



# Melville High News

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## 2013 ENROLMENTS

If you wish to enrol your child in Year 9 for 2013, Enrolment Packs are available from the school office. These can also be downloaded from our website: [www.melville-high.school.nz](http://www.melville-high.school.nz).

If your child wishes to access their course preferences it would be appreciated if the Enrolment Form was returned to us by **Friday 9 November 2012**.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

2011 Melville High School Dux, Gina Milicich was the well deserving recipient of the University of Waikato Paul Woodford Day Memorial Scholarship for Excellence. The school welcomed Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Roy Crawford, Clare Cramond - Group Manager Recruitment and Julia Wilson - Internal Communications Adviser to the special assembly this week. The University of Waikato, with its 2000-plus staff and 13,000-plus students, has a unique relationship with Melville High School.



**Prof. Dr. Roy Crawford, Gina Milicich and Mr Hamill**

Emeritus Professor Paul Woodford Day was one of Waikato University's visionaries who advocated for the establishment of Waikato University in Hamilton and the Vice Chancellor took great pleasure in presenting the award to Gina. Gina's parents were also present to see their daughter receive the scholarship.

Professor Crawford said it was very appropriate that the University was able to acknowledge Paul Woodford Day as a driving force behind the establishment of the Hamilton Teachers College in 1964 on the Melville High School site under the auspices of University of Auckland. The College was housed in what was known as B Block (destroyed by fire in 2006) for two years before being relocated to the new University of Waikato campus at Ruakura. The High School during this time was based at the Melville Intermediate site.

Professor Crawford also noted that the University and Melville High School were both looking forward to their 50th Jubilees in 2014.

Gina is utilising the \$5000 Scholarship to support her School of Management Studies programme.

**C Hamill, Principal**

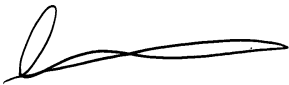
# Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The term has begun in a positive manner and the last few weeks have been filled with a host of activities involving students and staff working together in the interests of our students. We have just completed the first round of our Year 9 orientation visits and the response to date has been excellent. There is additional comment elsewhere in this newsletter.

This term is a critical time for senior students. It is a period of significant academic challenge as students prepare for their assessments and their external exams. At the same time many students are involved in other significant sporting and cultural events. It is, therefore, important to support them in taking extra care to plan and prepare for these events which compete for their precious time. While occasions like the School Ball, Tournament Week and Kapa Haka are vital elements of the school year, our primary focus must be on student achievement.

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 are also providing additional individual tuition and further assessment opportunities. I have been impressed with the willingness and the extent of support our students have received from their families, members of the community and their teachers. This partnership is vital for student success.



**Clive Hamill, Principal**

### NZQA FEES – URGENT REQUEST

We are now collecting NZQA fees for Years 11-13 students entered in NCEA standards. The **standard fee is \$76.70 per student per year** and it is compulsory for this fee to be paid. 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. To get 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. Families with a Community Services Card generally qualify for this financial assistance.

**PLEASE FINALISE YOUR CHILD'S PAYMENT OF NZQA FEES BY FRIDAY 24 AUGUST TO AVOID A LATE PAYMENT FEE.**

**Mrs Tuck, NZQA Co-ordinator**

## MELVILLE ACHIEVES GOLD IN 2012!

### Gold Medal Teaching!

### Melville High School Celebrates Māori Student Success

Melville High School took on the Te Kotahitanga project at the beginning of 2007. The goal to target Māori students in Years 9 and 10 to improve academic performance has worked!

Principal Clive Hamill (2007) stated that 'he believed Te Kotahitanga could empower teachers to reflect on their teaching practices and become a catalyst for huge change if it was embedded in an environment that nurtured and supported teachers'.

Today, in 2012, teachers at Melville High School certainly have a lot to celebrate. Sustained commitment to the project has created a nurturing environment that places relationships and academic achievement at the core of teaching business. It is time to share these GOLD medal results with our school and wider community.

