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ABSENCE LINE

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LEST WE FORGET

Head students, Piritata and Dain (pictured with Acting Principal, Mr McNulty) represented the school at this year's Hamilton City Council's Commemorative Service held at Memorial Drive in Hamilton on ANZAC Day.

The service was one of many that our students and staff attended



throughout the region in acknowledgement of the commitment and sacrifice that many New Zealanders made on our behalf.

There was a strong representation of the youth of the city at this ceremony. The proceedings concluded with our head students, along with representatives from several other schools, laying wreaths at the cenotaph.

As a school, we acknowledged ANZAC Day at our first assembly on return from the holidays. We took the opportunity to reflect upon the consequences of war and the sacrifices made. We also shared a poem that provided some imagery around World War I and the experiences of those involved. This provided us with the opportunity to show our respect to those who fought and gave their lives for our freedom.

Creating a Pathway to a Positive Future

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The term has started well and I am very pleased to be in the position of Acting Principal while Mr Hamill is enjoying his sabbatical leave. The school wishes him well and we are looking forward to his return, refreshed and invigorated. I would also like to acknowledge the staff who have stepped up in their responsibilities to support the school.

The school is focusing on student punctuality, as this was an area of concern last term. We have introduced some initiatives to address this and I am pleased to report that there has been a significant improvement. The school does need your support to ensure that all students arrive at school on time, prepared to engage in learning.

In addition, attendance will be a focus for the school this term. We will be supporting the Ministry of Education and Police in a citywide initiative to address the area of truancy. The Police are going to commit staffing to support schools to ensure students are at school. There is significant research which indicates that for students to achieve at school they need to attend school regularly.

I would like to ask for parents' and caregivers' support in regard to withdrawing students from school for appointments and other issues. Please arrange appointments for out of school hours and only use school time as a last resort. We must give a clear message that all class time is very valuable and for students to achieve well they need to be in class.

Another issue has come to my attention that is proving very disruptive. This is the request for messages to be passed on to students during class time. Please be aware that we are happy to pass on urgent messages to students, when the need arises, but we do not have the resources to pass on non-urgent messages. It is very disruptive to learning and teaching when messages regarding non-urgent matters are delivered to a student.

Last week, we were very fortunate to acknowledge and celebrate the achievement of one of our top 2008 academic students. University of Waikato Vice Chancellor, Professor Roy Crawford presented the inaugural Paul Woodford Day Scholarship for Excellence to **Paige**. Paige was also the recipient of a School Leaver's Scholarship. This was a great achievement. Professor Crawford also spoke to the Year 13 students regarding some aspects of university life. This was quite a unique experience for our students. I took the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievement of other senior 2008 students:

Vice Chancellor's Prize for Academic Excellence: Dayne

The Bachelor of Engineering Fees Scholarship: Dayne

School Leaver's Scholarship: Dayne, Paige, Tegan, Aiyapan, Natasha

The school would like to congratulate these students on their achievement.



D J McNulty
Acting Principal

UNIFORM

The Uniform Code for all students is outlined in the Student Homework Diary that has been given out by tutor teachers. The term “regulation” means items of clothing available from the uniform shop. These are the official Melville High School shirts and pants available ONLY at the school’s uniform shop. Plain white polo shirts are not acceptable. There are a limited number of second-hand uniforms for sale. Parents will find it helpful to consult the Uniform Code before they purchase new items, particularly shoes.

There is also a policy regarding jewellery and ear-rings. Visible body piercings are **NOT** permitted, particularly on the face. Students are expected to remove them during the school day. This includes the stems, not just the studs on the end. Wearing clear keepers, such as fishing nylon, is not an option.

Wearing correct uniform is the student’s responsibility. Students not in uniform will be given an item of uniform to wear, but if none is available they will do their school work in the Deanery for the day. The final option for students who continually come to school without the correct uniform will be sent home to rectify the situation. We are aware that some students are leaving home in correct uniform and changing into mufti items when they get to school. In cases of genuine emergency, students need to bring a note and report to the Senior Leadership Team duty person before going to their first class. We will always work with families to ensure students have correct uniform but ultimately students need to take responsibility as young adults for the care and presentations of their uniform.

