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INTRODUCING OUR HEAD STUDENTS



L to R: Zion, Shariann, Harry and Alana

2010 Head Boy, **Harry** is a Year 13 student studying five Level 2/3 NCEA subjects: Biology, Drama, History, Mathematics with Statistics and Physical Education. Over the past four years he has supported and will continue to be involved in Stage Challenge, Hillary Challenge, raft race, Athletics and Swimming Sports, Cross Country and the Ball Committee. He is undecided about his plans for 2011.

Head Girl, **Shariann**, is studying six Level 2/3 NCEA subjects: Business Studies, English, History, Hospitality, Physical Education and Tourism. Being a very accomplished netball and touch player, she also participates in both athletics and swimming sports, Stage Challenge and the raft race. Shariann is planning to go to university next year to study Law.

Deputy Head Boy, **Zion** is also combining Level 2/3 NCEA subject this year: Business Studies, Drama, English, Hospitality, Music and Physical Education. This year Zion is the leader of the Kapa Haka, and will be involved in both athletics and swimming sports, raft race and Stage Challenge. Next year, Zion will either continue with tertiary education or find a job.

Alana, 2010 Deputy Head Girl, is studying five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics with Calculus and Mathematics with Statistics. Being a member of Best Buddies, Alana was delighted to represent Melville High in America at their annual Leadership Conference in Indiana. This year she will also co-ordinate Best Buddies here. In 2011, she plans to study speech and language therapy at Massey University.

Our four head students' role will encompass many initiatives throughout the year, both in school and representing their peers at outside activities. Some of their plans within the school will include peer mediating, after-school activities and study programmes, and increasing the recognition of achievement of our students. They are a committed team of students and we look forward to their success around the school this year.

Creating a Pathway to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

E ngā mātua, e ngā kai-atawhai, e ngā rangatahi, ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa. Ko te tūmanako kei te noho ora mai koutou.

Parents, caregivers and students, New Year's greetings to you all. We hope that you are all in good health.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to an exciting year at Melville High School. 2010 brings with it opportunities and challenges which will ensure that Melville High School provides positive pathways to success for all students. A very special greeting is extended to our new families including a significant number of Year 13 students from Church College of New Zealand.



The year began with a very successful powhiri for new staff and students, followed later that day by a very well attended new student barbecue. Many thanks go to our families for supporting these activities and a big thank you is extended to the senior students who so willingly helped out with the barbecue.

I have been impressed with the enthusiasm of our new students and their families for their willingness to make themselves known to me and my staff, and for their offers of support.

We also begin the year with six new teaching staff, all of whom join Melville High very aware of the school's vision and with a commitment to Te Kotahitanga and Restorative Practices.

For me, the good beginning continued when I attended the Year 13 Camp at Lake Karapiro last week. Many of the staff visited too. I was heartened by the tenor and tone of the whole group of senior students. I congratulate you all for your inclusive and positive attitude. This gives me great comfort for an exciting year ahead.

Academically I am able to report some positive improvements in achievement at NCEA Level 1, with significant improvement in Maori student achievement at Levels 1 and 2. A full report on all these results will be made when NZQA finalises the results later this term.

I would like take a moment to acknowledge three staff for their extra responsibilities. Firstly, congratulations are extended to our new HOD Mathematics, Mrs Daya Chandra. Also congratulations are extended to Mr Michael Edwards who is Acting HOD Physical Education and to Acting Director of The Learning Initiatives Department, Whaea Louanna Hori. Well done.

2010 will be a busy year and I encourage you all to make yourself known to staff and share with us your ideas, suggestions and concerns.

Kia Ora (Good health)

Clive Hamill, Principal

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomes new and returning students and families to Melville High School for 2010. The Board is committed to working with staff, parents and whānau to improve academic, cultural and sporting achievement for students. We encourage students, parents, families and whānau to be actively involved in the school and to strengthen relationships with staff and teachers. The Board appreciates feedback and suggestions from parents, families and whānau on how we can best meet the needs of the school.

2010 offers the opportunity for parents to be nominated and elected onto the Board and set the strategic direction for the school. In its governance role, the Board sets the charter and strategic direction for the school, works with the Principal to monitor student achievement, set and manage the budget, review policies and monitor compliance, and develop and implement a plan for property development. If you are interested in being on the Board of Trustees we encourage you to come along to the next Board meetings on Tuesday 23 February and/or Monday 22 March.

