



Melville High News

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FIRST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Breanna, Hayley ,Brooke ,First Foundation Scholarship recipients.

It was a very proud evening for us when three of our students were presented with their First Foundation Scholarships. Only seven scholarships were awarded across the whole of the central North Island.

Brooke, Breanna and Hayley have been awarded this scholarship. This will involve them in paid holiday work with companies who have links to the study they will do at University. They will also have a personal mentor to help them to negotiate their way through the next four years and help them to achieve their very best.

Melville High School students continue to shine above other local schools. Well done!!

Parent Report Evening

Wednesday 11 March

3:30pm—6.00pm

Year 9 Camp

1st Rotation

Mon 16 March—Wed 18 March

2nd Rotation

Wed 18 March—Fri 20 March

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa - warm greetings to you all.

At school we have got off to a great start and the tenor and tone within the school is very positive. Students have been very active with the Year 13 camp, field trips, sports and a host of other activities which are set to continue over the next month.

Student academic success is the primary goal of the Board and staff of Melville High School. Students work best when there is a close partnership between school and home. In an effort to build and sustain this relationship at Melville High School we have three formal reporting opportunities each year. The first of these reporting occasions gets underway next week when an interview opportunity is provided in response to our interim reports which we have included with this newsletter. There are two more written reports, one at mid-year and the final report at the end of the year.

Next week's interviews will be in the hall between 3:30 – 6.00 pm. on Wednesday 11th March. All staff welcome the opportunity to meet with parents to discuss their children's progress. While this is a formal interview occasion, we welcome the opportunity to discuss the progress of students at any time during the year.

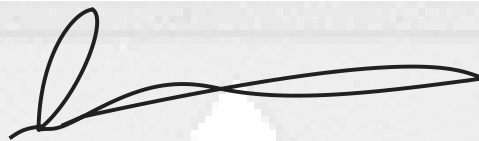
We have the Year 9 camp at Karapiro coming up and we undertook a very successful Year 13 camp at Raglan last month. Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is a vital aspect of the school curriculum. We are privileged to have parents and staff who so willingly give of their time to support these activities.

Melville High School is very fortunate to have the financial support of the Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET) and the Gallagher Trust to be able ensure an excellent attendance at such an important outdoor education activity. We are able to ensure that over 60% of our total school population are able each year to undertake a major (EOTC) experience.

I was very pleased to see six people attend the first PTA meeting which was held at school in the Board Room. It is some time since the school has had such a vital committee which actively supports school activities and students. They have a number of projects on-the-go including the Excellence Dinner. This is a formal function where the school acknowledges all those students who gained excellence grades at NCEA.

Historically this has been funded on a user pays system and it is the goal of the PTA to ensure that successful students have their meals paid for. If you are interested in being involved please contact the school for details of their next meeting.

Finally, this last month has also seen a host of positive leadership activities in support of the school, some tremendous sporting successes too, however it is a time to remember that student achievement is our core business and assessments are well underway. Our students therefore need to focus and be well prepared for them.



Clive Hamill
Principal

REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

In order to provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with teachers, Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 11th March. Included with this newsletter is a one page Interim Report which gives a brief indication of areas of success and possible areas of challenge for each student. The reports are not designed to provide extensive feedback on the progress and achievement of students, rather it is a tentative statement about how students are settling in to the school year.

The Interviews provide an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification and plan collective strategies forward. We cordially invite you to attend and hope that you will take the opportunity to meet the teachers. Deans, Senior Leadership staff and Board members who will also be available during this time.

An appointment system will operate, so please return the appointment sheet, which is also included, so that teachers can see as many parents as possible within the five-minute intervals. (You can also download a copy from our website).

Parents are reminded that we welcome the opportunity to talk to you about the progress of your child at any time, not just during formal report evenings. Appointments can be made through the school office for this purpose.

STRATEGIC AIMS AND ANNUAL GOALS

The following are the aims and goals adopted by the Board at its February Meeting. The Board will be undertaking an extensive consultation process with the school families and whanau and the broader community over the next eight months.

