



Melville High News

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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Many Melville High School students proudly participated in this year's ANZAC commemoration activities held in our region. Our head students gave up their time during the holiday break to join other Hamiltonians, in commemorating those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, at the Hamilton City Council's Commemorative Service held at Memorial Drive in Hamilton.

Our senior students laid a wreath at the cenotaph along with many other students, representatives and dignitaries.

The head students, **Kiera, Andrew, Anna** and **Nishel** (pictured below with Mr Hamill) joined the growing number of New Zealanders attending Anzac Day events in New Zealand.

This occasion was an opportunity to formally pay tribute and to remember those who fought overseas in world wars including those New Zealanders currently in various countries including Afghanistan and East Timor. We were proud to be part of the commemoration for all those who paid the ultimate price.



For many, the day also serves as a reminder of the futility of war.

Lest We Forget.

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

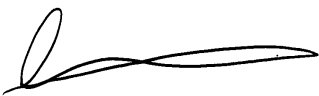
Tena koutou katoa

This term has got off to a positive start. It has been highlighted by the winter sports programmes getting underway and a host of other cultural activities. It has been tremendous to see the number of students involved. Winter sport provides an opportunity for students to develop their physical and inter-personal skills in a fun and challenging environment. Such opportunities can only occur when there are teachers, parents and clubs which are willing to support these teams.

NCEA results have been published and we have celebrated student success with an increase in the number of centurions (100 or more credits at a particular level) and in excellence award recipients. While I was disappointed with our NCEA result comparisons, I was very pleased by our Literacy, Numeracy, NCEA Level 1 and Māori Level 1 being at record school levels. There are tables and further comment elsewhere in the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to remind students and parents that our core business is the facilitation of learning and that students need to ensure that this remains the major focus of their endeavour at school. While organising or participating in sporting, cultural, artistic and social activities is an important part of school life, this must be tempered by the need to balance such activities with the academic work required.

Kia Ora



Clive Hamill, Principal

40KM/H SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Melville High School has been included in the latest round of school zones to be included in the 40km/h speed limit zone. The contract for the installation of 40km/h school zone signs has been let and the successful contractor is HMI Technologies. HMI have considerable experience installing these signs in Hamilton City.

The new signs will be installed as early as the end of June. The Board of Trustees has been authorised to operate the 40km/h school zone once it has been commissioned. It will operate at the beginning and end of the school day during term time.

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

At the end of last term, Mr McNulty was able, on behalf of the school, to send out 291 good attendance letters. These personalised letters were for students who had 95% or better attendance for Term 1. The total school attendance is up 11% on 2010. Well done students.

In order to further acknowledge this great achievement, all of these 291 students were entered into the draw for an MP3 player which will hold up to 1000 songs. There is one MP3 player for each year level.

We will be undertaking a ballot at the end of each term and again all students with 95% or better attendance will be going in that draw.

Term 1 2011 Attendance reward Year 9 recipient is **Ben**

Term 1 2011 Attendance reward Year 10 recipient is **Jenny**

Term 1 2011 Attendance reward Year 11 recipient is **Jahvuun**

Term 1 2011 Attendance reward Year 12 recipient is **Cameron**

Term 1 2011 Attendance reward Year 13 recipient is **Tasmin**

Congratulations to all students!

RAFT RACE 2011

This year's raft race was another fantastic experience for all involved. Fifty students on 12 rafts assembled at The Narrows boat ramp on a fine and clear morning to start the down river expedition. The start was very successful. For the first time in a number of years all the rafts got away without any capsizing.

Due to recent rain, the river was about 1 metre higher than normal and the current was quite strong. **Samantha** and her crew had the winning raft from last year and they took an early lead. After 30 minutes they were passed by **Louise** and her band of new recruits, **Kaitlyn**, **Breanna** and **Natasha**. The girls' raft had a large tractor tyre at the rear and the swift current pushed them along without having to do much paddling. They ended up with a winning time of just over two hours, a course record.

The most impressive thing about the rafts this year was the effort put into the safe storage of food and drinks - it looked like nobody was going to starve! The party raft even had music.

