



Melville High News

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Tena koutou katoa
Greetings to you all



The third term has got underway to a good start. As a school we are implementing a strong focus on support for our senior students undertaking NCEA and for assisting students and their families to make good curriculum choices for 2015. With only 13 school weeks left for our senior (Years 11, 12 and 13) students there is an accelerated focus on clarifying their goals for achievement.

I am excited to be back after my sabbatical and greatly appreciated the opportunity to have some refreshment leave and the time to reflect on some of the challenges and

opportunities facing schools in New Zealand. I would like to acknowledge the great work that the Senior Leadership Team undertook in my absence. Special thanks go to Mr. McNulty who acted as Principal, to Mr. Ledson who acted as Deputy Principal, to Mr. Silver who acted as Assistant Principal and to Miss Rachel Kiddie who led the Visual Arts area.

Our teachers have again impressed me by their commitment to assist students to achieve. They make themselves available for extra tutorials, additional assistance and have provided further assessment opportunities at lunch times, after school and in the term breaks. They are always prepared to help the young people who are prepared to help themselves. While the school provides a range of additional opportunities, the after school homework centre and regular updates of information to parents, working in partnership with families and whanau is the most effective way to nurture achievement.

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 11 AUGUST

Melville High School will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Monday 11 August. **There will be NO school for students on this day.** The focus for the day will include building on all teachers cross curricula literacy skills; introducing the use of the google suite of learning management tools, and reviewing the latest national data regarding student achievement.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS EVENING

Tuesday 9th September 2014 in the School Hall

Seniors: 12.30 – 1.30 p.m.

Years 10, 11: 2.15 – 3.15 p.m.

All Students and Parents – 3.15 – 4.00 p.m.

Bring your parents along to discuss your career ideas. Universities, Polytechs, Armed Forces, Trades, Banks, Mechanics and many more will be attending.

MĀORI WHANAU HUI

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

MANAAKITANGA MARAE, 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees is hosting a Māori parent meeting to share information about Māori student achievement and to seek feedback on a number of matters.

Please see Page 4 of this Newsletter for more information.

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *Continued*

While we are very much targeting learning and assessment at present we are also preparing for a visit from the Education Review Office as part of the normal three year cycle. ERO will provide an external perspective on our school's teaching and students' learning and complements our school's self-review. The visit gets underway on the 8th of September. The school welcomes this review and knows that the professional conversations with the review team will assist us as we strive to improve the opportunities and achievement of our students.

Finally many thanks are extended to family and whanau who attended the report and the curriculum choices evenings. Undertaking such opportunities helps to empower you to more effectively support your children in their learning journey.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill
Principal

NZQA MATTERS

Families will soon be receiving accounts to pay the NZQA fees. The amount is \$76.60 (incl GST). This is the full amount levied by NZQA on all senior students in New Zealand secondary schools and is charged by NZQA for the administration of all qualifications. Students must pay this fee by **26 August**. This fee is payable regardless of whether students are sitting external examinations or not. Payment of the fee allows students to access their results. After 26 August students must pay it direct to NZQA themselves. This can be done by cheque or by using their NZQA log-in and a debit or credit card. Fees unpaid as at 1 December will incur a \$50 late fee. Financial Assistance with NZQA fees is available to those who meet the criteria.

Teachers are currently identifying students who are not ready to complete external assessment. Parents and caregivers will be notified of the teacher's concerns in writing and they are invited to make appointments to discuss the situation. Students who are not making adequate progress may be withdrawn from both internal and external standards. Appointments can be made with the year level dean to discuss any concerns.

Student's results from assessments are submitted to NZQA on the 1st of the month and are available 2-3 days later through the learner log in.

PREPARING FOR 2015

Our preparations for 2015 are well underway. We have held very successful visits to schools and our Open Day and Orientation Evening for new students and their families is being held on Thursday 7th of August.

Ten Year 9 student Ambassadors 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 9s talking about their experiences and answering the questions of Year 8 students and their parents.

This year Ambassadors were excellent representatives of Melville High School. I was impressed with their confidence, their openness and their ability to share their personal stories. At the conclusion of these visits, we presented the schools with a picture book in appreciation of being able to speak with their students.



