



# Melville High News

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## NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2013

We are now accepting  
2013 enrolment  
applications for all year  
levels. Enrolment packs  
are available from the  
school's front office. To  
guarantee subject  
selection, enrolments  
need to be received by  
the school by  
12 November.

## BASKETBALL TEAMS OFF TO THE NATIONALS

The Senior Boys' Basketball team has earned a place in the Secondary School Boys' National Basketball "AA" Tournament after placing in the top four at the Zone 2 regionals. Teams from schools as far afield as South Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Thames Valley, Taupo and



Gisborne participated in the four-day event. This is the third year in a row the boys have made it to the nationals. The team has elected to participate in the "AA" open grade even though they were eligible to play in the "A" grade for schools with a roll of less than 600. This choice makes their achievements all the more significant considering the size of our player base as a co-educational school.

Not to be outdone, the girls won their regional competition in the "A" competitions at Rotorua completing the tournament undefeated. This is the first time our girls have made it to the nationals. The best 24 teams throughout New Zealand will compete at the nationals, many being from large schools with excellent resources. Both teams are frantically fundraising to raise the money to travel to Nelson in the first week of the October holidays.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the coaching and managerial staff Aaron Whaanga, Phillip Smiler, Arnie Paurini, Graeme Kuiti and Leighton Ngawaka for their commitment to the teams. Special thanks go to whanau and friends who support all these young athletes in achieving this success.

**C Hamill, Principal**

### NCEA PROGRESS REPORT EVENING

Years 11, 12 and 13  
Thursday 27 September  
3.30 pm-5.30 pm  
Glenice Gallagher Library

All parents/caregivers are invited to meet with their child's teachers to discuss their progress. An NCEA Progress Report will be provided at this meeting.

Please make the most of this opportunity.

### SPORTS AND CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday 30 October  
7.00 pm  
Melville High School Hall

### SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 8 November  
7.00 pm  
Melville High School Hall

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

# Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa

As the term draws to a close, we are strongly focused on preparing senior students for their external exams next term. We have had a very successful NCEA/2013 Course Selection evening with over 40 parents and students taking up the opportunity to meet with Curriculum Leaders to discuss how NCEA works and 2013 Course selections. The response of our Leaders of Curriculum and the SLT was pleasing, with them willingly taking the opportunity to talk with families about course options for 2013.

Senior students concluded their school based practice exams last week. The results will be available for parents to uplift on Thursday 27 September (3.30 pm-5.30 pm) in the Glenice Gallagher Library. A two page progress report will be provided which will identify student's current achievements at NCEA and a summary statement about how students performed in last week's practice exams. There will be an opportunity at that time to talk with staff about the next steps. I thank the staff for their quick turn around with these practice exam results and for the timely entry of the data. Those reports not uplifted on the night will be posted home.

I extend my appreciation to staff who have been providing extra lunchtime, after school and weekend opportunities for further assessment opportunities and other support to senior students with their study.

Over the last month we all have been particularly impressed by the sporting and cultural endeavours of our students. The school hosted a tremendously successful School Ball and an impressive Soulfest singing evening. The basketball, netball, and soccer teams have been very active in competing in the secondary tournament week, with each team spending considerable time involved in a host of fundraising activities.

Our school barbershop quartets are off to Auckland this week to participate in the nationals. We wish them well and know they will represent Melville High School and our central North Island region well.

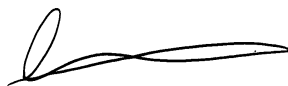
The 1st XV Rugby team completed an impressive season bringing new pride and success to the school. A host of other sports teams have achieved well too. All these activities could not have happened without the consistent and determined support of family, whanau and the wider community.

Finally, the external NCEA exams are eight weeks away, so senior students need to set aside some considerable time for study and examination preparation over the break. I look

forward to catching up with you all in the final and busiest term of the year, commencing on Monday 15 October. We have the **Sports and Cultural Prizegiving on Tuesday 30 October** (third week in Term 4) followed by the **Academic Prizegiving on Thursday 8 November**.