A big thanks to all the parents and staff who helped to get the rafts organized and assisted on the day.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2010

The NCEA results are public. We have our best NCEA Level 1 results ever, however, our NCEA Levels 2 and 3 require further effort. The following tables report on comparisons with the two other decile 4 co-educational Hamilton schools. The data is represented in percentages based on student numbers entered at their year level, for example Year 11's sitting NCEA Level 1.

Literacy and Numeracy

The following tables are our NCEA Numeracy and Literacy results from 2010 and are based on Year 11 student data. They show some significant improvement. These percentages are based upon actual entries we had at the time of the final submission date to NZQA in November. My congratulations are extended to the Mathematics and English Departments for their focus in these areas.

	Melville High School		Hamilton's Fraser High		Fairfield College		National All Schools
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2010
NCEA							
Literacy	68	81	51	63	62	61	80
Numeracy	89	99	77	76	82	79	87

NCEA

	Melville High School		Hamilton's Fraser High		Fairfield College		National Decile 4
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2010
NCEA Level 1	56	62	45	64	34	55	66
NCEA Level 2	54	52	64	75	58	61	71
NCEA Level 3	38	27	53	71	57	62	66
University Entrance	40	27	50	68	48	52	58

Melville High Māori Students	2008	2009	2010
NCEA Level 1	36	46	50
NCEA Level 2	20	50	40
NCEA Level 3	0	0	18

COMPARISON OF NCEA DATA 2010 - ROLL BASED AND PARTICIPATION BASED (The challenge of data)

There has been debate in the press about "cleansing" of results. The following data makes comparisons between Roll based data (numbers at school on July 1 of each year) and Participation based data. Participation data relates to the number of students enrolled in 80 or more credits in a specific level as at November of that year. If students are enrolled for fewer than 80 credits their data is not reported on. There are clearly some challenges in the way some of the NZQA data is reported. The following table highlights an aspect of this.

NCEA		Melville High School	Fairfield College	Hamilton's Fraser High	Decile 6 South Island College
Level 1	Roll based	56.8	41.6	40.9	33.7
	Participation	62.4	55.2	64.2	56.7
Level 2	Roll based	43.8	48.3	48.2	33.2
	Participation	51.6	60.7	75	86.2
Level 3	Roll based	16.8	29.6	33.0	23.7
	Participation	26.7	62.3	71	84.3

There are other compounding issues however, and one of these relates to the fact that several of our students are undertaking a mixture of courses from different NCEA levels.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2010 (*continued*)

Feeding Forward

What is clear, however, is the need for Melville High School to continue to improve our student achievement and especially our Maori student results. We have begun an investigation into our grades with a view to instituting strategies to improve student achievement. This process involves meeting with all Heads of Faculty/Department and reviewing programmes and results. We are also reviewing our procedures surrounding NZQA. The Board of Trustees is monitoring this process carefully. What is clear is that we have not managed reporting our NZQA results well. While our processes have not disadvantaged any individual student, they have had a collective negative impact on our national data. The appointment of Assistant Principal, Mrs Alison Tuck as NZQA school manager, will help us in this area. Mrs Tuck has considerable experience in NZQA moderation at a national level (Geography). We have also sought support from our NZQA School Liaison Officer, Mr Ewan McDonald. This already has resulted in an improvement in our NZQA moderation results.

NCEA CENTURIONS

With the confirmation of NCEA results by NZQA, we are again able to celebrate the academic achievements of our senior students. Congratulations go to these students for their hard work and success. This is a tremendous achievement. The following students gained Melville High School Centurion status by gaining over 100 credits at their respective level. At Level 1 NCEA, for example, this is 20 credits more than is required to be awarded NCEA Level 1. Up to 20 of these extra credits can be carried forward to the next level.

2010 Level 1 (Year 11) Centurions

Jessica, Ariane, Izael, Jordyn, Matthew, Terri-Anna, Janita, Helaman, Carmiliza, Ani, Shay, Dana, Isaac, Benjamin, Cameron, Rachel, Penny, Rika, Adriaan, Nicola, Ryan, Kelsie, Samuel, Nakita

2010 Level 2 (Year 12) Centurions

Gina, Grady, Robert, Anna, Jonny

2010 Level 3 (Year 13) Centurions

Jasnii, Harry, Emma, Jake, Braden

Well done to all these students!