Naming of all items of clothing is also important. Each term we have a large number of uniform items undaimed from Lost Property.

Year 13 students wear mufti but they also have a dress code. They are expected to wear modest, clean and tidy dress. “Smart casual” is their watchword. They are not to wear “beachwear”. Skimpy tops, strappy singlets and running shorts are unacceptable. Year 13 students who are dressed inappropriately for school will be sent home to change. Jandals are not acceptable footwear for any student.

Mrs Tuck, Assistant Principal

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

Year 13 students, **Terri** and **Ajsha**, entered the national Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition held recently at Sacred Heart Girls’ College in Hamilton. Initially a monologue, on the day of the competition we were told that we needed two actors in the scene in order for it to be judged. Terri stepped in an hour before the competition and learned the lines of Queen Gertrude from Shakespeare’s Hamlet. The girls were amazing - Terri did really well and Ajsha gave an astoundingly good performance as Ophelia. The audience was completely captured by Ajsha and



Ajsha and Terri

her incredible connection with this character. Other schools were astounded by the quality of this performance. Once again, Melville High was represented in an outstanding manner by its fabulous students! **Well done, girls!**

K Christian, HOD Drama

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Deans

Deans are available regarding any subject or behaviour concerns you may have about your child.

Student Services Centre

- Notification of change of details
- First aid
- Student sign-in late procedures
- Student sign out/in for appointments
- Lost property
- Stationery/Uniform Shop
- Absence letters
- Fees payments

School Chaplain

Appointments with Nigel Rowling can be made through Mrs Caughley.

Campus Cop

Andrew Dempsey is available by appointment to see students and whanau during the school day.

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.

ENGLISH REVISION BOOKS

Students who are in senior academic English classes (122, 225 and 326) are encouraged to purchase a revision book from Student Services Centre for \$12. These books are invaluable when preparing for both internal and external assessments.

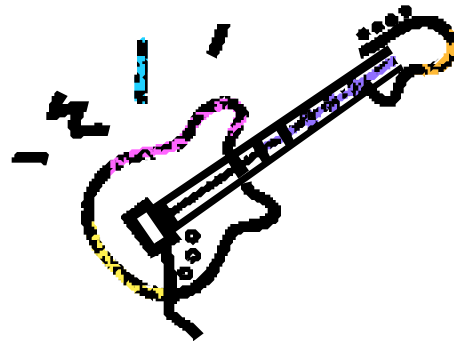
Mrs Black, HOD English

**AUSTRALASIAN ENGLISH
COMPETITION**

Students who are good at reading comprehension are encouraged to enter the Australasian English competition being held on Tuesday 4 August and run by the University of New South Wales. Entry forms are available at the Student Services Centre or from English teachers. The fee to enter is \$7.50 and must be submitted with an entry form by 1 July.

Mrs Black, HOD English

SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST



On Sunday 24 May, Melville High had two bands entered in this year's **Smokefree Rockquest** competition which was held in the Clarence Street Theatre. Terri-Anna (vocals), Shay (guitar), Tyler (guitar), Andrew (bass) and Nic (drums) are all members of **Caught in the Crossfire**. Band **Vision by Truth's** members include Braden (guitar), Wayne (guitar), Jessica (bass), Isaac (drums) plus Tamsyn (from Dio). Congratulations to **Caught in the Crossfire** who have been selected to progress to the regional finals being held at the Founders Theatre on Friday 12 June.

Mr Faville, HOD Music

SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND VOYAGE



On Monday 9 March, I began a 10-day voyage as a trainee aboard the sailing ship, ***Spirit of New Zealand***. It was an amazing experience which I was lucky to be a part of.

On arrival at the berthing wharf in Auckland at 10.00 am, I was 'blown away' by the size of the ship. The other thing that shocked me was the sight of the hammock that was to be my bed for the next 10 nights. When we sailed away, everything became more real and I was more scared than excited.