2014 School Ambassadors
Swasti, Sophia, Paige, Mary-Anne, Eden, Elijah, Sean, Shontayne, James, Dylan



FREE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELLING

CareNZ provide a free and confidential alcohol and other drug counselling service for students at Melville High who may be concerned about their own use of alcohol or other drugs. Students may self-refer, be referred by concerned family members, teachers, deans, the school guidance counsellor, or the Board of Trustees. Appointments can be made through the school guidance counsellor. Further information about the CareNZ service can be obtained by phoning 0800 499 469 or www.carenz.co.nz

INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE – NEW IT RESOURCES

The school is continuing to benefit from the Board of Trustees sustained investment in Information Technology to ensure that Melville High School students have the most up to date learning environment possible. The latest addition in this area has been the installation of superior wireless platform across all sectors of the school. The \$75,000 project will allow ease of access for students and staff to the local area network and the 'cloud'. This installation comes on top of the purchase of an IBM server (\$45,000) and two sets of Computers on Wheels (COWS), banks of laptops which can be wheeled around classrooms (worth \$37,000).



KAPA HAKA WITHDRAWAL

It was with a very heavy heart that we withdrew our students from the Kapa Haka Nationals in Gisborne. Te Mangaharakeke o Rapa was a combined Melville High School Fairfield College team that won a place in the biennial Māori Secondary School's Kapa Haka Nationals. I returned to school to attend a hui in Manaakitanga where over 26 whanau and staff representing the full roopu agonised over this decision. The challenge was the lack of sufficient numbers to be able to compete. The decision was made knowing that many students had worked exceptionally hard and had reached the required standard.

With numbers fluctuating around 20, and participation requiring a minimum of 24 it was a difficult decision. The challenge of combining two schools, the lack of experience of the demands and effort which is required to be successful, and other issues like the measles outbreak, all combined to make the task too difficult.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SUCCESS

The teaching staff and in particular the Leaders of Curriculum are continuing to undertake work with a group of eight advisers from Team Solutions (Auckland University). This has been the first significant school wide curriculum focused professional learning provided by the Ministry for our school in a decade. The individual advisers/subject experts have been working and supporting individual Leaders of Curriculum and their teams. I am very impressed by the total commitment of our middle leaders and their teams to this programme.

Elements of the programme include ensuring staff are aware of latest best classroom practice and about helping staff to identify students who are at risk of failing, across all the levels, and developing/adapting curriculum delivery to enhance such students to achieve. The Team Solutions leadership and the commitment from the school of additional time has seen very positive changes.

This programme also has synergy with our school annual plan goals and with our revised Appraisal programme. The resourcing for this programme comes from the Ministry. We have been applying for such assistance for each of the last seven years.

MAT125 EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT REMINDER

Level 1 students doing MAT125 have the 1.2 Algebra External assessment on 16th September 2014 from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. No calculators are allowed in this assessment.

Melville High School is finally in a position to invest in Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) access. We had the on-site school infrastructure (SNUP) installed in 2011 and this ensured we had the internal cabling, switches etc. to utilize UFB. However we have had to wait until ultra-fast fibre loop made it to Collins Road. We were finally connected to the fibre network late in July (2014).



Senior Curriculum 2015



Melville High School

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RECORD TURN OUT

On Thursday 31st August over 80 parents and students attended the Curriculum Choices evening for senior students in the Glenice Gallagher Library. The presentation by Deputy Principal Dave McNulty provided a framework for parents to begin understanding the complexities of NCEA and to help their children make appropriate subject choices for 2015 and beyond.

Parents then had an opportunity to speak with each of the seven curriculum leaders to answer their questions and queries. This was a record turnout and all involved found it an invaluable evening.

SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK : 25 – 29 August 2014

Assessment week for the senior students will be in Week 6 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 p.m. Students and caregivers will need to make arrangements for transport. The school does have some study rooms available but students will need to clarify their availability with their subject teachers.

Students should note the following:

- Wear correct school uniform in examinations.
- 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.
- 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 assessments. The results of these assessments will be used to support Derived Grade applications for students who are unable to sit examinations in November.

Alison Tuck, Assistant Principal

ART STUDENTS AND PARENTS

NCEA Folio Boards for Levels 1, 2 & 3 students are under way.

The Art room is open at lunchtime, interval and after-school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 5pm for extra tutorial time with Miss Kiddie.