EXCELLENCE DINNER

The Melville High School Annual Excellence Dinner was held last week at a formal dinner at the Glenview Club. This was an evening of celebration for our top academic achievers for 2010. This year there was over a 30% increase in the number of students receiving awards at the celebratory dinner with a record number of 42 students receiving recognition for the excellent achievement. Students were presented with Melville High School badges with their award bars attached. Students received a bronze bar for 10–19 excellent credits at a single level, silver for 20–29 excellence credits and a gold bar for 30+ excellence credits.

The Board Chairman, Bruce Tocker, expressed the pride and congratulations to the assembled students and their families. He also acknowledged the contribution that parents and whanau make to such student success. I look forward to the increasing number of students wearing their excellence badges around school demonstrating their achievement

Congratulations are extended to **Harry Ridley**, our 2010 Head Boy, who received his third gold bar.

Level 1 Gold Bar Recipients

Matthew, Terri-Anna, Helaman, Ani, Isaac, Rachel, Ryan, Kelsie, Samuel, Nakita

Level 1 Silver Bar Recipients

Izae, Janita, Carmiliza, Shay, Rika, Nicola, Amy

Level 1 Bronze Bar Recipients

Jessica, Ariane, Jordyn, Jessica, Kyla, Kevin, Dana, Benjamin, Cameron, Penny, Adriaan

Level 2 Silver Bar Recipients

Gina and Robert

Level 2 Bronze Bar Recipients

Rian, Grady, Pakwan, Kiera, Anna, Jonny, Opal-Rose

Level 3 Gold Bar Recipients

Harry

Level 3 Silver Bar Recipients

Sarah, Emma, Braden

Level 3 Bronze Bar Recipients

Lehi, Haimona, Jasnii and Jake

Congratulations to all these students!

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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 2 CALENDAR**JUNE****Week 6**

Mon 6

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY**Week 7**

Mon 13

Career Paths Waikato

JULY**Week 9**

Fri 1

Reports posted
Newsletter posted**Week 11**

Wed 13

Parent Report Evening

Fri 15

Last day of Term 2

2011 TERM DATES**Term 2 2 May – 15 July****Term 3 1 August – 7 October****Term 4 25 October – 14 December****HUNTLY HALF MARATHON**

On Sunday 22 May, a few keen students took up the challenge of running in the Huntly Half Marathon (21.1km) or 10km run event.

We all had to put the effort into training for this event and arriving in Huntly on race day, there was excitement amongst everyone in getting to compete alongside 4000 other people. There also were the self-doubts of 'have I actually done enough training for this?' The course crossed the Waikato River and took in the riverside wetlands path, a circuit of the picturesque lake Hakanoa Walkway and the Huntly East coal mine before finishing at the lakeside Huntly Domain.

Everyone that took up the personal challenge to compete in this race deserves congratulations for completing their personal best on the day. Notable results on the day were: Andrew (Year 13), 3rd in the Half Marathon Under 20 Boys' section, in a time of 1:28:32 and Kalib (Year 9), 5th in the 10km Under 20 Boys' section in a time of 38:17.

We would like to thank Mr Edwards for supporting us with achieving our goals and always encouraging us to make the most of opportunities out there, like the Huntly Half Marathon. It would be great to see more students involved in endurance races like this – our next event is the 12km Tough Guy/Tough Gal mud run at Rotorua in August! Start training and join us if you are up for the challenge.

Melville High students and staff who competed in the 21km Half Marathon were Andrew, Robbie, Kirstin, Sam and Mr Edwards; and in the 10km Run, Kalib, Samantha and Miss Hill.

Robbie and Andrew**MEDICAL SPECIALISTS**

- * Doctor Varma visits on Wednesday at 12.00pm. These visits are FREE for our students. Make an appointment at Student Services
- * Public Health Nurse visits on Monday at lunchtime. Students can visit her in the old Sick Bay
- * Physiotherapist visits are on Tuesday at lunchtime in the old Sick Bay

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 11.00 am-11.30 am

Wednesday 10.40 am-11.30 am

Friday 11.00 am-11.30 am

On special:

Girls Trousers \$15.00

White skivvys \$10.00 (size XL only)

SADD CONFERENCE

Over the last school holidays, SADD committee representative, Naiomi and myself, along with around 100 others from all around the North Island attended the North Island SADD conference which was held at Kings College in Auckland. This event was run over three days and we were taught many techniques about running a successful committee, generating ideas to promote SADD, and we also learned a lot about the effects of driving drunk.

