



# Melville High News

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**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.

## LEST WE FORGET

Head students, Isaac, Nakita, Terri-Anna and Jordan (pictured) represented the school at this year's Hamilton City Council's Commemorative Service held at Memorial Drive in Hamilton on ANZAC Day along with our Acting Principal, Mr McNulty.



The service was one of many that our students and staff attended throughout the region in acknowledgement of the commitment and sacrifice that many New Zealanders made on our behalf.

There was a strong representation of the youth of the city at this ceremony. The proceedings concluded with our head students, along with representatives from several other schools, laying wreaths at the cenotaph. We were proud to be part of the commemoration for all those who paid the ultimate price.

As a school, we acknowledged ANZAC Day at our first assembly on return from the holidays. We took the opportunity to reflect upon the consequences of war and the sacrifices made. We also shared a poem that provided some imagery around World War I and the experiences of those involved. This provided us with the opportunity to show our respect to those who fought and gave their lives for our freedom.

**Mr McNulty, Acting Principal**

# Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

## ATTENDANCE

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the attendance rate of the school. We have over 83% of the students attending school on a regular basis and are above our attendance target. This level of attendance will ensure students are learning and achieving. We have over 51% of students attending at an attendance rate of 95% or better. All of these students received acknowledgement of this achievement and were all eligible for the draw of an MP3 player. The recipients of these awards were: Year 9 **Luke**; Year 10 **Garry**; Year 11 **Tyler-James**; Year 12 **Abigail**; Year 13 **Torah**. Well done to these worthy recipients of these prizes.

Those students whose attendance is of concern do require support from parents/caregivers and I trust that all will be encouraging their child to attend school on a regular basis.

To help support the school in regard to its attendance target, I would like parents/caregivers to ensure all appointments and meetings for students occur out of school time wherever possible. I thank you in advance for supporting this request.

**D McNulty, Acting Principal**

## MESSAGES

I would like to remind parents/caregivers to ensure that they only contact the school office to deliver urgent messages to their child. Please ensure that your child is aware of the family's arrangements before they leave for school. The office is unable to contact students for non-urgent matters and the teaching staff find it very disruptive to the learning and teaching programmes when classes are interrupted for minor messages.

**D McNulty, Acting Principal**

## FEES

I would like to remind parents/caregivers of the need to attend to any outstanding subject fees. The staff is working very hard to provide an effective learning environment with limited resources and the school needs your support to ensure your obligations in regard to subject fees are met. Please contact Mrs Lynnette Malone to arrange how you intend to meet this responsibility. I would like to thank all those parents who have taken the appropriate action to support the school in this regard.

**D McNulty, Acting Principal**

## SPORT

Our winter sports codes are now well underway and the team results have been very pleasing. Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who are supporting their child at their games. They value your support as do the school. If you would like to offer to help our sports teams or cultural activities, please contact Mr Wilson at school who will put you in contact with the appropriate staff member.

**D McNulty, Acting Principal**

## SHAVE FOR A CURE

Year 11 student, Maddy (pictured below) was able to hand over \$655 to Laura Marston, a Hamilton mum who has a one year old son, Marley suffering from Leukemia. Since having her hair shaved off at school for *Shave for a Cure*, Maddy has been able to collect this sum, much of which was donated by students and teachers of Melville High School. Laura received this donation on Saturday 5 May with gratitude and amazement that so many people could be so kind to her and her son.



Well done, Maddy.

## DEANS

Deans are available regarding any subject or behaviour concerns you may have about your child. Phone messages will be responded to at their earliest convenience.

## STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE

- Notification of change of details
- First aid
- Student sign out/in for appointments
- Lost property
- Fees payments

## STATIONERY/UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

11.00 am – 11.30 am

## GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Students and families are invited to make appointments with our counsellor 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).

**MICROSOFT IMAGINE CUP 2012 NZ NATIONAL FINALS**

On Tuesday 1 May, ten Year 12 Gateway students (pictured below), Miss Hill and Angela from Gateway went to Auckland to the Microsoft Imagine Cup Finals Event. This is the world's largest technology competition, challenging students from around the globe to develop technologies that help solve the world's toughest problems. There were more than 358,000 students from 183 countries participating.



The evening was for Melville High students with an interest in pursuing an IT (Information Technology) career. Firstly, we went to the University of Auckland Business School lecture room and listened to the New Zealand Human Resources Manager of Microsoft, Pia Dalum. She spoke about Microsoft which employs 90,000 diverse staff in over 190 countries. This followed with a presentation by Ron of ISOM (Information Systems Operations Management) who discussed the value of training in IT and that there is more to it than computer geeks. During this time we were asked questions about what had been discussed and were able to win t-shirts and bags with a student from another school winning a new phone. After dinner we went to the Auckland Town Hall for the actual awards. There were 17 finalists from throughout New Zealand and the top four had to present their work in front of four judges.

