



Melville High News

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FAREWELL ANDREW

Melville High School Board of Trustees was pleased to be part of a New Zealand Police initiative to introduce Campus Cops into secondary schools. We are bitterly disappointed to see the programme stopped and the police involved diverted to other roles. In particular we will miss our local 'Campus Cop', Constable Andrew Dempsey who has made a significant contribution to our community.

Melville High School was one of four secondary schools [Fraser, Hamilton Girls', Fairfield and Melville] which developed strong working relationships with Police through this programme. The goal of the programme was to strengthen student achievement through reducing youth offending and addressing the risk factors facing children and young people in our school and in our community. The Campus Constable programme had a significant impact in reducing juvenile crime and violence in our schools and in our community.

Constable Dempsey forged strong ties with many different groups within our school, our neighbouring schools and the wider community, including many who have never had the opportunity to see the Police in a positive light. He was approachable, friendly, and educated the student body on their rights and responsibilities. He became an integral part of our school community.

When the Campus Cop programme ended we were fortunate that our Melville Community Policing Team provided regular opportunities for our 'Campus Constable' to continue his proactive support to our school and our fellow contributing schools, up to three mornings a week and gradually reducing contact.

The axing of Campus Constables was particularly disappointing to the Board of Trustees which wholeheartedly got behind the programme after meeting with the Hamilton Area Commander Rob Lindsay in 2009. With the relocation of Police resources to other areas of the city, Andrew's position has been disestablished.



Constable Andrew Dempsey

I would like to thank Andrew on behalf of our students who have the utmost respect for him. I thank him for the extra time and energy he put into his role firstly as Campus Constable and later Community Constable. He brought an understanding and relationships that empowered students and staff while not compromising the rule of law.

Andrew, we thank you for your significant assistance and support and we wish you and your family well.

C Hamill, Principal



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SEASONS GREETINGS

As the year rapidly draws to a close and 2011 shuts up shop, it is appropriate that we reflect on the year. 2011 began well with a positive improvement in NCEA results and concluded with a successful ERO review. Looking forward to 2012 we will be implementing elements of the ERO feedback and other changes as a result of our own self review process. The changes will help ensure that we provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

I would like to take some time now to recognise the contributions of the great team at Melville High. I acknowledge the effort and support of the Senior Leadership Team, our Support Staff Team, our curriculum leaders and our teaching staff. I thank you all for the energy, support and time spent with our students to bring them success. We have all had to work determinedly hard in the face of additional challenges to improve curriculum delivery and raise student achievement. Together we are working in a challenging and dynamic environment, with less resourcing and greater centralisation.

It is this total effort and good organisation which is well supported by the Board of Trustees which has also worked hard in the support of school programmes and other issues throughout the school. To our Chairperson Bruce Tocker and to all board members, particularly the sub-committee convenors - thanks for all the effort.

To the broader community which has so willingly supported us, we acknowledge the special effort you give to nurturing a host of sports, cultural and academic activities at Melville. We thank you.

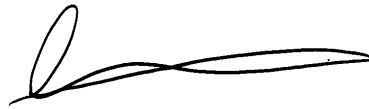
Special thanks go to those who have provided sponsorship, supplying goods or services, interest and time. This has all made a significant difference. In this regard I would like to acknowledge, The Gallagher Group, Glenice Gallagher, Paul Nathan Fencing, The Lion Foundation, Tommo's Bakery, DateMonthYear and Konica Minolta.

I would like to briefly mention the impending departure of Constable Andrew Dempsey. Andrew will be leaving our community at the end of this year, his position having been disestablished. I would like to thank Andrew for the extra time and energy he put into his role firstly as Campus Constable and later Community Constable. There is further comment elsewhere in this newsletter.

For those students who are leaving our school after a long association to pursue work opportunities, further study or schooling at other institutions, I wish you every success. Please keep in touch and feel proud of your achievements at our school. To those students who remain, I urge you to continue this good work and help raise the positive profile of our school in a host of different areas. I thank each of you for your effort, courtesy and hard work.