Chris Baker, Chairperson Board of Trustees

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL PTA

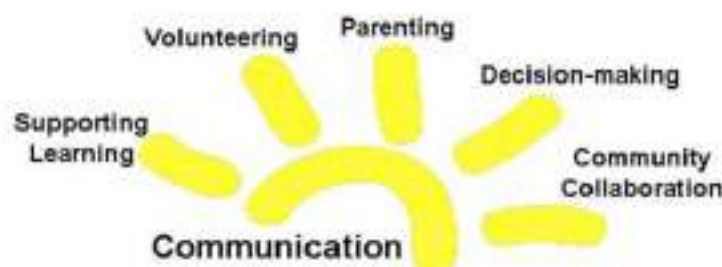
The Board of Trustees believes that it is an appropriate time to re-establish a Melville High School Parent Teacher Association. PTA's have been quietly helping school communities for over 100 years. They are associations of parents, families and the staff of the school designed to build closer relationships between school and home for the benefit students. To support this process, the BOT will be hosting a meeting to re-establish the PTA.

Special Meeting to re-establish MHS PTA
Wednesday 17 February, 7.00 pm
Konica Minolta Room (by Main Office)

If interested, curious or just want to help, come along to this special meeting.

Possible roles of the PPTA in schools:

- To encourage all aspects of parental involvement (shown below)
- To facilitate consultation on school policies
- To hold parent-based discussions on topics relevant to the school
- To carry out fundraising ventures
- To host social occasions
- To provide pastoral care to the school community
- To give parents/caregivers a voice within the school



Chris Baker, Chairperson Board of Trustees



Creating a Pathway to a Positive Future

The election of parent representatives to the Board of Trustees of Melville High School for a three-year term is to be held shortly. The Board of Trustees is made up of five parent representatives, a staff trustee, a student trustee, and the Principal, who is responsible for the control and management of your child's school.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TIMELINE FOR OUR ELECTIONS:

Parental electoral roll closes	Noon 24 February
Nominations Open	26 February Nomination forms posted to eligible voters and also available from the School Office
Supplementary parental roll closes	10 March at Noon [available for inspection at the School Office]
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	12 MARCH AT NOON
Voting papers posted	15 March
MEET THE CANDIDATES	17 MARCH, 7.00 P.M. AT MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Close of voting	26 March at Noon
Results declared	1 April 2010

ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

If you are a parent, guardian or immediate caregiver of a student under 20 years of age, who is enrolled full-time at the school you may register to vote for the Board of Trustees election. The school will use the information it has on its students' records to compile this roll in the first instance. Adult students [over 20 years of age] enrolled full-time at the school may vote in the parent election if they so desire. You may wish to check with the school office by 3 March to ensure we have your correct postal address on our database.

NOMINATIONS

- Anyone can be nominated and stand for election to Boards of Trustees, except those who fall within the categories listed on the back of the nomination form.
- Parents can nominate themselves or someone else.
- Non-parents wishing to stand for election must be nominated by a parent on the school electoral roll.
- The names of people who have been nominated can be inspected at our school office, or with our Returning Officer, up till the close of nominations.

VOTING PROCEDURES

All voting forms, with instructions for their return, will be distributed by mail on 15 March 2010 to people eligible to vote.

Any questions on the election process can be directed to our Returning Officer, Jocelyn Caughley by email: jcaughley@melville-high.school.nz or by phone 843 4529 ext. 803 during normal school hours or 029 843 9943 after hours.

All interested candidates are invited to our next BOT Meeting on 23 February
at 6.00 pm in the Konica Mindta Room by the main office.
Please let us know.

SHORTENED DAYS

The Board has approved staff undertaking regular professional development through shortened days to support the implementation of the revised curriculum. On **Wednesdays**, each period, interval and lunchtime will be shortened by five minutes with school finishing **at 2.30pm**. The Board will be approving the staff development programme outline at its meeting later this month. At a time when there are additional responsibilities being placed on schools and teachers, the Board believes that by supporting this initiative, we will be able to both recognise this effort and ensure that there is quality time available to begin to carry out the key aspects expected of the school. There will be some support and supervision available for students after 2.30 pm in the Glenice Gallagher Library.

