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MELVILLE HIGH CAREERS EXPO

**Wed 19 August
12.30 pm - 2.15 pm
MHS Hall**

Tertiary providers and employers will be available to discuss career options

All parents and students welcome

MANA ARIKI REGIONALS 2009

The Waikato Mana Ariki Regional Kapahaka competitions were held on Saturday 25 July at Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton. The Mana Ariki Kapa Haka competitions have re-started after the passing away of the Pane Ariki.

The taonga that our group won at the last regional and national competitions were returned to Mana Ariki. Yes, our group were champions at Mana Ariki! This year, we only

had a small group of 21 students representing our school, led by **Piritata** and **Levi** (pictured). The winners for the regional went to our hard working students Mangakotukutuku - Melville High School with second place went to Hamilton Boys' and Girls' High School and third place went to Taniwharau - Hamilton's Fraser High School. The students performed at such a high standard that they won the competitions by .5 of a mark. However, out of a total aggregate of 200 points the group was awarded 199. This is fantastic and congratulations to our very talented students.

Many thanks to the tutors Whaea Valetta and Matua Aaron. Thanks also to Whaea Louanna and the many mothers who helped on the day.

Let us celebrate being Māori and being students and staff at our wonderful school.

Tumek e Mangakotukutuku.

Whaea Te Mana Rollo, Kapa Haka Tutor



Creating a Pathway to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena Koutou Katoa

I have returned to school refreshed and looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead after my term's sabbatical leave. Students have clearly been very busy last term and very successful in a number of areas. Well done.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their support in this regard. I have been very impressed with the leadership and management exercised by Acting Principal, Mr David McNulty, and his team, in my absence. Thank you all. In particular, I would also like to thank parents for your support for the initiatives begun last term, especially the focus on attendance and lateness.

During my sabbatical, I visited six secondary schools and identified a number of strategies and programmes that will be of benefit to Melville High School. A copy of my Sabbatical Report, which was presented to the July Board of Trustees meeting, is available at the school office. These schools were also very interested in our pastoral care programme, our developments in ICT and our teacher planning books.

We have just completed the first round of our orientation visits and the response to date has been positive. There is further comment elsewhere in this newsletter.

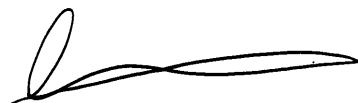
Term Three is a vitally important one for our senior students as they prepare for their assessments and their external exams. Staff have already volunteered their services to support students through the school mentoring programme. Again, we will need the support of parents for this programme to succeed. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and willing staff in this regard.

Many thanks are extended to parents and whanau who attended our recent report evening. We welcome the opportunity to catch up with you to discuss the progress and achievement of our students. You are reminded that staff are available to talk with you at any time and I request that you make an appointment through the office so that teachers can attend such meetings prepared.

The July 1st roll assessment has indicated an 8% increase in the roll. This is the first time in well over a decade that there has been a significant roll increase.

Finally, the shock announcement of the massive reduction in funding for our Community Learning Centre (Night Classes) has meant that the Board is currently reviewing its options and ability to sustain current classes. We will keep you posted.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill
Principal

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

We have had some significant changes in staffing this term.

Ms Jac Field, Head of Mathematics Department, began duties in an enthusiastic and positive manner. She has already gained support for the Mathematics Numeracy Professional Contract for 2010. After returning from a teaching position in the United Kingdom, Ms Field has enjoyed the role of the Head of Mathematics at Tauhara College in Taupo for the past 2½ years. In taking on the role at Melville High, she is looking forward to contributing to students' enthusiasm for Maths and has set up afterschool sessions on Thursdays for students to gain extra tuition and assistance with revision and homework. A passion for music in general, she is a drummer in a successful pipe band. She also enjoys cycling in her spare time.