The winning team was **Team Mobile Eye** who developed software to help the blind. Second Place went to **Team Thought-Wired** (University of Auckland) with their solution NOUS which empowers individuals with severe physical disabilities (eg muscular dystrophy) to communicate and interact. Third Place was **Team Aura** (University of Auckland) with their modular solution that detects abnormal breathing patterns and could revolutionise the diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnea. Fourth Place was **Team Connect** (University of Auckland) with a communication system that responds immediately following a disaster, keeping you connected to loved ones.

**A Climo, Gateway Co-ordinator**

**2012 TERM 2 CALENDAR****MAY****Week 5**

Tues 22 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm  
Australasian Computer Skills

**JUNE****Week 7**

Mon 4 **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY**  
Wed 6 Australasian Science  
Competition

**Week 8**

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

**Week 9**

Mon 18-Wed 19 Virtual Careers Event  
Wed 20 **PARENT REPORT  
EVENING 3.30 pm-6.30 pm**

**Week 10**

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

**TERM 3****JULY****Week 2**

Tues 24 Board Meeting, 5.00 pm  
Wed 25 Team Photos

**JULY/AUGUST****Week 3**

Tues 31 Australasian English  
Competition  
Thurs 2 **OPEN DAY AND EVENING**

**Week 5**

Tues 14 Australasian Mathematics  
Competition  
Fri 17 Newsletter posted

**SEPTEMBER****Week 8**

Thurs 6 **Curriculum Choices Evening**

**Week 11**

Fri 28 NCEA Reports posted  
Newsletter posted

**2012 TERM DATES**

**Term 2 23 April - 29 June**  
**Term 3 16 July - 28 September**  
**Term 4 15 October - 10 December**



# Sports @MLV



## Futsal

Futsal is indoor soccer played on a basketball size court. There are five players from each side on the court and up to seven rolling subs. Boys from the Melville Boys' 1<sup>st</sup> XI have been training with Brayden Lissington, the Wai/BoP Futsal Development Officer.

The Melville team has entered the first ever Waikato Secondary School League which is being played in the Fraser High gym. The boys' first game was against St Paul's, which has had Futsal at their school for the last 10 years. St Paul's won the game quite convincingly but the Melville boys gave a strong performance in the second half and showed that they will be quite competitive as their game develops.

## Football

This year we have a Boys' 1<sup>st</sup> XI, a junior team and a Girls' team. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI is being coached by Russell Wilson and Gary Down. The Junior Boys' team is being coached by Darren Alexander and the girls' team by Hata Puriri. All of the teams have started well in their grading games. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have won both their games against St John's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Hillcrest 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. The Girls have beaten Fairfield 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Otorohanga. The Junior Boys have had a draw and a 1-2 loss to different HBHS teams. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI are travelling to Wanganui in September to compete in the Rex Dawkins Trophy tournament. The boys will be doing a number of fundraising activities throughout the next two terms.

## Rugby

For the first time in many years we have two rugby teams playing in the secondary schools competition. The team that has been together for the last two years has now progressed to 1<sup>st</sup> XV status. This team has been coached and mentored by Paul Nathan and various members of the Melville Rugby Club. They had a pre-season game against Hillcrest 1<sup>st</sup> XV which they won quite comfortably and then beat Otorohanga 42-0 in a grading game. It is pleasing to see the hard work and dedication of the last few seasons coming to fruition.

The Under 15 team is being coached by Paul Harmer and a solid band of supporters. This is a very young team and most of them will play Under 15 next season. This will be year of solid development.

## Badminton

Once again, Mr Halsted has a strong group of students practising on Tuesdays after school. Two teams, a boys and a girls, will be playing on in the Division 3 on Tuesdays in the secondary school competition starting later this month.

With a number of players from last year having left school, we are looking to pick up the numbers again.

## Clay Target Shooting

**Joshua** has been a keen shooter for quite some time and will be competing for the school in the North Island Championships at the Waikato Gun Club in June. He will also be travelling to the New Zealand Championships in Christchurch in September.

We are keen to develop a Clay Target Shooting Team to support Joshua. If there any students interested in taking up or learning about this sport please contact Mr Wilson, Sports Co-ordinator.

## Waka Ama

At the end of March we had a crew of six girls compete in the National Secondary School Championships in Rotorua. The crew was coached by Steve Morgan and managed by Faye Blossom from Nga Tai Whakarongo Whanau Hoe Waka Ama Club. The girls competed in both the Under 19 250m and 500m events. They finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Plate semi-final and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Bowl final. The crew of **Brooke, Faith, Violet, Keisha, Ora** and **Dakota** (pictured below) will all be able to paddle next year and will form the base for long term development.