NEW SCIENCE LABS THE ENVY OF OTHERS

The newly refurbished science laboratories in C Block have been acknowledged by science teachers from other schools as they look for examples of modern learning environments. Melville High School Science teacher Dean Suter has been asked to forward the floor plans and photos to staff from two large secondary schools in Auckland who value their flexible and innovative design. This is appropriate recognition for the time, effort and research put into the project.



Indeed Science Advisor Simon Taylor from Team Solutions expressed his joy at the design of the labs when he first visited us in April. He was very aware of a number of new and refurbishments in schools and noted that we had designed a modern learning flexible science environment suitable for delivering a 21st Century science curriculum. He noted with disappointment that the overwhelming majority of new and refurbished science classrooms he had seen were of the traditional science laboratory design.



Congratulations go to Leader of Science Mrs. Sangita Achary and her team for their planning and research undertaken prior to the plans being drawn up.

SCHOOL BALL

This year, our school ball will be held on Saturday 9th August and it will be held in our school hall. The theme is 'Some Enchanted Evening' and the doors will open at 7.00 p.m. All students are expected to be inside the venue by 7.30 p.m. If students are not at the venue by this time missing students' parents will be contacted. All bags/coats, etc. will be collected and held in a service room. The cost of the Ball this year is \$55 which includes supper.

Normal school rules etc. apply, i.e. no smoking and if students are suspected of using or possessing drugs or alcohol they will be tested and escorted from the premises and face serious discipline action from the school.

The Ball will conclude at 11.30 p.m. Students will only be released into the care of their parent/caregiver. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the students once they leave the Ball premises; and once the Ball has concluded.

Students are reminded that to be eligible to attend the ball they have to have a minimum 85% attendance rate, paid outstanding subject and co-curricular fees (sports, cultural) and returned overdue library books. Many thanks are extended to parents for your support of these expectations

The conditions for our ball include the following:

- All students must have a signed permission slip to attend the ball.
- All tickets must be paid for prior to the ball.
- The Ball is for Melville High School students and their approved partners only.
- Staff and partners will be in attendance

Traditionally, the ball has been a tremendous event of a high standard. We are seeking your help to ensure it is a positive time for our senior students

Clive Hamill, Principal



Senior students practising ballroom dancing under the expert tutelage of Arnie Paurini and Grace Whaanga.



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 the Homework Centre next door to Café Makona in D Block. 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. 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

MĀORI WHANAU HUI WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST TE MANAAKITANGA MARAE 6.00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees is hosting a Māori parent meeting to share information about Māori student achievement and to seek feedback. The agenda includes:

- 1 Items from Mangakōtukutuku Kapa Haka group.
- 2 A presentation on Māori student achievement at Melville High School.
- 3 Outline of BoT's strategies to continue to improve Māori student achievement [Te Kotahitanga – Building on Success].
- 4 General Questions
- 5 Supper

**Liz Willis, Aaron Whaanga
MHS Board of Trustees**

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

We are very proud of the successes of our drama students this year. This term, senior drama students were assessed on different theatre styles; Comedy of Manners, The Importance of Being Earnest, Year 13 and Greek Theatre, Medea, Year 12. Students rehearsed and performed these difficult texts successfully for which they all received achieved to excellence grades.



Medea Performance

Year 11 drama have also had two very successful drama performances, in particular the devised performance set in a creepy house, where the audience moved to different scenes as part of the show.

We are very fortunate to have Donna Wilson helping us with costume, lighting and set. We would like to thank all parents/carergivers, whanau, staff and students who attended the events.



On Tuesday the 19th and Thursday the 21st of August the Year 11 Drama class is doing scenes from New Zealand play 'Niu Sila' by Oscar Keitley and Dave Armstrong. This play is about the friendship between a young Pacific Islander called Loane and a palagi, Peter.

The show starts at 7.00 p.m. and is split into four parts.

There will be a gold coin entry to see this awesome play.

Please come and support the students.

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Approximately 40 Melville High School students and 20 Fraser High School students participated in the BP Business Challenge held from Wednesday 30 July to Friday 1 August. The students were organized into seven groups and each group were required to come up with a product that the group could develop a business plan for, and present their product and business plan to judges who came on the Friday (the final day of the Business Challenge).



