



Melville High News

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BUSINESS NEW ZEALAND CHALLENGE



Reisharn giving his product presentation to the judges

Melville High School hosted the Business New Zealand Challenge from 15-17 June. Fifty Melville High and 14 Hamilton's Fraser High School students worked together in this three day business experience. Their brief was to develop a hypothetical product and then prepare a business strategy for its development and sale. The students were mixed into groups of 7-8 students. Each group had a CEO who then appointed a strategic planner, operations team, marketing team and a finance team. Together, the teams needed to develop a product from conception to delivery in just three days. It was high pressure and high stakes with prizes and "cash" up for grabs at various times. The students all worked hard on product development for the first two days. On the third day, they dressed in business attire and prepared to 'wow' the judges with their ideas and hopefully be the "top dog" in the Business Challenge.

On the final day of the programme, each team's business ideas and creations went on display and were judged at a business expo. The judges were:

Craig Climo: CEO, Waikato District Health Board. which employs over 6000 people and manages health provision from the Coromandel through to Ruapehu.

Simon Perry: Chairman, Perry Group Limited. PGL is involved in aggregates, metal protection, manufacturing, and property development including dairying.

Sue Moroney: Labour List MP, Opposition spokesperson for education.

Peter Granville: Chartered Accountant who supervises the finances of 36 schools.

Christina Dysart: IT Project Manager and Business Change Manager.

The calibre of the judges and the quality of their feedback to students ensured that the Business New Zealand Challenge was a rewarding programme of a high standard. Indeed, students are still buzzing about the opportunity and "reality" of the challenge. We were very fortunate to get free access to this \$6500 programme for our secondary students. It is delivered by Young Enterprise Trust staff who have had practical business experience and secondary school management experience.

The winning team was 'Learn by Light'. They created a Learn by Light keyboard. The CEO was Jessie, Team members were Jordan (Strategic Planning), Teancum and Shivam (Operations/Production), Matthew and Troy (Marketing), Sarah, Milton (Finance). Sarah and Matthew are from Hamilton's Fraser High School.

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa

These last few weeks have seen a number of unique successes for our students. They include: Stage Challenge, the Barbershop regionals, and the spectacular three day Business New Zealand Challenge. These events have all uplifted our school community and profiled our school in a positive light.

The Melville Stage Challenge programme received nine shared excellence awards and two single awards for School Spirit (voted on by the schools present) and the Best Stage Crew. We were placed third overall, gaining the most shared excellence awards. The performers and backstage crew created a great show. It involved a wide range of students from across the school. I was very proud of the contributions that everyone made. Special thanks are extended to all the adults, staff, extended family members and former students who made it such a memorable event.

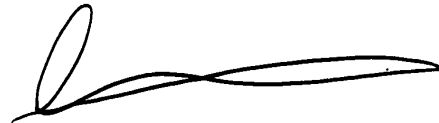
Our congratulations are also extended to the school's Barbershop teams. They had a great day at the Baptist Church in Beerescourt last month. The standard of the competition has continued to increase and our students have responded well to the challenge. The Boys Quartet was placed second which qualified them for the nationals. All our teams were placed in the top four of their respective events which was a credit to the school. Again, it was a great team effort ably led by our vocal tutor, Marilee Matenga. I was impressed with the hard work and support of former students, families and whanau who all worked very hard to produce this success.

Our first foray into the Business New Zealand Challenge was a huge success. It is a solid three day programme for Year 11 and 12 students. It is delivered by Young Enterprise Trust staff with practical business experience. The students work in randomly selected teams of eight and use the latest business theory, set up a company and prepare a business strategy to produce and sell their product. We were privileged to have some very capable and experienced judges to assess and give feedback to the students. A great time was had by all.

Included with this newsletter you will have received your child's mid-year report and an interview time sheet. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers by booking a time. If you are unable to make the times of Wednesday 13 July, or if you wish to have more time to speak with teachers, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see the relevant staff.

Finally, with the altered terms when senior students return, they only have a further 13 weeks of school before the NCEA external exams get underway. It is therefore vital that students take time over the break to study and revise their work. Students should also take advantage of additional tutorials or workshop times provided by staff to ensure that they are prepared for these exams.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill
Principal

REPORT EVENING - WEDNESDAY 13 JULY

Reports are included with this newsletter with an interview time request sheet.

Parent interviews are being held on Wednesday 13 July. The interviews this year will be held in the Hall from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm. The five minute slots allow time for a brief conversation and parents wishing a more substantive conversation are encouraged to arrange a subsequent meeting.

