



Melville High News

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2012 HEAD STUDENTS



L to R: Jordan, Issac, Nakita and Terri-Anna

It is my pleasure to introduce Melville High School's head students for 2012.

2012 Head Boy, **Isaac** is a Year 13 student studying five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics with Calculus and Physics. As part of his leadership role for 2012, he wants to create an environment in which all students will want to enjoy learning.

2012 Head Girl, **Nakita**, is also a Year 13 student taking five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Drama, English, Music, Mathematics with Calculus and Statistics and Modeling. During 2012, she wants to increase and maintain a higher profile to demonstrate that Melville High is an awesome school.

Jordan, 2012 Deputy Head Boy, is also studying five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Art Painting, Digital Technology, Drama, Food and Physical Education. He says his challenges for 2012 will be getting used to his new role and planning for the year, and his goals are to improve the friendships between students all through the school

Terri-Anna, 2012 Deputy Head Girl, also studies five Level 3 NCEA subjects: Art, Drama, English, History and Music. Her personal goals for this year are to aim for excellence academically and in her extra-curricular activities (performing arts). She hopes to be a supportive team member in the organisation of school activities and positively promote Melville High School.

Clive Hamill, Principal

PARENT REPORT EVENING Wednesday 21 March 3.30 pm-6.00 pm Glenice Gallagher Library

All parents/caregivers are invited to meet with their child's teachers to discuss their progress. An Interim Report will be enclosed with the next newsletter. Please make the most of this opportunity.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS

Monday 20 February
10.00 am-2.00 pm

Porritt Stadium

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Parents, caregivers and students, New Year's greetings to you all. We hope that you are all in good health. It is my pleasure to welcome you all to an exciting year at Melville High School. 2012 brings with it several opportunities which will ensure that Melville High School will provide fruitful pathways for every student.

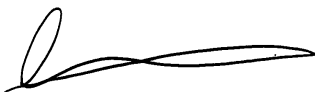
A very special greeting is extended to our new families. I have been particularly impressed by the enthusiasm of our new parents, their willingness to make themselves known to me and my staff, and their offers of support. The powhiri was very well attended and the "meet the teacher" barbeque was a resounding success. It was great to see parents using this opportunity to catch up with staff. I thank our new families for participating in these important induction events. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Year 13 students and the excellent support of staff for this important event.

Academically, I am able to report that the interim data shows that Melville High School's NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 results **are the best ever**. A 75% pass rate at Level 2 with a 74% pass rate for Māori students at this level being the highlight. Further comment is made elsewhere in this newsletter. A full report on these results will be made when NZQA finalises results later this term.

Such success is gained by a lot of hard work, not only by students and their families but also by our teachers. I would like to publically thank all those teachers who offered to mentor NCEA students and to those staff who went the extra mile to support students in their study and assessments. Well done Melville High School staff.

We are already involved in extra-curricular activities for students. The Year 13 students returned last week from a successful Leadership Camp; Swimming Sports went well; we have the Athletics Day at Porritt Stadium this coming week and all Year 9 students are off to camp at Lake Karapiro next month. Such activities are an important aspect of school and parents and families are welcome to attend.

Kia Ora. (Good health)



Clive Hamill
Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome all new and returning students, staff and whanau to our school for 2012.

The opening school roll is one of the highest over recent years. It has been great to see so many Year 9 students enroll at the school this year and attend the recent BBQ with relatives. We would like to thank the Year 13 students who assisted with this event and also during the orientation day with the new students.

The Board is extremely excited by the outcome of the progress made by our students over the past 12 months. This has been evidenced by some fantastic improvements in the pass rate of our Levels 1, 2 and 3 NCEA students announced over the last two-three weeks. A massive improvement in the pass rate of our last year's Level 2 students truly is amazing and demonstrates that the school is progressing well. Thanks go to the students for their hard work and also to our teaching staff for their contribution in the class which has inspired this success.

We can also advise that the school has returned a modest cash surplus again, for the second year running. The financial position of the school moving forward has strengthened considerably. This means that we are in a better position to provide better/improved resources to students and staff. We, as a Board, are proud to be associated with these successes and we will continue to work with students, staff and our wider community to continue to improve all facets of education and student activities at Melville High.

Let 2012 be another stepping stone in improving expectations, achievement, participation and involvement for our local high school.