The presenters were really impressed with the students' efforts and participation and at the end of the three days commented that Melville High School/Fraser High School Business Challenge was one of their favourites to work at and participate in.

Students were presented with certificates and the groups were recognized for various aspects of their challenge.



Congratulations to the winning group, called CSI, who came up with hair styling brush that could colour hair as their product.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

4 – 8 August



On Monday, the Tutor classes had displays to be judged – 11RS with Greece won! There was also an International catwalk where we had two categories 'Best dressed Tutor Group' and 'Best dressed individual' - 11RS representing Greece won the Best Dressed Tutor Group and Jason from 9WA won "Best dressed individual" in his very imaginative block of cactus. Meche from 10SA, representing Nigeria, came a close second, and Summer from 9MA placed third representing Germany.

This first day was a success and hopefully the rest of the week is as successful. On Tuesday and Wednesday we had International Sports and Games. This featured such sports as Sepak Takraw, Batu Bola, Badminton. The Gym contained around 50 people participating in Badminton and Sepak Takraw (Kick Volleyball).

On Thursday we had a Food Festival with International food being sold, and performances were held. Friday was Quiz Day in the Rec Centre.

I would like to thank Allory and Noellette along with the rest of the Year 13 students who helped to make International Week happen.

Lyza

International Week Co-ordinator



Keisha and Soknyran working at Fieldays

PATHWAYS @ MHS

It's getting towards Subject selection time for our Years 10, 11 and 12 students.

Tutor teachers will be doing some work with their classes to help students to make choices which will give them good options for the future.

There is helpful information and interactive tools on the Careers New Zealand website: www.careers.govt.nz

How can you support your student to think about their future?

Extended family/whanau:

Older brothers or sisters can be a strong influence.

Family work traditions and desires for the future, such as:

- I want them to have a better life than us.
- I don't want them to forget where they come from.

Influence a young person's career decisions.

- Negative beliefs such as: 'He'll never amount to anything'; can negatively impact on a young person's decisions.

Friends:

- Encourage your student to think about when school is over - will it matter what their friends think?
- Many young people stick to careers that are safe and known. Give them examples of outsiders who have done well for themselves.
- Boyfriends and girlfriends can be an important influence on where a young person chooses to study, or whether they move to a certain town or city.

Culture

- Where we live and the values that are held within our own culture, and society influence a young person's career path.
- Financial priorities such as sending money back home to family, or saving for your retirement, or taking an overseas experience are culturally specific.
- Government policy and economics, both local and Global, can also impact on a young person's career decision.

Media and information

- The media provides some information about careers, but it is not always accurate. For example, catwalk models, sportspeople and musicians are often covered. But what about jobs that don't get media attention? Has your child considered those as well?
- Use websites or your local library to find accurate information.

Parents

- Parents are the most important influences on a young person's career decision.
- What parents do for a living; where they live; their education, knowledge and skills; what they earn; and how they spend their time and money have a huge influence on their child's career decisions.

Contact the Careers Adviser, Ruth Searancke at school if you would like to discuss your student's plans for the future.

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).

GLENVIEW MUSIC/ SINGING LESSONS

Tutor: Kirsty Procter (Bachelor of Contemporary Music-Vocal)

Experience: Vocal tutor for three years and tutoring at Fraser High School.

Private lesson price: \$25 for ½ hour, or \$40 for an hour

Shared lessons between two people are \$17.50 per person for 45 minutes.

Phone 027 686 8210 or 07 974 4633
or email: 3fifty4.company@gmail.com

**KickStart Breakfast Club is coming to Melville High School!**

KickStart Breakfast is supported by the New Zealand Government, Sanitarium provides the Weet-Bix, Fonterra provides the Anchor milk, and the school delivers the programme.

Breakfast helps students achieve their best by getting a kickstart to their day. Fuelled by milk and grains, KickStart kids experience the power of a nutritious breakfast to provide both strength and energy for maximum learning at school.

Breakfast – Weet-Bix and Milk – will be provided free at Melville High School on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

WHERE: Café Makona**WHEN:** 8.00 – 8.25 am, Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Lesley Beech

KickStart Breakfast Co-ordinator.

