

Melville High News

Private Bag 3107, Hamilton, 3240, New Zealand

Tel: 07-843-4529; Fax: 07-843-0358

Issue 6

September 2013

Featuring . . .

Principal's Message –
celebrating sporting success
. . . more on page 2

Whanau Hui – assisting our
Māori students . . . more on
page 3

Blind date with a book –
choosing and enjoying
reading books . . . more on
page 4

International Week –
celebrating our diverse
cultures . . . more on page 5

OPC Tongariro – another
week of exciting challenges
. . . more on page 6

Sports @ Melville –
sporting success . . . more
on pages 8-10

Senior Ball – party at
Gatsby's . . . more on pages
11 & 12

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.

BASKETBALL TEAMS OFF TO THE NATIONALS

The Senior Boys' and the Senior Girls' Basketball teams are off to play in the Secondary School National Basketball tournament in Palmerston North all next week. The teams will be playing in the "A" grade for schools with a roll of less than 600.



Senior Girls' Basketball Team

Both teams fought hard at the preliminary zone competitions held during tournament week, to qualify. The teams have been frantically fundraising to raise the money to travel to Palmerston North and I thank you all for your support of these activities.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the coaching and managerial staff Aaron Whaanga, Phillip Smiler, Arnie Paurini and Leighton Ngawaka for their commitment to the teams.

Special thanks go to whanau and friends who have supported all these young athletes.

Go well teams; we wish you every success.

C Hamill, Principal

UNIFORM JACKET

The Board of Trustees has been investigating an improved jacket as part of our school uniform that would be rain proof, warmer and more cost effective.

We are seeking feedback on the jacket which can be viewed at the Main Office. The approximate cost is \$60.00. Could you please email your comments to: principal@melville-high.school.nz

C Hamill, Principal

SPORTS & CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 24 October

7.00 pm

Melville High School Hall

All parents/caregivers, families and whanau are cordially invited to attend.

SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 7 November

7.00 pm

Melville High School Hall

Please join us for this event to celebrate our senior students' academic achievements.

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa

This has been a hectic term and as it draws to a close, we are very busy helping senior students to focus on the external exams next term. By the end of this week, we will have had a series of very positive interactions with students, and students and parents about their learning. I have been particularly impressed with the leadership and effort displayed by my SLT, our Leaders of Curriculum, Heads of Curriculum and teachers, in their endeavours to support students. They have been providing extra lunchtime, after-school and weekend opportunities for further assessment opportunities and other support to senior students.

I would like to thank **Stephanie**, our student trustee, for her effort and contribution to the school. The role of student representative on the Board of Trustees is an important position and historically the representative has provided the catalyst for some positive change and a greater student perspective on board policy. Stephanie has been an excellent student rep. The results of the election for the next student representative will be declared on October 3 next week.

Over the last month, we all have been particularly impressed by the sporting and cultural endeavours of our students. The school held a successful School Ball. The basketball, netball, and mixed hockey teams enjoyed competing in the secondary tournament week. The boys and girls basketball teams qualified for the nationals in the first week of the holidays; the junior basketball girls winning the regional competition; the Stars netball team winning their Year 10 grade; the girls Soccer team won their grade; and boys and girls soccer won their 5-side tournaments. All these activities could not have happened without the consistent and determined support of family, whanau and the wider community.

The SLT and Leaders of Learning Curriculum Areas had a very productive day working with Dr Linda Bendikson, Director of the Educational Leadership Centre at Auckland University. Linda helped us narrow our focus and identified a key goal and three key strategies to support its implementation. Her research and her work with Australian schools have shown that organisation is the key to making progress with student achievement.

Our senior BCITO students have been very successful in supporting the Habitat For Humanity Big Build Project in Fairfield which involves building a brand new house for a needy family. Mr Kallahar's students erected all the walls of the

house last week and returned to complete finishing touches including painting, gardens and boundary fences. I was impressed with your attitude boys, your willingness to learn new skills, to work hard and the fact that you have made a big difference for this family. You are excellent representatives of Melville High.