Long serving specialist Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour [RTLB], **Ms Tracey-Lee Perry**, will be leaving us this week after six years at Melville High School. Tracey-Lee has a depth of experience in behaviour management and has been a key member of our successful Te Kotahitanga team. Tracey-Lee has been a tremendous asset to our school and has been a very effective support person for students with behavioural and learning needs. She has also been of great help to their families too. We will definitely miss her expertise and her smile.

We wish Tracey-Lee all the very best in her new role at Hamilton's Fraser High School. A reliever will be employed until a permanent replacement is found.

Technology Teacher, **Mrs Anne Burgess**, has returned after 12 months Refreshment Leave, to pick up where she left off in June 2008.

Technology Teacher, **Mr Barry Dutton**, resigned and began a permanent position in South Auckland on the first day of the new term. **Mr Peter Irving** is relieving in his classes and a permanent appointment will be made this week.

ORIENTATION

The 2010 Orientation Programme has just been completed. Last Thursday, well over 70 parents and students attended the daytime and evening information meetings. This is the most interest expressed at these traditional events in my time as principal. In the build up to this week, five Year 9 students joined me as Junior Melville High School Ambassadors as I visited 11 Primary and Intermediate schools to share with them a little about what Melville has to offer. I



Year 9 Melville High Ambassadors Cian, Kieran, Logan, Tarquin and Louise

was very impressed with these future school leaders and thank them for their commitment to our school. The response from our contributing schools was very positive.



At the evening presentation, Year 10 student, **Terri-Anna** (pictured left), entertained our guests with several items, demonstrating her powerful, beautiful voice and great guitar skills. She was the consummate performer who impressed us all. **Well done Terri-Anna!**

This year's orientation programme also included a special meeting for the Year 12 Church College students and their families. With the closure of CCNZ at the end of this year and the already strong enrolment support the school is receiving from Koromatua students, the school willingly provided this unique opportunity for prospective and existing families.

The presentation sought input from students and this feedback enabled us to modify our

2010 Senior Curriculum Booklet. The response to this opportunity was positive with nine students and their families being present. I would again like to thank families for giving up their "family home evening" to attend this meeting. Representatives from the senior staff will be visiting Church College of NZ in the second week of next term to provide additional information to students. Clearly the enrolment of these students will have a significant positive impact on our 2010 Year 13.

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ORIENTATION *(continued from previous page)*

I would like to extend to my Heads of Department my deep appreciation for willingly making themselves available for a number of evening meetings over the last few weeks. I appreciate your commitment to our school and your willingness to share. Special mention has also to be made to **Mr Mike Meagher** and his team of culinary students. They provided a number of delicious and satisfying nibbles and desserts for these meetings.

Student leaders supported our orientation activities well, with **Dain** and **Piritata** speaking capably to parents and students too.

PEER SUPPORT LEADERS

Congratulations are extended to the following students who have undertaken the role of Peer Support Leaders for 2009: **Samantha, Nicole, Teresa, Ryan, Courtney, Dain, Paige, Nicki, Chyanne, Rochelle, Jessica, Kersty and Ajsha**. These students have been trained to assist and support students in various situations, including the Restorative Practices programme. With several students available to assist with the restoration of relationships between teachers and students in the 'restorative' room after school, we are fortunate to have such students taking an important leadership role in the school. Their training has been facilitated by our Counsellors, Ron and Kathy Cronin-Lampe.

SCHOOLS' SYMPHONIC BAND

This year, we have two Year 9 Melville High students, **Jessie** and **Brendan** (pictured) who are participating in the Schools' Symphonic Band. The Schools' Symphonic Band is made up of intermediate and high school students from the greater Waikato. They perform at National Concert Bands Festivals as well as in schools and various community events. The Schools' Band practises on Thursday nights at Melville High School. Brendan and Jessie are performing with the band at the Joint Pre-Festival concert at the Salvation Army Citadel, London Street, Hamilton at 5.15pm on Friday 28 August. They are also part of the Schools' Tour of Putaruru/Tokoroa on Thursday 3 September and on the following two evenings at the NZCBA Festival Conference Centre in Rotorua.