**Melville High School
 Careers Expo
 Tuesday 9th September 2014**

**In our school
 hall**

**Seniors: 12.30 – 1.30
 Yrs 10, 11 – 2.15 – 3.15
 All Students and Parents
 – 3.15 – 4.00**

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**Bring your parents
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NORTH ISLAND CLAY TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP



**Joshua placed 2nd at
North Island Clay
Target
Championship**

On Friday 4th of July the Hamilton Boys High shoot was held at Waikato Clay Target Club. This event attracted 155 school kids from all over the North Island. This shoot is held over 3 events, single rise, point score and single barrel, with a total 90 points up for stake over all three events.

When the final results were in, **Joshua** was tied with 3 others for first on 87, one from Dargaville High School and one from Palmerston North Boys High.

After a few shoot off targets, Josh came out with a creditable 2nd place.

The North Island Secondary Schools Shoot was held on Saturday 5th of July, again at the Waikato grounds. The weather gods didn't shine on this day, with wind and rain. There were four events for the day: single rise, point score, single barrel and skeet. In the first three events, Josh struggled with weather conditions and was unable to make a final. When the Skeet event came around, he stepped up to shoot 23 out of 25 and this score resulted in a shoot off with two other shooters for first, one from Hamilton's St Johns College and one from Dargaville High School. Josh was first shooter and cleared his first 8 targets, dropping the Dargaville lad on his 8th target, 2 more clear targets by Josh dropped St Johns boy. The final result meant Josh finished first in North Island Skeet.

Owen Pratt

KARATE



**Paiaika attended the
Karate Nationals in
Wellington**

Congratulations go to **Paiaika** who attended the New Zealand Nationals in Wellington before the school holidays.

Paiaika who attends the RHINO club in Fairfield got selected to go to the nationals competing in Division 60-70kg but lost in the first round to a 3 time national champion.

Currently, Paiaika is training for Northern Zones, so all the best and keep it up.

2014 TERM 3 CALENDAR

AUGUST

Week 3

Thurs 7 **OPEN DAY & EVENING**
Fri 8 Newsletter posted
Sat 9 **School Ball**

Week 4

Mon 11 **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Week 5

Tues 19 Yr11 Drama 'Niu Sila' 7pm
Thur 21 Yr11 Drama 'Niu Sila' 7pm
Wed 20 Māori Whanau Hui 6pm

Week 6

Mon 25 Board Meeting, 6pm
Mon 25-Fri 29 **SNR ASSESSMT WK**

SEPTEMBER

Week 7

Mon 1-Fri 5 **TOURNAMENT WEEK**
Tues 2 – Fri 5
Y13 Drama 'Bouncers' 7pm
Fri 5 Senior Reports posted

Weeks 8 & 9

ERO Visit

Tues 9 Sept Careers Expo
Thurs 11 – Fri 12 Sept Y12 Drama
'The Cagebirds' 7pm

Week 9

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

Week 10

Wed 24 Board Meeting, 6pm
Wed 24 NCEA Snr Report Evening
Fri 26 Last day of Term 3

2014 TERM DATES

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



Sports @MLV



RUGBY

The two rugby teams at Melville High School are progressing well towards the end of the season with both teams looking for semi-final berths within the next two weeks.

Under 14s

They have played well this season and had a good win over Forest View by 70-7. They are currently 2nd on the table with losses only to Boys High and St Johns. The following players have been nominated for Waikato U14s:

Shannon, Ford, Pita and Justice who attends Tai Wananga but plays for Melville; also **Joey** has been nominated for Waikato Under 15s.

A lot of the credit goes to Coach Matt Tauroa who has persevered with these boys through the season.

Under 16s

This weekend the Under 16 Rugby team plays their semi-final at home against St Pauls. Last weekend they beat HBHS 63-0 to get a home semi. Please support our rugby teams this weekend. Our Under 14 Rugby team who are also progressing well need to win this weekend to get a home semi-final next week. In the holidays **Henco** and **Manasseh** were selected for the Harlequins Under 17 camp at St Pauls for three days which was thoroughly enjoyable. Presently **Mikaera, Scott** and **Elijah** (Tai Wananga) are currently in Waikato U16 training squads.

Our coaches Paul Harmer and Sam Nonoa are doing a great job with our boys.

This year our Under 16s gained Sponsorship from Alignz Recruitment with a t-shirt and polo shirt, so thanks to Lesar Tyrell and Management.