I was very pleased to note that parents have taken the opportunity to be involved in Music and Media Studies performance evenings. I have been particularly impressed with our senior students' creative abilities and acknowledge the staff involved, Trevor Faville and Kathleen Christian, for their efforts in sharing these achievements with families.

I would like to acknowledge two students who have excelled with their creative endeavours. Firstly, my congratulations are extended to Year 12 student **Rebekah** who won the Tauranga Writers' 2013 NZ Secondary School annual writing competition. Her short story was on the theme of *Teenagers being an Alien Species* and that parents need to treat them like pets. Well done Rebekah.

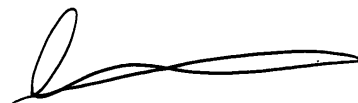
Secondly, I congratulate **Jessie** for being part of the gold medal winning performance of the Waikato Schools' Symphonic Band at the recent National Competition in Tauranga. Jessie's flute trio also picked up a silver medal. Congratulations Jessie.

The weeks ahead for senior students are vital. The school is providing additional support to senior students with NCEA. This includes academic counselling, an after school homework centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and also staff are providing additional individual tuition and further assessment opportunities.

It is with this effort and focus that we continue to make a difference for our students.

Finally, I am looking forward to your involvement in our upcoming Sports and Cultural Prizegiving on Thursday 24 October (2nd week in Term 4), followed by the Academic Prizegiving on Thursday 7 November.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill
Principal

CONSULTATION AND SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

Over the last month the school has provided a number of opportunities for parents to come and meet with teachers to discuss student progress, options and opportunities for the future. I thank my SLT, our Leaders of Curriculum, Heads of Curriculum and teachers for their many efforts to support students in these areas.

CURRICULUM CHOICES MEETINGS

A big thank you is extended to all the parents and students who attended our successful Curriculum Choices Evening. Over 45 parents and students were present at the evening to hear about the nature of NCEA and 2014 Course Selection opportunities. Their feedback on the evening was very positive. This year Deputy Principal, Dave McNulty and Director of Careers, Ruth Searancke put together an in-depth focus on careers, curriculum information and meetings with students which raised their understanding of NCEA and their pathway choices. As a result, the quality of our discussion has been at a much higher level.

NCEA PROGRESS REPORT AFTERNOON

This event, however, had a very disappointing turn out. The goal was to discuss with parents how senior (Year 11, 12 and 13) students were progressing towards NCEA. We created a special report in which we identified how students have gone in the recent practice exams and the number of NCEA credits they had gained and the number of credits they have yet to achieve. There was also a statement area indicating whether students took up the opportunity offered to catch up during that week in practical subjects too. We issued this report to parents that evening and will post home the reports not uplifted by parents.

FITNESS CENTRE OPENING

The school is eagerly awaiting the opening next month of the school's specialist John Gallagher Fitness Centre beneath the Glenice Gallagher Library. This project has been made possible by a significant donation to the project by the John and Glenice Gallagher Foundation. Work has just been completed following a delay so that the specialist gym flooring could be laid. This state of the art Fitness Centre will provide a purpose built facility to support all students in developing their fitness and well-being. It will also support our aspiring elite athletes and give them the opportunity to raise their game! The school is also pleased to announce that the Lion Foundation has contributed \$14,000 to facilitate the purchase of new fitness equipment for the facility. The John Gallagher Fitness Centre will be opened on Wednesday 16 October at 1:30 pm. Parents are welcome to attend the opening.

WHANAU HUI

A small but focused group of Māori parents and students attended a hui to discuss the challenge of how the school can support Māori students succeeding as Māori and to discuss the opportunities for students in Te Reo Māori, Maori Performing Arts and other areas for 2014. Head of Māori, Te Whakahawea Rapana outlined to the hui details of a proposal for a new programme, Te Whakaari, which is an inclusive programme that will:

- foster whanaungatanga amongst students and teachers.
- enable the students to acknowledge, understand and practise Tikanga Māori (Māori values, beliefs, attitudes and behaviour).
- enable the students to demonstrate performance components of Toi Whakaari, demonstrate knowledge of people associated with Toi Whakaari, demonstrate knowledge of the origins of Toi Whakaari and demonstrate knowledge of Toi Whakaari costume ensemble.
- ensure continued growth and development of Toi Whakaari.
- develop positive attitudes and high esteem of Māori students.