- **Māori Students want to stay in school!**

This relationship based project which has focused on raising expectations of Māori achievement for students and teachers themselves has seen an amazing jump in retention of students. The number of Māori students enrolled in Year 13 has jumped from a mere 8% in 2008 to a massive 48% in 2012!

- **Māori Students are achieving in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3**

The jump in percentages of students achieving across all NCEA levels since 2008 is something to truly celebrate.

% of Maori Students achieving NCEA			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>2008</b>	36.6	20	0
<b>2009</b>	46.2	50	0
<b>2010</b>	50.0	40	18
<b>2011</b>	54.0	73	35

Well done, Melville High School! Congratulations to all teachers, students and staff.

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nona te ngahere. Ko te manu e kai ana i te matuaranga, nona te ao.

The bird that partakes of the miro berry reigns in the forest. The bird that partakes of the power of knowledge has access to the world.

**Tania Mills, RTLB**

## PRINCIPALS FOR A DAY

This year, Melville High School was privileged to host two "Principals for a Day" (PFAD).

On Tuesday 7 August we hosted Andrew Boyd, Chief Executive of HealthShare Ltd and on Wednesday 8 August we hosted Dick Breukink, General Manager at Novotel Tainui and Ibis Tainui Hamilton.



Mr Boyd, as CEO of HealthShare Ltd, leads a company which provides a wide range of regional services including clinical network co-ordination, service planning, workforce development, audit and assurance to support the five Midland District Health Boards. With

an extensive background in forensic auditing and managing risk, he made an invaluable contribution in analysing and critiquing school practices and procedures.

On Wednesday, Mr Breukink (pictured below) spoke to Accounting and Mathematics students about his career path and the various roles and middle management opportunities in the companies that he works for. He outlined the daily and weekly practices used in the hospitality industry which use standard accounting practices.



Senior hospitality students hosted Mr Breukink, Board of Trustees members and senior staff in Café Makona while Torah Waa and Kira Tahere provided background classical music. The three course meal with barista coffees was of a high standard and impressed all the guests.

The PFAD programme is facilitated by **SMART WAIKATO** and is a programme designed to build stronger links between schools and business. Members of the business community are invited for the day to shadow a school principal. Leader-to-leader dialogue takes place on the day which helps schools and businesses to understand more about each other.

Another key aspect of PFAD is the reciprocal visits.

The day concluded with a forum where experiences were shared at a presentation, which this year was hosted by the Deputy Mayor of Hamilton in the Atrium at Wintec.

**C Hamill, Principal**

## SCHOOL BALL

This year, our school ball will be held on Saturday 25 August in our school hall. The theme is **Historical Greece** and the doors will open at 7.00 pm. All students are expected to be inside the venue by 7.30 pm. If students are not at the venue by this time, missing students' parents will be contacted. All bags/coats, etc will be collected and held in a service room. The cost to attend the Ball this year is \$50 which includes supper.

Normal school rules, etc apply, i.e. no smoking and if students are suspected of using or possessing drugs or alcohol they will be tested and escorted from the premises and face serious discipline action from the school.

The Ball will conclude at 12 midnight. Students will only be released into the care of their parent/caregiver. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the students once they leave the Ball premises and once the Ball has concluded.

Students are reminded that to be eligible to attend the ball they have to have a minimum 83% attendance rate, have paid outstanding subject and co-curricular fees (sports and cultural) and returned overdue library books.

The conditions for our ball include the following:

- All students must have a signed permission slip to attend the ball.
- All tickets must be paid for prior to the ball.
- The Ball is for Melville High School students and their approved partners only.

Traditionally, the ball has been a tremendous success and we are seeking your help to ensure it is a positive time for our senior students.