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER - 1st XI

The 1st XI Boys are progressing well with their latest result, beating HBHS, the top team, by 1-0 at home with 5-6 games remaining. The 1st XI, under the guidance of Coach Gary Down, are in good hands and with the majority of the team returning next year our soccer at Melville High School looks in good hands, so keep it up.

2nd XI

They have come on well this year and have set a good team culture considering they have players from all years. They played St Johns recently and won 5-1 which was a great result, so keep turning up and enjoy playing soccer.

To the parents who turn up regularly to encourage, support, and help out where they can, Stu is extremely thankful.

JUNIOR BOY'S SOCCER

This is my second year as the Junior Boys soccer coach, and I have to say, it's been a very rewarding and challenging experience, so far. This year I wanted to start earlier, which saw 22 player's sign up, and once the initial trials were over, with some natural attrition, I had a solid base of 14 keen players. Six players return from last year's squad, so my prediction is that next year's team will be very successful.

We have mainly focused on strategy and building a good team atmosphere, and like last year, our team philosophy is the following: "Success is achieved by those who try and keep trying with a Positive Mental Attitude!!" *W. Clement Stone*. It's about never giving up, even if things aren't going well....as in life!!

To date we are in third position with five games remaining, and we are still in the knockout competition, down to the last eight teams, the quarter finals.

The standout players for me thus far have been **Jack our Most Improved Player & Goalkeeper, James Golden Ball (Best Player), Riley our Most Valuable Player (can't do without), and Trey Golden Boot**.

Best of luck for the rest of the year boys.....I believe in you all!!

Paul Chalmers, Junior Boys' Soccer Coach

NETBALL

We are now into the competition round for netball and all teams have done exceptionally well, in particular our Senior A team Tuakana who have made it into the Premiere senior grade and our Year 10 team Starz who have made it into the Premiere Reserve Junior Grade. Our Senior Development team are now in Pool 4 senior grade and our Junior 9 team are also in Pool 4 for the Junior grade. I would like to congratulate all teams for their hard work and effort.

What's Hot: Our new uniforms will be arriving soon.

What's Not: Girls are not turning up to practice. Please help by encouraging your child to attend their sport practices.

We are still requiring help with Coaching, Managing and desperately need Umpires. Please contact me on 07 8430930 or 02102297012 if you are able to help.

Valetta Wiperi – Netball Co-ordinator

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

The Year 13 Geography class is currently researching the interaction between cultural processes, natural environments and the features of these environments. In order to collect primary field data and gain firsthand knowledge of the environments, features and processes, we had to pack our bags and head south on our annual Year 13 Waitomo Caves Geography field trip.



The first day, students were guided through the world famous Glowworm and Ruakuri Caves as well as receiving a detailed lesson on the Waitomo region and the development of tourism, and the infrastructure which supports it. A huge thanks to Rich and the team at The Waitomo Education Center for such invaluable information.

We stayed at the HTG Lodge and had chicken burgers, wedges and chicken salad by the fire for dinner, in what turned out to be a very cold night, and an even colder next morning.

Day two started with a hearty bacon and egg breakfast before racing off to the highlight of the trip, Blackwater rafting: cruising around underground rivers in inner tubes and jumping off waterfalls.



After warming up and drying off it was short drive to the Otorohanga Kiwi House where we watched Kiwi being fed and learned about the impact of development and tourism on native bird species.

This was a fantastic trip with some real educational value and I want to thank all those who participated and helped make it such a success.

Jay Warren, Teacher in Charge

GLENVIEW SOCCER CLUB DONATED SOCCER BALLS



Mr. Hamill with Art Brown from Glenview Soccer

We are very grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from Glenview Soccer Club who have kindly donated 11 Soccer balls.



NATIONAL SCOUT SCARF DAY – FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 2014

When you saw your school teacher or mates last Friday 1 August, you may have been surprised to find that they were wearing a Scout scarf. It was the inaugural annual National SCOUT Scarf Day for SCOUTS New Zealand.

All past and present members were encouraged to wear their scarf for the day to school (or work) to promote Scouting and the adventure that girls and boys aged 6-26 can experience.

For more information, go to www.scouts.org.nz or call 0800 SCOUTS.