Bruce Tocker, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

SCHOOL AND SUBJECT FEES

With reduced resourcing from the Ministry, including quarterly funding, escalating costs and reduced discretionary funding, we continue to face a challenge of balancing our books. We therefore need to recover the costs of course fees and actual co-curricular expenses (eg swimming sports pool and bus hire).

To assist families meeting such expenses we provide Automatic Payments as an option. If you wish to avail yourself of this service please contact Lynette Malone, our Executive Officer. The payment of fees makes a substantial contribution towards costs and enables us to provide the resourcing for the benefit of all our students.

C Hamill, Principal

2012 SCHOOL GOALS

1. CURRICULUM

- Provide greater clarity to leadership roles and methods of organisation:
 - SLT
 - Leaders of Curriculum
 - Heads of Curriculum
- Utilize the Pastoral Care network to provide assistance to students in their focus on their academic achievement.
- Focus on improving Year 10 Boys achievement.
- Re-establish a Campbell Centre Class – Year 9-13 (Learning Pathways) and mainstream students with significant behavioural issues.
- Sustain Year 9 and 10 literacy intervention strategy.
- Develop a school wide literacy strategy to generate a common understanding of our definition of Literacy and develop staff capacity to support student literacy.
- Implement standard benchmark assessments twice yearly in all Years 9 and 10 core curriculum classes.
- Continue to utilize the Annual Report to chart progress regarding the implementation of NZC and to identify areas of strength and challenge across the school.
 - Amend to include a generic aspect about planning and a course summary table for each senior class.
 - Develop a school scheme template for Curriculum Areas and subject areas.

2. TE KOTAHITANGA

- Implement a proposal to ensure the sustainability of Te Kotahitanga as we reach the end of our resourcing cycle. This will include:
 - observations of senior classes in the PD cycle,
 - establishing a sustainable Facilitation Team of FTTE 1.0,
 - creating whanau connections through literacy strategies,
 - improving the culture of gathering evidence for co construction hui,
 - supporting SLT to embed Leaders of Curriculum and SLT co construction Hui.

3. RESOURCING

- Implement a cost recovery strategy for resources.
- Report to the Board Finance committee regarding expenditure by Faculties/ Department above budgeted levels and freeze budgets or foreshadow future reductions.

- Explore additional avenues to resource provision for programmes/trips, etc.
- Plan for the refurbishment of C Block.

4. OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS

- Develop an implementation plan for PB4L for 2012 including:
 - reviewing rewards system, reporting back to staff, teaching desired behaviour, consistent system for inappropriate behaviour
- Increase the target minimum attendance level to 83%.
- Review of our Reports to parents, including writing, reporting to parents processes and timeframes.
- Implement the new Teacher Council expectations and establish a synergy with them and our current appraisal and performance management system.
- Separate ICT technical from ICT philosophical (embedding ICT in curriculum delivery).
- Affirm our involvement in e-learning.

PE SPORTS UNIFORM

Melville High School has a new physical education uniform for Year 9 and Year 10. It consists of a green top and red shorts. Students in the senior school are also able to wear this uniform in their physical education/sports science classes if they wish. It is also able to be worn by students representing the school at secondary school sports activities. It is a very smart uniform and the students will find it very comfortable and easy to look after.

A Tuck, Assistant Principal

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

I would respectfully like to ask parents and caregivers that they only contact the office in regard to passing on urgent messages to their child. Please do not ask us to disrupt learning with messages which are not of an urgent matter.

I would also like to ask those parents/caregivers who are contacting their children by cellphone during class time to refrain from doing so as it is extremely disruptive during lessons when this occurs. Thank you in anticipation.

D McNulty, Deputy Principal

NCEA RESULTS

I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate those students who succeeded in their NCEA results. A special mention is made of those who did well in the external assessments (exams). You have all received recognition for the extra effort you expended. Our 2011 NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 results were the best ever.

The interim results are as follows. A fuller report will be made when the results are confirmed in April.

**Melville High School
All Students (%)**

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| NCEA Level 1 | 53 | 56 | 62 | 66 |
| NCEA Level 2 | 55 | 54 | 52 | 75 |
| NCEA Level 3 | 41 | 38 | 27 | 42 |

**Melville High School
Māori Students (%)**

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| NCEA Level 1 | 36 | 46 | 50 | 52 |
| NCEA Level 2 | 20 | 50 | 40 | 74 |
| NCEA Level 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 35 |

We recognise that such success is the result of significant effort and focus of students, families and, of course, our staff. Such focus begins well before the senior years of high school.