The following days were very busy filled with sailing, pulling ropes, climbing rigging, being seasick, dolphin watching, taking bush walks and meeting new people – there was hardly any time left to be homesick! I will never forget the friends I made in those few days; they were great people and amazing role models who taught me so much.

I would like to thank both Mr Young and Mr Wilson for making my trip possible.

I can recommend this trip to everyone! It was such fun and I learnt so much, not only about sailing, but about myself too.

Alana, Year 12 student

** There is a **voyage available** for a female student on the ***Spirit of New Zealand*** later this year; the date yet to be confirmed. 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. See Mr Young if interested.

2009 TERM 2 CALENDAR

JUNE

Week 6

Mon 1 **Queen's Birthday**

Week 7

Mon 8 Waikato Careers Expo
Wed 10 Science IC AS Exam
Fri 12 Curriculum Support Day
Teacher Only Day

Week 8

Wed 17 Te Whanau Manaaki Tangata,
6.00 pm in room P9

Week 9

Mon 22 **Teacher Only Day**
Tues 23 Board of Trustees Meeting,
6.00 pm

JULY

Week 10

Fri 3 Reports posted
Newsletter posted
Last day of term

TERM 3 CALENDAR

JULY

Week 2

Tues 28 **Parent Report Evening**

AUGUST

Week 3

Tues 4 ICAS English Exam

Week 4

Fri 14 Newsletter posted

SEPTEMBER

Week 8

Wed 9 Curriculum Choices Evening

Week 9

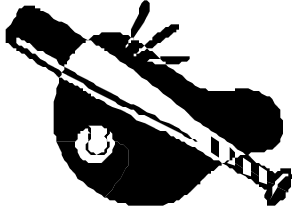
Mon 14-Fri 18 **SENIOR EXAM WEEK**

Week 10

Fri 25 Senior Progress Reports
posted
Newsletter posted

2009 TERM DATES

Term 2 27 April – 3 July
Term 3 20 July – 25 September
Term 4 12 October – 15 December



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MULTI SPORT

With generous assistance from **Proudlock Cycles** in Frankton, the school has purchased four mountain bikes for use by the Sports Academy and PE Department for cycling and multi sport events. The first use for the bikes will be for training and participating in the SPARC Get to Go Challenge which is being held later in the year. In the Challenge, eight students compete in mountain biking, rock climbing, kayaking and orienteering on one day against 23 teams from Waikato/Bay of Plenty. The winning team goes to the National Final which is held on Great Barrier Island in December.

PROUDLOCK CYCLES



**135 Commerce Street
Frankton, Hamilton
Phone 847 5744**

FOOTBALL

Football at Melville High School continues to grow. This season we have four teams competing in the secondary school competition. The 1st XI is being coached by Matt who plays for the Melville AFC Premier team in the Northern League. Matt has brought a new dynamic to the team and they have high hopes for this season. In the grading games they drew 3-3 with Hillcrest, lost 0-2 to St Peter's and drew 3-3 with Thames High. Hillcrest and St Peter's are Premier Division teams and Thames won Division 3 last year and had won their other two games 8-0 and 5-0.

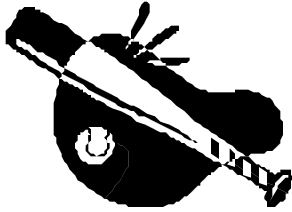
The Girls' team is being coached by Daryl who has many years of playing and coaching experience and he is being assisted by Jake who was a Melville High Year 13 student last year. The majority of the team are Year 10 and 11 students, and are showing great potential for the future.

The 2nd XI team has been organized by Year 12 student, **Gareth** with coaching assistance from Blair.

The Junior team is being coached by Russell Wilson with willing assistance from a large number of parents. The team has a good mix of players and has qualified for Division 2, in which they will be very competitive.