The school is providing additional support to senior students with NCEA. This includes academic counselling, an after school homework centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and staff providing additional individual tuition and further assessment opportunities.

Kia Ora



**Clive Hamill, Principal**

## NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

**Stephanie** (pictured) is our newly elected student representative, to the Board of Trustees. I welcome Stephanie to the Board and thank **Brooke** for her excellent service to the school over the last twelve months. Brooke was our youngest Student Representative and quickly grew to take on the role. I was impressed by how enthusiastically she undertook her responsibilities. She served the Board diligently and purposefully and I thank her for her contributions.



Stephanie is a Year 11 student who is active and undertakes this role with purpose and focus. The role of student representative on the Board of Trustees is an important position and historically the representative has provided the catalyst for some positive change and a greater student orientation in board policy. I would also like to acknowledge the other nominees for their willingness to stand and the quality of their presentations to the school.

**C Hamill, Principal**

## SYSTEM-WIDE IMPROVEMENT

As a school we have been reviewing the recently released ERO (Education Review Office) resource papers especially those relating to *Improving Year 9 and 10 Literacy and Mathematics*, and *Teaching as Inquiry* (being a better reflective teacher). These reports are generated from the findings ERO made from visits in 2011 to approximately 60 schools. We study such reports to help us to improve teacher and organisational capability and ultimately to improve student achievement. It was interesting to note that there were as many recommendations to the Ministry of Education as there were to schools regarding how to improve outcomes for students in both of these areas.

This feedback comes at a time when there is such a drive to achieve system-wide improvement across the sector and particularly for Maori, Pasifika, Special Needs and students from low socio-economic backgrounds. As schools, and particularly as principals, we accept that we have a significant responsibility for the achievement of learners within our schools within these areas. Recent research from Ben Levin, University of Toronto about system-wide Improvement, suggests that the government (Ministry of Education) must play its part and therefore must have the capacity to do so. He notes:

*Although ministries of education typically have the lead responsibility for implementing education reforms and improvements, only rarely do they have the capacity to do this work effectively. Typically, they are organised and staffed to make and enforce policies, distribute funds, and solve administrative or political problems. They have few people who understand school improvement, few systems to support it, and few procedures that focus on it, their senior management teams are not necessarily used to working collaboratively.*

The huge turn around in elementary (primary) and high school student achievement in Toronto has won international recognition. Heeding the advice of one of the key facilitators of this change process makes good sense.

However, while we are focusing on improving Year 9 and 10 Literacy, as recommended in the ERO national report, we do not have access to Secondary School Literacy Advisers because these positions have been dis-established. We could not gain support from primary school literacy advisers either because they are contracted out for the rest of the year. On the one hand we need to address the area of Year 9 and 10 Literacy but on the other the system does not have the ability to provide appropriate specialist support to us.

Other key elements in the success of this strategic initiative in Toronto were the deliberate improvement of teacher capability and significant additional resourcing. Dr Levin also noted the following on national testing.

*Having good reliable data on student progress and outcomes is essential to making progress. There are lots of indicators other than tests, which are only one measure. For example, graduation rates, participation and success in tertiary education, labour market experiences, proportions of kids referred to special education, and proportion of kids making a year of progress each year are also relevant measures. Where we are going to use testing, we need to make sure that the tests are of a high quality and linked to curriculum; or like PISA, we need to clearly identify important competencies. Test results and other outcome data should not be used punitively; you cannot scare people into excellence.*

Fortunately we are working with a cluster of similar schools that are all facing this challenge (Fraser, Raglan Area, Huntly and Ngaruawahia) and have been able to contract the services of a retired English adviser to support us. It is clear that if nationally we are to make significant system wide improvements we will need the Ministry of Education to collaborate with the school sector and to have the capacity to lead and support schools during this process. This is not the case at present.

**C Hamill, Principal**

## MELVILLE 1<sup>st</sup> XV IN ACTION



## STUDENT LEADERS SHARE THEIR PASSION FOR READING

Earlier this term, **Terri-Anna, Ben** and I attended Melville Primary School to address their student leader assembly. This was part of the Duffy Books Reading Week.