We attended four lectures: Fundraising, Advertising, Activism and Campaigning. Each was run by a highly successful person within this field.

We also attended the "Victims Panel", where we heard from a mother whose daughter was killed by a woman drink driving, a girl whose sister was killed by a woman drink driving, and a man who was involved in two different major crashes, both caused by drink driving. This was a sad and eye-opening moment for everyone, as we heard from people who had experienced the effects of driving drunk first hand.



SADD students from all over NZ enjoying their time at the SADD Influential Disco

But it wasn't all serious work. We also had a games night where we were split into teams and participated in a series of challenges, four massive meals a day and the highlight of the event was the dress-up disco where we had to dress up as an influential person from history, and we danced all night. Fun was had by all!

Adriaan, SADD Representative

SEALORD

Sealord has donated eight cartons of their new product "Naked Panda" to the Melville High School Sports Institute programme for the Institute students to trial at home. These are pre-prepared rice and noodle products which only need microwaving before eating.

BEST BUDDIES NIGHT

Melville High is once again involved in a well-known non-profit organisation around the world, Best Buddies, and the only high school in New Zealand to be part of the Best Buddies chapter.

Adriaan (Chapter President), along with the officer's team, organised a night out for all the buddies, peer buddies and the parents which turned out to be an inspiring night for everyone. This event was held in the PAC on 16 April and was hosted by the Best Buddies co-ordinator, Barbara Harris. Bruce Tocker (BOT Chairman) made his appearance on the night and talked on behalf of our school.



Adriaan, Nishel and Hendrix with their buddies

The team of **Dana** (co-president), **Naiomi** (Vice President), **Carmen** (Secretary), **Nishil** (Treasurer), along with **Adriaan**, will now work on a range of activities and events for the buddies and peer buddies for the rest of the year.

Remember your next friend can be your BEST BUDDY.

Nishil Head Boy

BRAVERY RECOGNISED

At a special school assembly held on Tuesday 31 May, guests including local and area police, our local MP and other dignitaries were invited to speak and acknowledge the bravery of Year 11 student, **Reisharn** who rescued a fellow student from drowning in the Waikato River earlier this year.

The family of the rescued boy was also present and extended their appreciation and praise to Reisharn for his unselfish act in saving their son.

A full article and photos will be published in the next newsletter.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WAKA AMA TEAMS

Melville High School recently attended the 2011 Waka Ama Secondary School Championships at Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lakes) in Rotorua. Two teams were entered, an Under 19 Boys' team and an Under 19 Girls' team. There were 86 secondary schools competing with a total of 1792 paddlers participating.

Firstly, a huge thanks to Tommo's Bakery for their generous sponsorship of the team. We really appreciated their kind donation to help get the teams to Rotorua.

Steve Morgan, Marty Tapu and Faye Blossom coached and co-ordinated this event on behalf of Melville High School. Steve, Marty and Faye are members of Nga Tai Whakarongo Whanau Hoe Waka which is based in Hamilton. A big mihi aroha goes out to Nga Tai Whakarongo Whanau Hoe Waka who supported and provided the resources (coaching, equipment and gear) to the students and enabled them to take two first-time teams away. Without their support, this would never have happened.

We are always looking for new paddlers to the club (Nga Tai Whakarongo) and for the Melville High team so keep an eye out in the notices for the muster. In order to paddle for the school team, students must paddle in a club at Nationals (January 2012) so nau mai haere mai.

We are very proud of the students for their commitment and dedication, and for a first-time ever school to participate at Waka Ama Nationals they represented Melville High School with pride and honour.