Finally, the festive season is an opportunity to have time with our families. It is a time to rest and to enjoy the break. It is also a time to reflect on the exciting opportunities of the year ahead. Please look after yourselves and our children and have a very **Merry Christmas**.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill
Principal

ENROLMENTS

Monday 23 January-Wednesday 25 January
Please contact the school office for an appointment time

SENIOR COURSE CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 24 January-Wednesday 25 January
9.00 am-Noon in the Deanery

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 27 January

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY

Years 9, 13 and all new students attend
Powhiri at 8.30 am

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Years 9 and 13 attend at 8.40 am
Year 9 BBQ 5.30 pm-7.00 pm

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Whole school attends at 8.40 am

UNIFORM AND STATIONERY SHOP HOURS

Monday 23-Friday 27 January: 9.00 am-3.00 pm

Thursday 26 January: 9.00 am-6.30 pm

Tuesday 31 January-Friday 3 February:
9.00 am-3.00 pm

From Tuesday 7 February the Uniform Shop will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11.00 am-11.30 am

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 Ron and Kathy Cronin-Lampe during tutor time each day or by phone (843 4529 ext 939/940).

Careers Adviser

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

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO GRADUATES

Congratulations are extended to these former Melville High School students who recently graduated with the following degrees:

Grant Haultain: Bachelor of Social Sciences

Leighton Archer: Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours

Gianninia Fabular: Bachelor of Science

Sung Jang: Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Management

Frank Meijer: Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours

Ahmed Osman: Bachelor of Social Sciences

BOARD WANTED

Caregiver or boarding placement wanted for senior student for 2012. Please contact Michelle Henare on ph 834 7228 for more information.

**STAFF FAREWELLS**

We bid farewell to several staff this year. I would like to thank them for their contributions and wish them well for the future:

- **Nancy Webb:** Nancy is retiring after being a member of the support staff for over 21 years. More recently Nancy has had a vital role in the implementation and delivery of the Learning Support programmes and in particular Successmaker.
- **Murray Gibbs:** Murray has taught in the Hard Material area specialising in the BCITO programme. While Murray is retiring, he will be returning in a part time capacity.
- **Stan Austin:** Stan has also been a member of the technology department teaching part time. We thank Stan for his many contributions, especially his creative curriculum delivery. We wish him well.
- **Ruth Hickman:** Ruth has been an Art teacher relieving for a member of staff who was on extended maternity leave. Good luck Ruth in your first permanent position.
- **Clare Ravenscroft** was a University of Waikato, School Support Services Te Kotahitanga adviser. With the demise of the Advisory Service, Clare's work at the school ceases. We will miss Clare's critical and affirming input to our Te Kotahitanga Facilitation team and our professional learning.
- **Sean Christian:** Sean has relieved in various capacities throughout the year. We are very appreciative of his contributions to the co-curricular aspects of the school.

DEANS FOR 2012 STRUCTURE

Melville High School has a team of staff which supports the Pastoral Care of our students. This team includes: SLT, Deans, Tutors, Guidance, Director of LID and School Chaplin. For 2012, we have refined the roles of the Deans in this structure. They will now have a greater role in supporting student achievement. Embedded in these developments are a new Dean and organisational changes.

The Deans for 2012 are as follows:

Year 9: Phillip Smiler**Senior Leader Support: John Ledson****Year 10: Paul Gay****Senior Leader Support: Alison Tuck****Year 11: Lester Silver****Senior Leader Support: Dave McNulty****Year 12: Arnie Paurini****Senior Leader Support: Dave McNulty****Year 13: Kathleen Christian****Senior Leader Support: Clive Hamill**

We are continuing with the focus on each year level which has brought some very positive changes.

MANGAKOTUKUTUKU AND TIHIPUKE

Kapa Haka Group 2011

2011 was a very busy time for our successful kapa haka group. Mangakotukutuku represented Melville High School at the Tainui Secondary School regional competitions and were placed 5th overall with Marama Marshall coming third in the female leadership.

Due to lack of student numbers, our group joined with Tihipuke, Hillcrest High school. The group competed at the Hauraki Cultural Festival held in Paeroa. The group was placed second overall with Marama Marshall coming first-equal in the female leadership. A week later the group rehearsed for the Tainui Secondary schools Super 12 competitions held at the Waikato museum. The group performed an exciting and innovative program which included poi, haka, action song, group song, drama, can dance, gumboot dance and hip hop. The audience enjoyed the group's performance and they were rewarded with a second place overall.

The group performed at the Hamilton City Council Citizenship night and the opening of the **Tiaho o Matariki** sculpture in Garden place. Yes, our students were in great demand and they performed like 'professionals'. Well done to the students.

The students in the kapa haka group organised an end-of-year trip and social function. The group spent a day at Raglan beach followed by a Christmas Ball in the school hall. The students dressed up in suits and ball gowns and they all looked fantastic. It was a great night of entertainment, Santa Claus and Rudolph giving presents, wonderful meal (five star hotel menu), disco dancing, laughter and fun. Well done to all the organisers.