**Terri-Anna and Ben with Melville Primary School students**

Terri-Anna and Ben spoke about how books had been vital in their lives and how reading had helped to get them to where they are today.

I enjoyed reading *Munkle Arvur and the Bod* by Nikki Slade Robinson to the assembly and our student leaders each presented the primary school with a children's book. They, themselves, were each presented by the principal, Dianne Pollard-Williams with a book in appreciation of their visit. It was a very positive occasion and we thank Melville Primary for this opportunity.

**C Hamill, Principal**



**Grandparents Raising  
Grandchildren Trust  
New Zealand**

**Get the help you need**

It is a little known fact that thousands of children in New Zealand are being raised by their grandparents as a result of abuse, neglect, violence, mental illness or substance abuse. If you are a grandparent finding yourself faced with the financial and emotional challenges that come with raising one or more grandchildren, you may have many questions and feel overwhelmed. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren™ Trust has been going for 12 years and supports grandparents and kin carers in their often difficult role. We are a not for profit organisation staffed mainly by volunteers.

For further information see [www.grg.org.nz](http://www.grg.org.nz)  
or phone 0800472637  
Local Co-Coordinator - Kerry Batten  
07 560 0291

## 2012 TERM 3 CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

#### Week 11

Tues 25 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm  
Wed 26 Mufti Day  
Thurs 27 **PARENT REPORT EVENING**  
Fri 28 Last day of Term 3

### TERM 4

### OCTOBER

#### Week 1

Mon 15 First day Term 4

#### Week 2

Mon 22 **LABOUR DAY**  
Tues 23 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

#### Week 3

Tues 30 **SPORTS AND CULTURAL  
PRIZEGIVING**  
Fri 31 Newsletter posted

### NOVEMBER

#### Week 4

Thurs 8 **SENIOR PRIZEGIVING**  
Last day of school for senior students  
Fri 9 **NZQA EXAMS BEGIN**

#### Week 7

Tues 27 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm  
Fri 30 Text Book Return Day

### DECEMBER

#### Week 8

Mon 3 Leavers Dinner  
Thurs 6 **JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING**  
Reports / Newsletter posted  
Last day of school  
Fri 7 **Teacher Only Day**

### 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 COUNSELLOR

Students and families are invited to make appointments with our counsellors during tutor time each day or by phone (843 4529 ext 939).

### CAREERS ADVISER

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



## SOULFEST

On Friday 7 September, Melville High hosted young singers and their families and friends from five Hamilton Secondary schools in the 2012 Soulfest. The evening was an opportunity for students of speech teacher, Marilee Matenga, to perform for their NCEA assessments. Students from Melville, Fraser, Nga Taiatia, Fairfield and Waikato Diocesan schools all performed.

The items included a range of soloist, small group, barbershop quartet and chorus items with a high representation of singers coming from Melville High. The overall standard was particularly high and the audience responded very positively to the skill and presentation of the singers. There was a great group supporting Marilee, with brother Gordon keeping a tight rein on stage management, Roman Greening being a versatile backing musician and managing the sound, Sean Kelley from Fairfield was managing the video and Trevor Faville was supporting in the background.

All in all, it was an excellent opportunity to showcase our young people's talent. The evening ended with the entire group of students participating in a beautiful combined choral item. We are indeed fortunate to have such a capable tutor and such talented students.

**C Hamill, Principal**

## YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY



**Year 9 students making pasta**

## SCHOOL PROPERTY UPDATE

As you will be aware, we are continuing to manage our schoolwide property footprint as required by the Ministry of Education policy. Our goal through this process is to have the property available to reflect our school roll needs.

The Ministry of Education has indicated that we are above our code entitlement and must reduce our property footprint with the removal of surplus buildings. The buildings which have been identified for removal are our current Guidance Suite, the old library (currently the Performing Arts Centre) and the Campbell Centre.

We have planned to relocate the Guidance department to the former ESOL room which is occurring during Week 10 and 11 this term. The Drama classes will relocate from the PAC to the Music Suite. This will provide us with the performing arts located together. The PAC will be demolished during the holiday break.

