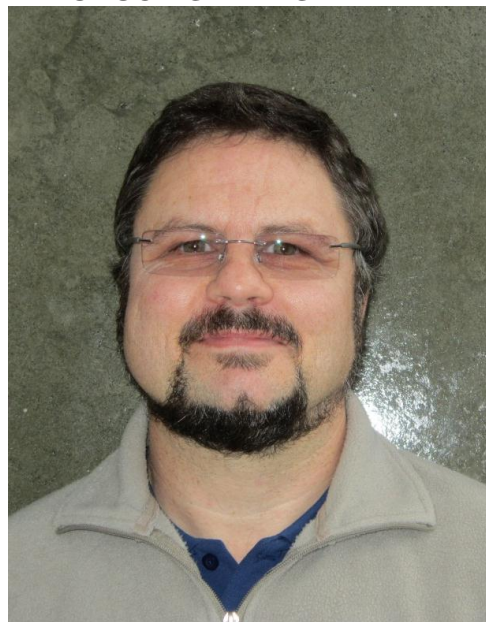
Students should note the following:

- They must wear correct school uniform in examinations.
- They must stay for the duration of each examination.
- Students who have study leave for the examination week are only expected to be at school for their examinations.
- They must arrive 15 minutes before the examination start time.
- If you do not have an examination, you may be invited to attend further assessment opportunities.
- Some students will be able to undertake further assessment (catch up) opportunities throughout this week on days where they have no exams scheduled. Subject teachers will schedule these opportunities.

It is important that students attend these exams.

Time	Monday 26 August	Duration (hours)	Tuesday 27 August	Duration (hours)	Wednesday 28 August	Duration (hours)	Thursday 29 August	Duration (hours)
8.40am – 11.40am	ENG 122	3	GEO 125	3	MAT 125	2	HIS 124	3
	MAS 320	1.5	ENG 222	3	CHE 224	2	FOD 320	2
	DRA 326	3	CHE 323	2	BIO 318	2	ART 126	2
	PHY 224	2	FOD 220	2	FOD 120	2	CHE 224	3
	BCI 220	2	ACC 224	3	DVC 220/	2	(FURTHER ASSESSMENT)	
	APH 224	2	MET 220	2	DVC 320		APH 324	2
			DVC 120	2	ARP 324	2	ACC 320	2
			ENA 110	2	DTE 220	2	ECO 220	3
					IMT 225	2	PHY 324	2
1.15pm – 4.15pm	SCI 124	3	ACC 124	3	DRA 130	3	GEO 224	2
	BIO 218	1	BCI 120	2	HIS 228	3	ENG 326	3
	GEO 324	3	MAT 222	2	MAC 321	2	ECE 320	2
	ENA 115	2	MAZ 215	1.5	ENA 215	2	DRA 230	3
	ARP 224	2	HIS 331	3	ECE 220	2	IMT 124	2
	DTE 320	2	MAO 130/	2	BCI 320	2	MET 120	2
	MED 223	2	MAO224				ECO 124	3
			MAO324	2				
			DTE 120	2				

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



Mr Russell Lewis

Mr Russell Lewis (pictured left) joins the Technology Department teaching Design and Visual Communication and Hard Materials Wood. With a trade background in printing, he has also taught English in South Korea for two years and technology in New Zealand primary and intermediate schools. In his spare time, he is interested in soccer, woodwork, automotive engineering and aviation (model radio-controlled aircraft, drones and anything to do with flight).

FORMER STUDENTS GRADUATE Massey University, Palmerston North

Congratulations to the following former Melville High students who recently graduated:

David Allis, Suzanne Brotherton, Hillary Bryant, Sheryll Collins, Rebecca Engelsman, Adrienne Haultain, Tania Mills, Evonne Phillips, Rachel Ryan and Gwendoline Welburn.

University of Victoria, Wellington

Congratulations to the following former Melville High students who recently graduated:

Linda Bonne, Young Jau Do, Stephen Moore and Simon Poole

SCHOOL GIFTED ARTWORK

At assembly on Tuesday 13 August, Mrs Margaret Comer, Corporate Services Manager for The Gallagher Group, presented the school with a generous gift of a Richard Boyd-Dunlop painting, titled ***Neighbourhood Safari***. The painting is proudly displayed in the Glenice Gallagher Library where it takes pride of place at the interior entrance.