We would like to extend a big mihi to Dale Wilson, Mark Taylor, Steve Pene (TIC), June Barton and Adrienne Arthur for their support and assistance during the Nationals Week. They assisted with cooking, lunches, driving, helping at the marae, supervision of our students and volunteering at the venue, and ensured that Melville was well supported during that week.

Last but not least, to all our parents who supported our students through fundraising, transporting to and from training and being there to assist all our students during the last three months. Nga mihi!

U19 Girls' Team: Juliette, Caitlyn, Sarah, Te Waanahi, Brooke, Tiara

U19 Boys' Team: Reisharn Wallace, Ben Ashley, Jode Gillard, Lionel Taylor, Natanahira Witana, Alex Ashley

These are the Nationals results for both teams:

Day 1

Race 17: WT12 – Double Hull 2nd

Race 43: WT12 – Double Hull – Bowl Quarter 1st

Race 63: WT12 – Double Hull – Bowl Final 5th

Day 2

Race 82: W6 – U19 Boys 250m 4th

Race 89: W6 – U19 Girls 250m 5th

Day 3

Race 117: W6 – U19 Boys 500m 5th

Race 124: W6 – U19 Girls 500m 3rd

Race 144: W6 – U19 Boys 250m – Bowl Quarter 4th

Race 151: W6 – U19 Girls 250m – Bowl Quarter 1st

Race 196: W6 – U19 Girls 500m – Plate Semi DQ

Day 4

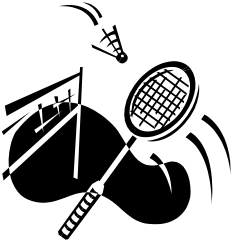
Race 213: W6 – U19 Girls 250m – Bowl Final 3rd

The U19 Girls came in 3rd place in the U19 Girls 250m Bowl Final and were presented with a certificate on the podium. An awesome outcome for first timers.

Congratulations to all paddlers and parents for their contributions and achievements. You represented Melville High School with honour and pride, and most of all you can hold your heads high and achieve whatever you choose to with hard work, commitment and motivation - you can all go a long way.

We look forward to seeing new and old paddlers for next nationals in 2012.





Sports @MLV



Rugby

The Boys' Rugby team is once again fortunate to have the services of Paul Nathan as coach. Paul and others from the Melville Rugby Club have been putting a lot of work and effort in to ensure that the team equips themselves well this season.

They have had a number of practice games, with varying results. The first game of the competition round was a tough one against St John's with St John's winning quite comfortably. The Melville boys showed flashes of their ability and are now aware of the standard they need to get to for the rest of the season. They have a number of home games this season so it would be good to see a lot of local support.

Basketball

The Junior Boys' A team has started the season strongly with two wins from two games. The Junior Boys' Premier team has had two losses against the top teams from St John's and HBHS.

The Senior Premier Girls' team has started well with a convincing win over Ngaruawahia and a very close win over the tough St Peter's top team. This year, the girls are being coached by Tina Bartlett.

The Senior Boys' Premier team is not competing in the local secondary schools competition but is following a development programme with the aim of qualification at the Regional Tournament in July and a top placing in the National Championships in Palmerston North at the end of August.

Aikido @ Melville has moved!

During Term 1 we moved into the old Community Learning Centre to set up a temporary dojo which allowed us to create a training space where the mats stay down and we are able to clean and look after this space from week to week

Even though we have three new students, our numbers are down this year. Any student interested in training in a non-competitive martial art in a dedicated space with a co-operative atmosphere, please contact me for a permission slip.

D Suter, Aikido sensei

Football

All four teams have completed their grading games with mixed success. The Junior Boys had a narrow loss 0-1 to Putaruru first up and then two comfortable wins against HBHS teams. The boys are coming together well as a team under the coaching of Gary Down with assistance from former pupil, Alex Hoebergen.

The Boys' 2nd XI had a first up win 14-1 against a St John's team and then losses to Otorohanga and a HBHS team.

The Boys' 1st XI beat Fairfield 4-0 and then had two 1 goal losses to HBHS teams. The ball just didn't seem to bounce the right way at the right time!

The Girls' team had a tough first game against the Sacred Heart 1st XI and came back strongly to beat HGHS 2nd XI 2-1. They then had a tough game against Forest View in Tokoroa, going down 0-1. With a wide variety of experience, the girls are developing well as a team, working hard for coach John Talsma.