The Campbell Centre classes will be relocated to room C1 which will occur at the beginning of Term 4. We have had to relocate some other classes as a result of this shift.

The funding for this rationalisation of our property surplus is allocated by the Ministry from their funds and does not impact in any way on the school funds. While this strategy by the Ministry is challenging for us to manage, it does provide us with the possibility of having new buildings when we have roll growth in the future. This will reduce our maintenance costs significantly.

Another development in regard to property is the refurbishment of C Block south end. We are currently working with our architects and the Ministry on this project. We are planning to refurbish room C4 and turn C5 and C6 into new laboratories. The timeline for this project is to hopefully start around mid November and have the classrooms available for use in Term 1 next year.

This project will provide us with an additional two laboratories to replace those which were destroyed in the fire several years ago. We will also be improving the resource area and adding in a chemical storage area so that we can remove the now obsolete remnant from B Block. The staff are very excited with these developments and are looking forward to having modern laboratories available for them to teach in. These additions will also enable students to have better access to laboratories for more practical learning opportunities.

**D McNulty, Deputy Principal**



# Sports @MLV



## Football

The Boys' 1<sup>st</sup> XI team had a major turnaround in form this term winning four of their five games and being unlucky to lose the other one. The major achievement was beating HBHS Scarlett which won every other game and won the League.

The Melville team showed that they could work very well together as a team and every player made a valuable contribution. Two of the standouts for the season were **Cameron** (goalie) and **Rah'I**. Cam made some brilliant saves that kept the team in the game and Rah'I played right wing, right back and centre back, playing the role that was required. **Justin** made a very good job being the organiser of the back line and Finnish import, **Lauri** proved very good at putting the ball in the back of the net.

The Girls' 1<sup>st</sup> XI team continued with their "nearly but not quite" season, playing some very good football but not getting the results that they deserved. **Jessica** worked hard as captain and **Dana** was in goal for all but one half.

The Junior Boys' team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> equal in their League, winning 5, losing 4 and 1 draw. Several players had excellent seasons and two, **Sok** and **David**, were selected to travel with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to Winter Tournament.

## Rex Dawkins Trophy 2012

The Rex Dawkins Trophy Football Tournament is one of the five boys tournaments held around New Zealand in Secondary Schools Tournament Week. This year it was held in Wanganui. Planning for the trip began in March and fundraising activities involved sausage sizzles, garage sale, and chopping, splitting and selling firewood. The aim of the tournament was to make the top eight out of 16 teams. The teams came from all over the North Island plus one from Golden Bay in the South Island.

As well as a farewell for the six Year 13 boys in the team, it was also an exercise in building for the future with two players from Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12's making up the squad of 14.

The first two games on Monday were the toughest. After holding Paraparaumu to 0-0 at half-time, they eventually won 3-0, going on to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon game was against Wanganui High School who won 5-1. They eventually went on to win the tournament.

Day 2 saw a 0-0 draw with Karamu in very wet and windy conditions. The pitch was so wet that the ball couldn't bounce!

Day 3 saw a good game against Wellington High School in extremely windy conditions with another 0-0 draw.

The weather was fine but windy for our Thursday game against Wainuiomata. This game saw the goal of the tournament. After Wainuiomata scored a goal to level the game at 2-2, Captain **Jordan** and **Lauri** conspired to take Wainuiomata by surprise. Playing with the wind, Lauri took the short pass from Jordan from the restart and lofted the ball down field. With the keeper standing off his line, the ball sailed over his head and into the back of the goal, 3-2 to Melville. That was the final score.

The final game on Friday was against fellow Waikato Secondary Schools team Hauraki Plains. This ended in a 2-2 draw, with Melville missing a lot of chances.

All of the boys played tremendously well, though the legs were getting a bit heavy in the last game. In particular, the Year 9 and 10 students, **Sok**, **David**, **Dara** and **Raukawa** showed that football at Melville High has a fantastic future.