REVISION OF TUTOR STRUCTURE - YEAR GROUP TUTORS

Melville High School has a team of staff that support the Pastoral Care of our students. This team includes: Senior Leadership Team, Deans, Guidance, Director of Learning Initiatives Department, School Chaplain and Campus Constable. We have begun the year with a new structure of horizontal Tutor Groups in an attempt to support our initiatives to improve student attendance and junior student behaviour. Embedded in this new structure are a series of organizational changes and key outcomes and targets to support its implementation.



Senior Leadership Team and Deans
L to R (front): Mr Schofield, Mrs Phillips,
Mrs Tuck and Mr Silver
L to R (back): Mr McNulty, Mr Paurini,
Mr Ledson and Mrs Christian

Students are grouped for Tutor Group (daily form period) in horizontal year groups. The keys goals for Tutor Group are **Achievement**, **Relationships** and **Communication**. To achieve at school, **A**ttendance and **A**pplication are essential. **ARC** will therefore become the catch cry of the Pastoral Care team and the Deans and our Tutor teachers in particular.

Melville High School is following the lead of a number of Hamilton secondary schools and that for all students' participation in extra curricular activities, the fun things like the raft race, stage challenge, the Ball, and cultural and sporting events is dependent on your attendance.

The new structure is as follows:

LEVEL	DEAN	SENIOR LEADER SUPPORT
Junior Dean	Lester Silver	John Ledson
Year 9 Dean	Tina Phillips	John Ledson
Year 10 Dean	Gary Schofield	Alison Tuck
Year 11 Dean	Amie Paurine	Dave McNulty
Year 12 & 13 Dean	Kathleen Christian	Dave McNulty

Parents are encouraged to make contact with their child's Tutor or their Dean if they have concerns or queries.

LATE ENROLMENTS

The beginning of the year is a busy time and we note that there have been delays in enrolling students. School has been open for enrolments since Monday 25th January. School officially got underway for students on Tuesday 2 February with over 100 students enrolling for 2010 in Term 4 last year. I thank those families for supporting us by undertaking these enrolments then.

The enrolment information was advertised in the Waikato Times and the free weekly, The Hamilton Press, on two separate occasions. The enrolment dates were also posted on the main office doors from Monday 14 December 2009.

To date we have had 110 interviews for enrolment since the last week in January this year. This has caused us a big challenge as a school organisation. An extra 20% increase in numbers has meant that some classes have become very large, courses that could have run were not planned for and will not now go ahead. Further late enrollees end up not getting their preferences. Conversely those who enrolled early generally gained their course choices.

As a result, there have been delays in late enrolments being processed. We have provided additional release time for our Deans and they will work through the late enrolments on a first come first serve basis.

Our roll has increased but a decision regarding employing additional part time staff will not be made until next week. The challenge we face at present therefore is created beyond the control of our school. I apologise to those parents and families who are penalised by this situation.

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.

Horse Riding at Phillips Equine

Limited spaces available now for riding lessons.

Private or small group lessons

Farm rides

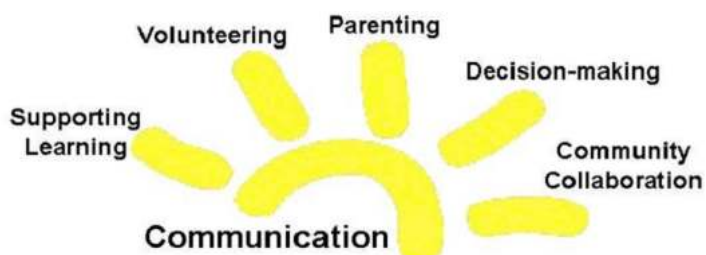
Beginners to advanced
Ride our ponies/horses or bring your own

123 Woodside Road,
Matangi, Hamilton

For bookings and enquires contact Lorraine on 8295675 or info@phillipsequine.co.nz
Check out our web site: www.phillipsequine.co.nz
Book for an Introductory Lesson now!

PARENT/TEACHER EVENING

Tuesday 24 March
Glenice Gallagher Library
4.00 pm-7.00 pm



**Absence Line - phone 843 5212
or text 027 287 2428**

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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-in late procedures
- Student sign out/in for appointments
- Lost property
- Absence letters
- Fees payments

Stationery/Uniform Shop

Opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11.00am-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.

International Students

HOD, Mrs Clapham, is available to advise all international students and homestay families regarding any issues on 843 4529 ext 930.

SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND VOYAGE

There is a Spirit of New Zealand voyage available for a female student. This is a great opportunity for a student to experience life on the ocean wave and meet a lot of interesting people. While the cost is quite high, the experience gained is well worth it. The actual date is yet to be confirmed. Please see Mr Young as soon as possible if interested.

YEAR 10 VISION TESTING

Vision Technicians will be visiting Melville High School on Tuesday 30 March as part of a national programme to screen all Year 10 students.

The object of this programme is to identify previously undetected vision defects. This will not be a complete vision examination but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained, parents or caregivers will be advised to seek further advice. There will be a letter going home regarding this programme closer to the time of examination. If you do not wish your child to take part in this vision check programme, or your child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, please return the tear-off slip on this letter.

LIBRARY BOOKS

There are still some overdue library books from 2009. Please return them to the library as soon as possible. Invoices will be sent home soon for outstanding books.

ENGLISH REVISION BOOKS

Students in English 122, 225 and 326 are encouraged to purchase revision books from the Student Services Centre. These books cost \$12.00 and are considerably cheaper than bookshops are selling them for. There is a limited number of copies available. These texts will support internal standards and aid preparation for external standards.

UNIFORM 2010

The school year has begun really well with all our students looking very smart in the new style uniform shirts. The girls can now purchase tailored shorts that look very nice and are more suitable for girls than the style we had previously.

Girls' black trousers are available at \$15.00 per pair – buy now at a bargain price. Stock is limited.

All students have been issued with a Homework Diary by their tutor teacher. This booklet has all the information that parents need regarding acceptable uniform items, particularly shoes and sandals. Parents are requested to look at the Uniform page and check the requirements to avoid purchasing items that may be inappropriate.

Melville High School is a uniform school and we ask that students come to school in complete uniform at all times. Students who have a problem meeting this requirement must go and see a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the beginning of the school day.



Students who continually come to school without the correct uniform may be temporarily withdrawn from class. In cases of persistent non-compliance, a student may be asked to go home until the situation is resolved. The school is keen to work with parents so that all students are wearing our uniform with pride.

Mrs Tuck, Assistant Principal

2010 TERM 1 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Week 3

Wed 17 School Swimming Sports

Week 4

Tues 23 Zone Athletics
Fri 26 Nominations open for Staff & Parent Trustee Elections

MARCH

Week 5

Tues 2 School Athletics Sports

Week 6

Tues 9 Class and ID photos
Fri 12 Nominations close for Staff & Parent Trustee Elections at 12 noon
Sat 13 Waikato/BOP Athletics

Week 7

Wed 17 "Meet the Candidates"
Evening
Fri 19 Interim Reports posted
Newsletter posted

Week 8

Tues 23 Parent Report Evening
Wed 24 Waikato Secondary School Swimming Sports
Thurs 25 Raft Race
Fri 26 Voting closes for Staff & Parent Trustee Elections

MARCH/APRIL

Week 9

Tues 30 Year 10 Vision Testing
Thurs 1 Results declared for Staff & Parent Trustee Elections
Last day of Term 1
Newsletter posted
Fri 3 **GOOD FRIDAY**

2010 TERM DATES

Term 1 2 February – 1 April
Term 2 19 April – 2 July
Term 3 19 July – 24 September
Term 4 11 October – 8 December

WELCOMING NEW STAFF



Ms Alicia Cooney joins the English Department. Previously Head of the Music Department at Waitara High School, she enjoys kayaking, cooking and music in her free time.



Ms Teresa Hill joins the Physical Education Department after returning from working in London over the past five years. She has also had teaching posts at Wellington High School.



Mr Babu Ittyerah joins the Science Department teaching Physics and Science. He comes to Melville High from Te Awamutu High School. He enjoys playing tennis and football.



Mr Kamal Nair joins the Science Department after teaching at Hamilton's Fraser High School. He plays and follows football and has an interest in the hospitality industry.



Mr Vinnie Ridgeway joins Melville High School as the RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour).



Mr Phillip Smiler joins the Mathematics and Social Sciences Departments teaching Accounting, Economics, Business Studies and Mathematics. Mr Smiler previously taught at Church College New Zealand.

FAREWELLING STAFF

Mr Paul Nixon leaves our Physical Education Department to take up a new position at Hamilton Boys' High School.

Ms Lizzy Glynn has taken up a new post at Hamilton Girls' High School as Acting HOD Maori.