NETBALL

There has been a lot of work done on the Netball courts under the watchful eye of Whaea Valetta Wiperi and a strong team of coaches and supporters. The Senior team have qualified for Division 2 and the other two teams have shown that they will be very competitive in their grades, as well as having fun.



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BASKETBALL

Following on from the successes of the last two years, the basketball programme at Melville High School is looking very strong this year and is building a solid foundation for the future.

The Premier Junior Boys' team is being coached by Mr Paurini and Phillip Smiler. The team contains a number of Waikato representatives and has won the first two games against St Paul's and St John's by wide margins.

The Premier Girls' team is being coached by Mrs Lynley Matchitt. The team is relatively young but also contains a number of representative players and will become more competitive as the season progresses.

The Junior B Boys' team will provide good competition and fun for its members.

HOCKEY

The Boys' Hockey team has started the season extremely well with three wins from three games, the last 10-0 against a Hamilton Boys' High team. Some of the boys are also competing in Senior Men's team and the experience is proving invaluable.

The girls are competing in a very tight competition and have had two draws and a very narrow loss so far.

The hard work and effort that has been put in over the last two years is now bearing fruit and both teams will be very competitive this year.

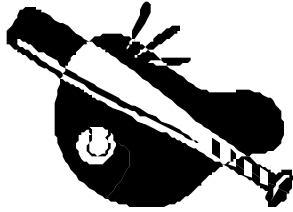
RUGBY

There is great spirit and camaraderie in the team this year. The start of the season had a slight hitch with Matua John Toroa taking a "holiday" in Waikato Hospital but things are well under way now. There is a very strong coaching team, made up of staff, parents and former students who are giving the boys a lot of support and encouragement. After a first up loss to Putaruru, they had a very close game against Fraser High, eventually losing 19-22. Once again, this is a very young team which is building a strong foundation for the future.

A former Melville High School student, Ethan Kaaka, generously donated four tickets to the Chiefs v Hurricanes Super 14 semi-final. These tickets were presented to **Jock, Marley, Sandeep and Harley** for their hard work and commitment to the team.

BADMINTON

Under the tutelage and supervision of Mr Halsted, there are regularly up to 30 students at badminton practice on Tuesdays. The teams are playing grading games over the next few weeks.



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INTERHOUSE TUG-OF-WAR

The interhouse tug-of-war competition was held recently. After an intense process of elimination, the final was between Wharauoa and Tirohanga. In the best of three pulls, Wharauoa took the first convincingly. The second pull was much closer with Tirohanga taking it out. The third and final pull saw Tirohanga take an early advantage, but they could not quite finish and with only a half metre to go, Wharauoa fought back to win, making them the 2009 Tug-of-War champions.

CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country was held on Tuesday 19 May on a course set around the school grounds. The winners were:

Year 9 Girls:	Zhane and Kendall 1 st equal
Year 9 Boys:	Beau (new course record in 3000 m)
Year 10 Girls:	Talia
Year 10 Boys:	Ryan
Intermediate Girls:	Samantha
Intermediate Boys:	Andrew
Senior Girls:	Alana
Senior Boys:	Simon

AIKIDO



Winter is on its way and the warm ups are becoming more crucial in the cold evenings. Luckily **Jake** is on hand to keep everyone warm by making us work hard! Thanks Jake!

At this time of the year, new intakes for the aikido class stop and we concentrate on drilling technique and getting the core group skilled in the martial art. All going well, some of the yellow belts will be able to grade to orange belt at the end of the year and new students will be able to grade to yellow belt. For this to occur, they need to keep turning up once a week consistently. It takes a long time to build the training hours when we can only train once a week so missing a session is costly. I am impressed by the effort

our new students are showing. Along with learning technique, they are developing a strong mind and good spirit. I am feeling confident the year will end with a strong group of young people who would have achieved more than just a way of defending themselves.

Mr Suter, Aikido Sensei



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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS FLAG



Our Ruapane House flag (pictured above) which is bright yellow with the school crest and black writing on it, has been missing since the school's Athletics Day on Tuesday 24 February.