Melville High School Strategic Aims 2015 – 2017

- 1 To improve all student achievement [academic, cultural and sporting].
- 2 To enhance our caring, supportive environment through positive and culturally responsive relationships.
- 3 To provide engaging multiple pathways for educational success.
- 4 To develop staff so they can empower learners to contribute confidently and responsibly in our changing world.
- 5 To promote Melville High School as the 'school of choice' for our community.

Melville High School Major Goals for 2015

- 1 Enable and support the learning needs of every student.
- 2 Strengthen the culture of learning for students and staff.
- 3 Review pastoral care structure.
- 4 Create greater coherence between the curriculum, areas of focus, school systems, structures and student needs.
- 5 Improve the school's physical environment.
- 6 Review the school charter and consult with our community.
- 7 Promote Melville High School as the 'school of choice' through the development of a school marketing plan.

RAFT RACE



This popular event is only four weeks away so it is time again to drag out those plastic drums, old car tubes and any other flotation device to build a suitable raft. Last years Melville High School Raft Race was held in splendid conditions. The rafts 'sail' down the Waikato River from the boat ramp by the Narrows Bridge to the Grantham Street Boat Ramp.

There are some set conditions, scrutineering occurs on site and begins from 8:30 am. The journey takes about 2 – 3 hours. We have support vessels (boats) and kayaks to accompany the rafts. Those who have difficulty or need ongoing repairs may end up aboard one of the rescue craft for a dry trip to the boat ramp.



This year's Raft Race is on **Tuesday 31 March**; if you are interested in taking part please see Graeme Kuiti, Sports Co-ordinator, uplift the entry form and do so as soon as possible.



WELCOME TO MICHELLE



We welcome Michelle Holloway-Smith to the Counselling team while Mr Gay is on study leave. Mr Gay's science classes are being taught by Ms Janina Rack.

Kia ora, my name is Michelle Holloway-Smith, and I am really excited to be joining the learning community of Melville High School as one of our guidance counselors.

I live in Kaipaki, on a dairy farm with my husband and our three children.

I come from a background of teaching and have been studying at the University of Waikato towards my Masters in Counselling (part of which involved doing a years placement as a Counsellor in Melville's Guidance Department in 2011).

PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who ensure their children arrive on time to school. We value punctuality and encourage students to be on time for all of their commitments. Those parents who drop children off at school please remember that class starts at 8:40am and we expect students to be at school at 8:30am ready for class and in class no later than 8:40am. Students who do arrive after the class has started disrupt other students learning and disrupt the teacher from their job. In addition they miss the start of the lesson which is a crucial part and sets the tone for the rest of the lesson.

If families have challenges in getting young people to school on time please contact us and we can use our processes to help support children so that poor punctuality does not become a discipline issue.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who are supporting their children in attending school on a regular basis. Research has shown that achievement is related to regular attendance and engagement. Students whose attendance is below our school average figure of 85% are placing themselves at risk of low achievement. The school has developed its progress in managing student attendance which does involve the use of outside agencies like the attendance service managed by Te Kohau Health. We also use Child and Youth Family services in extreme cases. Students who attend school on a regular basis and are present for more than 95% are placed in a prize draw each term.

For those parents/caregivers whose child finds attending school regularly a challenge please contact the school before poor attendance becomes a habit. The school can provide support for families who require it so please work with us to support regular attendance.



VIOLENT INCIDENT

We were all caught unawares by the shooting incident which occurred in our community on Friday 20th. These tragic events have impacted on some of our students who were in the vicinity at the time. Our school counsellors have been involved in the support of students and their families and the Ministry are providing supplementary support for us to support other students.

This event has brought a negative spot light on part of our community. At a time when positive community events (Tour de Melville) and community activity (Norrie Street BBQ) reflect a community that care, we are mindful that such violent experiences do leave a legacy with our children.

I can assure parents that the school has processes and procedures to ensure student safety at school in instances of major safety. Our lockdown plan and procedures are designed to manage a number of potential emergency situations. These have been tested in real life situations and have been found to be very effective.

If parents have any questions or concerns about this incident and our management of emergency situation please do not hesitate to contact the school.