# Sports @MLV



## MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL

Netball 2012 began with an outstanding turnout for the trials held in February.

This year we have five teams entered into the local competition with two senior teams and three junior teams.

### MLV Tuakana Senior A team

Coach: Teresa Hill

Assistant Coach: Valetta Wiperi

### MHS Social

Coach: Liz Willis

### MHS Junior Development Year 10

Coach: Valetta Wiperi

Assistant Coach: Astina

Manager: Tyla

### MHS Junior B Year 9

Coach: Joanne Wilson

Managers: Janine / Patricia

### MLV Teina Yr 9

Coach: Valetta Wiperi

Assistant Coach: Michelle

**Umpires:** Nakita, Quinn, Sita

Many thanks to our selectors Teresa Hill, Michelle and Joanne. A special thanks to all those who have offered to coach/manage and umpire.

All teams have had a great start to the season with only one more grading game to go. Here are some dates that you may require for the season:

**Secondary Grading:** 12 May 2012

**No Play on Saturday:** 2, 30 June, 7, 14 May

**First Round Competition Saturday:**

19, 26 May, 9, 16, 23 June (5 weeks)

**Second Round Competition Saturday:**

21, 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 August, 1 Sept (7 weeks)

**Finals Day: 8 September**

24 May: Fundraiser, School Social  
6.30pm-9.30pm, \$3.00 entry

I would like to wish all teams the best of luck throughout the season and a huge thanks to all families and friends for your support.

**V Wiperi, President MHS Netball**



## SOUTH CANBERRA AUSTRALIA TAKES ON MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Three representative teams from the South Canberra Netball Association (Australia) toured around New Zealand to develop their game skills and experience local NZ play in netball.

On Thursday 26 April, Melville High School had the privilege of hosting these teams. The day began with a traditional Powhiri to welcome our international visitors and families into our school. Mangakotukutuku kapahaka group performed some beautiful waiata (songs) which made our guests feel right at home.

Melville High School Netball organised a schedule for the teams to play.

South Canberra Netball Under 14 vs MHS Teina Junior A. Final Score: Melville won 23 – 24

South Canberra Netball Under 15 vs MHS Social & Junior Development. Final Score: Australia won 29 – 17

South Canberra Netball Under 17 vs MHS Tuakana. Final Score: Melville won 30 – 19

All games were played to a very high standard but most of all, everyone had fun.

Many thanks to Melville High School staff, students, co-ordinators, coaches, managers and parents for their outstanding support and we would like to wish the South Canberra Netball Association all the best with their future in netball.

**V Wiperi, President MHS Netball**

### SEALORD COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Recently the Level 3 Food Studies class was very fortunate to have two sessions with Sealord Regional Manager, Darren Mordecai. Darren spent the first session with the Year 13 students demonstrating a quick and easy dish using hoki fillets. While performing the demonstration, he talked to the students about fish, the different types of fish and commercial fishing techniques. A chef by trade, Darren talked about training and working as a chef while incorporating different food preparation and cooking techniques.



**Darren demonstrating fish recipes**

The students prepared the same dish in the second session. They were not only impressed with Darren's knowledge and ability in the kitchen but how quick and simple the Sealord fish products were to use and create an impressive looking dish.

### E Ross, HoC Food and Fabric

#### UNIFORM SHOP SPECIALS

There are limited sizes available for the following discontinued items on special at the Uniform Shop:

Skivvies	\$5.00
Girls' long sleeve blouses	\$25.00
Boys' long sleeve shirts	\$25.00
Girls' trousers	\$15.00

#### Uniform Shop Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
11.00 am-11.30 am



**Entertainment at the fundraising Mangakōtutuku concert**

### AUTHOR VISIT: RUSSELL KIRKPATRICK

On Wednesday 4 April, the Creative Writing Group was very fortunate to have local author, Russell Kirkpatrick\* visit the school. He talked about writing in general and developing character in particular. He also spoke about plot development and creating the 'novel-sized' idea. His talk finished with a great question and answer session.

He was impressed with the calibre of the students, their enthusiasm and willingness to engage. So much so that he has volunteered to come and do a writing workshop with the students later this term.



**Russell Kirkpatrick**

\*Russell Kirkpatrick is the author of the fantasy trilogies *Fire of Heaven* and *Husk* as well as a photographic book, *Walks to Waterfalls*. He is a geography lecturer at the University of Waikato and has produced various atlases including work on the *NZ Historical Atlas*.