Mangakotukutuku and Tihipuke have bonded well as a group and as a whānau. It is hoped that we can continue this relationship into 2012.

I would like to acknowledge Melville High School in paying and supporting our four tutors, Whaea Valetta, Kapene, Levi and Nadia, the Mangakotukutuku Management committee, Whaea Valetta and her whānau for their utmost support, Pirihiira Rollo (nan, our kuia of the group), Matua Julian Rolleston (HoD Māori at Hillcrest High School) and the many parents who supported and lent a helping hand in making our group successful.

I wish all students and parents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to working with the kapa haka group next year. I know it will be a successful group in promoting the talents of our students and the Māori world.

Whaea Te Mana Rollo, HoD Māori



Marama



Super 12 Group



Christmas Ball

EXPORT MEAT WAREHOUSE

"A Cut Above the Rest"

Grandview Shopping Centre, Nawton.
(07) 846 5564

On Tuesday 8 November, Export Meat Warehouse and Life Plus Community Trust ran a free BBQ for students and staff at Melville High School. This event proved very successful and was well received by students who quickly snaffled up 500 sausages in 15 minutes.

Students were also able to engage in other activities during this time.

Life Plus Community Trust would like to say a huge "thank you" to Export Meats for helping make this event possible. The general feedback was positive and "the sausages were really yummy!!" as one teacher put it.

The vehicle for running such an event at this time of the year was birthed by the Trustees of Life Plus Community Trust (LPCT). LPCT is a sister arm of Hamilton South Baptist Church. It is the Trust's desire to see young people in the community be able to experience programmes or initiatives where students would not otherwise be able to attend because of different circumstances. For example, earlier this year, LPCT sponsored a young person to the Outdoor Pursuit Centre on Great Barrier Island. Reports from Mr Edwards (HoD PE) and the student were positive, and the opportunity taken allowed the student to develop their leadership skills and to be able to overcome certain challenges that in a normal school environment would not have been met.

LPCT is looking forward to developing their relationship with the school with such programmes as this and it is our desire to support others in the community.

You can email LPCT on: lifepustrust@gmail.com for further information.



Nigel Rowling, School Chaplin

Merry.
Christmas

SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Christopher Goodwin, Year 13, who has been awarded a Computer Science Scholarship at the University of Waikato. When he takes up the award, he will have his first year fees paid for in all his subjects - worth about \$5000. To be successful, Chris had to sit a two hour theory exam and a six hour practical. He can be extremely proud of this achievement and the work he has put in over the last five years at Melville High School. Other Year 12 and 13 students wishing to enter next year or later should see the HoD Digital Technology for details.

G Young, HoD Digital Technology

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

TelstraClear intelligent rewards

- Helping our school is as simple as being or becoming a TelstraClear customer!
- All you have to do is nominate our school to receive **Intelligent Rewards Points!**
- Just fill out the online application for via the community access page at intelligentrewards.co.nz

Careers @ MHS

We have moved! Don't be put off if you can't find us next year - we have moved to bigger and brighter offices in J Block. If you would like any information to help you plan for your future please come and talk to us. We can help you to make plans and find you a Gateway placement or a STAR course.

R Searancke, Director of Careers



SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING 2011

YEAR 11: FIRSTS & CUPS

ACCOUNTING	Susan
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION:	Logan
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY	Arran
DRAMA	Cian
ENGLISH	Rachel
FABRIC	Morgan
FOOD TECHNOLOGY [Level 1 Chef of the Year]	Alayna
GEOGRAPHY [Austin Geography Cup]	Louise
GEOGRAPHY [Bob Linton Memorial Cup]	Morgan
GRAPHICS AND DESIGN	Jessie
HISTORY	Cian
HORTICULTURE [PTA Cup]	Robyn
HORTICULTURE [Watson Memorial Trophy]	Logan
INSTITUTE OF SPORT [MHS All Round Excellence Trophy]	Susan
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	Sokhuong
MAORI [MHS Trophy for Top Māori Orator]	Reisharn
MATHEMATICS [Mathematics Cup for Senior Mathematics]	Susan
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	James
MUSIC	Rachel
SCIENCE [Jane Barnett Trophy]	CJ s
SPORT SCIENCE [MHS Overall Excellence Trophy]	Kendall
VISUAL ART	Rachel
GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN YEAR 11	Rachel
TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT IN YEAR 11	Susan

