



Melville High News

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LEST WE FORGET

Every year on 25 April, ceremonies are held all over the country to commemorate Anzac Day.

Hamilton is no exception and Melville High School was represented by Head Students **Bailey Rebekah** **Stephanie** and **Natanahira**.



The local schools were invited to lay wreaths on the cenotaph at Pirana Park during the Anzac service. There was a large number of both young and old people in attendance and the service included tributes from the Mayor and representatives from secondary schools in Hamilton.

PARENT REPORT EVENING

Wednesday 2 July

3.30 pm-7.00 pm

Melville High School Hall

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

2015 Year 9 Enrolments

OPEN DAY AND EVENING

Thursday 7 August 2014

9.30 am in the School Hall

6.00 pm in the Glenice Gallagher Library

All parents/caregivers of prospective students are invited to attend these presentations and tours of the school.

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A big welcome back to Term 2 and a warm welcome to our new students and their whanau.

As you will be aware, Mr Hamill is currently on sabbatical leave and I will be Acting Principal for the term. This has resulted in Mr Ledson, Mr Silver and Miss Kiddie changing their roles. In addition, Mr Russell is also on sabbatical leave for Term 2 and Mrs Tuck has accepted the responsibility for the leadership of the Social Sciences Learning Area.

We have welcomed the following new staff to the school this term: Miss Holly Parker and Miss Janina Rack in Social Sciences, and Mrs Justine McNamara in Art.

This term sees the departure of Mr Nilesh Prasad who has accepted promotion at Morrinsville College as Head of Mathematics. On behalf of the Board, staff, students and Melville community, I would like to thank him for his contribution to Melville High School and wish him well. We have also received the resignation of Mrs Diana Preece, one of our front office staff. Diana leaves us after 18 years of service to the school. She intends to spend her free time travelling and catching up with family and friends overseas. We wish her all the best and thank her for her valued, loyal service to the school. Her warm, welcoming face in reception will be missed.

I had the privilege of watching our Pasifika group perform recently at the Pasifika by Nature competitions. The group performed extremely well and represented Melville High School with pride and dignity. I would like to congratulate all involved and would like to acknowledge the support of our Pasifika community in supporting the students. Mrs Elsie Leslie, who co-ordinated the group supported by Mrs Grace Whaanga, need to be acknowledged for all their hard work and leadership in preparing the students. I would also like to thank the Pasifika tutors for their wonderful contribution.

As we settle into the term, I would like to ask for support from our caregivers to support their children in their achievement in school. This is especially important for senior students to ensure they are up to date with their assessments and that they are handing assignments in on time. It is extremely important that our senior students put a plan in place to ensure they can meet their commitments. Please contact your children's teachers or Deans if you have any concerns or issues. We want to continue to succeed and help your children achieve. We appreciate all the support and encouragement you provide your children.

As winter starts to grip, I would like to remind all students about uniform requirements and seek your assistance to ensure students report to school in the correct uniform. You will all be aware of the jacket requirements; please support this requirement for us to prevent any disruption to students learning. I would like to thank all those students and caregivers who are supporting us in this manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and caregivers about our requirements for students to be involved in extra-curricular activities. Students must have their attendance level at 85%. If they are unable to meet this, then they will be denied the privilege of representing the school in extra-curricular activities. This includes activities such as the Ball and sports teams. Please support the school in ensuring your children are **"At School, In Class, On Time"**.

Term 2 is the time for Stage Challenge and the students are working very hard to prepare their item for their performance. Please support them with this and ensure they balance their commitments. It would be great to see all parents and caregivers support their students on 13 June for the competition.

This is a busy term which will pass very quickly. We need to ensure all students stay focussed on their learning and achievement, and maintain a balanced approach to their school commitments. They will require your help to do so. The staff is working very hard to support student achievement and require your support in ensuring your children achieve the results they are capable of.



D J McNulty, Acting Principal



Mr Hamill at the farewell for Melville community's Senior Constable Bill Taua

PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Jahna Babbington and I attended Career Week at the Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) in New Plymouth. From Monday 27 April to Friday 2 May we learnt quality skills that are required in the Hospitality Industry.