### K Seluka, English Teacher



**Whaitiri and Anahera singing at the fundraising Mangakōtutuku concert**

## NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN CONFERENCE

On Saturday 17 March, I attended the New Zealand Association for Gifted Children (NZAGC) at Rangitoto College. In my opinion, 4.30 am is far too early to be awake on a Saturday morning! Unfortunately if you want to travel to Auckland, and not be troubled by traffic, that is when you must wake up!

I took very little with me – a pillow and my iPod. A few hours of Talking Heads, Stray Cats and Icehouse, then I finally see Rangitoto College. It was going to be a good day and I wasn't disappointed.

I thoroughly enjoyed the programme of teen seminars and I thank **Gallaghers** for this opportunity to attend NZAGC.

I attended seminars on wearable arts, acting, writing and music. It was an interesting and different day, a day dedicated to thinking differently.

**Jessie, Year 12 Student**

## GUEST LEADERS AT RUKUHIA SCHOOL

On Friday 17 April, Head Students, **Isaac, Nakita, Jordan** and **Terri-Anna** visited Rukuhia School (pictured below) to give a presentation to the students about their roles at Melville High School. They told the students that commitment and participation at school in their junior years paved the way for their succession to their current leadership roles. They shared with the young children how they are involved at school not only in leadership but in their respective sporting and cultural activities.



The young children responded with much interest and questions and everyone enjoyed the occasion. Rukuhia School expressed their appreciation of the time our students gave up for this leadership initiative at their school.

## WHY DO IT?

People may wonder why a teacher might want to take a term off work and go through the torment of biking the hills and plains of New Zealand. It was a question I asked myself many times while battling one of the worst late summers we have had in a very long time. There are lots of possible answers and nearly all of them apply. It is a challenge, a life experience, a personal pilgrimage, a test of endurance, and a break away from the classroom.



**Mr Young cycling out of Dunedin**

I left Bluff on 14 February and arrived at Cape Reinga 44 days and about 2000 kms later. The route I followed took me to Queenstown, the Otago rail trail, Dunedin up through to Picton along the east coast. From Wellington I went through to Palmerston North, Wanganui, New Plymouth and then up through to Hamilton and Auckland. From there I went up the east coast and on up to Cape Reinga.

It was a good feeling to have finished and achieved the goal, though I don't feel the need to do it that way again.

As a lone cyclist there were challenges but the advantage of being flexible about routes and stops had its advantages. There were no serious mechanical problems and not a single puncture! I did get lost a couple of times when the GPS battery died.

Many thanks to the Board of Trustees which granted me the leave for Term 1 and my colleagues who filled in while I was away.

**G Young, Mathematics Teacher**

## MANGAKŌTUKUTUKU KAPA HAKA GROUP



Mangakōtukutuku Kapa Haka group has been very busy with public performances and rehearsing for the upcoming Mana Ariki national competitions.

The group (pictured above) performed recently at the opening of the Children's Garden at Parana Park in Hamilton. They performed a traditional powhiri followed by an entertainment programme in front of many Hamilton people including the Mayor and guests. They also performed at the Clarence Theatre on behalf of the Hamilton City Council in welcoming New Zealand citizens. They entertained at a very high standard which was enjoyed by all.

The tutors of the group, Whaea Te Mana, Whaea Valetta, Matua Beaumyn and Kapene Kereopa have been working with the students in preparation for the Mana Ariki Nationals to be held at Taumarunui from 12-13 May at the Mana Ariki marae. There have been many practices and weekend live-ins held to learn the programme. For those interested, the group is performing at 1.30 pm on Saturday 12 May at Mana Ariki marae.

The leaders **Nakita Wiperi** (Ngāpuhi/Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa) and **Reisharn Wallace** (Ngāti Maniapoto) (pictured right) will be leading the group at the Nationals. Last week, they held a concert to raise money for the Nationals. There was great support from whanau, local people, Toto Kiore and Marawaatea Kapa Haka groups, Te Rauawaawa Kaumatua group and, of course, our talented students. It was a successful night and we managed to raise money for our bus, the marae Hia Kaitupeka and food for the nationals.

I would like to acknowledge the Mangakotukutuku Management Committee, our parents, the tutors and our beautiful students for all their hard work throughout the year. I wish Mangakotukutuku the best at the nationals and I know they will represent our school, and the Waikato area, to their best.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the following new students to Kapa Haka who have grown and demonstrate a high standard of performance: **Sita, Paenui-Jack, Anahera, Herepete, Ethan and Keisha.**

Karawhiua e te roopu, Tukua tō mana kia rere.  
Ka kitea te ao tō tino ātaahuatanga.

**Whaea Te Mana Rollo, HoC Māori**

