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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

On Thursday 4 June, we held our inaugural Excellence Dinner. This was an evening for celebrating and acknowledging our top academic achievers for the 2008 academic year. Students who received more than 10 excellence awards in their NCEA qualifications were invited to attend. Parents of these students also attended to celebrate in their child's achievement. Students were presented with Melville High School badges with their award level bars attached - bronze, silver or gold depending on the total number of excellence credits they received. I expect to see these students proudly wearing their badges around school demonstrating their achievement.



The number of students who received awards this year was up 30% on last year. The decision to have a formal dinner to celebrate the achievement of these students was a first and it proved to be very successful. The students' achievements were also acknowledged at a school assembly, it was a delight to see the stage full of top achievers. I look forward to celebrating the success of our top achievers next year and would expect to see more students achieving at a high level.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended the evening. Their support and encouragement certainly helps with achievement.

D McNulty, Acting Principal

Creating a Pathway to a Positive Future

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is my last newsletter in my role as Acting Principal. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff who have stepped up to the challenge and accepted additional responsibility in Mr Hamill's absence. This has been an excellent term.

We were very fortunate to receive 12 Excellence awards and Second Place overall in the recently held Stage Challenge Regional Championships at the Founders Theatre. A huge thanks to Kathleen Christian for her leadership of the students and staff involved. The students performed very well and certainly deserved the recognition they received. We have so many students who are very talented and it was great to watch them perform so well on the night.

Our initiative to manage student punctuality has been very successful. We have seen a reduction of 50% in the number of students reporting to school late. We value punctuality at Melville High School and I appreciate the efforts that most parents go to in ensuring that their child arrives on time. We will continue to work on this issue as any lateness is unacceptable.

The issue of uniform continues to be a problem for the school. I would like to thank the majority of parents who ensure their child leaves home in the correct uniform. This issue is taking a significant amount of time to manage and as a consequence I have only one option available to me. If students are not prepared to report to school in full uniform then I am afraid they are not welcome at school. If students do report out of uniform, the item will be confiscated and returned at the end of the term or to a parent. Please allow the staff to focus on teaching and learning and not be distracted from an easy to manage issue.

If you as a parent are unable to provide the correct uniform for financial reasons, please contact me. I can arrange to support you in meeting our standards and expectations. I do not expect to see students wearing a variety of hoodies, beanies, tight jeans or non-school jackets while at school. In addition, students with facial piercings are warned that this is not acceptable. We are a uniform school so let's be proud of that. We can only achieve our standards with parent support so please support the school fully.

I'm pleased to report that we have had many successes with our sports teams and they are representing the school well. It has been pleasing to watch our students compete so successfully against much larger schools. Well done to all those sports students and thanks to all the parent helpers and coaches.

Term 3 will see a significant assessment week for our senior students so I would expect our students to return after the holiday period ready to engage and focus on their achievement. Our junior students should be focused on the issues identified in their reports and need to be working on improving their grades.

I wish all students and staff an enjoyable break and thank them all for their support during the term.



D J McNulty
Acting Principal

LIONS YOUNG SPEECHMAKER



Head Boy, **Dain** reached the finals of the Loins Young Speechmaker competition held recently in Hamilton. His prepared speech was on the topic 'Dare to Dream' and he also had to do an impromptu

speech on the topic 'My Community'. Although Dain was unplaced in the final, he spoke very confidently and represented the school admirably. It is a great honour to reach the final as this is a very prestigious competition. Dain was sponsored by the South Hamilton Lioness Club whose members attended to support him.

Mrs Black, HOD English

BEST BUDDIES

Best Buddies has been having a great term! Recently we had a sleepover on our school marae many other games. Best Buddies aims to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by pairing them in a one-to-one friendship. We're about breaking down stigmas and developing a true and unique friendship. Once a term our chapter gets together to participate in an activity as well meeting once a month. Buddy pairs are expected to make contact once a week and 'hang out' outside of school once a fortnight. If anyone is interested in being involved, they are more than welcome to attend our meetings! We have seven pairs thus far and have featured in the local newspaper. Also, one of our chapter members, **Alana** is going on an all-expenses paid trip to the United States to attend the annual Best Buddies Leadership Conference in Indiana. We know that she will learn lots to carry on the chapter next year, as well as meet a bunch of cool people and have heaps of fun times! We are looking forward to another great term.

Melandi Year 13 student

2009 TERM 3 CALENDAR

JULY

Week 1

Mon 20 First day of Term 3

Week 2

Mon 27 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm

Tues 28 **Parent Report Evening**

AUGUST

Week 3

Tues 4 ICA S English Exam

Week 4

Fri 14 New sletter posted

Week 5

Wed 19 Melville Careers Expo

Week 6

Tues 25 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm

SEPTEMBER

Week 8

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

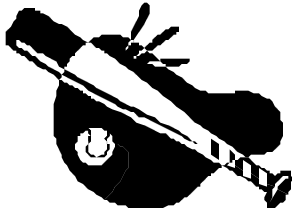
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Thurs 10

JUNIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

Reports and New sletter posted

Last day of Term 4



Sports@MLV



We have had a great start to winter sports this year with many positive results as far as quantity and quality go.

BADMINTON

We have five teams entered in the secondary school competition, two girls' teams and three boys' teams, with a large influx of new players. After two rounds of competition play, all the teams have won all their matches, usually by a healthy margin. The teams are receiving tremendous support from Mr Halsted, Mr Hill and Ethan but they could always do with some assistance in transporting the teams to away venues. If you could help, please contact Mr Halsted.

BASKETBALL

All three basketball teams have got away to a very good start to the season. The Junior Girls' team is second on the points table with only one loss to the top ranked team. The team is relatively young but is well lead by the experience of **Braxton** and **Papatuanuku**.