YEAR 13 CAMP

This year our Year 13 Leadership Camp was held at Kopua Holiday Park in Raglan. The Leadership camp encouraged us to step up and take action, to work with one another to overcome the obstacles laid before us,

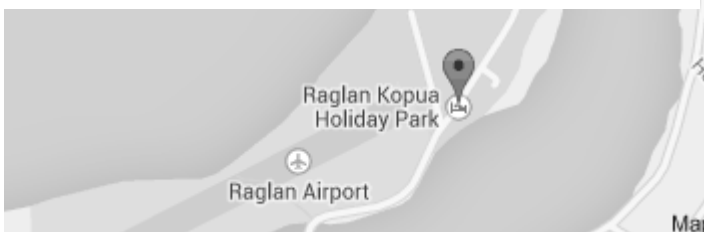


The camp also allowed us the opportunity to strengthen our bonds with one another both students and staff alike.



The Year 13's would like to thank all the teachers, staff and parents who made this trip possible

Arama —Head Student



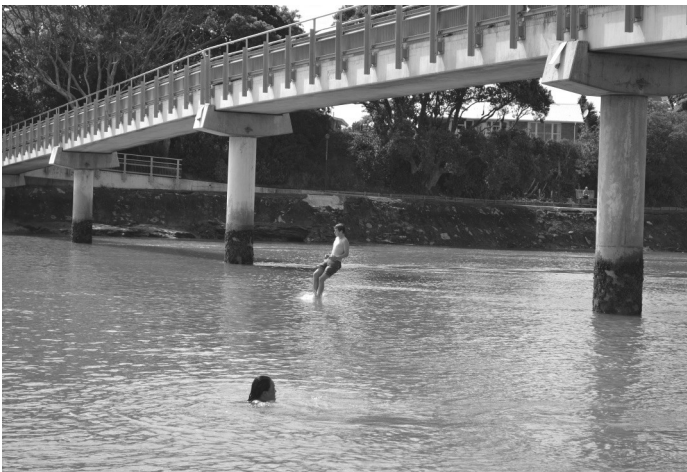
CAMPBELL CENTRE RAGLAN TRIP

On Tuesday 24th of February seven boys from the Campbell Centre and three staff had a day trip to Raglan as a reward for good behaviour. The trip started off at the Wainui Beach and we received some invaluable information from the surf life savers who patrol the beach. This includes information about rips, tidal changes and general water safety.



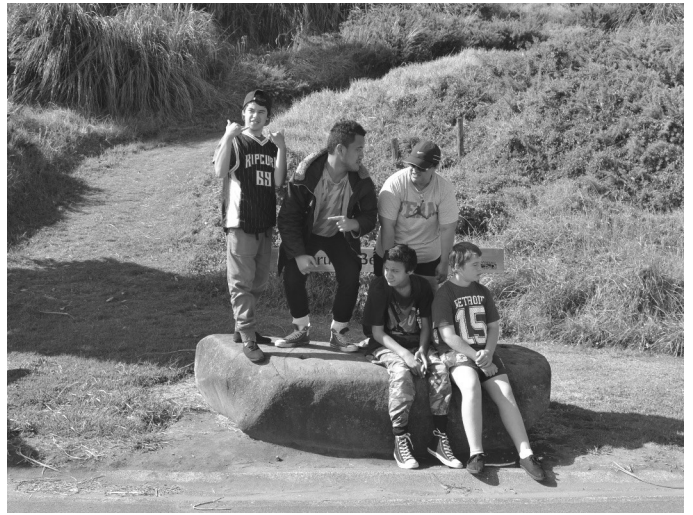
As most of you know the trip to the Wainui Beach is via a steep hill. It was an easy decent but going back was a challenge [for some].

Our next slope was at the Kopua Bridge where after Daniel had undertaken a depth analysis, the boys jumped off the walk bridge. All boys, except Josh and Javarne, gave it a go. They did staples, bombs and manus.



The students behaved themselves well and we were proud of them. They were respectful, acted safely and with decorum.

R Jones—Director of LID



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:



Tuesday 10 March we are having Class photos taken by Photolife. You will be able to purchase Class photos and there is the option to purchase individual ID photos for \$10.00.



MHS PARENT REPORT EVENING

Wednesday 11 March our Parent Report Evening is being held in the School Hall from 3.30—6.00pm. An interview appointment form is being enclosed with your students report. They are to take this to their teachers who will fill in the times they are available to see you. It will be great to see you there.