The Board of Trustees will be present and available to meet with parents. There will also be a survey available for parents to provide feedback to the Board.

We encourage parents who have questions or queries about the progress or achievement of their children to make an approach to the school at the time of concern and not wait for the formal reporting times. Students learn best in a climate of partnership and expectation. Please make contact with the school office to arrange an appropriate time because it is best that teachers have time to prepare for such interviews to ensure that they are productive.

If parents still have questions about the outcomes of such meetings, they are welcome to make contact with me personally, through my PA, Mrs Jos Caughley.

Clive Hamill
Principal

SCHOOL BALLS AND THE CHALLENGES THEY BRING

The annual school ball season has again brought into focus the destructive consequences of binge drinking by a small minority of teenagers.

In supporting our young people to make sensible choices about their behaviour at pre-balls, balls and after-balls, we as a school community face a huge challenge. It is only through a clear set of expectations and a co-operative relationship between schools and parents that we will be able to safely help teenagers to chart this traditional rite of passage.

We can support our young people by monitoring our teenagers' spending, knowing where they are going, whom they are with and when they will be home. Our goal, of course, is to show our care and love through taking an interest, and at the same time setting boundaries. We are, of course, trying to help them grow while trying to protect them from the worst excesses of youth culture.

This year, our school ball will be held on Saturday 20 August and it will be held in our refurbished hall. The doors will open at 7.00 pm and all students are expected to be inside the venue by 7.45 pm. If students are not at the venue by 7.45 pm their parents will be contacted. All bags/coats, etc will be collected and held in a service room.

Normal school rules apply, ie 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 11.30 pm. 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 80% attendance rate, paid outstanding subject and co-curricular fees (sports, cultural) and returned overdue library books.

Traditionally, the ball has been a tremendous success and we are seeking your help to keep it that way.

Clive Hamill, Principal

FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

On Friday 24 June, seven Melville High students were selected to go and attend FYI (For Youth Involvement) Youth Forums at the Atrium in Wintec. Over 140 students were part of this event which was organised by the Hamilton Youth Council. This event was for young leaders in our community and its focus was to have us participate in various workshops, raise our voice and speak a young leader's mind.

The Mayor of Hamilton, Julie Hardaker was also involved in this event, as she did the introduction speech and participated in Hamilton City Council versus Hamilton youth Council debate. Mareta Ford, (Youth Adviser at HCC) inspired many with her presentation on overall leadership. I was also called up with two other students to participate in a quiz challenge where I was asked to sing "Friday". Highlight of the day was obviously making new friends and also dancing with the youth council members. **Hendrix** and **Jordan** also won \$50 vouchers for iTunes and Paperplus which was drawn at the end of the event.

It was an inspiring day for all and was thoroughly enjoyed by **Alex, Ihaka, Hendrix, Dana, Jordan, Marque** and myself. Awesome work – MELVILLE!

Nishil, Head Boy and Hamilton Youth Council Member

Y-DUB YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



The Y-Dub course is a free leadership programme run by the YWCA of Hamilton.

The junior course is for young women aged 12 to 15 years old, and the senior course is for young women aged 16-18 years old. If you know of any young women in these age groups who you think will benefit from a leadership/confidence booster, then please call 07-838-2219 for an enrolment pack. The 8 week junior course runs on Tuesdays and starts on 16 August. The 8 week senior course runs on Wednesdays and starts 17 August. Numbers are limited so get in quick.

For more information contact Abby de Lisle at programmes@ywcahamilton.org.nz or visit www.ywcahamilton.org.nz

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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 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 (843 4529 ext 953).

2011 TERM 3 CALENDAR**AUGUST****Week 1**

Tues 2 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm

Week 2

Thurs 11 Sports Teams Photos

Week 3

Wed 17 MHS Careers Expo

Sat 20 Senior School Ball

SEPTEMBER**Week 5**

Fri 2 Newsletter posted

Week 6

Mon 5-Fri 9 ERO Visit

Week 7Mon 12-Fri 16 ERO Visit
Senior Assessment Week**Week 9**Fri 30 Newsletter posted
NCEA Report posted**OCTOBER****Week 10**

Fri 7 Last day of Term 3

2011 TERM DATES**Term 3 1 August – 7 October****Term 4 25 October – 14 December****BARBERSHOP**

Congratulations are extended to the school's barbershop teams who recently competed in the Regional Secondary Schools competition in Hamilton.