A widely travelled New Zealand artist, Richard began developing his art with whatever was at hand - ballpoint pens and coloured markers. "When he isn't travelling, Richard lives with his partner, Victoria Cranwell, a professional photographer and preschool teacher, on a Whitford (east Auckland) property that has been in his family for three generations. Richard's approach to painting is organic and spontaneous. He loves the potential of a blank canvas and the process of building up, layer upon layer, colour upon colour, message upon story upon pattern, until the work feels complete. Though environmental concerns underpin most of his work, there's nothing didactic about his approach and he loves to emphasise quirkiness." <http://www.nzhouseandgarden.co.nz/Articles/inthenatureofthings-inspirationalpainter.asp>

Neighbourhood Safari is a vibrant, busy and colourful piece of work which has added a new dimension to the Glenice Gallagher Library. It engages observers and has a myriad of features and stories within the large canvas.



***Neighbourhood Safari* displayed in the Glenice Gallagher Library**

The school is indeed fortunate to have the work and we are again indebted to the Gallagher Group for their generosity.

C Hamill, Principal

21ST CENTURY SCIENCE CLASSROOMS

Melville High School welcomed the opportunity of reopening our refurbished science classrooms with a celebratory morning tea on the last day of Term 2.

The provision of modern learning environments has been a high priority for the Board of Trustees. Kaumatua Tutu Ormsby blessed the new facilities early on the Friday morning and at this time the Board of Trustees Chairman, Tracey Cooper noted that science is a popular and a very successful subject for students at Melville High School. He also commented that at Melville High we are fortunate to have quality teachers to match these quality classrooms.



Mr Ittyerah teaching in his newly refurbished Science classroom

The classrooms now have the capacity to support all students in developing their scientific literacy as well as empowering our aspiring 21st Century scientists. The amenities provide quality, flexible learning and teaching spaces which are supported by excellent teacher work spaces and resource facilities.

Science is one of three compulsory subjects for students in their first three years of secondary schooling at Melville High.

The facilities will support the school's focus on inquiry learning where we "*actively seek, use and create knowledge*" to "*ask questions, and challenge the basis of assumptions and perceptions*" and "*make plans and manage projects*"¹. Such an emphasis is much more than the traditional concentration on content knowledge.

It should be noted that this year's budget announcement boosted investment in science by \$73.5 million dollars. The government recognises that science education has a huge role in addressing the major challenges facing our society. Indeed, citizens who are better educated in science are a necessary prerequisite to having an economy based on knowledge and innovation.

¹ New Zealand Curriculum

C Hamill, Principal

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 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).

2013 TERM 2 CALENDAR**AUGUST****Week 5**

Mon 26-Fri 30 **SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK**

SEPTEMBER**Week 6**

Mon 2-Fri 6 **TOURNAMENT WEEK**

Wed 4 Board Meeting, 6.00 pm

Sat 7 School Ball

Week 7

Thurs 12 **CURRICULUM CHOICES EVENING**

Week 9

Wed 25 **SENIOR REPORT EVENING**

3.30 pm-5.30 pm

Board Meeting, 6.00 pm

Fri 27 Last day of Term 3

Senior Progress Reports posted

Newsletter posted

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Melville High School provides a Homework Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Mrs Donna Wilson will staff the facility which is based in room M2. All senior students are welcome to attend as many sessions as they like.

The key focus for the centre is for supporting students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who have yet to gain their Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy credits. Teaching staff have volunteered to support this initiative and are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help support student learning. This is a great opportunity for students to seek additional support for their learning. Mrs Wilson will work with students on a one-to-one basis and is developing plans which will enable students to achieve their academic goals for the year. Mrs Wilson is also supporting students who are preparing work for resubmission and reassessments.

If you feel your son or daughter would value the opportunity to be part of this education programme then please contact the Deputy Principal, Mr McNulty. The programme involves identifying areas of concern and putting a plan in place to address those issues. Students may be required to attend the Homework Centre to help their achievement. There is an expectation that students will fully commit to the support provided and will benefit from the programme. I will be communicating with caregivers of the students who are working with Mrs Wilson and report their achievement to date.