Well done one and all.

I would particularly like to acknowledge **The 140+ NCEA Level 1 Club**. Namely these students who gained 140 Level 1 credits or more:

- **Jessie**
- **Sokhuong**
- **Susan**
- **Rachel**
- **Morgan**
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A big congratulations is extended to **Jessie** who gained NCEA Level 1 endorsement with excellence.

Of particular note was the success of last year's Year 12's who gained a massive 75% pass rate, up almost 50% on previous years.

Pleasing too was the Māori student pass rate at Level 2 which was 74%. These are excellent outcomes and we are proud of their achievements.

Included in this group of special achievers are the following students who gained NCEA Level 2 endorsement with excellence are:

- **Ryan**
- **Helaman**
- **Sam**
- **Terri-Anna**

Congratulations scholars.

C Hamill, Principal

LATE YEAR 9 ENROLMENTS

The beginning of the year is a busy time and we note that there have been delays in enrolling students. School has been open for enrolments since Monday 23rd January. School officially got underway for students on Tuesday 31 January. I thank those families for supporting us by undertaking these enrolments early.

The enrolment information was advertised in the *Waikato Times* and the free weekly publication, *The Hamilton Press*, on two separate occasions. The enrolment dates were also posted on the main office doors from Wednesday 14 December 2011.

To date we have had 41 Year 9 enrolments this year. As a result our Year 9 classes have been bulging at the seams and we have unfortunately had to create a new Year 9 Tutor class from existing classes. The new class is 9RS and has Miss Elizabeth Ross, our Head of Food and Fabric, as their tutor. We will also be supporting her to establish a positive tone.

Parents are reminded that those students who enrol late end up not getting their preferences while those who enrolled early generally gained their course choices. Our roll has increased but and we are employing additional part time staff.

Families are reminded that we have only **one start day** at Melville High School per week. This is on Mondays and students undertake an induction programme including an orientation tour before they go to their new classes. This has been very well received by new students. Students who enrol during the week therefore don't begin until they have their uniform and they start on the next Monday morning.

C Hamill, Principal

CHESS SETS

The library needs more chess sets. If you have any complete sets that are no longer required, please drop them off at the library or the front office.

M Black, HoD English

ATTENDANCE: STILL A PRIORITY AT MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Good attendance at school is a must

I am pleased to report that the focus on improving attendance in 2011 was a success. Special acknowledgment is made of the leadership of Deputy Principal Mr. Dave McNulty and his team.

Our internal attendance processes were of such a high standard that we gained Ministry of Education permission to transfer to a fully electronic recording process. Namely that school attendance registers are recorded on laptops or desktop computers at the end of each period or at the end of the day.

Keeping young people attending school and engaging in education has always been important. Attendance and engagement in school improves employment, social and life chances and reduces the development of antisocial behaviour and youth offending.

At Melville high School we have the catch cry - **at school, in class and on time**. This term we will be engaging in conversations with students and their families as soon as attendance or lateness becomes a pattern.

We will be continuing with confirming clear expectations for students, staff, parents and caregivers and share this information. This will include elements of the following:

- a. Prizes for excellent attendance. Last year 20 MPS Players were balloted to students who had excellent attendance.
- b. Rewards for students with good attendance (minimum 83% attendance), including punctuality (not being late to class) and access to:
 - i. Playing in sports teams
 - ii. Swimming Sports
 - iii. Athletics Day
 - iv. The Raft Race
 - v. The School Ball
 - vi. Cultural activities including Stage Challenge and Kapa Haka Competitions
 - vii. Tournament week
 - viii. STAR
 - ix. Gateway
 - x. Trips
 - xi. Sport trips
 - xii. Class trips
 - xiii. Special programmes
 - xiv. Vehicle Passes

Clearly such a strategy will require a partnership between students/families and school. I look forward to your continued support in this area.

C Hamill, Principal

RAFT RACE

Students are reminded that the Annual Raft Race down the Waikato River gets underway on **Tuesday 3 April**. All rafts need to pass scrutiny on the day and all participants are required to wear life jackets and helmets and prove their swimming skills. All students need to complete the documentation and entry forms. These are available from our Sports Co-ordinator, Russell Wilson.