Teams from secondary schools throughout the Waikato/Bay of Plenty took part in this competition. Melville had four teams competing which included 19 girls and 17 boys in the chorus and quartet sections.

The judges remarked that the standard overall was up on last year and our students did tremendously well with the following results:

- Boys' Quartet – 2nd
- Boys' Chorus – 3rd
- Girls' Quartet – 3rd
- Girls' Chorus – 4th

The Boys' Quartet has now qualified for the Nationals to be held later in the year and will be off to Wellington in August.

A big thanks is extended to Mrs Marilee Matenga, our voice teacher. She has also been coaching at four other schools including the top Barbershop Chorus from Hamilton's Fraser High School.

Thanks also to all the parents and whanau for their support with rehearsals and uniforms.

A special mention to Head of Music Department, Mr Faville, for his support and supervision of the barbershop groups.



Boys' Barbershop Quartet: Brandon, Izael, Ryan and Helaman

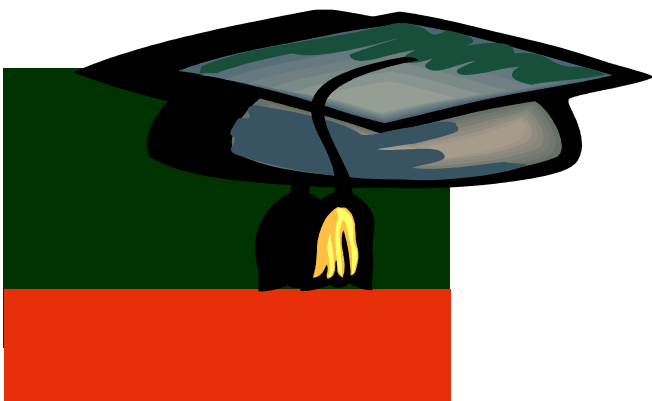
CAREERS EXPO

Army, Navy, Air Force, Banks, University of Waikato, University of Auckland, Farming, Forestry, Building, University of Otago, Wintec, Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, Hairdressing, Wintec, Police, Hairdressing, Travel, Mechanics.

Melville High School's Careers Expo
Wednesday 17th August
12.30 pm till 2.30 pm
in the school hall

*We would love to see
Parents and Caregivers
at the Expo.*

This will give you an opportunity to
talk with Universities, Polytechs,
Training Providers and Employers
about options for your child's future.





Sports @MLV



Waikato BOP Secondary Schools Cross Country Championship

A team of six students recently competed in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships at Waipuna Park in Tauranga. It was a great event with over 300 students competing in the various grades. A large hill, with over a 30 m climb, in the middle of the course sorted quite a few of the runners out.

The best performer of the Melville students was **Kaleb**, who finished 9th out of over 70 runners. The other runners performed well and are now aware of the standards required to be competitive.

Football

The Boys' 1st XI team has had an unbeaten run since the grading rounds. With 2 wins and 2 draws they are sitting 2nd on the points table.

The Girls' team has played some very good football without much success. They had a first up draw against St Paul's Collegiate, who are unbeaten. Against Matamata, they were the victims of some unfortunate refereeing decisions, losing 1-0 and the same against Forest View High School. The game against Hauraki Plains College was played on a field that was more suited to waterpolo, but was character building. The girls have shown great potential so far and should come out with some positive results for the rest of the season.

The Junior Boys' team is playing very well and has achieved a full house of results, 1 win, 1 draw and 1 loss. They are playing very well as a team and have shown good development this season.

Basketball

The Senior Premier Girls' team has got their season away to a great start finishing the first round of competitions in 1st place with 3 wins and 1 loss.

The Junior Premier Boys' team is finding their grade a bit tougher, sitting mid-table after six games.

The Junior A Grade Boys' team is top of the table after six games, being the only undefeated team in the grade.

Rugby

The boys are starting to come together as a team and have put in some good performances in the last two weeks. They had a first up loss to a very well drilled HBHS Under 15A team but came back well to beat HBHS under 16A 25-6. They managed to hold St Pauls' Colts to 0-0 half way through the second half. Eventually size and experience took its toll and St Pauls' scored 3 tries, winning 19-0.

Martial Arts

We have had the Kiwi Sport Martial Arts co-ordinators at school for a week. Over 20 students participated in the programme and we are looking at further developing the Aikido and Karate that we currently support.