D McNulty, Deputy Principal

MELVILLE FOOD DRIVE

Last term we started the Melville Food Drive. To kick that off we did the first ever Melville Tutor Food for Food Competition where 1st place was taken by 12SU, and 2nd place was tied between 11BK and 9SA. With the help of all the tutor classes we collected over 300 food items. All the food items were donated to the Hamilton Combined Christian Food Bank Trust.



Shivam with Mr Hamill

The school would like to thank all the students and parents who contributed towards this. We will be having another Tutor Food for Food Competition in Week 7, 9-13 September. Please support Melville High with this community initiative.

Shivam, Student Support Co-ordinator

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

On July 5th, 20 students from the Level 3 Advanced Physical Education class competed in the New Zealand Secondary School Tough Guy and Gal Challenge held at Woodhill Forest in Auckland.

This was part of their NCEA assessment and required them to complete an eight week training programme in the lead up to the event.

The race is more commonly referred to as the 'mud run' because throughout the course there is mud to wade through.

There were also strategically placed obstacles throughout the course: Burma bridges, barbed wire to crawl under, walls to climb, and lakes to run and swim through.

The majority of the class completed the 6km race, but most students found that pretty hard going just trying not to get stuck in mud.

Brigham and **Logan** completed the 12km race in under one hour 30 minutes, a great achievement.

With over 1000 competitors completing the race on the day, students got a lot out of participating in a unique event with a real competitive edge to it.

Special thanks to Mr Nair for assisting with transport to the race. He also competed in the race and set a personal best time.

Although a really challenging experience for all who competed, everyone is eager to do another Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in the future.

M Edwards, LoC Physical Education

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

All Year 9 and Year 10 students are required to wear the regulation PE uniform to their Physical Education classes. Thank you to those students who consistently meet this expectation.

However, there are a large number of students who are not meeting this expectation.

There will be letters sent home to the parents and caregivers of students not meeting the department expectation in Term 3.

We would appreciate it if you could support your child in overcoming this uniform issue.

M Edwards, LoC Physical Education

MAYORAL WELCOME TO HAMILTON



On Monday 5 August, Hamilton's Mayor, Julie Hardaker, city councillors and WEI (Waikato Education International) welcomed international students new to New Zealand at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion. Teachers, families and homestay parents were all invited. After a welcome from the kaumatua, both the mayor and president of WEI, Ms Helen Richardson, spoke followed by the Berkley Normal Middle School's kapa haka performing a waiata, poi and haka. To conclude the afternoon, refreshments were provided – mini scones, sausage rolls, small tubs of hokey pokey ice cream, bottles of L & P, etc to show off some of New Zealand's 'specialities'. Melville High School was represented by Joyce (Germany), and from France, Marie, Estelle and Diane who all took the opportunity to meet and speak with our mayor.

P Stewart, TIC International Students

BEST BUDDIES 2013

This year, I have had the great opportunity in being able to be involved in multiple activities which the Best Buddies programme had planned and carried out.

My buddy, Emma and I have especially had fun with our weekend activities and catch-ups which we attempt doing at least once every fortnight. The best activity of all was the Best Buddies term outing which was held in Term 1. Through the leadership of our President, Brooke Blackmore, it was a great activity. Being able to see all those in the Best Buddies programme come together to enjoy bowling, which was our first official weekend activity, was definitely a great way to start off the year. We were all able to relax and appreciate one another's company while observing the different levels of bowling skills shown throughout the group.

All in all, Best Buddies has been a great experience, one which I look forward to continue being involved in.

Cerise, Vice President



Sports@MLV



Rugby U15

The Melville U15 Rugby team season started on a high after qualifying rounds had them relegated to the U15A competition. Sam Nonoa came on board as assistant coach and our season began against St Peter's School and St John's College, with Melville performing well above themselves against both teams. We came within a whisker of making the top four playoffs but a couple of dropped games along the way made catch up too hard for us to get back up there. This team of players received comments of praise from referees as a team that didn't give up and played hard until the end. This group of boys playing in the U15A competition sets up a really positive outlook for next year with the majority of them eligible to play U16s. Wherever we went, the players were great representatives of Melville High School. We invite anyone interested to come along to help coach or volunteer with administration for a team next year.