Great memories of 2010

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

YEAR 13 INDUCTION ACTIVITIES



FAREWELLING STAFF

Louanna Garmonsway

We bade farewell to **Whaea Louanna** this week before she headed off to a new position as a School-wide PB4L Regional Practitioner for the Ministry of Education, Special Education in South Auckland.

Whaea Louanna has taught in the Special Needs area of Melville High School for over 11 years. She has undertaken a variety of leadership roles in the school during her time. Among these responsibilities Louanna was a Specialist Classroom Teacher (SCT). An SCT is an acknowledged skilled teaching practitioner who assists and supports their teaching colleagues to improve their teaching practice. Louanna was also one of our founding Te Kotahitanga facilitators and has played an instrumental role in inducting staff into this innovative programme.

Louanna has provided leadership to the Learning Initiative Department, more recently being the Director of this department which has played a key role in empowering students who have challenges with their learning and supporting them to be successful and to remain at school until Year 13. Whaea Louanna has been very active in the co-curricular areas of the school especially with Kapa Haka and netball. She has also been very explicit and hard working in her support of Māori students and their whanau



Whaea Louanna Garmonsway

We wish Louanna all the very best for the future and thank her for her many valuable contributions to the school.

Nigel Rowling – School Chaplin

We farewelled Nigel Rowling, our School Chaplin over the past three years, at a morning tea earlier this month. Nigel, a former Board of Trustees member, trail blazed the school chaplaincy role in the school as part of the Churches Education Commission.

Nigel was a familiar figure at the school on Thursdays, sports and cultural events, and in times of emotional need. He brought humility and a tremendous sense of care with him that made him a valuable member of the pastoral care system at Melville High School. Nigel assisted students, families and staff in a supportive and empowering manner.

In times of need, Nigel's contribution to the school was invaluable. Nigel is off to tertiary study in the area of counselling.

We wish him success in this endeavour and thank him for his many gifts to the school community.

Peter Revell – ICT Contractor

Peter has worked in the school over the last three years in the area of technical support for the school ICT Infrastructure and troubleshooting when things go wrong in the computer area.

At a time when we have developed both greater use and dependency on digital technology, having a cool head and a quiet positive disposition has been invaluable, especially when facing the challenges of “life threatening” issues and problems that staff have with the network or their computers. Peter's role in this area was much appreciated.

We wish him well.

Andrew Allen is our new ICT technician and he will be employed by the school full time.

WELCOMING NEW STAFF



Ms Rosie Jones

Ms Jones takes up the position of Acting Director of the Learning Initiatives Department after six years at Thames High School as their Homeroom teacher and other areas in English and Social Studies. She has great computer skills and enjoys gardening, music, dancing and entertaining.



Miss Rachel Kiddie

A former student of Melville High School, Miss Kiddie joins us from previous teaching posts at Cambridge High School and in South Korea. She joins the Visual Arts Department and privately is a practicing painter. Her other interests include cooking Mexican food, surfing and travelling.



Mr David Kallahar

Mr Kallahar joins the Technical Department teaching Hard Materials. As a teacher recently graduated from the University of Waikato, he is passionate about most sports, particularly rugby, athletics and martial arts. He is also interested in health and fitness, country music and genealogy, and enjoys food from other cultures.



Mr Martin Keast

Mr Keast comes to Melville High after a teaching position at Hamilton Christian School. He is interested in assisting with the debating team. Apart from jogging and cycling, in his spare time he enjoys brewing his own beer.



Mr Ben Masom

Mr Masom joins the Mathematics and Science Departments after teaching at Kerikeri High School and a brief visit to his home in USA last year. He also did a relief teaching placement at Melville High in 2010. He enjoys surfing in his spare time and is passionate about education.

2012 TERM 1 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Week 4

Mon 20 School Athletics

Week 5

Wed 29 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

MARCH

Week 6

Mon 5 Class Photos
Tues 6 Zone Athletics

Week 7

Fri 16 Interim Reports posted
Newsletter posted

Week 8

Wed 21 Waikato Secondary Schools
Swimming Championships
**PARENT REPORT
EVENING 3.30 pm-6.00 pm**

Week 9

Tues 27 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

APRIL

Week 10

Tues 3 Year 10 Vision Testing
Raft Race
Thurs 5 Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Week 1

Tues 24 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

Wed 25 **ANZAC DAY**

MAY

Week 3

Fri 11 Newsletter posted

Week 5

Tues 22 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm
Australasian Computer
Skills Exam