There was also a brief discussion about NCEA and how the senior school works for students. Ruth Searancke, Director of Careers also spoke to the hui and about how whanau and school can assist students in their decision making.

There was endorsement from the meeting of the Toi Whakaari programme and some suggestions about building a network of greater support for our rangatahi. There was also a request for the inclusion of Maori Visual Arts within the school programme.

HEAD STUDENTS

With the recent departure of Head Boy **John Boi**, Deputy Head Boy **Nic** has been elevated to the position of Head Boy. The third placed student in the election for Head Boy, **Shivam**, has now been appointed Deputy Head Boy.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the time, effort and care that John Boi took in undertaking his duties as Head Boy. I thank him for his many contributions and wish him well in his employment.

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).

\$10\$10\$10\$10\$10\$10**UNIFORM SALE****\$10\$10\$10\$10\$10\$10**

Long sleeve blouses	Sizes 12, 14
Boy's long sleeve shirts	Size S
Boy's short sleeve shirts	Size XL
Girl's Trousers	Size S, M, L, XL, XXL
Polar fleece vests	Size 10, 12, S, M, XL, XXL

ALL ONLY \$10 EACH!**BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK**

Towards the end of Term 3, the Glenice Gallagher Library held "Bind Date with a Book". We chose different book genres and wrapped the books up in brown paper and string. The students chose a book and had to borrow it before they could unwrap it. The students were encouraged to read the book they had chosen. The idea was to get the students to extend their reading and perhaps read a book they may not have otherwise picked.



The library was full to bursting with over 60 books issued in 30 minutes and only very few returned or swapped. It was great to see how enthusiastic the students were and how willing they were to read the book they had blindly chosen.

J Mathews, Librarian**LEVEL 3 FOOD STUDIES**

As part of the Level 3 Food Studies course, the Year 13 students complete 18 credits of pre apprenticeship cookery standards. These standards need to be completed in a commercial kitchen in a real time situation. The students returned to Waiariki Institute of technology in Rotorua to complete their final standards in pasta and in rice. As build up to the practical assessments, the Level 3 students were lucky to have Chef Tom Wiperi, Sous Chef from Sky City Casino, (pictured below with Keegan and Mikayla) share his knowledge and experience during their classes. Tom not only has the skills and expertise of over 20 years in the industry but is able to share the expectations of what is required to be a chef and to work in the hospitality industry.

**E Ross, Leader of Technology Curriculum**

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

The International Week went really well as students participated in the activities planned throughout last week. International Games Day was held on Monday and junior students participated taking out the prizes. I lost to the junior girls in the limbo event – great work girls!

The International Quiz Day was held on Tuesday, a really fun activity to be in charge of the microphone! Students from Years 9-12 participated and they were a lively bunch. Well done to the Gewinner Team for winning first prize.

On Thursday, the International Catwalk was really fun as I was one of the students who 'walked'! Ms Stantiall, your Mexican outfit was cool!! And everyone else who walked on stage – you looked awesome.

The Wall and Window Display first place went to 9KD with their awesome display of Singapore. Second place went to 10FA for their Japanese display with third place to 9SA for their Mexican display. Congratulations to these tutor groups for their great work and participation.

The International Dress-up Tutor competition winner was 10RS with their English outfits including a display of The Beatles, Spice Girls, One Direction, Boney M, Freddie Mercury, Elton John, Jonny Rotten, and Tutor Teacher, Miss Ross as Adele. Best costume went to Tamara with Ginger Spice. Second place went to 9SA with their Mexican outfits.