YEAR 12: FIRSTS & CUPS

ACCOUNTING	Matthew
ART PAINTING	Ani
ART PHOTOGRAPHY	Julliet
BIOLOGY	Ariane
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION [White Cliffs Prize]	Mohinesh
BUSINESS COMPUTING [MHS Trophy]	Cameron
CHEMISTRY [Level 2]	Ryan
CHEMISTRY [Beale Cup – Level 3]	Karan
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY	Rhys
DRAMA	Terri-Anna
ENGLISH	Terri-Anna
ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [Senior ESL Cup]	Karan
EXCHANGE STUDENT OF THE YEAR	Georg
GATEWAY	Ezra
GRAPHICS & DESIGN	Rika
HISTORY	Ani
HOSPITALITY [Level 2 Chef of the Year]	Ariane
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT [Evelyn Cardownie Memorial Cup]	Janita
INSTITUTE OF SPORT [MHS All Round Excellence Trophy]	Kevin
MATHEMATICS [Form 6 Mathematics Trophy]	Ryan
MUSIC - Most Improved Senior Performer [MHS Trophy]	Kyla
MUSIC - Most Improved [Bridget Bennyworth Trophy]	Shay
MUSIC [Tanya Hampton Trophy]	Ani
PHYSICS	Matthew
SCIENCE [Taylor Trophy]	Ryan
SPORT SCIENCE [Waikato Polytechnic Cup]	Izael
TOURISM [Novotel Tainui Award]	Shay
VISUAL ARTS [Lynette Parlane Trophy]	Jessica
VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS	Benjamin
ALL ROUND EXCELLENCE IN YEAR 12	Terri-Anna
TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT IN YEAR 12	Ryan

YEAR 13: FIRSTS & CUPS**ACCOUNTING****ART PAINTING [Art Painting Cup]****ART PHOTOGRAPHY [Bob Bradley Photography Cup]****BIOLOGY [Jane Barnett Cup]****BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION****CAMPBELL CENTRE [Powell Cup]****DRAMA [McQueen Cup]****DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY [Computing Cup]****ENGLISH [Hartley Memorial Trophy]****GATEWAY [Gateway Award Trophy]****GEOGRAPHY [Waikato Geographical Society Cup]****GEOGRAPHY [Nelson Geography Cup]****HISTORY****HOSPITALITY [Catering Cup]****MĀORI [Te Rangatahi Cup]****MĀORI PERFORMING ARTS****MATHEMATICS WITH CALCULUS [PTA Mathematics Cup]****MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS [Mathematics Cup]****MUSIC [Campbell Mason Cup for Best Composition]****MUSIC [MHS Trophy for Excellence in Level 3 Music]****PHYSICS [Physics Cup]****SCIENCE [Senior Science Cup]****SPORT SCIENCE [Physical Education Cup]****VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS [Graeme Barrett Trophy]**

Shane
Sara-Jane
Jonny
Grady
Jordan
Seng Thai
Anna
Christopher
Tyrone
Trudes
Gina
Jan
Temuera
Kirsty-Jo
Shanice
Marama
Shaun
Gina
Tyler
Tyler
Christopher
Grady
Gina
Christopher

PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS**DEPUTY HEAD GIRL****DEPUTY HEAD BOY****CITIZENSHIP [Maria Copeland Memorial Trophy]****CITIZENSHIP [AF Campbell Citizenship Award]****STUDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE****MHS SCHOLARSHIP [Science]****MHS SCHOLARSHIP [Mathematics]****JULIE SMALL CUP [Student Support]****SUTHERLAND CUP [Sporting and Academic Excellence]****LYNCH AWARD [School Spirit]****TE MANAAKITANGA TROPHY [Maori Culture]****PROXIME ACCESSIT TO DUX****DUX**

Kiera
Andrew
Anna
Nishil
Peni-o-Te Rangi
Gina
Grady
Anna
Gina
Ihaka
Nakita

Grady
Gina



Trudes, Shaun, Jordan, Alex and Victoria rewarded for their final year at school



2011 Head Students: Kiera, Andrew, Anna and Nishil celebrate a year of leadership and academic success

SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING An evening of celebration



**Mr Bruce Tocker, Board of Trustees
Chairperson addresses the audience**



**Proxime Accessit to Dux, Grady
and Dux, Gina**



**Guests Mr Hargood, Mr Chesterman
and Mrs Gallagher with Mr Hamill**



**All Round Excellence in Year 12,
Terri-Anna and Top Academic Student in Year 12,
Ryan**



**Girls' Barbershop Quartet
singing the National Anthem**



**General Excellence in Year 11, Rachel
and Top Academic Student in Year 11,
Susan**



**Year 13 students celebrate their final year at
Melville High School**



**Lynch Award for School Spirit winner,
Ihaka**