Indoor Cricket

Robbie has been playing in the local Indoor Cricket League and has been selected for the Northern Districts Secondary School team to play in the inter-districts competition.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

Netball is well on its way and all the teams are doing extremely well. Well done to all the management staff for the outstanding work they have already done with our girls.

Congratulations to **Tiara** for making it in the Under 15A Hamilton City Representative team and **Manaia** for making the Under 15B Hamilton City Representative team. Both girls will be representing our school and Hamilton City throughout a variety of tournaments held all over the North Island and at the National Representative Tournament in July. We would like to wish Tiara and Manaia the best of luck on their journey with the Hamilton City Representative Netball Teams.

The Open A Netball Team is busy fundraising for their venture towards the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Netball Championships. The team is looking for any type of sponsorship or donations to help towards the costs for the trip. If you are able to help in any way, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Valetta, President MHS Netball Club

STAGE CHALLENGE 2011

This year, Melville High School entered the regional Stage Challenge competition focusing on the theme of the Media and the way it shapes how people see themselves and others.

We had a team of over 70 performers and backstage crew, who all worked exceptionally hard to produce a high quality final product. I could not have been prouder of our team of students who (as usual) conducted themselves impeccably, once again taking out the School Spirit award. Working with these amazing students was an honour for me; I feel blessed to work with a group of such dedicated, focused and caring individuals.

Events like this, and students like these, give me a job worth doing. Thank you for being a team to aspire to, for being people who are a joy to be around, and for making Stage Challenge day a day we all enjoy!

2011 Stage Challenge Award List

Melville was placed third overall and gained:

- Excellence Award for Stage Use
- Excellence Award for Set Design and Function
- Excellence Award for Costuming in Character
- Excellence Award for Performance Skill
- Excellence Award for Sound Track
- Excellence Award for Visual Enhancement
- Excellence Award for Choreography
- Excellence Award for Concept
- Excellence Award for Stage Use

We were also awarded two single prestigious awards:

- School Spirit
- Best Stage Crew

Ms Christian
Teacher in Charge of Stage Challenge

PRAISE FOR FELLOW STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE

In the early hours of Friday 10 June, Melville rocked on up to the Founders Theatre for the 2011 Stage Challenge extravaganza! What a night! Melville certainly produced a show to remember and I, for one, could never be more proud of such a fantastic crew, both on and off stage.

But to get to this point, we have to go back to the start of the year. Ms Christian, Keira and I started to construct the theme for this year's stage challenge, "Who's controlling you?" We looked at the media and the influence it has on our everyday lives, and how we are made into their puppets. With that ready to go, all we needed was a crew, and what an amazing crew we were given! They put up with long practices, yelling and very sore arms, but looking back at the finished product we all knew it was worth it.

Every person at that event showed true sportsmanship towards everyone they met. Coming third was amazing, but winning the school spirit award for the third year in a row meant the most to all of us. We came to this event to have fun, and boy, that's what we did. I guarantee everyone made so many more friends and everyone became so much closer. That's the real prize. A school that worked together to achieve a goal and supported each other every step of the way, and I was so blessed to be able to be a part of it.

A huge thank you to Ms Christian for everything she did!

I also want to say thank you to everyone for simply being one awesome crew; without you, it wouldn't have happened. I wish you all the very best for next year! Go out there and rock it guys!

Anna, Head Girl

STAGE CHALLENGE LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The following is a copy of an email we received immediately after the 2011 Stage Challenge.

Kia Ora Mr Hamill

My name is Kristen Price and I am the teacher of year 5-8 students at Otorohanga Primary School. We were involved in J Rock (the primary version of Stage Challenge) on Friday 10th June alongside students from your school.

The reason I am writing is to commend your students that were involved in the Stage Challenge. They were excellent role models to the students from our school and interacted with them and encouraged them throughout the day. My students were extremely nervous about interacting with High School students from a city but came away from the experience feeling good about themselves and now have role models that they can relate to and strive to emulate.

So congratulations to you, your staff, your students and your school community on developing excellent role models and citizens of the future.

Can you please pass on my thanks to all students and staff involved.

Kind Regards

Kristen Price

The school congratulates our Stage Challenge team on this wonderful achievement!

STAGE CHALLENGE 2011 - ANOTHER STUNNING PERFORMANCE



The preparations begin



Melville's Stage Challenge 2011 team



Time for relaxing



Attitude



A quick snack to revive the energy



A classy performance



Dana and Samantha all made up



Awesome finale to a great performance