On Friday, the International Food Festival went really well with a range of international foods on sale and music to suit the atmosphere. The food that the students presented was delicious.



Lyza serving Japanese food

Overall, International Week was a huge success thanks to the hard working International Planning Committee. Special thanks to **Shivam, Susan, Jackson, Rachel, Tainui**, the committee and the staff for their input.

Lyndell, International Student Co-ordinator

2013 TERM 4 CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Week 1

Mon 2 First day of Term 4
Wed 16 Opening of John Gallagher Fitness Centre, 1.30 pm

Week 2

Wed 23 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm
Thurs 24 **SPORTS & CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Week 3

Mon 28 **LABOUR DAY**
Fri 1 Newsletter posted

Week 4

Thurs 7 **SENIOR PRIZEGIVING**

Week 5

Mon 11 **NZQA EXAMS BEGIN**

Week 6

Wed 20 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

Week 7

Wed 27 Appreciation Evening for Coaches & Supporters
Fri 29 Text Book Return Day

DECEMBER

Week 8

Tues 3 **NZQA EXAMS FINISH**
Leavers' Dinner
Wed 4 Raft Race
Fri 6 **JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING**
Last day of Term 4

Week 9

Mon 9 Teacher only day
Tues 10 Newsletter posted
Reports posted

CONGRATULATIONS

Rebekah recently won the Tauranga Writers' 2013 NZ Secondary School annual writing competition. Her short story was a quirky take on the theme *Teenagers are an Alien Species*, offering advice to prospective alien owners on how to care for their new teenage pets. It will be published in the Write Offline 2013 Anthology. Rebekah will also receive personal mentoring from a professional writer. Awesome!!

K Seluka, English Teacher

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE TONGARIRO

On Sunday 15 September, Miss Hill and her class of 19 Year 12 students went for a week of fun and excitement to OPC Tongariro. We did adventure based learning activities (ABL), and learnt about leadership roles and how they affect our groups. Throughout the week we did a variety of activities which included caving, high ropes, flying fox, mountaineering and an overnight camp in the great outdoors. During these activities, we learnt how to co-operate with each other, work as a team and identify what leadership skills each of us had developed. We had also been assigned instructors per group: Group 1 was Mop aka Matthew and Simon and in Group 2 we had Anna. They were great instructors who taught us a lot about the outdoors and how to be safe and prevent risks. First activity for Group 1 was caving and according to them it was really fun and risky. By risky, we mean that Josh and Ross dislocated a part of their body but nothing fatal enough to stop them from having fun.



Group 2's first big activity was mountaineering for the whole day. We hiked up a mountain that took us roughly eight hours there and back which was worth it as we got to play in the snow near the summit of the mountain. We also did high ropes where you climb up about 25m on this huge course and the main attraction for this course was the human swing in which you climb to the top of the course (with safety gear equipment of

course) then jump off the ledge and swing. It may sound simple but it was very nerve-wracking for most people, some even taking about 20 minutes to just jump off. It was really fun and challenging for everybody.



The final activity was the overnight camp where we drove, kayaked, or walked into the wilderness and camped out for the night while doing other activities. Group 1 kayaked to their campsite and Group 2 did caving as their final activity.

Unfortunately, our sleep was uncomfortable and wet because the weather took a turn for the worse (after having glorious fine weather all week).

Overall, the week of the outdoors was really fun and taught us a lot and we would definitely do it again. We also created stronger bonds within the class.

We would just like to thank everyone who attended Quiz Night last term and all the people who donated prizes.

Also massive thanks to Miss Hill, Miss Grainger and Mr Schofield for organising and looking after us all week (even though Mr Schofield put petrol in the diesel van).

It was a challenging and fun week!

Jaron and Cody
Year 12 Advanced PE students

THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN HELPING STUDENTS WITH CAREER ADVICE



Many recent international studies have shown that parents and caregivers are the single biggest influence on a young person's career decisions. Learn more about how you have an influence, and how you can use that to help young people make good choices about careers.