**Clive Hamill, Principal**



## RECORD BLOOD DONATIONS

On Thursday 21 June, 35 senior Melville High students donated blood to the NZ Blood Service. Donor Recruiter, Wiki Gillard and several Year 13 students canvassed the school grounds to encourage senior students to participate in this worthwhile community activity. The school commends these students for responding to this campaign. The following is a letter of appreciation:

*You will be pleased to hear that several collections staff gave really positive feedback about the conduct of the Melville High School students last week. Everyone was blown away by the singers, but more importantly the overall behaviour and politeness of all the students was a real credit to themselves and the school they represent.*

*Kindest regards*

*Dean Hill, Team Leader Recruitment  
New Zealand Blood Service*

## YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD

I am a Year 13 student at Melville High School and was recently nominated for a Volunteering Excellence Award for youth where I was recognised for my contribution of voluntary efforts I had put into the Melville community. I attended the Excellence Dinner on Wednesday 20 June and this awards ceremony was a wonderful opportunity for the community to recognise the contribution and achievements of outstanding volunteers. I was delighted to be awarded runner-up for the Youth Excellence Award. I was extremely happy to have increased my work ethics through volunteering with this high achievement.



I would like to make special acknowledgement of the Te Whare Kokonga for nominating me. A sincere thank you also to my beautiful family for their support and love, especially my Mum. This was an extremely proud moment for me and I encourage other rangatahi (youth) to get out there and prove that you are definitely an asset to the community. **Tiani**

## INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



**Mr Rikki Cowley** joins the Mathematics and Science Departments in a part-time position, replacing Ben Masom who left us recently

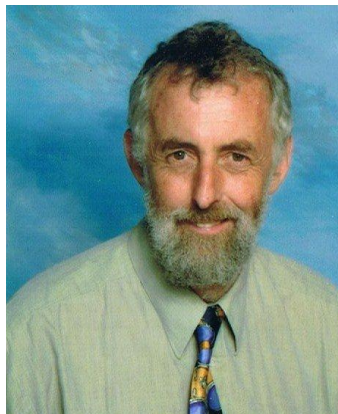


**Whaea Ellen Brown** is Acting Head of Curriculum Māori for Term 3. Whaea Ellen has taught previously at Whakatane High School and Trident High School. Whaea Ellen comes from Ruatoki in the Bay of Plenty.



Mr Matnor Saad will be teaching Mathematics for the term and will be taking the place of Graham Young who is on leave until he leaves us on 31 August. Mr Saad taught previously overseas and at Otorohanga College

## DEPARTURE OF VETERAN TEACHER



Friday 31 August will be the final day for long term staff member, Graham Young. Graham taught first at Melville High School for five years from 1984, rejoining the permanent staff in 1991 teaching in the Mathematics department. In 1994, he was appointed HoD Computing. Graham was on the National Committee for the Computing Teachers Association and was part of

a group of teachers exploring a new Digital Technology structure. Melville High School was the first school to call it Digital Technology. In 2001, he took study leave to further his computing studies. He loves tramping and cycling, and has taken tramping intensives in the Kaueranga Valley and completed a three day cycling tour of South Waikato with 20 students. More recently, Graham has been our Video Conferencing Administrator. Graham has also been involved in many extra-curricular activities including sailing, windsurfing, Spirit of New Zealand, sailing camp and girls' soccer. We thank Graham for his many and varied contributions to the school and wish him well in the future.

## FORMER STUDENTS OFF TO AMERICA

Former Melville High School students **Rajneel Naicker** (2006) and **Gina Milicich** (2011) have won the right to represent New Zealand at the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) World Cup in Washington DC in the USA. The pair are both University of Waikato Management Studies students and are members of SIFE, a club to use their learning to enhance their local community through economic, social, and environmental initiatives.

Throughout this year, they have worked in project teams and found relevant needs in the community that they could apply their skills and new knowledge. Each year a few students from each university SIFE team in NZ present their projects at the National competition. Gina and Raj made it through the auditions and were part of a six-member team representing the University of Waikato.

They prepared a 24 minute presentation, aided by visuals and an annual report, and reported on their work supporting not for profit and special education ventures in Hamilton. In front of 20 judges at KMPG in Auckland, SIFE Waikato won the national award, beating other finalists from AUT and Massey University. The team will now go on to represent New Zealand at the SIFE World Cup in the USA, where the top teams from around the globe will compete for the world title.