Great effort Jessie and Brendan!



MATHEMATICS TUITION: AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS

Starting Week 5 of this term, Miss Field will be available to tutor mathematics students in J1 after school on Thursdays. All levels are welcome. Please bring any homework or class work that you need some help with, or take advantage of quiet revision time with a teacher on hand. This is the ideal opportunity to start your pre-exam study. Sessions will run from 3.30 pm-4.30 pm. See you there!

SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND VOYAGE

Year 12 student, **Harry** is currently voyaging on the Spirit of New Zealand. There are Spirit of New Zealand voyages available throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for a student to experience life on the ocean waves 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.

MANU KŌRERO 2009

Ngaruawāhia High School hosted the Tainui Regional Manu Kōrero speech competitions on Saturday 27 June 2009. Many schools came from near and far to compete for the taonga and win a place to represent Tainui at the National Manukōrero speech competitions to be held in Rotorua. Our school was represented by **Levi** (Pei Te Hurinui Jones/Senior Māori), **Shariann** (Korimako/Senior English), **Tiani** (Rawhiti Ihaka/Junior Māori) and **Nakita** (Sir Turi Carroll/Junior English). We are proud of our students, who not only represented our school well, but performed on stage at a very high standard. Congratulations to **Na kita** who was placed third overall in the Junior English. Tumeke Nakita! He toa koe!

Many thanks for the support from Whaea Louanna, Whaea Valetta, Whaea Leanne and the kapahaka students for supporting the day and, more importantly, being there for our speakers. We look forward to Manukōrero 2010. Karawhiua Meriwera Karakwhiua!

2009 TERM 3 CALENDAR

AUGUST

Week 5

Wed 19 Melville Careers Expo

Week 6

Tues 25 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm

SEPTEMBER

Week 8

Tues 8 "Thank You" function for MHS supporters

Wed 9 Curriculum Choices Evening

Week 9

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

Week 10

Tues 22 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm

Fri 25 Senior Progress Reports posted

New sletter posted

Last day of Term 3

TERM 4 CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Week 1

Mon 12 First day of Term 4

Week 3

Mon 26

Thurs 29

LABOUR DAY

SPORTS & CULTURAL

PRIZEGIVING

NOVEMBER

Week 5

Thurs 12 **SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING**

Sat 14 **NZQA Exams start**

DECEMBER

Week 8

Wed 2 **NZQA Exams finish**

Week 9

Thurs 10 **JUNIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING**

Reports and New sletter posted

Last day of Term 4

2009 TERM DATES

Term 3 20 July – 25 September

Term 4 12 October – 11 December

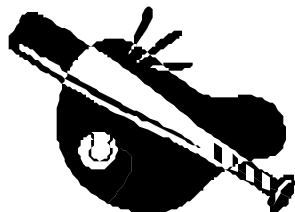
2010 TERM DATES

Term 1 2 February – 1 April

Term 2 19 April – 2 July

Term 3 19 July – 24 September

Term 4 11 October – 8 December



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AIKIDO

During the last school holidays, the Aikido students decided to have a training session in the Rec Centre. It was an opportunity for everyone to go through the basic empty-hand techniques and spend time on weapons work. The students were taught a jo (short staff) kata and also some new empty-hand techniques. It was a worthwhile experience and the students hope to set up another day during the next holidays.

Wanted – do you have any old martial arts gi (uniform) gathering dust around the house that you could donate to the school? I would like to see all the students in white gis. Please contact me through the school office if you are able to help.