Wednesday 11 March we are having Year 10 Vision Screening for all Year 10 students. This is a great way of ensuring your child's eyesight is fine.



MHS EXCELLENCE DINNER

Tuesday 31 March we are holding our Excellence Dinner to celebrate the academic achievements of our 2014 NCEA students. This is a wonderful evening. It is such an honour to applaud the students hard work and what they have achieved. Invitations will be going out and the venue is yet to be confirmed.



Term 1 Ends on Thursday 02nd April and Term 2 starts on Monday 20 April.

YEAR 9 CAMP



2014 Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 camp will be held at Karapiro Domain on the 16 - 20 March and all year 9 students will attend for three days. The information letter, permission forms and gear list were posted out on Friday 20 February so if you have not received this information extra copies are available at student Services.



The camp fee of \$40.00 is due at Student services, along with the permission slip, by Friday 6 March. We are still looking for a volunteer to manage the catering for the week- contact John Ledson at 078434529 if you are available.

Thank you to all those families who support this very worthwhile activity. If your child is reluctant to attend, they will probably gain the most by coming on the camp, because it is by moving out of our comfort zone that we grow and develop.

J Ledson, Assistant Principal

SCHOLARSHIP ENGLISH CLASSES START

Scholarship English classes have started and are held at 8am on Thursdays. This is a great opportunity for students to improve their skills for Level 3 and to enter the Scholarship English exam at the end of the year.

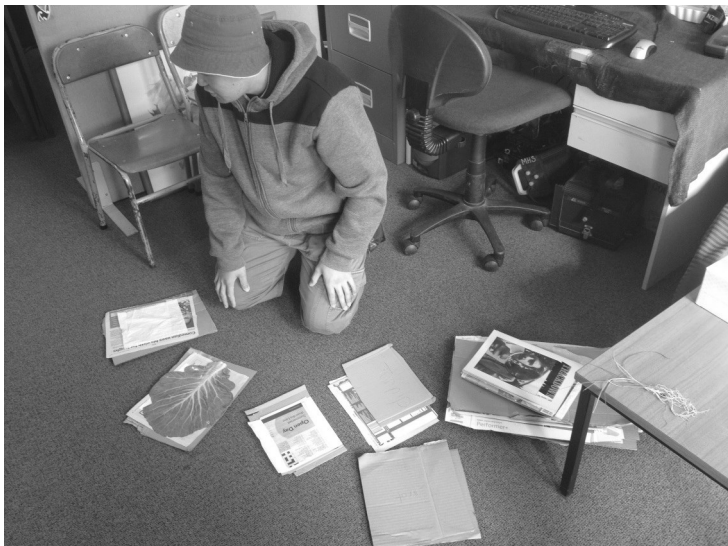
HOMWORK CENTRE

The Homework Centre operates from its own room, next to Café Makona. It runs after school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for approximately 1-hour.

The centre provides a workspace, with computer access, where students can do their homework; complete assessments, finish overdue work or work on an area of difficulty. The room is always supervised and the students can work individually, in groups, independently or assisted.



Teachers are able to refer students to the centre, or students may choose to come on the day. Students can also be referred by Senior Leadership or a parent/caregiver.



Students – your attendance is noted and this may be shared with teachers, management and parents.

Donna Wilson runs the centre and she is happy to answer any questions. Contact her at the centre or Ph 843 4529 ext 946 **OR** email- wid@melville-high.school.nz

D Wilson—NCEA Support Teacher

2015 TERM 1 CALENDAR

MARCH

Week 7

Tue 10

Class Photos

Wed 11

Year 10 Vision Screening

PARENT REPORT

EVENING 3.30pm-6.00pm

Year 13 History Trip

Thu 12

Week 8

Mon 16-Wed 18 Year 9 Camp (1st rotation)

Wed 18 - Fri 20 Year 9 Camp (2nd rotation)

Week 9

Wed 25

Board Meeting 6.00pm

Wed 25- Fri 27 Year 12 Tongaririo Trip

Week 10

Tue 31

Excellence Dinner

Tue 31

Raft Race

APRIL

Wed 1

Waikato Swimming Champs

Wed 1

Night of Rock Concert

Thu 2

Last day of Term 1

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1	28 January—02 April
Term 2	20 April — 03 July
Term 3	20 July—25 September
Term 4	12 October—8 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2015

Easter	03 April - 06 April
Anzac Day Holiday	Mon 27 April
Queens Birthday	Mon 1 June
Labour Day	Mon 26 October

TECHNICAL SUPPORT VACANCY

We have an opportunity to employ a person with experience working with and repairing equipment in our Hard Materials Technology area. The position involves, ensuring resources are ready for classes, tools are sharpened, equipment is repaired, resources are ordered.