Mrs Fiona Stapleton-Peake has taken up a new position with Group Special Education in Hamilton.

PATHWAYS @ MELVILLE 2009

Gateway, Careers, STAR

Welcome to 2010. The Pathways @ MHS staff are Mrs Ruth Searancke and Mrs Sam Cutler. We are available to talk to students in the Pathways @ Melville office during interval or for seniors during Study. We can also be contacted by phone 843 4529 ext 953.

Careers

This year, senior students will have a careers period on Wednesdays where they will achieve credits for their NCEA by doing careers related Unit Standards. They will also be timetabled into a computer facility so they can do tasks using the career services web site. During this time each week we will also have people coming in to give information about many things that will help students to have a successful transition from school, eg Universities, Polytechnics, Inland Revenue. Year 13 students will be interviewed this term so that we make sure that all their needs for a successful transition at the end of the year are met.

Gateway

Over the next few weeks, I will meet with all seniors to explain the Gateway programme. This is a programme where students have a one day a week work placement and also get credits in that placement towards their NCEA. This year, we have places for 65 students and many employers willing to put time into helping our young people.

We are grateful to Mrs Margaret Comer from Gallagher's for her support going into this year. She has agreed to place some students each term at their facility on Kahikatea Drive. This will be a great opportunity for many of our students in a wide range of careers.

STAR (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource)

This resource is available to enable students to experience a range of careers through STAR programmes at WINTEC and Te Wananga o Aotearoa who both offer Short Introductory Courses for 1 or 2 days. Students can apply to enrol on these courses through Pathways @ Melville and we will be advertising the list of courses very soon. This resource also supports courses such as building, hospitality and outdoor education to allow students a wider range of experiences.

It is important that students read the daily notices each day to keep up with all that is happening at Pathways.

Mrs Searancke, Director of Pathways

CALLING ALL PASIFIKA FAMILIES

Melville High School is eager to re-form the school Polynesian group to celebrate our students' pasifika heritage. We have a core of willing parents but we are requesting additional support and tutor assistance to help share the load and broaden the opportunities for our students. We are keen to enter a group in the ***Pasifika By Nature Trust***, Waikato Secondary School Pasifika Festival this year. If you are keen to be a supporter, tutor or know of suitable people who could help, please make contact with the school office. If you would like further information please feel free to contact me.

Clive Hamill, Principal

WHANAU MANAAKI TANGATA MEETING

The kaupapa/ purpose of Te Whanau Manaaki Tangata is to work with the Board of Trustees and the Principal of Melville High School to ensure a safe, culturally appropriate and quality learning environment for Maori and other students that enables them to develop and achieve their positive vision for their future as citizens of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

The role of Te Whanau Manaaki Tangata is:

- to provide a monthly forum for all parents/caregivers, whanau/families, staff and community to raise issues related to the learning environment and/or the community.
- to support students, parents/caregivers and staff.
- to liaise between whanau/families and the school.

The first meeting for 2010 is at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 24 February in the Konica Minolta Room. You are all welcome to attend.

Clive Hamill, Principal

RAFT RACE

Students are reminded that the Annual Raft Race down the Waikato River gets underway on **Thursday 25 March**. All rafts need to pass scrutiny on the day and all participants are required to wear life jackets and helmets and prove their swimming skills. All students need to complete the documentation and entry forms. These are available from our Sportfit Co-ordinator, Russell Wilson.

Rafts depart from The Narrows boat ramp at 9.30 am. The trip lasts approximately two hours and concludes with a barbeque at the Grantham Street boat ramp. Families are encouraged to assist and support their children in the construction of rafts.



Great memories of Melville's 2009 raft race

YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP CAMP

The weather was hot as 63 Year 13 students arrived at Finlay Park, Karapiro on Wednesday 3 February for their three day camp. The fun filled programme featured many water-based activities interspersed with reflections upon how students could make a great contribution to their final year at Melville High School.



The students all settled into the usual camp routines of lining up for meals, duty rosters, briefings for the next activity and lots of good rivalry between the teams.



The bus trip home was very quiet when many very tired students nodded off as a result of their full participation in a very active few days. This camp was a great start to the year and we now look forward to the Year 13 students making a big contribution in 2010.

Year 12 students are reminded that next year begins with a three day camp and full attendance and participation is a condition of their entry to Year 13.

Mr Ledson, Teacher in charge of Year 13 Camp