PIHMS is a school that is designed to prepare students to become successful in this area of work. One of the best opportunities that PIHMS offers is overseas experiences. We met new people and made new friends.



We highly recommend it. We would like to thank Mrs Searancke and Angela Climo for giving us this great opportunity through the Gateway programme.

Astina, Year 13 student

Are looking for a whole new generation of



MONSTARS!

Intake is First Sunday of every month
from 3-4pm.

Full coaching from all skill levels ages 9-17yrs

First session free.

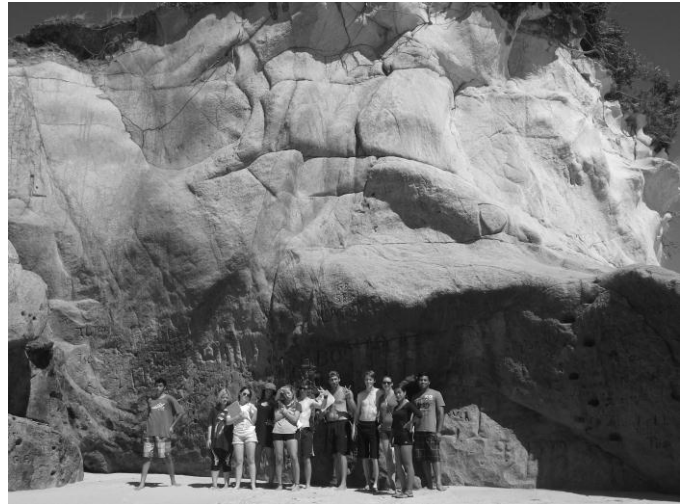
Email: intake@hellmiltonrollerghouls.com

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

On 19 April, the Year 13 Geography class went on a field trip to Whiritoa Beach to learn about interacting processes and coastal environments. Accompanied by Mr Warren and Miss McIlhone, the group made their way to their accommodation at the Surf Life Saving Club.

During the first day we examined the northern and southern headlands, talked about different types of rock erosion, explored the blowhole and, of course, the beautiful beach.

In the evening we sat down to a delicious dinner prepared by the Year 13 girls with the help of Miss McIlhone.



The next day (after a great sleep) we enjoyed a great breakfast made by the Year 13 boys and Mr Warren. Following breakfast, we packed up before another quick dip in the ocean.

On the way home, we stopped and had a Subway lunch which was my favourite part. This was a valuable experience as it prepared us for our external assignment.



Overall, I had a really great time and would like to thank Mr Warren and Miss McIlhone for taking us.

Rexana Year 13 Geography student

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) or by email (Lesley) be@melville-high.school.nz and (Paul) ga@melville-high.school.nz

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 Pearce for advice on Gateway placements (843 4529 ext 925).

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for families to host overseas students. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. The next group will arrive in New Zealand in June.

Students have a basic level of English and will attend school locally. Families will receive a fee for each student placement.

If you are interested, please phone 08004440079 or visit the website www.studentexchange.org.nz

POET 3 LEG CHALLENGE

On Sunday 11 May, **Callum** represented The Perry Outdoor Education Trust and Melville High School in an event called The 3 Leg Challenge. The event was held at the new Avantidrome in Cambridge.

The Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET) supports Melville High School with Outdoor Education, specifically Year 9, 10 and 13 Camps. They help facilitate with planning, organisation, resources and a substantial amount of money to support us.



**Daniel Franks, Callum and Mike Brown
at the Cambridge Avantidrome**

Year 13 student, Callum participated in Rowing, BMX and Track cycling. He was teamed up with Daniel Franks who is a New Zealand BMXer and Mike Brown, a board member for POET.

One highlight for Callum was talking and participating with New Zealand representatives in each of the challenges. He also enjoyed being trained on how to ride a track bike and getting his licence to go 'above the red line' on the track. Callum's team was victorious and came first in all three challenges.

Callum would like to thank Karen Singers, POET Co-ordinator for organising the event which he hopes will become an annual one.

T Bayly, POET Co-ordinator

COMMERCIAL FISHING VISIT

On Friday 16 May, Brian and Colleen Kiddie (commercial fishers from Tauranga) visited our school to participate in a cross-curricular learning experience.

They came to talk to my Social Science classes about the Quota Management System and their role as commercial fishers.