**R Wilson, Sports Co-ordinator**

## Basketball

The Melville High School Basketball Programme has been quietly achieving great results. The Junior Boys' team and the Junior Girls' team participated in the Waikato Junior Premier Boys' and Girls' respective competitions. Their season has recently come to a close with both teams coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in their competitions - great results. I am sure that the junior boys would love to play the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams again because our boys have learnt and improved so that they would have made things interesting but they will have to wait until next season. The junior girls came first equal on a three way tie with St Peter's and Nga Taiatea on a win/loss basis but unfortunately missed out on the finals due to the for and against points count-back. They played Te Aroha junior girls for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and won 73-39. Well done juniors; the future bodes well for Melville High School senior basketball. Many thanks must go to the Junior Boys' coaches Ken Strother and Paora Smiler, manager Geraldine Karaitiana and Junior Girls coach, Lynley Matchitt and Manager, Joanne Wilson for their work, effort and sacrifice for our junior teams this year.



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At the time of writing this article the Senior Girls' team is in the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> playoffs in the Waikato Senior Premier Girls' competition. Their main goal for the season, however, was to qualify for the Nationals tournament. They entered the Zone 2 A Secondary School Premiership Tournament held recently over three days during Tournament Week in Rotorua where only the top three teams qualify for the Nationals. Our Senior Girls' team played a round-robin competition with five other teams and won all their games in pool play. In their game against Taumarunui they won by 1 on a foul shot and in their game against Kokiri they won by 2. They came through some immense pressure and went on to play Te Aroha Senior Girls' in the final and won (a close game up until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when our girls pulled away to win) by 30 points. The Senior Girls' have achieved their goal to qualify for the Nationals which will be held in the first week of the up-coming school holidays. Well done to the Senior Girls' team and to coach, Leighton Ngawaka, his wife Hineata, and their daughters Avera and Nara for their time and sacrifice.

With the loss of five of the top seven senior boys players from 2011, the Senior Boys' team has been lead extra-ordinarily well during the 2012 season by first cousins, **Isaac** and **Brandon**. The Senior Boys' team is currently placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Waikato Senior Premier Boys' competition and is certain to make the semi-finals with only one game remaining of the regular season.

The Senior Boys' team entered the Zone 2 AA Secondary School Premiership Tournament in Taupo during Tournament Week. The competition within Zone 2 was amazingly tight especially among the top 9-10 teams of the 24 teams that entered and where only the top six teams qualify for the Nationals. The boys won 3 of the 4 pool games. They lost to St Kentigern's in a very close game by 5 points for their only pool game loss. They came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pool and met the St Paul's Senior Boys' team in the quarter finals. Again it was a close hard fought game but our boys created a 10 point buffer in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and ended up winning the quarter final by 13, making it to the Zone 2 semi-finals and qualifying for the National tournament for the third year in a row and the third time in the school's history. The boys' lost to Tauranga Boys' in the semi-finals (Tauranga Boys' went on to win the tournament) and then met up with St Kentigern's again for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> which was

treated as a chance for the bench players on both teams to get a good run. In the end we came 4<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to coach, Aaron Whaanga and his assistants and managers, Mr Paurini and Graeme Kuiti. There were some very good teams which did not make the National tournament (Hamilton Boys', St Paul's, Western Heights, and Rotorua Boys' to name a few) who gave up much time, energy, and money to qualify so again well done to the senior boys, the coaching staff and management.

Our thoughts are with Brigham and his family who lost their mother to cancer the week before the Zone 2 Tournament. Brigham came to participate in the tournament and played some exceptional basketball. As he said, "it was for my mum".

## P Smiler, TIC Basketball

### Netball

WOW! What an awesome season of netball once again. I would like to congratulate all players, coaches, managers, and umpires for their successes throughout the season.

Our tournament team recently played at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament held in Takapuna, Auckland. Although it was a struggle to have a proper practice, the girls played extremely well and were placed 15<sup>th</sup> out of 36 teams. We played 11 games, losing only 3. The games finished so close that we missed out on playing in the top 12 by only goal count back against Tokoroa.

Our team consisted of four Year 13, one Year 12, two Year 11, one Year 10 and four Year 9 girls. The talent and the skill that the girls displayed over the week away was outstanding. A great look for next year.