Is it lying around your home or do you know who has it?

Please contact the school office if you can provide any information regarding the return of this flag.

G Schofield, Ruapane Dean

NZQA FEES

It is time to start collecting NZQA fees again for those students entered in NCEA standards. This applies to all students in Years 11 to 13. The **standard fee is \$75 per student per year** and it is compulsory for this fee to be paid. Failure to pay this fee has the following effect and I quote from an NZQA document "*When qualifications are formally awarded in April, only paid results will be considered. If you have unpaid fees, the new qualifications listed on your Result Notice may not be transferred to your Record of Achievement. This may effect your University Entrance qualification status, and you will not receive any certificates.*" Should you at some stage in the future require your qualifications to be recorded in your Record of Achievement then the standard fee plus a \$50 late fee is required to be paid. Please note that, while collected by the school, this fee is not for the school but goes to NZQA.

There is financial assistance for those who qualify. To get this help, parents or caregivers must meet one of these conditions: be getting a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, have a Community Service Card, have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card, have two or more children entered as candidates this year with fees more than \$200.

To get the financial assistance, it is necessary to complete a form available from the Student Services Centre. **If you qualify for financial assistance, the fee is \$20 per student with a maximum of \$30 if more than one member of the family goes to school and are entered in NCEA standards.**

Mr Halsted, NZQA Co-ordinator

TE WHANAU MANAAKI TANGATA

This is a group of Melville High staff, students and parents who have an interest in Maori issues at our school. They meet twice per term to discuss issues and strategies about our students and our community.

The next meeting is being held on 17 June 2009 in P2 (Maori Room) at 6.00 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Nau mai! Haere Mai!

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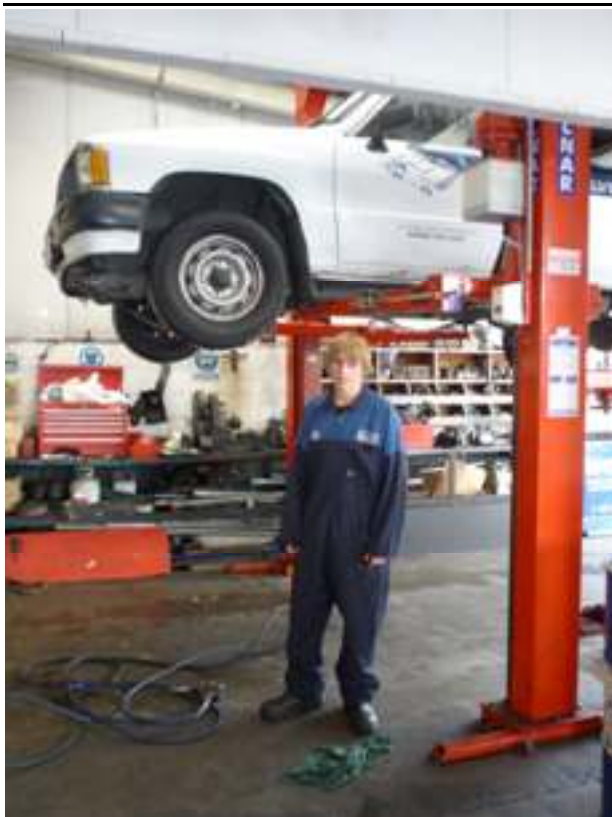
For those people whom I haven't already met, I am Sam Cutler, the new Gateway Co-ordinator. I am so pleased to be working alongside such fantastic students and extremely helpful staff here at Melville High School. I would also like to praise local employers for being incredibly supportive of the programme often going 'beyond the call of duty' and showing great patience.

Now we are well into Term 2 and I can report on progress so far. Two students have recently successfully completed their childcare placements. Currently we have another group of students close to finishing placements in industries such as construction, barista, hospitality, auto repairs, electronics, retail and hairdressing. We have a further selection of students who are midway through working in some of the industries mentioned above and also equine areas, elderly people care, motorbikes, auto electrics, radio, dance studio and midwifery. I also have a group which is close to starting their placement with businesses such as theatres, pet grooming, a possible alpaca farm and Waikato Hospital. It has been so exciting finding such a wide variety of placements.