The following are three examples of the seven projects Gina and Raj were involved in:

- Easy Rider is an economic initiative in which we assisted a local company which provides transport for the disabled and elderly to run more economically, ensuring the survival of the business.
- The Phoenix Project is a social initiative which saw our team assisting Hamilton's Richmond Centre and Kauri Centre to gain better access to grants and sponsorship to allow at-risk youth to continue education.
- The Ripple Effect is an environmental initiative in which Waikato farmers are being encouraged to plant native trees around waterways to reduce nitrogen leaching into the water, together with the research into the eradication of the pest koi carp.

Our congratulations are extended to these former students who are seizing the opportunities to apply their learning in ways that benefit our community.

Tumeke.

**C Hamill, Principal**



**University of Waikato SIFE Team  
Rajneel Naicker (3<sup>rd</sup> from left)  
and Gina Milicich (far right)**

## ORIENTATION VISITS AND OPEN DAY

The 2012 Orientation Programme has just been completed. On Thursday evening over 50 parents and students attended the evening information meeting. Many more attended the open day event held earlier that morning. The highlight of the evening was the number of students involved in demonstration activities in the classrooms.

In the build-up to this week, ten 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 High has to offer. This year saw the school invited to attend Maeroa Intermediate for the first time.

Our champion 2012 Junior Ambassadors were: **Eva, Nicholas, Shyniah, Sita, Malachi, Alexis, Annika, Regina, Eijah and Eric.** I was very impressed with these future school leaders and thank them for their commitment to our school and their honesty and candour they showed when proudly talking about their high school. At the conclusion of these visits, we presented the schools with a picture book in appreciation of being able to speak with their students. The response from our contributing schools was very positive.

I would like to extend thanks to my Leaders of Curriculum Areas, the teaching staff and to the selected students for making themselves available for this Orientation evening and for their efforts with the Principal for Day visits. I appreciate your commitment to our school and your willingness to share.

**C Hamill, Principal**

## LEVEL 1 MATHEMATICS EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT: ALGEBRAIC METHODS

All Mat 126 and MAZ 121 students are required to sit the above assessment on Tuesday 18 September 2012 from 9.30 am to 10.30 am, in the school hall.

**D Chandra, LOC Mathematics**



# Sports @MLV



## CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Clay Target Shooting has been introduced to the school for the first time under the guidance of Owen Pratt. The boys have been practicing in the weekends at the Waikato Clay target Club. On the first Saturday of the last school holidays, we had a team of four boys, **Joshua P, Joshua B, Ross** and **Bailey** compete in the North Island Clay Target Shooting Championships. Josh Pratt finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the single rise and has qualified to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships in Christchurch in October. Owen is very keen to develop the sport within the school. Any students that are interested in taking it up should contact Russell Wilson.

## FUTSAL (INDOOR SOCCER)

A school team competed in the first Secondary School Futsal League in Term 2. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the senior competition. From the League we had three students selected for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty teams playing in the New Zealand Futsal Youth Championships in Wellington. **Raukawa** played in the Under 14's and **Justin** and **Jordan** in the Under 19's. The Under 14 team just missed the semi-final and the Under 19 team came 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Canterbury and Wellington. We have a team playing in the League being run this term at Hamilton Boys' High School.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

Following on from the successful Rugby season, we have entered a team into the Secondary School Rugby League Tournament being run by Te Wananga o Aotearoa. The team will be playing four games (two home and two away) on Wednesdays after school. The semi-finals and final games are being played on Wednesday 26 September.

## FOOTBALL

All of the football teams have had a mixed season with wins and losses. The Boys' 1<sup>st</sup> XI are preparing for their trip to Whanganui to play in the Secondary Schools Rex Dawkins Trophy Tournament in the first week of September.

## Snow Boarding

Another first for Melville High School is having students competing in the Waikato Secondary Schools Ski and Board Championships at Turoa. **Leyn** and **Jarreau** represented the school in the snowboarding competition.