We would like to thank Michelle Wetere Heu, Joanne Wilson, and Tom Wiperi who came as our parent help/ cooks, also Adrienne Arthur who joined us during the week. We had delicious meals and were looked after really well. Our management team was awesome. It was a pleasure working with Lynley Matchitt as our co-coach/manager and Cyril Gudgeon as our physio/first aid. Thanks for all your hard work, time and effort. A great team is led by great management and support. Many thanks also to Miss Hill who came as our umpire and helped us out with transport.

Away from the intense games of netball, we were able to enjoy each other's company by playing games of charades, a little bit of shopping and while we waited for our games to come around we decided to bond with other schools. Papatoetoe



# Sports @MLV



High School was awesome and gave great encouragement to our girls.

This has been an exciting journey and we would like to thank the following for all their support, love and care: our whanau, Melville High School staff, friends, Deanwell Primary School, Melville Primary School, Melville High School students, Tommo's Bakery, Gallagher's, Nigel Hendriks, Glenview New World and all those who supported our holiday programme.

The Secondary School Competition came to an end on 8 September, hard on the heels of players arriving back from Tournament Week. Two of our teams were in the finals play-off. Senior Social versus Hamilton Girls' High and MLV Tuakana versus Sacred Heart. Senior Social lost their final but walked away proud of their efforts. Tuakana had been beaten twice by Sacred Heart and walked away with a gleaming 10 point win.

## Results for the 2012 Hamilton City Netball Centre Secondary School Competition:

MLV Tuakana  
Senior Social  
Year 10 Team  
MLV Teina  
Junior B

**Senior Premiere Winners**  
**Senior B Runners Up**  
**Intermediate 5<sup>th</sup> Place**  
**Junior Premiere 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Junior Pool 3, 6<sup>th</sup> Place**



**Hamilton City Secondary School Premiere winners 2012**

Congratulations to all our teams. You should be proud of yourselves to achieve such high standards of netball. I hope you have enjoyed your season and look forward to seeing you all again next year. I would like to wish all our Year 13 girls (**Nakita, Braxton, Mere, and Juliet**) the very best and hope you continue on with this wonderful sport netball.

Congratulations to **Nakita, Astina, and Rebecca** for passing their Centre Local Theory tests for umpiring.

Many thanks to **Quinn, Sita, Nakita, Astina, Rebecca** and **Astria** for volunteering as an umpire or coach for other schools.

Melville High School Netball Club Prizegiving: Week 2 of Term 4.

**Whaea Valetta Wiperi, Netball Manager**

## Rugby

Melville High School Rugby has had a very successful season in 2012. Over 350 witnessed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 1st XV final at Melville High School. The outcome was only decided in an extra time penalty kick which gave Boys' High a one point victory. We all were gutted by the outcome. We felt that the team and coaching staff gave everything they had to this fitting season final. I was very appreciative of the way the boys responded to niggles on the paddock and how they focused on the needs of the team. That included those who gained very little game time and spent most of their season on the side-line.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership of head coach, Paul Nathan and his team of Taki Nathan, Tiwai Parai, John Toroa and Graeme Kuiti. Special thanks go to the support of the Melville Rugby Club and especially the Melville Old Boys (The MOB) for their active and financial support, the families and whanau who provide assistance through hosting, cooking, cleaning, driving, washing the team strip and a host of other roles. Without this leadership and effort such success just would not happen. One of the only things that our boys have lacked was experience at playing at this level and they will only learn from this season.

They have grown tremendously in their skills, attitude and application. I am sure that there will be a new fire in their bellies when they hit the pre-season training. Eight of the First XV made various Waikato Representative teams, and seven of the Under 15's team did so too. Melville has firmly been placed on Waikato Rugby Unions school boy rugby map.

The Under 15 team had a positive season with as many wins as losses. Coach Paul Harner and Manager Brett Harris have done a great job. Through raising expectations and performance and the team improving their skills and positive work effort, the long term rugby development at Melville High School has been confirmed. Well done one and all.