JUNE

Week 7

Mon 4 **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY**

Week 8

Tues 12 Reports posted
Newsletter posted
Fri 15 **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Week 9

Wed 20 **PARENT REPORT
EVENING 3.30 pm-6.00 pm**
Virtual Careers Event

Week 10

Tues 26 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm
Fri 29 Last day of Term 2

2012 TERM DATES

Term 1 31 January - 5 April

Term 2 23 April - 29 June

Term 3 16 July - 28 September

Term 4 15 October - 10 December

YEAR 9 AND NEW STUDENTS BARBEQUE



FIRST DAY POWHIRI



Absence Line**Phone 843 5212/Text 027 287 2428**

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

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 Counsellors

Students and families are invited to make appointments with Relieving Counsellor, Lesley Beech 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).

YEAR 9 CAMP

An exciting new development for this year is a two night camp for all Year 9 students from 12-16 March at Karapiro Domain. We are hoping for fine weather as we are planning several water based activities and have purchased tents for students to sleep in. Half of the Year 9 students will attend from Monday to Wednesday and the remainder will be on camp from Wednesday to Friday. We are taking a basic approach to food, accommodation and activities with this camp in order to keep the cost to \$50, as we understand that camp fees can put a lot of stress on families.

An information letter will be arriving home soon and we appreciate your support and the return of the permission slip by the due date.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal**YEAR 9 STARTUP**

The Year 9 students have made a very good start to the year. We have had 150 Year 9 enrolments to date which is fantastic. As a result of this, we have needed to create an additional new Tutor class due to our growing numbers in Year 9 this year.

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers at the Year 9 Barbeque evening. I hope you had the opportunity to meet your child's teachers for the year.

Thank you for how great the Year 9 students look in their new school and PE uniforms. I encourage you to stay in contact with their teachers. I am looking forward to an awesome year with the Year 9 students.

P Smiler, Year 9 Dean**PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS****Physical Education Uniform**

This year, all Year 9 and Year 10 students are required to wear the new Physical Education uniform. This consists of a green shirt and red shorts. It has been awesome to see the majority of students having already purchased theirs. Students who have yet to purchase the new Physical Education uniform are required to purchase theirs from the school uniform shop as soon as possible. If there are any issues in meeting this expectation, please communicate this to your child's teacher. I encourage your child to label their uniform so that it is easily identifiable.

OPC Great Barrier Island Adventure Challenge Week

In Week 5 of this term, I am taking some very lucky students, involved with the Institute of Sport programme, away on the annual adventure challenge week trip at Great Barrier Island. They will spend the week challenging themselves in learning new outdoor skills and pushing their comfort zones through activities such as: sea kayaking, surf kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, tramping, camping, coasteering, sailing and snorkelling. I would like to acknowledge the support that the following organisations and people have provided me with in making this trip possible: **Shelly Christensen from The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand, Pub Charity, The Gallagher Group, Mr Hamill, Mr McNulty and Mrs Searancke.** I look forward to reporting back to you in the next newsletter about the highlights of this amazing week that students are about to embark on.

House Sport Competitions

The school's Swimming Sports Day has been held at the Municipal Pools, and the school's Athletics Sports Day will be held on Monday 20 February at Porritt Stadium. All parents are encouraged to come along and see our school in action as students seek to break records, have fun and earn participation points for their school house in true Melville High School spirit. Whether that be the students in the sea of Red from Wharauoa house, the mass of Blue from Tirohanga house, the Green machine from Mahaukura house or the Gold army from Ruapane house. Good luck to all students who get involved in these house competitions.

M Edwards, HoD Physical Education

SHORTENED DAYS

The Board has again approved shortened days to allow staff to undertake regular professional development to support the implementation of the New Zealand Curriculum. We are implementing this through a shortened Wednesday each week and we achieve this by shortening each period, and having no Tutor on a Wednesday with school finishing at 2.30pm.

The Board receive a staff development programme year outline and there will be a review of its effectiveness at the end of the year.

At a time when there are additional responsibilities being placed on schools and teachers, supporting this initiative will both recognise this effort and ensure that there is quality time available to carry out the key aspects of development which are expected of the school. There will be limited supervision provided in the school library and the gym for students who remain at school after 2.30 pm. Students may lose the right to access the library if their behaviour is inappropriate.