Paul Harmer, Coach

Rugby 1st XV

The Rugby 1st XV team has had a great season, recently winning the **Warren Gatland Trophy** after hosting the Division 2 final against Hillcrest High School. The first XV has been coached by Paul Nathan and Tiwai Parai and this victorious win is a reflection of the training hours and hard work put into achieving this result.

In the last two weeks they played and won against Otorohonga and Putaruru in the semis. The game against Otorohonga was their best performance of the season; everything went to plan until Otorohonga tried to psych us out by changing the venue within 20 minutes of the game but eventually suffering as we won 62-13. The final score against Putaruru was 32-0.

Having a good season has paid off for the hard work from the boys and team management with half of the team being selected for Waikato squads and with some still predicted to make other rep teams. Congratulations also to the four players who made the New Zealand Harlequins and the rest who made the under 16s and 18s trials.

Finally, congratulations to **Joshua** who made it into the Chiefs Under 18 Development team in the holidays - a great achievement!

Soccer

Our three Soccer teams have all performed very well this season and have approximately 3-4 games left in the season. All the best for the rest of the season.

Junior Boys

Under the coaching of Paul Chalmers, the Junior Boys' team has performed very well this season and is currently in 2nd place. Last week's game against Hamilton Boys' High was a cliffhanger eventually going down 3-2 so there is a lot of depth coming through and looks good for Melville.

Senior Girls 1st XI

The Seniors Girls' team also had a huge game last week against Hamilton Christian School at home. While down 3-nil at halftime, the girls played very well in the 2nd half and recovered to 3-all with 10 minutes left to play - some tight calls not going their way but still a great performance. The girls have a big away game this weekend against Thames - all the best. The coaches are Greg Te Kanawa and Mike Molloy.

Senior Boys' Soccer 1st XI

The Senior Boys' Soccer 1st XI has performed very well this year and have a crunch game this week against Te Awamutu. Last week they had a tight game against Hauriki Plains, drawing 1-1. Coach Gary Down has done a great job this year with the boys who are performing very well against the bigger schools so good luck for the rest of the season.

For many of the players from the 1st XV Rugby and Senior Girls' and Boys' Soccer teams, this will be their last games for Melville High as they leave school at the end of the year - so heads up to them and all the best for the future!

Netball

We are now in the Championship round and all the teams are battling every game to the very end. Every game is a challenge but we know that we come out being better players with outstanding skills. The final game of the season will be on Saturday 21 September.

Our tournament team will be leaving for the Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament next Sunday and will return on Friday 6 September. We wish the girls best wishes for a great tournament.

GET 2 GO CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 20 August, 16 Year 9 and Year 10 students (two teams) competed in the Waikato Regional Get2Go Challenge. This event is similar to 'The Amazing Race'.

The students met at Hamilton Lake in the morning with 21 other schools for the event briefing. Each team received a map and outline of the day's activities which were spread throughout Hamilton.

Our first activity was at Wintec, involving three problem solving and Adventure Based Learning Activities. These activities were focused on team work dynamics and both teams did really well, working together.

Our second activity had us driving across town to the Hamilton Gardens for the orienteering challenge. The first part of the challenge was completed individually, finding a control marker each. After half an hour, all students then had to complete another orienteering map as a whole team.

The third activity was based back at Hamilton Lake for the water challenge. Students had to take turns in groups of four, paddling their canoe out to a buoy and back for an hour. Both Melville High School teams went head to head in this challenge and at the end the losing team took satisfaction in tipping buckets of water over the winning team's heads!

The final activity was at Pukete for the mountain biking challenge. Students completed laps, on two bikes per team, around a technical course and changing riders on each lap at the transition station. Energy levels were low at the end of the day for this activity but a lot of determination was shown.

Thanks to Mr Kallahar and our two trainee teachers, Ms Grainger and Mr Devcich, for supporting the students on the day with this awesome event. Students have developed their skill level in these outdoor activities significantly over the past term. I was really impressed with the attitude shown on the day and our students' respect towards the event organisers and other teams competing.

M Edwards

Teacher in Charge of Get 2 Go Challenge