Cross Country

On 19 May, the school held its annual Cross Country Championships. This year saw the highest numbers for participation and performance for some time. School records were broken in the Year 9 Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Boys.

Kalib, winner of the Year 9 boys' event, also ran in the Senior Boys' and finished 2nd, two seconds behind the winner and new record holder, **Ryan**.

We are taking a strong team to compete in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs in Tauranga on 8 June.

Winners

Year 9 Girls 3000m	Shylor
Year 9 Boys 3000m	Kalib [nr]
Year 10 Girls 3000m	Amy
Year 10 Boys 4000m	George
Intermediate Girls 3000m	Kendall
Intermediate Boys 4000m	Logan
Senior Girls 4000m	Samantha [nr]
Senior Boys 6000m	Ryan [nr]

Nr = new record

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL

Yay!! Netball season is here again and all the girls have been so keen to get started. Trials began in February and our selectors did a wonderful job by selecting four teams to represent our school for this season. Many thanks to our selectors, Darlene Karena, Jody TeMata, Dale Wilson and Teresa Hill. This year we took a different approach in selecting the teams. The main focus was to open the trials and to welcome all players to trial for the Open A team which will represent our school at the Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament. Players selected for this team ranged from Years 9 to 13 students. I would like to congratulate all the girls for making the team, in particular the junior players and **Renee**, the only Year 9 student, in making the team.

I would like to introduce the management for all our teams. Darlene Karena (Coach), Carlee Logan (Assistant Coach), Cyril Gudgeon (Fitness Manager) and Dale Wilson (Team Manager) have kindly offered their services to manage the Open A's this season.

Darlene Karena and Carlee Logan both come to us with a huge amount of experience and knowledge and are currently playing at premier level netball for the Allied Netball Club. They both have recently returned from the Aotearoa Maori Netball Tournament where they represented Tainui Waka.

Cyril Gudgeon, a former High Performance NZ swimming trainer, will ensure the team keeps up with their fitness throughout the season. Cyril has been involved with a variety of sports where he has initiated the training and speed testings for teams such as Bay of Plenty Rugby, Chiefs and, in particular, the NZ Olympic swimmers.

Dale Wilson has been a great supporter of the Melville High School Netball Club and has been involved with netball for a long time. Dale coaches, manages, and plays for the Allied Netball Club and is involved with other netball faculties such as Tainui Waka Maori Netball Association, Waikato High Performance Programme, Hamilton City Netball Centre and many more.

The wonderful Miss Hill coaches our second team "Mana Melville". She is a staff member of the school and as a PE teacher she loves all kinds of sport and will also share the skills and knowledge she has of the game. She has her regional umpire's badge and is also a highly skilled player and coach.

Liz Willis, once again, has kindly offered her services as the MLV Social team coach. She coached the social team last year and had a very successful season by winning their section. Liz has been involved with netball a long time and has a lot of passion for the game.

I (Valette Wiperi) am the president of Melville High School Netball Club. I am the coach of the Junior A Teina team, loving every moment working with our girls. I qualified as a NZ umpire in 2007 and was overwhelmed with winning the Sparcs Volunteer Coach of the year award last year. I am excited to see the amount of talent, skill, knowledge, love and support that has been offered to help our girls for this season. I would like to thank all management for giving up their time and for sharing the knowledge they have to extend the skills of each player. A positive future is the outlook for all teams and I would like to wish everyone all the best for the season and "GO HARD MLV"!!!

Successes

Last year in November, a group of girls from Melville High went forward to trial for the Tainui Waka Maori Netball. **Nakita** trailed for the U17's and successfully made the Tainui team. **Caitlyn** made the U15 squad of 20. The tournament was held in Palmerston North during the Easter break and all teams did extremely well. This is an excellent achievement for both Nakita and Caitlyn and hope that this can encourage more girls to trial again this year. Congratulations and well done to all the girls who went to the trials.

Nakita was also selected along with **Nicole** (ex-student) for the Waikato High Performance Programme. The final session was held in March and both girls found the programme to be very beneficial.