A big focus for us in Social Science is the sustainability of marine resources and having industry experts discuss these concepts with the students is extremely valuable for them.

Brian and Colleen brought with them some of their fresh produce, a multitude of species.



Brian and Colleen were also kind enough to work in the food technology department showing students how to fillet a fish. They supplied the students with 12 large Trevally.



I would like to thank **Seafood New Zealand**, Brian and Colleen and our fantastic students for making this unique experience of bringing industry and education together an extremely enjoyable and valuable day.

J Warren, Social Science teacher

2014 TERM 2 CALENDAR

MAY

Week 4

Wed 28 Board Meeting, 6pm

JUNE

Week 5

Mon 2 **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY**

Week 6

Mon 9 **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Week 8

Mon 23 Reports posted
Newsletter posted
Wed 25 Board Meeting, 6pm

JUNE/JULY

Week 9

Wed 2 **PARENT REPORT EVENING**
3.30pm-7.00pm
Fri 4 Last day of Term 2

2014 TERM 3

JULY

Week 1

Mon 21 First day Term 3
Wed 23 Team Photos

JULY/AUGUST

Week 2

Wed 30 Board Meeting, 6pm
Wed 30-Fri 1 Business Challenge

Week 3

Thurs 7 **OPEN DAY & EVENING**

Week 4

Fri 15 Newsletter posted

Week 6

Mon 25-Fri 29 **SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK**

SEPTEMBER

Week 7

Mon 1-Fri 5 **TOURNAMENT WEEK**
Fri 5 Senior Reports posted

Week 9

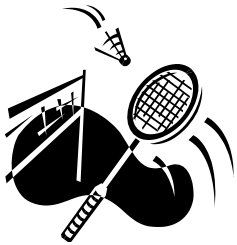
Wed 17 NCEA Senior Report Evening, 5.30pm-7.30pm
Fri 19 NCEA Reports posted
Newsletter posted

Week 10

Fri 26 Last day of Term 3

2014 TERM DATES

Term 2 5 May - 4 July
Term 3 21 July - 26 September
Term 4 13 October - 5 December



Sports @MLV



SOUTH CANBERRA AUSTRALIA NETBALL DAY

On Wednesday 16 April, Melville High School Netball had the honour of hosting the Under 17 and Under 15 South Canberra Australian Netball Teams. We showed Australia how the good ole kiwis get together and bond with a few team building games. We played some hard netball and learnt the different skills that are taught to the girls from Australia. Once the teams had played each other, Whaea Valetta mixed all the teams and we played some fun netball.

We ended our day with a small prizegiving and presented our guests with some beautiful certificates, Harakeke Putiputi (Flax flowers) and Melville High School gifts. It was an awesome day and we would like to thank Mr McNulty for allowing this event to happen, Claire Lincoln for the awesome certificates she made, Lesley Beech for her beautiful putiputi, Anne Wallace for helping with the organising of the food and Pauline Pakinga for her great support. Many thanks to the families who came to watch and support the girls and to Melville High School for their awesome hospitality and support.

Last but not least, on behalf of all the netball girls we would like to thank Whaea Valetta for organising such an exciting event for netball.

Hopefully we will be able to attend a similar event in South Canberra, Australia.

Astina Year 13 student

NETBALL

Netball season will run from 10 May through to the 13 September. All teams have done really well but we are having some issues with players not turning up to practice. We ask that all players notify their coaches if they cannot make training.

No practice, No notification, No play.

There are a change of coaches with some teams:

Tuakana Senior A	Valetta Wiperi
Teina Year 9	Liz Willis
Whero Senior B	Valetta Wiperi
Starz Year 10	Valetta Wiperi
	Pauline Pakinga

Please contact me if you are not able to make practices: 02102297012.

Good luck to all teams.

Valetta Wiperi, Netball Co-ordinator



GATEWAY



Is for students studying Gateway as a subject. They are required to do a work placement gaining work experience in a career area of their interest. See Mrs Pearce in J6 for all your Gateway enquiries.