## RUGBY

The Melville 1<sup>st</sup> XV team has had a fantastic season. After going through the first three grading games undefeated they were moved up to Division 3 from Division 4. Since then they have played nine round robin games, winning all of them. They have scored 389 points for and 46 against. There was only one game where they did not get a bonus point for tries. In the semi-final game, they beat St John's 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 13-3 to set up a home final against Hamilton Boys' High School 4. At the time of writing this game had not been played.

The Under 15 team has also had a very good development season without the same level of success. They have progressed a long way since the start of the season and will provide a solid base for the future.

Success for both teams has led to individual recognition for a number of players with representative selection as follows:

Waikato Under 18 trial teams: **Ben**

Harlequins Under 17 squad: **Atu, Tipene, Brigham, John Boi, Piahana**

Waikato Under 16 squad: **Josh, Travis**

NZ Harlequins Under 14: **Dion, Mikaera, Joseph, Hone, Thomas**

NZ Harlequins Under 15: **Natanahira**

Waikato Harlequins Under 15: **Angus, Scott, Manasseh**

## NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WEEK

Melville High School has four teams competing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Tournament Week, 3-7 September.

We have a girls' team competing in the Upper North Island Secondary School Netball Championships in Takapuna. Both the Boys' and Girls' Premier Basketball teams are competing in the Zone 2 Regional Championships in Taupo - if either team gains a top four position they will qualify for the National Championships in Nelson in the first week of October. The Boys' Football 1<sup>st</sup> XI team is travelling to Whanganui to play in the Rex Dawkins Trophy.

These teams have all been undertaking extensive fundraising activities, and the basketball and football teams have received generous grants from the New Zealand Community Trust.



## HOMEWORK CENTRE

We have been very fortunate to receive funding to establish a Homework Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Mrs Donna Wilson will staff the facility which is based in room M2. All senior students are welcome to attend as many sessions as they like. The key focus for the centre is for supporting students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who have yet to gain their Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy credits. There is also an opportunity for students to review assessments that have not been successful and have support in preparing for further assessment opportunities. Teaching staff have volunteered to support this initiative and are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help support students learning. This is a great opportunity for students to seek additional support for their learning.

**D McNulty, Deputy Principal**

## NCEA LEVEL 1

At the start of this term we appointed Mrs Donna Wilson to help support students who we have identified as struggling to achieve the requirements of Level 1 NCEA. We have focused primarily on the Level 1 Numeracy and Literacy requirements. Mrs Wilson is working with these students on a one-to-one basis and is developing plans which will enable students to achieve their academic goals for the year. Mrs Wilson is also supporting students who are preparing work for resubmission and reassessments. If you feel your son or daughter would value the opportunity to be part of this education programme then please contact the Deputy Principal, Mr McNulty. The programme involves identifying areas of concern and putting a plan in place to address those issues. Students may be required to attend the Homework Centre to help their achievement. There is an expectation that students will fully commit to the support provided and will benefit from the programme. I will be communicating with caregivers of the students who are working with Mrs Wilson and report their achievement to date.

**Mr McNulty, Deputy Principal**

## MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS Fundraiser for Year 12 Physical Education Outdoor Pursuits Centre Tongariro Camp



**FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER  
SCHOOL HALL**

6.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
*Quiz starts at 7.00 pm*

\$10 per person - MAXIMUM six people in a team  
First, second and third place prizes

***Great spot prizes!***

***Fantastic Raffles throughout the evening  
Light refreshments available for purchase***

## 2012 TERM 3 CALENDAR

### AUGUST

#### Week 6

Tues 21 Get 2Go Challenge  
Sat 25 School Ball

#### Week 7

Mon 27 Mobile Dental Caravan on site  
Tues 28 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

### SEPTEMBER

#### Week 8

Mon3-Fri 7 **Tournament Week**

#### Week 9

Thurs 13 **Curriculum Choices Evening**

#### Week 10

Mon 17-Fri 21

### **SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK**

Fri 21 NCEA Reports posted  
Newsletter posted

#### Week 11

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

## 2012 TERM DATES

**Term 3 16 July - 28 September**

**Term 4 15 October - 10 December**

## 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).



## IT'S HAPPENING AT MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