The position is for 5 hours a week and would suit a person who has had experience in the building, joiner industry or engineering.

If you are interested or know someone who would be interested please contact Mr Pachappa Goundar, Head of Hard Material Technology.

ABSENCE LINE

Phone 843 5212/Text 027 287 2428

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

DEANS

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

Year 9	Elsie Leslie	Extn 962
Year 10	Arnie Paurini	Extn 964
Year 11	Phillip Smiler	Extn 961
Year 12	Teresa Bayly	Extn 960
Year 13	Lester Silver	Extn 959

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, Friday 11.00am—11.30am

Wednesday 10.45am—11.05am

GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

Students and families are invited to make appointments with our Counsellors, Lesley Beech and Michelle Holloway-Smith 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)

GATEWAY CO-ORDINATOR

Students and parents are welcome to make appointments with Maria Pearce for advice on gateway placements (843 4529 ext 925 or 027 4521026).

2015

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY TRIP TO TE MIRO STREAM

For our Year 12 Biology trip we caught a bus out to Te Miro stream where we sampled different organisms and measured variables such as the depth, temperature and speed of the water flow. We found plenty of bugs, a few fish and even a freshwater crayfish.



It was generally a fun day and was better than everyone expected. Someone fell in the stream and we even got to meet Mr Suter's goat, Jasmine.



On behalf of the Year 12 Biology class we would like to say thank you to parents, teachers and transport for being able to make this trip possible. Without you we wouldn't have had such a good time as well as gaining research for our first Level 2 Biology assessment.

Year 12 Biology Student

Yr 12 Bio to Te Miro Stream

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO WHITIROA

On February 19-20 the Melville High School Year 13 Geography class went on their annual field trip to Whiritoa Beach.

The aim and educational goal of the trip to analyze interacting coast processes and how these processes shape and change the features of the beach. The class of 25 students and two teachers, Mrs Parker and Mr Warren stayed at the Whiritoa Surf Club which is equipped with sleeping facilities, two kitchens, indoor and outdoor eating and recreation spaces, showers and some of the best views of the Pacific Ocean and sunrise New Zealand has to offer.



The weather was sensational, 29 degrees and no clouds, the sand was hot and the water glistening. The trip began with students working hard on the beach measuring the slope angle, or fetch, of the beach face at three different locations: The southern headland, The surf club, and the northern headland. Students then learn how the features of the Southern Headland, such as the world famous blow hole, are formed and change over time. The next learning experience involved understanding the differences in the Northern and Southern headland and why these differences are present in a relatively small natural environment.

Food is a very important aspect of any outdoor experience and on this trip we eat like kings, burgers, hot chips, macaroni cheese for dinner, followed by ice-cream and peaches on the deck for desert.

The second day involved analyses of the beach face after high tide has passed through and how tidal and wave process create specific features along the beach face.

Whitiroa trip

This was conducted after waking up to watch the sun rise over the Pacific Ocean and a hearty breakfast of beans on toast, milo and cornflakes. Lastly we had a BBQ brunch, cleaned the surf club and packed up to head back to Melville.

I want to commend the marvelous students on this trip. Their team work, attitude, work ethic and compassion for those around them is something that made me very proud. Special mention also goes to Mrs Parker who supported this trip like no one else before her. This trip was an amazing learning experience for all and it is the special character of the people involved who made it such.

Mr Warren—Geography





our happy trip

YEAR 10 VISION TESTING



Vision Hearing Technicians from Rural and Community Services will be visiting our school this Term.

The objective of the vision is to identify previously undetected vision defects. All Year 10 students will be screened.

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know.

This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained it will be necessary for the Technician to obtain personal details, i.e. home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be advised to seek further advice.

Community Services may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.