- Start conversations with general questions. That way your child won't feel like you are on their case, or that they've been backed into a corner. You can then explore a wide variety of ideas without putting pressure on them.
- Once you've talked generally, ask questions to get your child to focus on themselves. Explore their interests, things they are good at and their personal values.
- If your child does not have a career idea in mind, ask them to define broad areas of interest, then encourage them to investigate options related to each area.
- Discuss what your child needs or wants from their career. Attitudes towards money, security or self-development may help to identify career options.
- Encourage any activity that develops skills. Many important skills that employers are looking for are developed at school. Skills are also gathered from part-time work, holiday jobs, and leisure activities such as sports.
- Discuss subject choices with your child each year. Would they rather keep their options open? Or if they have a career in mind, what are the best subjects for them to choose?
- **WHAT TO AVOID**
 - Don't impose your ideas - instead ask questions to clarify an issue. For example, "This is a desk job but you said that you would like to meet different people all the time? Does that matter?"
 - Don't discourage your child with comments such as "That's not right for you". This will push them away. Instead, explore the reasoning behind their career decision, and help them find out for themselves if it is the right choice.
 - Don't push the conversation if your child is not responding, try another time instead. It's also good to let your child know that you're always available to talk if they need you.

What are some good times to talk careers with my kids?

There are many opportunities in the course of everyday life for you to start career conversations with your child. For example, if your child points out something that they would like to buy when they're older, you can start a conversation with questions like, "I wonder what someone has to do to afford that?" or "That's a great what do you think the owner does?" Students should use the Careers NZ website to help them think about possible careers: www.careers.govt.nz. Parents will find helpful information on this link: <http://www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/helping-young-people-make-decisions/role-of-the-parent/>

GO KARTS @ WINTEC

Three senior students have been on the Go Kart course at Wintec. This was a 22 week course and they attended the course every Monday. **Shaneil**, **Koni** and **Tommy** made themselves a Go Kart and learned a lot of skills along the way.

At the prizegiving, there were three awards given, two of which Melville High School students won. **Koni** won the award for consistent effort and excellence and **Tommy** won the award for being the best student. Both boys received \$100.



Tommy and Koni receiving their awards



Sports @MLV



Netball

WOW! What an awesome season of netball once again. I would like to congratulate all players, coaches, managers and umpires for their successes throughout the season.

Our tournament team recently played at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools' Tournament held in Howick/Pakuranga, Auckland. There were 48 teams in our grade in which our team placed 20th overall. Our team consisted of one Year 13, one Year 12, four Year 11, six Year 10 and one Year 9 girl. The talent and the skill that the girls displayed over the week away was outstanding. Congratulations to you all!

We would like to thank Beau Heu and Tom Wiperi who came as our parent help and team support. We had delicious meals and were looked after really well. Manager Michelle Wetere did an outstanding job throughout the whole season but I was particularly impressed when it came to our tournament week away. I would like to thank her for always being there for us. It has been a pleasure working with Michelle and I look forward to working with her again in the near future. Thanks for all your hard work, time and effort. A great team is led by great management and support.

Special thanks go to Nakita Wiperi for giving up her time to join our team as our umpire. You are a great inspiration to Melville High School and to netball and we hope you continue your umpiring future with us. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Hamill and all the families who came through to Auckland to support us. It made a huge difference and even though some of the games didn't go our way, we were able to keep our heads held high and continue on to do our best.

This has been an exciting journey and we would like to thank the following people and groups for all their support, love and care: our whanau, Melville High School staff, friends, Deanwell Primary School, Melville High School students, Tommo's Bakery, Gallagher's, Nigel Hendriks, Glenview New World and all those who supported our holiday programme.

A special thanks goes to our Coaches and Managers, Lis Willis, Michelle Wetere and to those who have helped along the way, Jimaine Jerry and Joanne Wilson. We could not do this without you all.