In January, **Tiara** attended the Hamilton City Elite Development Programme Trials at Minogue Park. She was in attendance with 100 other girls from around the region in the age group of U15s and U17s. The programme was set up to further develop and enhance potential identification, to learn new skills and knowledge, and introduce high performance principles. Tiara was one of 30 girls who were selected and participated in the 10-week programme. Congratulations from us all, Tiara!

We encourage all girls to partake in these events, as a team commitment is a wonderful opportunity to build self-esteem and confidence.

Game Time

The first games for the secondary school began on Saturday 7 May. The first three weeks are the grading rounds. From here all teams will be put into sections according to the results of these games. We wish you all the best. The Open A team has entered the Monday night league which started their season on 2 May. This has been a great opportunity for the girls to prepare for the UNISS Tournament. Finals for this league will be on 30 May. All games are played at Minogue Park, Hamilton City Netball Centre. We would love your support.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL cont'd Fundraising

Montana Catering had the pleasure to work with eight Melville High students and two staff members at 400 ITM V8 Supercars. Once again this was a great fundraising opportunity for both netball and soccer.

The Netball Club would like to thank **Ihaka** and **Alex** for volunteering their services for the netball club. Montana Catering Co-ordinators quoted "*All those who participated with this fundraiser were outstanding in all areas and we would not hesitate to call on Melville High School again*". Congratulations to **Sarah, Kiera, Prashant, Rah'i, Cameron, Mohinesh, Alex, Ihaka, Teresa Hill** and **Valetta Wiperi**. A special thanks to **Russell Wilson** for co-ordinating this event.

The Open A Team is busy fundraising for the UNISS tournament. If you are able to help in any way, please feel free to contact me on 02102297012.

Netball Social

The Netball Club will be holding a social on **Thursday 30 June** at Melville High School in the Hall. Cost is \$5.00 and all students will be required to bring their dancing shoes. More information will come through the Daily notices.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported our Netball Club so far, in particular, our coaches and team management.

Good luck to all the girls and I hope you all have an enjoyable season.

Valetta Wiperi, President MHS Netball Club

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

On Friday 13 May, Andrew, Samantha, Kevin, Robbie and I travelled with Mr Edwards and Mr Christian to the 12hour Cateye Moonride MTB race in Rotorua. The Cateye Moonride is the iconic Mountain Bike event held in New Zealand's MTB Mecca - the Whakarewarewa Forest in Rotorua. For the past five years the event hosted over 2000 riders annually.

The race is split into three categories, 24hour, 12 hour and 6 hour. All three events ride the 8km (30 minute) circuit which has been designed to cater for all abilities. The course will weave among the campsites and into the forest. Lap changes occur at YOUR SITE and completed laps will be recorded as your rider crosses through the recording area.

Gina

HAMILTON ROLLER SKATING CLUB

This term the following sessions will be run in their newly enclosed facility on Melville Park:

Sunday: 10 am to 12noon
Mums and Dads skate free
Kids \$2.00 each
Skate Hire \$2.00

Monday 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm
Learn to Skate Class including
skate hire \$25.00 per term,
or \$3.00 per night

Tuesday 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Speed skating \$2.00 each

Thursday: 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Speed skating \$2.00 each

Thursday: Night Twilight Skate
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm \$3.00 each
\$1.00 skate hire
Thursday 10th will be a Free Skating
Session

Saturday Morning 11.00 am to 1 pm
Mums and Dads skate free
Kids \$2.00 each
Skate Hire \$2.00

A great way to get out there and get active with your kids.

If you would like any further information please ring Kathy Moody on 8552523 or Pearl Best on 8474527.

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

We are proud to announce this new initiative which honours teachers who display the attributes of COMMITMENT and INNOVATION in their classroom practice.

Nominations can be made by parents, community, students and other staff, with the nomination process beginning soon.

This award is sponsored by a local business and the recipient will receive a \$500 prize. The winner will be announced at the Senior Prizegiving Ceremony later this year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge our teaching staff.

Further information will be published in the next newsletter.

PATHWAYS @ MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Samantha Cutler who has been our Gateway Co-Ordinator in the Pathways Department for the past 2 ½ years. She has worked very closely with the students who have chosen Gateway and has provided innovative and successful placements for them all. We will miss her hugely. She and her husband are moving to a farm near Putaruru which is just too far away for a daily commute.