The Junior Boys' A team is sitting at the top of the table, being undefeated after four games and having a points differential of 406 for and 204 against. The biggest win of the season so far was against St Peters 116 to 38 despite the absence of key player, **Izael**, who was away with the Waikato Under 17 team at a representative tournament.

The Junior Boys' B team is also sitting at the top of the table - the only team in the grade with a positive for and against ratio of 145 to 84.

All the basketball games are played on Thursday evenings at Hamilton's Fraser High School gym and it is fantastic to see the support from family and friends that all the teams are getting. Both the boys' and girls' teams will be playing in National Tournaments next term and we will be holding a number of fundraising activities to assist these teams.

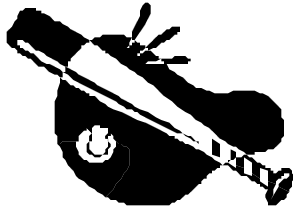
HOCKEY

Both the boys' and girls' teams have completed the first round of competition with the boys finishing third in the C grade and the girls finishing in the middle of the field. Both teams are getting very good support on these cold nights at the Gallagher Hockey Centre and are competing with a very good spirit.

NETBALL

All three teams are competing very well and after three competition rounds, the A team is third equal and both the B and C teams are top of their grades. The girls have also entered a team in the Upper North Island regional tournament which is being played next term.

Congratulations to **Sade** for selection in the Hamilton City Year 9 team, and **Shariann** and **Nicole** in the Eastern Waikato Under 17 team. Good luck to **Julie** and **Kaela** for the sitting of their Umpires Theory Certificate.



Sports@MLV



FOOTBALL

All four Football teams are playing in very even competitions and the Melville teams are proving to be very competitive. The Boys' 1st XI is competing in Division 2 and after three rounds there was only one team that had not had a win. The feature game for Melville was beating the previously



Boys' 1st XI playing St Peter's School

unbeaten Matamata 1st XI 3-2 in a very tightly contested game. All the games have been very close and coach, Matt Hastings, may need some prescription sedatives if the close games continue!

The Girls' team has also had a pretty intense start to the competition round with two draws and a win, placing them fourth out of eight teams. The team is developing very well and has a very strong base to build on for the rest of the season. A highlight is **Emma** playing goalie and her willingness to get as dirty as she can.

The 2nd XI is second equal with three other teams after having two wins and a loss. The focus for the boys is having fun and they are working well under the leadership of **Gareth** and the jokes and cheerful personality of **Kev**.

The Junior team is playing in Division 2 where draws are more common than wins. The top five teams (including Melville) are separated by one point. The highlight for the team so far, is a 5-1 win over Cambridge Colts B with **Sam** and **Zem** both scoring two goals.

Both the Girls' team and the Boys 1st XI are going away to national tournaments in September and fundraising activities will be held next term to assist these teams.

RUGBY

The grading round has been completed without the boys having a win but they have performed well against more experienced opposition. The next round should see them being very competitive against more evenly matched teams. The highlight so far has been the leadership of **Marley**.

WATER POLO

Congratulations to **Jonny** who has been selected in the Waikato Under 16 Water Polo team. We are keen to get a school team together in Term 3 so any students wishing to participate should contact Mrs Phillips.

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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

PATRICIA AVENUE SATELLITE UNIT RUGBY

The rugby event of the season was held at Melville High School earlier this term when the Melville High Patricia Avenue Satellite Unit hosted a team from Mt Richmond Special School in Auckland. The Melville team had some special coaching sessions with two former Melville High students, **Ethan** and **Andrew**. The event started with a haka performed by the Mt Richmond team and finished with a well deserved barbecue. Both teams showed a great degree of commitment and discipline and had much fun practising the new skills they had learned. The final score was 65-55 to Melville. The match was so successful that Mt Richmond has organised a rematch at their school.



SENIOR BALL

The Melville High Senior Ball was held on Saturday 13 June, at the Novotel Tainui Hotel in Hamilton. The theme was *'Enchanted'* which provided much scope for students to dress for this exciting occasion.

Approximately 85 students attended and a large number of staff joined them.



DJ Darren

kept the night pumping with his music from the 80's, 90' and today. Year 11 Beau and Belle went to **Chris** and **Anna** with **Harry** and **Shona** our Year 12 Prince and Princess for the night. Year 13 King and Queen were awarded to **Dain Clarkin** and **Melandi**. Best dressed female was jointly awarded to **Nika** and **Nicki** with **Nigel** taking out best dressed male. A big thanks to the Ball Committee and Mrs Christian for all their hard work organising this wonderful event. It was a very enjoyable night and everyone agreed that it was one of the highlights of the year so far.

Dain, Head Boy

STAGE CHALLENGE 2009

Melville High excels in the regional championships

On Tuesday 2 June, Melville High's adaptation of the Shakespeare classic, ***Romeo and Juliet*** resulted in an accolade of awards in the Stage Challenge Regional Championship which was held at the Founders Theatre. A combination of spectacular dance, design and drama brought this romantic story into the 21st century. This is a global event of 17 years standing and this year there were 10 schools fiercely competing for the awards in Hamilton.

Melville High School took the following awards in a spectacle of colour, music and acting:

- Stage Challenge 2009 2nd place overall
- Gemma Dale Award of Excellence
- Award of Excellence for:
 - Choreography
 - Set, Design and Function
 - School Community
 - Soundtrack
 - Visual Enhancement
 - Performance Skill
 - Stage Use
 - Lighting Design
 - Environment/Social Awareness
 - Costuming Character
 - Drama



Congratulations to our fabulous 2009 Stage Challenge Team – this was an amazing and professional production. A special thank you to Mrs Christian, director of Stage Challenge for all her support and direction of the students, and the Melville High School community for pulling together and making this such an outstanding event!