The Secondary School Competition came to an end on September 21st. Our mixed Year 9 and 10 MLV STARZ team made it into the finals and played against Nga Taiatea Teina team. This was one of the most exciting games we had ever experienced. The game was neck and neck all the way and our girls took it away in the last quarter. We had such great support from all the netball teams, Melville High School staff and all our families. Thank you all so much! Here are the results for the 2013 Season:

2013 Hamilton City Netball Centre Secondary School Competition

MLV Tuakana

Placed 5th in the Premiere Grade

MLV Whero

Placed 3rd in Premiere Reserve Grade

MLV STARZ

WINNERS Junior Premiere Reserve

MLV Teina

Placed 5th in the Junior Premiere

Congratulations to all our teams. You should be proud of yourselves to achieve such high standards of netball. I hope you have enjoyed your season and look forward to seeing you all again next year.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

All uniforms must be returned by 18 October.

MHS Netball Prizegiving: Tuesday 22 October

Sports & Cultural Awards: Thursday 24 October

Valetta Wiperi, Netball Co-ordinator



Sports@MLV



Basketball

Junior Boys' Team

Due to cost, we applied to enter into the Central Country Competition for our junior teams instead of entering the Waikato Competition. Our junior boys came fourth in the Central Country Competition which eventuated to be a very close competition among the top four of twenty junior teams; the juniors losing by only one point in the semis. Stand out players for the juniors boys were **Elijah, Elijah** and **David** with **Te Aranga** really coming along as a strong rebounder. Elijah's and Elijah's season isn't over yet as they are members for the Melville High School Senior Boys team, Elijah being a starting member. Congratulations to Elijah who played well all season for the Waikato U15 Boys' team at the Easter, Zone and National tournaments. Elijah will still be eligible for that age group next year.

Junior Girls' Team

The junior girls won their competition remaining undefeated. They won the final against Putaruru junior girls 49 to 40. We only had one Year 10 girl and the rest were Year 9 students. Our junior girls continue to look very promising next year. Congratulations to Hayley and Jazmyn, Kaylee and Marni who played during the Easter break for the Waikato U15 Girls team. Hayley, Jazmyn and Kaylee went on to the Zones and Nationals for Waikato where they made it to the National final but lost to a very strong team from Rotorua who were just exceptional on the day. Haylee, Jazmyn, Kaylee, Marni, and Alyssa (all Year 9 girls) also play for the senior girls' team who are going to the 'A' Secondary School Basketball Nationals.

Senior Girls' Team

Again due to cost, we didn't enter the Waikato Competition but instead opted to just train and pick up as many games as possible. We played Morrinsville College once, a combined Fairfield/Hillcrest team once, Fairfield College twice, and Fraser High School twice and won all six games. We had two very good wins against Fraser High School who qualified for the AA Nationals. We played Hamilton Girls High School the reigning 'AA' National champions. Unfortunately, we were without Renee and Megan due to injury for that game and lost that game by a good margin.

The senior girls' season was focused around the Zone 2 Premiership tournament which is where

you play to qualify for the national tournament. Our senior girls opted to play in the 'A' Zone tournament. Even though the girls played at the 'A' tournament it was a very tough tournament. The girls narrowly won their first game by four against Kokiri by trailing most of the game and only nudging ahead in the final minutes of the game. They then lost to Taumarunui who had beaten them at the Nationals in 2012. Next, they played Nga Taiatea and then Aquinas to record two good wins. The last game of the tournament for the girls was against Te Aroha who had beaten us in the 'A' National final last year. Te Aroha were ranked number one in the tournament and they had already beaten Taumarunui, the team we had lost to. The girls played a great game and ended up being victorious. Special mention goes to Kendall and Renee who carry much of the load and responsibility for the success of this team. Special mention also goes to Haylee and Jasmyn who as Year 9 players took turns sharing the very difficult responsibility of being the point guard and running the offense. Lastly, to Kaylee who played such a great game in the final she was voted by her team mates to be the MVP in the final game against Te Aroha. Because Taumarunui had beaten us, Te Aroha had beaten Taumarunui, and we had beaten Te Aroha there was a three-way tie and so, going on point differential, we had beaten Te Aroha by enough to gain first place and win the tournament for the second year in a row. Well done girls. Congratulations to our Seniors **Kendall, Megan, and Jeneah, Renee, Laura, Sita** and our five Year 9 girls. The next competition will be the Nationals in Palmerston North from 30 September to 4 October.