**Clive Hamill, Principal**



## GATEWAY

During 2012, 78 students have had a work placement related to their career goals and aspirations. Skills and knowledge developed on the programme help students to transition successfully from school to further education, training or the workforce.

We appreciate the effort given by the following businesses to help our students prepare for their future and encourage the school's community to show support to those who are helping our students.

- **Admin/office work**  
Te Wananga o Aotearoa
- **Animal Care**  
Hamilton Vets, Dappa Dogs
- **Automotive**  
P B Electrical, Glenview Automotive, Higgins Paint and Panel, Motor Management Services, Lloyd Davis Panelbeaters Ltd, Super Air
- **Banking**  
The National Bank
- **Beauty Therapy**  
Clinic Indulge
- **Building and Construction**  
Hawkins, Mike Bryant Building
- **Computing**  
P B Technologies, Smart PC
- **Early Childhood Education**  
Deanwell Kindergarten, Y Under Fives, Little Waikato Scholars, Brightstars Educare
- **Education**  
Whakawatea School
- **Electrical**  
Waikato District Health Board
- **Engineering**  
Stafford Engineering, GEA Avapac
- **Hairdressing**  
Zibido, Patricks
- **Health**  
Waikato Hospital, Bupa Eventhorpe Rest Home
- **Hospitality**  
Babaganush, Cafés: Fresca, Strata , Makona, Scooters, McDonalds
- **Joinery**  
Somerset Kitchens
- **Painting and Decorating**  
First Rate Finish
- **Photography**  
Snapshot Cameras
- **Plumbing**  
F B Hall Ltd
- **Retail**  
The Rockshop, Kmart, The Warehouse, Backdoor, New World Glenview
- **Security**  
Red Badge

- **Sport and Recreation**  
YMCA
- **Tourism**  
Kingsgate Hotel

To date, four students have been given the opportunity by their employer to continue in a voluntary position, and 13 have continued in part-time paid work.

If you know of any business which might be willing to give a student experience, please contact Mrs Searancke or Mrs Climo at school on 843 4529.



**Amy at Patrick's Hairdressing**



**Tommy at Higgins Paint and Panel**



**Keegan at Babaganush**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Get2Go Challenge

On Tuesday 21 August, 16 students from the Year 9 and Year 10 Institute of Sport classes participated in the Get2Go Challenge. This event was organised by The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuit Centre and is a multi-sport race that is similar to The Amazing Race. Twenty four schools assembled at the Hamilton Lake at 9am and were given a map and outline of the day. From there teams were driven around four locations throughout the day that had students complete challenges involving kayaking, mountain biking, orienteering and problem solving adventure based learning activities.



**Hamilton Lake challenges**

Our students handled the challenges set extremely well and through attitude and determination didn't let the wet and windy conditions affect their performance. Our two teams finished a creditable 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 24 schools that competed on the day. Well done to all students involved and a big thank you to Russell Wilson for the support he always provides towards this event.

### Institute Of Sport

All students involved in this programme have been actively involved in leadership units this term. The Year 9 classes have completed a coaching programme that was directed at improving the skill levels in a range of sports for their peers. Our Year 10 class has completed a Level 1 Achievement Standard that required them to plan and carry out the management of a Duathlon race for Year 13 PE students to compete in. The Year 11 class has completed their Event Management assessment which had them planning and carrying out a Mountain Bike race for the Year 9 class. And finally, the Year 12 class has completed their sports coaching assessment that required them to coach Year 9 classes over the course of a month. I have been impressed with the knowledge that our senior students have been able to pass down to the younger students throughout these units of work.



**Year 11 MTB race**

### Year 12 Sports Science OPC Tongariro Trip

Miss Hill's Year 12 Sports Science class will be completing an Adventure Challenge programme at OPC Tongariro Outdoor Pursuits Centre in the first week of Term 4. Thank you to Miss Hill and Mr Schofield for giving your time to make this unique experience possible for our students. Students have been actively involved in fundraising to ensure they can take up the challenge and develop their outdoor skills and attend the OPC week. Thanks also to the parents who support their children with this week.