D Suter, Aikido Sensei

BADMINTON

There has been a big increase in the numbers wishing to play badminton particularly among the boys. Some of the students have been showing great team spirit and turning up on three afternoons - practice on a Tuesday and to either play or support the other teams on a Wednesday and Thursday. The improvement in the students' ability to play badminton has been remarkable - so much so that I, for the first time, think we may be able to enter a team in the first division. This improvement is largely due to the students' own commitment as they have received very little in the way of coaching. All the teams are doing well and have won most of their games.

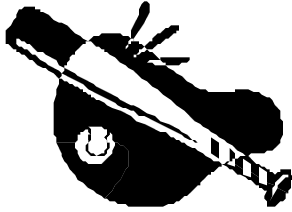
This excellent result could not have been achieved without the help of the PE department which has incorporated badminton into their programme and allows us to use their equipment. The assistance given by Mr Hill on Wednesday afternoons is much appreciated as without his assistance we would have had to reduce the number of teams entered. Ethan (ex Melville High student) has also been a great help with scoring games and giving assistance and coaching.

I Halsted, Badminton Coach/Manager

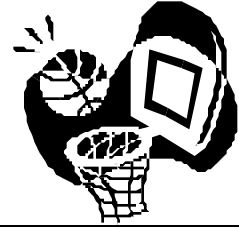
HOCKEY

Both teams are now in the Championship round, with the boys' team being undefeated in the "C Grade" with four wins from four games. The girls' team has had two wins, a loss and a draw to keep them well in contention in the "C Grade". Some of the more experienced players are doing very well playing for Club teams in the senior competition.

Year 13 student, **Mark** is working well towards his umpiring qualifications and is being requested for higher grade games.



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BASKETBALL

The tremendous start for basketball this year has carried on into this term. The Premier Junior Boys' team remains undefeated after the preliminary round. They have played eight games, scoring 771 points for and having 399 scored against them. The "for and against ratio" is 193. They start the finals round this week against Nga Taiatea, St John's and Cambridge with a great deal of confidence.



Great team skills shown by our Premier Junior Boys' team

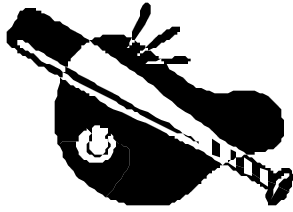
The Junior Boys' B team has had a similar amount of success, winning eight of their nine games. They have scored 366 points with 198 against. The "for and against" ratio is 185.

The Premier Girls' team finished the Preliminary Round in third place, winning 3 from 5. The majority of the girls are Year 9 and will be playing in this grade again next year. They have performed very well against more experienced teams and coaches, Lynley and Enoch have a strong focus on team development. The girls go into the finals round against Taniwharau, HGHS and Cambridge.

FOOTBALL

All teams have had mixed success recently, with the girls' team being the most successful. The girls drew 1-1 with Hillcrest Seniors and then beat HGHS 3rd XI 8-0 to qualify in the top four for the finals round. They finished the preliminary round with 3 wins, 3 draws and 1 loss (against the top team).

The Boys' 1st XI had to beat Thames to finish in the top four. Unfortunately, it is another season of what might have been and a finish in the second half of the competition. The boys bid farewell to their coach, Matt Hastings who has moved to Hastings after signing with Hawkes Bay FC for the New Zealand Football Championship. We all wish Matt all the best for the future. The Junior Boys are in a very tight competition with 5 points separating six teams. Unfortunately, they didn't make the top four but are looking to finish the season with some good positive football. The 2nd XI is sitting comfortably in third place with three games to go, only having lost to the top team, Hauraki Plains College. The boys have a fantastic team spirit and a good chance at finishing second in their division.



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MULTI-SPORT

This year we have two teams competing in the SPARC Get 2 Go Challenge. This is a one day event where 24 Year 9 and 10 teams compete in four activities, kayaking, mountain biking, sport climbing and orienteering. The winning team will compete in the National Final on Great Barrier Island in December.

We have had 36 students trialing over the last two terms, competing for the 16 places available. Since selection, the students have been training in the lunch period and after school to hone their skills.