Senior Boys' Team

Like the senior girls' team, the senior boys' season focus was on qualifying for the National tournament at the Zone tournament held in Rotorua. The team went to the Zone 2 'A' tournament with a very young team (one year 12 player, five year 11 players, one year 10 player and a year 9 player). The first game they played against Otorohanga and won. Their next game was against the reigning 'A' National champions Te Aroha and the boys lost. Next they played Te Koutu from Rotorua and the boys had another win. The next game was a semi-final against Aquinas who were a very big and strong team. If the boys won the game then they would qualify for the Nationals and if they lost then they still had one more life. But they didn't want to go to the extra life game and the boys stepped up to meet the



Sports @MLV



Basketball (continued)

physicality, strength, and height of Aquinas. We won the game 44-38. Congratulations to the very young senior boys' team for qualifying for the Nationals and to Malachi Smiler who had a big game to score 34 of the team's 44 points. The boys then met Te Aroha again in the final and unfortunately we went down in the final. The team is looking forward to the return of Brigham Parai for the National tournament who we know will have a very big impact on the team's performance in Palmerston North.

Big thank you to Aaron Whaanga, Uncle Paulie, Aunty Lynley, Aunty Tracy, Wally Reihana, Leighton and Hineata Ngawaka, and Graeme Kuiti for stepping up to assist our students through coaching, managing and transporting our teams. Also thanks to Ocean, Braxton, and Jershon Hereaka for taking the refereeing responsibilities and to the families and the Melville High School staff who came to cheer us on.

P Smiler, Teacher-in-Charge Basketball

Soccer

On Saturday 14 September, the annual 5-a-side tournament was held and it was a great day with over 70 teams entered. Melville produced some great results with the Girls' team winning the final 1-0 over Hillcrest, the Senior Boys making the final and the Junior Boys losing in the plate final - so a really good day for the students.



Overall, it has been a great season for the Soccer teams: the Junior Boys coming second overall - a great result; the Senior Boys coming 3rd in their division but could have easily won their division; the 1st XI Girls winning Division 3 by beating St Peter's in the final 2-0 - an awesome achievement for the girls and team management.

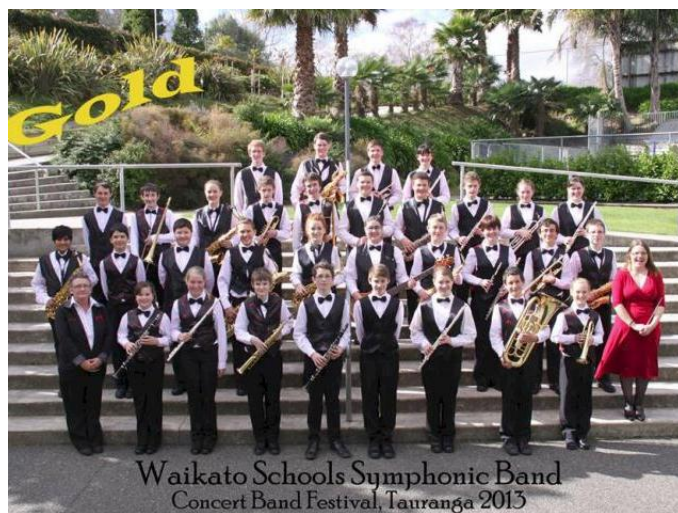
Hockey

The Melville High School Hockey team competed, along with students from Fraser High and Pio Pio Colleges, at the North Island Mixed Hockey Tournament at Ngatea during Tournament Week. They competed in Pool C with Huanui and Lytton High School, losing to them both before playing Taihape Area School in a tight game and losing to them 4-2 after being 1-all at fulltime. They then went on to play Alfriston College in their final game, drawing nil-all and overall finishing 13th equal with Alfriston in the competition.