C Hamill, Principal

BASKETBALL

Thank you to all those who made it to the Basketball Muster on Saturday 11 February. With your support, our students will hopefully have a wonderful experience playing Basketball for Melville High School this year.

Our junior basketball numbers for the school are on the rise and there is some great talent. I am very hopeful for their success; not just for 2012, but for their senior years here as well.

Our seniors have a good challenge before them to qualify for the Nationals in Nelson in the first week of the Term 3 holidays this year. The qualifying Tournament in Week 7 Term 3 is in Taupo. These tournaments require many hours of planning and many hours of practice to prepare for. The costs to participate in these tournaments are always a challenge to cover.

We have organised our first fundraiser for the year which is a school dance for the Years 10, 11, 12, and 13 students. It is called the "Welcome Back Dance" and will be held on Thursday 23 February and costs \$5.00 per student to attend. The theme is "Island Styles". We are looking forward to a great turnout and a great night.

Thanks again to all those parents and caregivers who have volunteered as coaches, managers, taxi drivers, fundraisers, and supporters.

P Smiler, Teacher-in-Charge Basketball

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Melville High school is part of the PB4L programme. We have utilized the school values to create this poster.



The RAP rules or school kawa as the guide to classroom behaviour. The PB4L has several areas of behaviour focus including: in the playground; around building-corridors- offices; in the classroom; and personal spaces. We have chosen to begin with the classroom as the first area of focus.

Each class has developed its own set of rules, which are based on the RAP framework and are approved by their Department. All students and staff will be able to recall the RAP.

To complement and support this strategy we a number of positive reinforcements and strategies to reward students for their positive and improving behaviour. These include the green slips which can be accumulated and can be traded for canteen vouchers, movie passes and Warehouse vouchers. Letters are written home and Canteen Vouchers are awarded for excellent or exceptional behaviour. There are also other rewards for classes and Tutor groups for significant improvements in behaviour.

C Hamill, Principal

CHOREOGRAPHERS WANTED

MROm is looking for choreographers who would be interested in teaching dance classes in the Hamilton community.

They are seeking fun people who are reliable, like kids and have experience in teaching street dance/hip hop classes – positivity and time managements skills are a plus! Light administration duties are also required.