NET BALL

The main aim for our teams in the preliminary round was to get places in the higher divisions for the Championship round. The Senior A team finished with respectable results in the first round to earn a place in Division 1 for the Championship. After two very close games they have won one and lost one, placing them in the middle of their table.

The Senior B team easily won Division 7 in the preliminary round and is in Division 4 for the Championship round. They have also won one and lost one in the first two rounds.

Both teams are relatively young and will provide a solid foundation for Netball for the next few years.



Strong defence from the Senior A team!!

Absence Line - phone 843 5212 or text 027 287 2428

Please phone or text the above numbers if your child is absent from school for any reason. No note is required on return to school if you phone or text in.

Deans

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

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
- Fee 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.

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 affect 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 and 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 is entered in NCEA standards.**

Please finalise your child's payment of NZQA fees **by Friday 28 August** to avoid a late payment fee (see enclosed school invoice).

Mr Halsted, NZQA Co-ordinator

Pathways @ Melville High

Careers, Gateway, Career Taster Courses, Youth Apprenticeship Scheme

Term 3 is a busy time in our department as we work to assist Year 13 students with decisions about next year. Students can come to Pathways @ Melville to:

- use the computers to write their CV
- get information about Polytech and University courses
- apply on line for courses
- complete documentation for Halls of Residence
- get information about scholarships

A record number of Years 11, 12, 13 students have work placements in the community and are also achieving credits in the industry towards their NCEA.

We would like to thank the many businesses in our community who have supported our Gateway students this year:

NZ Blood Donor Centre, Café Strata, Phillips Equine, Kids to 5, 2 Nail Build & Joinery, Cambridge Equine Hospital, Fosters Construction, Cascades Retirement Home, TeRangimarie Kohanga Reo, L'il Pumpkins, Frankton Car Clinic, Big Bikes, Novel Ways, Performance Auto Electricals, The Cheesecake Shop, Grey Street Kitchen, Community Radio, Changes Head to Toe, The Nest, Volunteering Waikato, Harvey World Travel, Taste Buds, Hair Co, Frankton Car Clinic, Somerset Kitchens, SPCA, Rukuhia Engineering, Lochiel Golf Course, Animal Health Centre, Waikato Hospital, Melville Service Centre, Hamilton Based Midwives and The Rock Shop.



Rebecca assisting at the Midwifery Clinic



Lynsø enjoying a day at Community Radio

Without the support of these businesses, the students at Melville High would not be so well prepared for life after school. We would like to encourage families of the Melville High community to support these businesses as they are supporting your children.

More photos next page

PROPERTY UPDATE

Work has begun on the refurbishment of the students' toilets in C Block. The contractor, Mitchell Construction, has already totally gutted the existing boys' and girls' toilets and we hope to have access to the new facilities by the second week in September. In the meantime, students are using the toilets in J Block.

Work has begun, eight years after construction was completed, at repairing the main Technology buildings. There have been extensive leaks which have plagued the building from the outset. As a consequence, there has been considerable internal damage. Work includes repairing and replacing roof, ceiling linings and flooring. Many thanks are extended to staff and students for their patience during all the disruptions.

The Administration upgrade scheduled for later this year will now get underway in Term 2 next year. The school gets funded from the Ministry of Education for property in 5 year chunks and we receive our next lot of funding in July next year. The Board decided that the student toilets were the greatest priority and postponed the upgrade.

EBONY'S SUCCESS

Year 13 student, **Ebony** (pictured right) collected one of the major prizes at the Whai Maramara performance competition held at the Hamilton City Council Garden Place buildings over the holiday break. She was one of three students who auditioned for the competition prior to the holidays at Melville High School. Ebony, who plays the acoustic guitar, sang one of her own compositions, "Hello". A member of Mr Faville's Year 13 performance class, Ebony gained recognition for her singing and a \$200 first place prize for her efforts.

Well done Ebony!