If any parents/caregivers know of people with businesses in the area who might be interested in supporting a Gateway student, please contact me on 843 4529 ext 953 or email cu@melville-high.school.nz. I would be delighted to make contact and explain the programme - it could not continue without so much local business support.

There can be no doubt that this is an exceptional opportunity for our senior students.

Sam Cutler, Gateway Co-ordinator



**Work experience for Jordan
at the Melville Service Centre**



**Danielle serving at the
Cheesecake Shop in Rototuna**

48-HOUR FILM COMPETITION

The 48-hour film competition is a national annual film competition where film makers from all over the country are challenged to write, shoot and edit a short film in 48 hours. Groups are given a character, a genre, a prop and a line of dialogue that must be used in the making of the film. This film is entered by film students, film companies and other professional groups and this year Melville High School was also up there doing our bit for artistic creativity. The Melville team was comprised of **Richard, Dain, Terri, Raksme, Harry and Ajsha**. Though we cannot talk too much about the film until the finals, what we can say is that we drew the Musical genre, and that we had 48 hilarious hours. I fully recommend anyone interested in film



Melville's 48-hour film crew

making, acting, or script writing to get involved next year!! A high point would have been traffic stopping in the city centre to watch some very 'colourful' filming.

Well done to the six students involved - the film was hilarious and you should all be proud of the way you handled the challenge!

Mrs Christian, HOD Drama

RAISING THE STAKES FOR THE FORTY HOUR FAMINE

On the evening of 21 May, the school held a social to help raise money for the Famine. This was organised by **Melandi** and was a great success. About 80 students and 10 staff members attended, and it was all for a good cause.

Thanks to Melandi and her helpers for organising it, and to the staff who supported it.

And finally, well done Melville High School for caring about people who need our help!



Celeste (Year 9 student) and Whaea Louanna

MANGAKOTUKUTUKU DID US PROUD

I am so proud of Mangakotukutuku for all the hard work that our students did in preparing for the Tainui Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competitions held recently at Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga on Saturday 9 May 2009. Students gave up their time for all the rehearsals, after school practices, noho-marae/weekend liveins and even the second week of last school holidays. Now that is commitment!

There were 11 secondary schools that competed at the competitions and Mangakotukutuku was the fifth group on stage. Each group had to perform a choral, entry, chant, action song, poi, haka and exit in 30 minutes. The leaders of the group were **Piritata** and **Levi** and they both worked well together on stage - they were fantastic. The group performed to their best and in the eyes of the audience they were Tūmeke. Although the group was not in the first three placings, they managed to come away with a third place in the action song and a third place in the female leadership. Ka pai Piritata.

One of the highlights of the trip to Huntly was actually stopping at the sacred mountain of Taupiri and singing our action song to our ancestors, the Māori Kings and the Māori Queen Te Atairangikaahu. It started to shower when the group performed the item. To the Māori our ancestors are crying for us. Aue Taukiri e.

Mangakotukutuku would like to thank the Management Committee and all the parents and helpers for their support of our students and school. I would also like to acknowledge our tutors **Whaea Valetta** and **Matua Aaron**. Mean Māori Mean! A big thank you to **Kuia Mata** and **Kaumatua Pani** for taking us through to the powhiri on the Friday. Our elders are our strength. What would we do without them? Ngā mihi ki a kōrua.

Finally, the group has been in recess for two weeks and the students are now focused on their academic studies. Mangakotukutuku will be starting rehearsals soon to prepare for the Hauraki Competitions in October this year. Kia kaha Mangakotukutuku and don't forget the special word, **WHAKAITI**, be humble.

Nā Whaea Te Manaaroha Rollo



**Mangakotukutuku performing
at Taupiri Mountain**



**Group Leaders
Levi and Piritata**