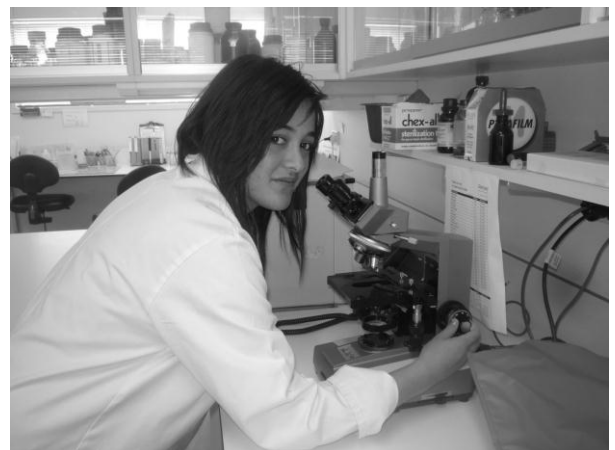
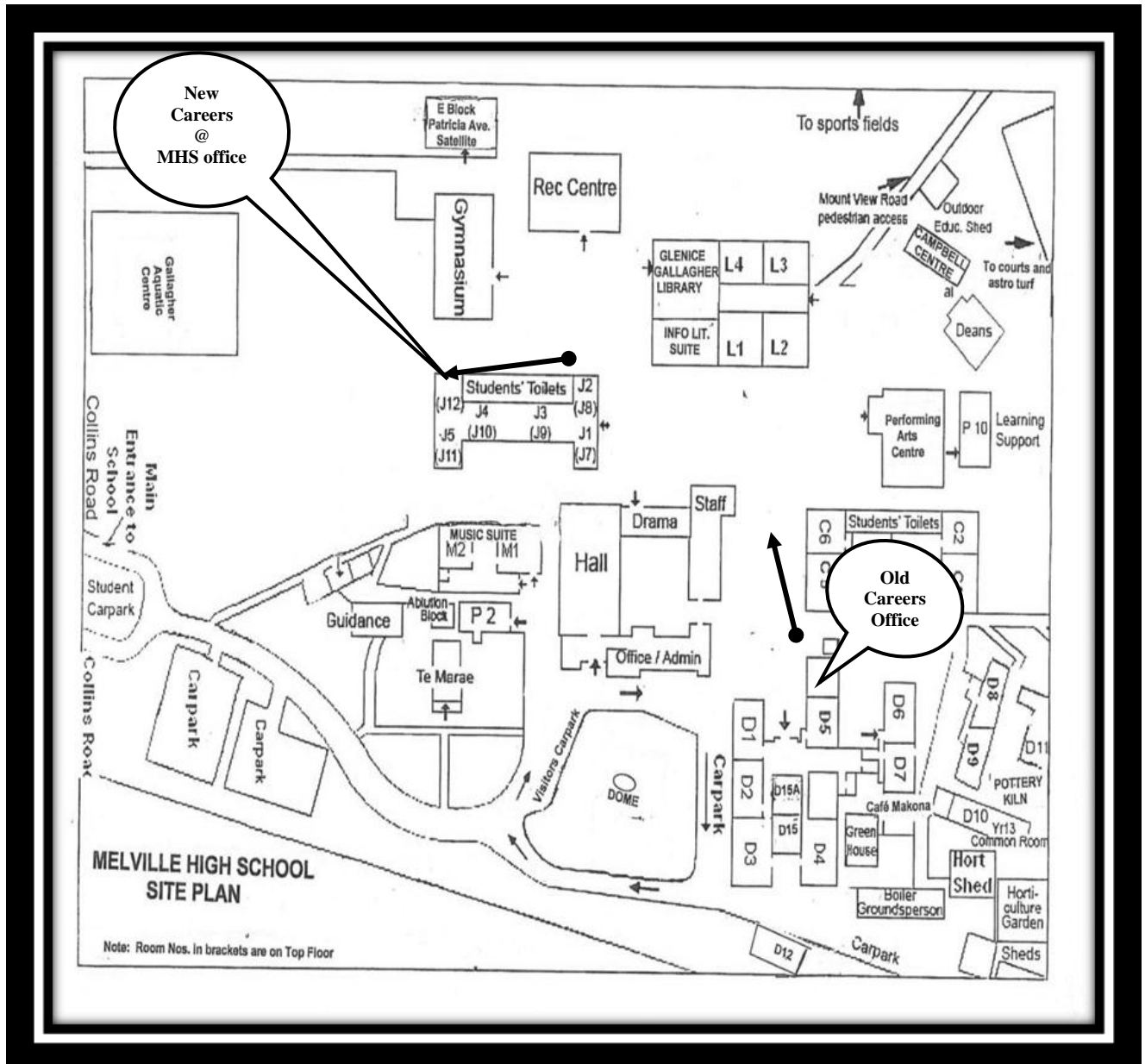
For more information please contact Raelene Marsters on 838 1609 or email nrom.rae@gmail.com.

Careers @ MHS

We have moved!

Don't be put off if you can't find us - we have moved to bigger and brighter offices in the J Block.

If you would like any information to help you plan for your future please come and talk to us. We can help you to make plans and find you a Gateway Placement or a STAR course.



Students enjoying their work experience in 2011

YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP CAMP

This year's Year 13 Leadership camp was held at Te Kauri Lodge which is situated on the hills above Kawhia Harbour. The home of the conservation focused Junior Naturalist Club, the camp is surrounded by bush, streams and tramping paths.

It also had very poor cell phone coverage which caused much angst to many students!

The camp was organised by the Year 13 Dean, Kathleen Christian and included Elizabeth Ross, Russell Wilson, Amanda and Melissa Christian, and Clive Hamill in the support crew. Many thanks go to these staff for their contribution and commitment to the camp. The students spent three days and two nights involved in tramping, bush and stream study, and a host of leadership and school support activities.

The students all settled into the usual camp routines of setting and clearing tables, food preparation and serving, dishes, lining up for meals, duty rosters, briefings for the next activity and lots of good rivalry between the teams.

Students also enjoyed the time spent at Kawhia township, their visit to the museum, the estuary and foreshore.

A few of the high points were the evening skits, the amazing meals and the friendships that have been formed.

The camp provided an excellent platform for the year ahead and enabled students to get to know each other and their teachers. They all demonstrated positive relationships and the tenor and tone was both supportive and encouraging.

This camp was a great start to the year and we now look forward to the Year 13 students making a big contribution in 2012.

Kathleen Christian – Year 13 Dean