MORE GATEWAY PLACEMENT VENUES



**Kaela experiencing the delights at
*The Cheesecake Shop***



**Navneel learning skills
at *Novel Ways***

LEARNING TO LEARN SUCCESS

Recently, my Year 9 Science class finished presenting the results of their Energy inquiry back to the class. One group impressed us all by using the knowledge they had gained at the **Learning to Learn** lessons they had with the facilitator. **Lindsey, Sai and Logan** (pictured left) had made a powerpoint presentation (complete with Youtube hyperlinks) and



linked it to their KnowledgeNET homepage so they could work on it at home or at school. It is important to realise that these students did this without prompting from me; they could see the benefits themselves. I was so impressed that I have made this standard practice in the classroom with any inquiry-based learning. These boys used the PowerPoint presentation to support their research and it did not overshadow excellent practical investigations (acid bomb) and humorous video clips that related well to the topic and engaged the class. Part of becoming a better learner, is the ability to evaluate and critique. So the rest of the class assessed this group and most gave them top marks. **Well done boys!**

D Suter, Year 9 Science Teacher

Mr Suter is one of three teachers attending the KnowledgeNet Conference later this month.

TE KOTAHITANGA

Melville High School continues to be involved with Te Kotahitanga, a programme aimed at raising Māori student achievement.

On Friday 24 July, Melville High School hosted a regional hui for Te Kotahitanga facilitators and Principals from the Waikato and South Auckland regions, and the Te Kotahitanga Research Team from the University of Waikato. The aim was to learn more about the programme. These guests were very impressed by our student-led pōwhiri including their waiata tautoko. Lunch, which was catered for by parents from our community and some of our students, also included a fantastic performance by our kapa haka group, Mangakotukutuku.

This was a very educational day for the participants. Our students enhanced our reputation through showing their skills in pōwhiri, kapa haka, catering and hospitality. Our visitors also commented on the neat appearance of our students and buildings, and the businesslike atmosphere around the school. It was great to receive this feedback and to know that positive messages about us are being taken back to other schools around the region.

Well done Mangakotukutuku, students and staff of Melville High School!

J Ledson, Te Kotahitanga Facilitator

OPERATION FOCUS

Melville High School is part of a city-wide attendance initiative called **Operation Focus**. The aim of this initiative is to reduce truancy rates in Hamilton schools. This initiative involves schools, community police, School Attendance Officers (SASH) and our Campus Constable. Period 1 teachers send a list of students who are not in class to the Student Services Centre (SSC) by **9.15 am**. SSC staff then compile a list of all absent students. They then check the Absence Line and any texts for information about students who are not going to be in school for the day. They will remove the names of these students from the list. They will then compile an **Unexplained Absence List** from those students whose absence is still unexplained. The students on this list will receive a visit from the Police. If the police or attendance officers do not receive a satisfactory explanation about the absence of the student concerned, a letter will be sent reminding the parent/caregiver of their responsibility to ensure that their child goes to school each day.

We would like to thank all parents and caregivers who notify us of their child's absence in advance. It means that precious time and resources are not spent on visits that do not need to occur. We would also like to ask that these notifications are done **by 9.30 am at the latest**. There have been occasions in the past week, when home visits have been done for students who are legitimately absent but we have not been informed. We appreciate that such visits can cause inconvenience but prompt notification about a student's absence should avoid this. We have already noticed that attendance patterns have improved since **Operation Focus** began in Term 2. We thank you for your continued support in encouraging our young people to be at school on a regular basis and contributing to a successful learning and teaching programme.

A Tuck, Assistant Principal

YEAR 9 SPEECH COMPETITION

The Year 9 Speech Competition was held recently and teachers were very pleased with the high standard of all the speeches. First place getter was **Kieran** who spoke very confidently on the topic "Is life too easy for young people?" Kieran had memorised his speech and this meant that he was able to employ a full range of oratorical skills. Coming a close second was **Morgan** who spoke on Dog Fighting and was both informative and thought



L to R: Jessie, Kieran and Morgan

provoking. Third was **Jessie** whose topic was "Life in the city is better than life in the country." Congratulations to all the competitors who represented their classes so competently.