### Physical Education Uniform

Most students have consistently met our department's expectation at Year 9 and Year 10 in wearing the new PE uniform. There are, however, a small percentage of students that have struggled to meet this expectation. Students that haven't met this expectation this term will be meeting with Mrs Tuck and Mr Ledson at the beginning of Term 4 to address these issues. Parents and caregivers will be informed by a letter if their student requires support with this issue. Once again, thank you to all the students that are meeting the uniform expectation.

### M Edwards, HoC Physical Education

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### Hamilton Community Centre of Music

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## HURTFUL ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

At a time when the social media is an active part of young peoples' lives there is a continuing challenge to support them to develop appropriate behaviour when they are online. Unfortunately some students' online activity can be hurtful and offensive towards others. Rotorua's John Paul College principal, Patrick Walsh said that schools need new responses to cyber-bullying. He was in particular referring to meme pages which are generally pictures posted which have been captioned with something which is thought to be amusing within that particular community.

In his case some of these postings were offensive, hurtful and bullying. Mr Walsh's comments came after the announcement that a new tribunal to fight cyber-bullying would have the power to name and shame offenders. The Law Commission's *Harmful Digital Communications: The adequacy of the current sanctions and remedies* proposal will ask Government for a law change. The proposal includes:

- The creation of a new criminal offence tailored for digital communication.
- Amendments to the Harassment Act 1997, the Human Rights Act 1993, the Privacy Act 1993 and the Crimes Act 1961 to ensure that the provisions of these Acts can apply to digital communications.
- The establishment of a Communications Tribunal to provide citizens harmed by digital communications with efficient and cheap access to remedies such as takedown orders and "cease and desist" notices.
- New laws for all NZ schools to help combat bullying of all kinds, including cyber-bullying

It would therefore be a criminal offence for publishing offensive comments on Facebook and Twitter and sending hurtful text messages. Mr Walsh said it is clear that many young people do not realise the hurt they cause. "Cyber-bullying has led teenagers to not eat, to lose sleep and to even commit suicide", he said. Such behaviour fits within the boundary of Melville High School's behaviour management system.

Students should also note that what they record on any digital forum today can remain accessible for a life time. Future employers, landlords, universities, banks, government agencies and children could access through the Internet and view these postings or statements for many years in the future. Further, issues of inappropriate use of intellectual property (symbols, crests, photos, etc) and matters of copyright could result in being sued.

I am seeking parents support to monitor and review their children's Internet online activities. Please be assertive and request that inappropriate content be taken down, and share with us your concerns.

**Clive Hamill, Principal**

## MELVILLE HIGH SENIOR BALL

On 25 August 2012, Melville High School held its annual senior ball (see photos on back page). Following on from the success of last year's ball, it was decided to have the ball at school again, in the hall, and it was decorated to perfection by a hardworking and creative group of parents and students.

The theme was *Olympian Dream* and as usual the Melville students presented themselves with style and pride. The evening was a stunning success with a combination of modern and ballroom dancing.

The food deserves a special mention. Not only was room A1 transformed into a thing of beauty, the food itself was spectacular!

The only hitch was the accidental setting off of the fire alarm which resulted in a mass exodus outdoors! But in true Melville style, the students continued with the singing and dancing outside, not letting the evacuation rain on their parade.

Once again, Melville, we did ourselves proud. A huge thank you to all the wonderful families who freely gave their time to make this event the huge success it was.

**K Christian, Year 13 Dean and TIC Ball**

## LIBRARY BOOK QUIZ

During Week 7 of this term, a book quiz took place for the students in the school's Glenice Gallagher Library. There was a good turnout over the week with many students participating. There was a lot of fun and laughter, and some good hearted competition. The quiz questions were based on popular book series that both girls and boys read, plus one on the Olympic Games.

At lunchtime each day, the winner was announced and they were able to choose a book as their prize. Pictured below are the winners **Marlow**, **Vijender**, **Kalyna** (absent), **Jacob** and **Kallon**.



**J Mathews, Librarian**



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MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BALL - OLYMPIAN DREAM