We are very lucky to now have Angela Dorgan, (who was the school receptionist) taking over the position as Gateway Co-ordinator. Angela loves working with the students at Melville High and will be an asset to our department.

Farewell Samantha and welcome Angela!

**Melville High School
Careers Expo
Wednesday 17 August
School Hall
12.30 pm-2.30 pm**

Year 9:	12.30 pm-1.00 pm
Years 11, 12, 13:	1.00 pm-2.00 pm
Year 10:	2.00 pm-2.30 pm

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to speak about careers with a large range of training providers and tertiary institutions.

Please make the most of this opportunity to discuss options for your student with the experts.

There are many 1 or 2 day courses available for students from Year 10 to 13. Some courses students have completed this year are:

Maori Art Design and Drawing Techniques, Learner Licence, First Aid, Police Preparation, Commercial Music, Travel and Tourism, Beauty, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Automotive, Car Painting, Building, Electrical, Nursing, Floristry.

Any student who would like to find out about these courses, please go to the Pathways office.

Gateway Programme

It has been a busy year so far for Gateway with 40 students out on placement and another 20 will go out in the next few weeks.

Thank you to all those businesses that have willingly supported the students and their Gateway programme:

Sommerset Kitchens
Waikato Hospital Nursing
McDonalds Greenwood Street
Hamilton Zoo
New Zealand Management Academies
Zibido
Wilson Carlisle Rest Home
Waikato Sandblasters
Wickfield Dog Grooming
Mike Bryant Builders
Blue Wallace
Fresca
Deanwell Kindy
The Oak Stud
Bucklin Farms
Wintec Music department
Community Radio Hamilton
Café Strata
Waikato Hospital Electrical
Waikato Hospital Maori Health



**Junior enjoyed work experience
at Somerset Kitchens**



**Trudes took up the opportunity to work at
Café Strata**

OPC GREAT BARRIER ISLAND – ANOTHER AWESOME EXPERIENCE!

Due to a shortage of instructors who assist with our OPC programme, some of the students were unable to attend OPC Great Barrier Island with the first group that went on this trip at the beginning of Term 1. The 10 students who missed out on the originally planned trip were fortunate enough to attend from 10-15 April. Having a whole week of fine weather was awesome. We were able to complete all activities throughout the week in the best conditions imaginable.

On the first day we got to rock climb at the Three Kings Mountain. In the afternoon we were given time to learn all the strokes needed to control a kayak on the water at Karaka Bay. We enjoyed all the kayak games at the end of the day when we put our skills to the test (ask Gallen how he went in the kayak bull rush game when he came up against Sinead!).

The second day was a quick trip by van to Whangapoua beach, to coasteer along the coastline. This was so much fun – we were only the second school to complete this mission which involved jumping off cliffs, along the way crawling and climbing the rocky coastline to navigate to the top of the coast.

On our third day we first set off on a bush walk that involved abseiling down waterfalls in order to get to our van, which was parked at Okiwi Primary School. From there we drove out to the surf beach at Whangapoua and spent the remainder of the day snorkeling and surf kayaking (trying hard not to smash into each other too much!).

Our second to last day was our overnight camp, which involved packing the sea kayaks with all our camping gear. Kayaking on the way to our destination at Kaikoura Island, we spent a couple of hours being assessed on our kayaking skills learnt earlier in the week. This involved rolling our kayaks and getting really, really wet! With camp set up for the night, we sat back and watched the most amazing sunset go down. And of course we will never forget having the most epic pillow fights ever seen – Mr Edwards got owned!

Our final day involved getting up at 6am to pack up our tents and kayak back to base. Once we had spent time washing everything down and tidying up, it was time to leave and fly back to Auckland. Sadly, our awesome week had come to an end.

We had an awesome time and want to thank Mr Edwards and Mr Hamill for providing us with this opportunity to experience so many things we had never done before. This was the best week of school we have ever had!



Ezrym, Conor, Maui, Sinead, Ross, Merran, Gallen, Kendall, Megan, Jordan