M Black, HOD English

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Melville High School lets a contract for the School Canteen which operates out of the Recreation Centre. A price list is included below. The prices are value for money. The Canteen Manager works very hard to supply quality food at a price which reflects the current economic climate.

Students in Year 9-12 **do not have permission** to leave the school grounds to buy their food from the Ulrich Avenue shops during school time.

The Student Council investigated an eftpos facility at the canteen but the delays that would be caused by a large number of small transactions meant that this service was impractical in our current situation. Students who wish to avail themselves of the school canteen service need to ensure that they bring cash to school to purchase the items they require.

A Tuck, Assistant Principal

CANTEEN MENU & PRICE LIST

Hot Food

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| Murphies Mince | \$2.50 |
| Mince & Cheese Pie | \$2.50 |
| Steak & Cheese Pie | \$2.50 |
| Ham Scroll | \$2.00 |
| Pizza Bread | \$2.00 |
| Noodles | \$2.20 |
| Garlic Bread | \$1.20 |
| Toasted Sandwich | \$2.00 |

Ice Blocks

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| Moosies | \$1.50 |
| Juicies | \$1.20 |
| Fruit ice Block | \$1.00 |
| Popsicles | \$1.60 |
| Paddle Pop | \$1.60 |
| Fruju | \$1.60 |

Drinks

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| All cans | \$1.60 |
| Waiwera Water | \$2.00 |
| Calcium Yum | \$2.00 |
| h ₂ go (750 ml) | \$2.60 |
| G Force | \$3.00 |

DAILY SPECIALS

Monday

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| Nachos | \$2.50 |
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Tuesday

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| Pasta | \$3.00 |
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Wednesday

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| Hotdogs | \$2.50 |
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Thursday

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| Chicken Burger | \$3.00 |
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Friday

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| Chips | \$2.50 |
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OTHER ITEMS

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| Yoghurt | \$1.50 |
| Cookies - large | \$1.50 |
| - small | \$0.80 |
| Slices | \$2.00 |
| Cakes | \$2.00 |
| Chocolate Bars | \$2.00 |

BEST BUDDIES OFFERS ALANA THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Three months ago I was offered an all expenses paid trip to America. But it wasn't just a free holiday; two weeks ago I went to the 20th Annual Best Buddies Leadership Conference representing New Zealand. Best Buddies is a not-for-profit organisation in 44 countries worldwide. It pairs people with intellectual disabilities in one-to-one friendships with people from the mainstream.

The conference was held at the Indianapolis University in Indiana. There were 900 students and about 400 adults. We attended lectures, lessons and fun events that helped us to become better leaders. Some of the buddies (the students with intellectual disabilities) made inspirational speeches. And some of the students made me realise how much of a difference one little person can make in someone else's life.

I learnt so many things. I learnt that everyone is equal. I learnt that it's hard to fit in when you're the odd one out. I was the only New Zealander there and no one was teasing me.

My buddy, Kristy warned me before I left that I was going to be bitten by a snake. My brother's buddy, Nick thought I would be shot. Although neither of these things happened I'd like to thank them and everyone else who made similar comments for their pleasant warning advice.

I would also like to thank the Paul Newman Fund, and Barry, Jane and Andrew from Life Unlimited who all helped in different ways to make my American trip possible. And also my teachers who were all very supportive and helped me to catch up on my schoolwork.

If you'd like to know more you can go to www.bestbuddies.org or www.ebuddies.org . More importantly, if you want to get involved please make contact with me at school.

Alana, President, Best Buddies, Melville High School



Alana enjoying her wonderful American experience with other international Best Buddy members