Though they did not play to their capability, they enjoyed their week in Ngatea so well done to Bruce and the team.

A FLUTIST WITH GREAT PROMISE

Year 13 student, **Jessie** has been part of the Waikato Youth Symphonic Band for a number of years and it has been pleasing to note her progress. Jessie was part of this year's gold medal winning performance at the recent National Competition in Tauranga. The awards are judged on style, balance, intonation, musicianship and presentation.



The band is comprised of over 30 students from various Hamilton schools. More than 29 bands from throughout New Zealand took part in this national festival at Bethlehem College, Tauranga.

Jesse was also a member of a flute trio which was awarded a silver medal for their performance. Congratulations Jessie.

C Hamill, Principal

STUDENT LEADERS CELEBRATE READING

On Tuesday 17 September, Head Boy Nic and Head Girl Cian attended Melville Primary School special assembly to speak to the children about their passion for reading. Our participation in this assembly was part of the Duffy Books Reading Week.

Duffy Books is a programme which is funded by a charitable trust and plays a key role in developing a love of books in children. The trust provides free books to over 100,000 New Zealand children, three times a year. Recipient children end up with a fun library of self-chosen books at home by the time they leave primary school.

Nic and Cian spoke about how books had been vital in their lives and how reading had helped to get them where they are today. The head students presented the primary school with a children's book, *Pepetuna*, written and illustrated by Denise Whitmore which was very warmly received, while I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to read aloud *The Little Tuatara*, written by Robin Cunningham and illustrated by Samer Halam to the assembly.



**Melville Primary School Principal,
Mrs Dianne Pollard-Williams
with Nic and Cian**

It was a very positive occasion and we thank Melville Primary School for this opportunity.
Mr Hamill, Principal

YEAR 10 CAMP 2013

The Year 10 students will be going on an outdoor education experience in Term 4. The students will be divided into two groups. Group 1 will be going out on Monday 11-Tuesday 12 November. The second group will depart on 13 November and return on 14 November. The camp is at Tui Ridge near Rotorua. The students will be enjoying a camping experience and will be working in tent groups to cook their own food. They will also be involved in a range of activities designed to strengthen their team-building and self-management skills. This is an exciting opportunity and has been made possible by the support of the Perry Outdoor Education Trust. The support from this group means that we can keep the cost of this trip to a minimum so that all students are able to take up this opportunity. A permission letter, gear list and information sheet will be issued to students on 27 September. Camp fee and permission letters should be returned to school by 25 October (Week 2 Term 4).

A Tuck, SLT Year 10



TUVALUAN LANGUAGE WEEK - 30 SEPTEMBER-6 OCTOBER

Tuvalu is the second smallest nation in the world after the Vatican, with only 11,600 inhabitants. It was formally known as the Ellice Islands.

FIJIAN LANGUAGE WEEK - 7-13 OCTOBER

Fiji is home to 944,720 people; it is an archipelago of more than 332 islands, of which 110 are permanently inhabited.

Omniglot, the online encyclopaedia of writing and languages, is always a great starting point for learning a few words and phrases.

SENIOR BALL – PARTY AT GATSBY'S

On Saturday 7 September, Melville High School held the **“Party at Gatsby’s”** Senior Ball (see photos on page 12). Everyone dressed to the nines, the decorations were beautiful and the students handled themselves with grace and maturity. The planning of the ball was an enormous, stressful task but the end result definitely paid off. I would like to give a huge thank you to Head Boy, Nic and Ms Christian who alongside me planned, stressed and fought for this ball to take place. Also thank you to the Ball Committee which helped set up the decorations and pulled them all down. But most of all I want to thank all the students who attended and made the Senior Ball a night to remember. Without you guys this would not have happened.

Cian, Head Girl

12
SENIOR BALL – PARTY AT GATSBY'S