If any employer wishes to host a student in their work place please contact Mrs Pearce on 027 452 1026

NCEA CREDITS PEOPLE REGRET NOT DOING THE MOST

1. NCEA Level 1 Mathematics, English, Literacy and Numeracy Credits

- Want to be a soldier but no Level 1? Forget it. The army is choosy about who they give guns to, and rightly so.
- Most trades. You need a certificate to work in most trades now, so you need to be able to read and write.
- Most jobs. Employers do ask.
- This is usually needed to get into a fees free course or fees free youth guarantee trade course.

2. NCEA Level 2 Maths, English, Literacy and Numeracy Credits

- Want to get in the Air Force, Navy or specialised roles in the Army? You need this.
- You will find the Police entrance exam too hard without this.
- Most polytechnic or technical institute courses, such as early childhood teaching, ask for this.
- Employers like to see you have this.

3. NCEA Level 2 Biology

- You need this to get into Nursing, Midwifery or health related courses.

4. NCEA Level 2 Physics

- You will find the first year of pre-medicine study difficult if you don't have this.
- Engineering and Vet studies may require this.

5. NCEA Level 2, 3 Sciences

- Without this you won't be able to get into medical school.

6. NCEA Level 3

- You cannot enter university courses without NCEA Level 3.

PUNCTUALITY

This year we have a focus on students being punctual to Period 1 class. A survey in Week 6 of Term 1 showed that on most days 90% of our students are punctual to Period 1. These students and their families are to be commended for being organised with morning routines and transport in order to be in class by 8.40am. This figure includes some big, busy families who live some distance from school.

With our efforts to provide a better education for your children, we are aiming to improve in the Term 2, Week 6 punctuality survey. Subject teachers, Tutor teachers, Deans and Senior Leadership are all following up with late students.

We are arranging a prize for the Tutor group with the best punctuality and Tutors are teaching students about punctuality. You may receive letters and phone calls about punctuality.

Remember when dropping off your children to have them at the bus bay by 8.30am which allows them to be in their classrooms for an 8.40am start.

By implementing a range of strategies, and with your support, we should be able to consistently achieve 98% punctuality to period 1.

J Ledson, Acting Deputy Principal

THINKING ABOUT FURTHER STUDY

Students interested in further study after they leave school have many choices to make. *Sussed* online is a great way to get thinking about what it will cost to live and study. Will it be broadband or baked beans? Part-time job or parents helping? Hear from students about their experiences and the choices that need to be made.

You'll also find out more about StudyLink and what they do along the way. We encourage students and parents to check it out at www.studylink.govt.nz.

HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OF MUSIC

Classes for Term 2 2014 of the Hamilton Community Centre of Music school are available on Saturday mornings. Located at Gate 4, Hillcrest Road on the University of Waikato campus, the school offers affordable group tuition in a wide range of musical instruments.

Most classes are 30 minutes in length; class times are between 8.00 am and 12.30 pm during school terms.

For more information contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or 07 838 4611.

PASIFIKA PERFORMANCE

The Melville High School Polynesian group recently gave an evening performance in the school hall prior to their participation in the Pasifika for Nature competition on Saturday 17 May. This was an evening of beautiful music, singing and dancing enjoyed by a very appreciative audience.



SOUTH CANBERRA NETBALL VISIT

On Wednesday 16 April, Netball was the international language.

We spent the day at Melville High School and were so warmly welcomed, it was hard to say goodbye at the end of the day.

Melville High has a proud Māori heritage and was the first school in New Zealand to have its own Marae (meeting house). We experienced a Powhiri (a Maori welcome). We were sung into the Marae with the whero (challenge), entering after removing our shoes and in order of importance (males, officials, players).

Ron, our bus driver, was our elder for the day. He spoke on our behalf thanking the community for allowing us to visit their land.

The SCNA Netball choir replied with a moving version of 'We are Australian' which we had been practising on the bus for the last six days! The ceremony concluded with the Hongi (the ceremonial touching of noses).

Our girls were then buddied up with a Melville girl and shown around the school. We played some cool warm up games, then it was time for the netball to begin. Both our teams had great games with the U15's taking the win this time.

The teams were then mixed so that each team was a Melville/SCNA blend. The girls had so much fun playing with and against each other. It was great to see all the players enjoying themselves so much.

The short time we spent together didn't stop friendships from being formed with lots of information being shared.

South Canberra Netball Girls