Kelli Kemara—Assistant Principal

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PASIFIKA PERFORMING ARTS GROUP 2015

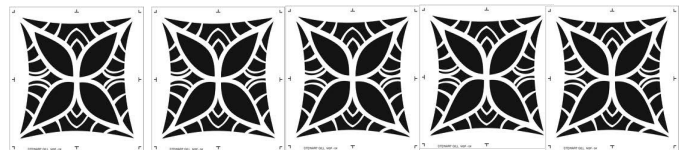


PASIFIKA

By Nature

Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Aloha, Kia ora, Warm Pasifika greetings.

This year our group will be performing again at the Pasifika by Nature Competition on the 2nd May at Claudelands Events Centre.



Our group will be performing five stages this year: Tongan, Samoan, Hawaiian, Cook Island and Māori. Our students are working hard at the moment with practices Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes and afterschool. Also, their Friday evening practices commence on the 6th March from 6pm-9pm. This will be Melville High School's third year in competing in Pasifika By Nature.



This opportunity also provides students with the opportunity to step up as leaders and to teach each other about their culture. It's great to see how they respectfully and gracefully try to learn the individual dance aspects of each culture.

It is wonderful watching our students embracing each other's cultures and to see them finding joy in laughter and dance.



JUNIOR DEBATING TEAM 2015



Melville High School will be taking 3-4 junior debating teams to the Waikato Schools Debating competitions this year. We have two year 9 teams and two year 10 teams.

Our first debate will be on the 10th March at Hamilton Boys' High School with our moot around the topic of Social Media.

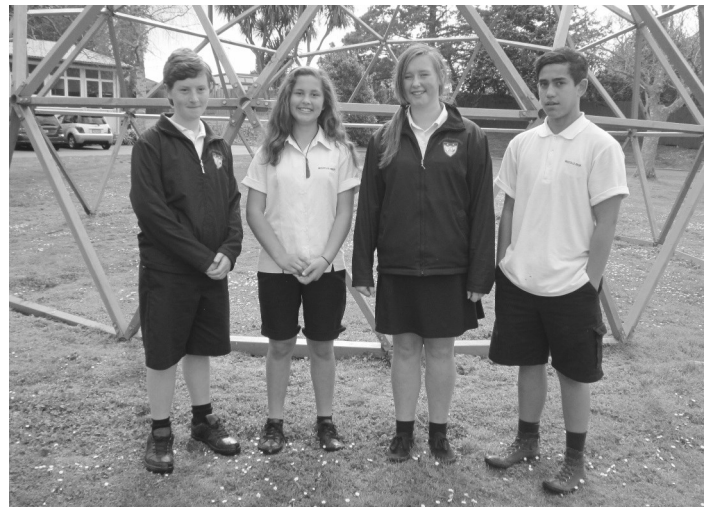
At this stage we are looking at participating as social teams and hope to participate next year in competitive. However, if students are keen to go into competitive we may possibly have a couple of competing teams one from each year level.

This is a great opportunity for our students to look at how to develop and structure ideas and then develop their delivery skills in the process.

I look forward to our first debate. We encourage all parents to come and see their children in action!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

There has been a huge improvement in the way our students are wearing the school uniform. It is amazing to see them wearing the uniform correctly and with pride.



The only concerns at this stage are that coloured shirts are still being worn underneath the uniform shirts. **A plain white singlet or tee shirt can be worn underneath.**



OPEN DAY!

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015

10AM - 2PM

JENNIAN HANGAR, WAIKATO HOSPITAL

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FUTURES @ MHS

Years 11, 12 and 13 students have a Careers class every Wednesday.

The purpose of this class is for students to develop their career planning and life management skills.

Students participate in a range of activities in this class:

- They explore and develop understanding about the Careers NZ website. This site has interactive activities for students to work through to find out about careers that might interest them.
- We have visits from Universities. They teach students about the courses they offer and what they need for University Entrance.
- Wintec talk to students about the courses they offer, what students need to be able to do their courses and what life is like in a Tertiary environment.

Some of the other presentations are: Human Rights, Financial Literacy, Study Link and Career Services, The Law and You.



Next term we will have Careers EXPO. There will be a range tertiary providers there to talk to you and your students about the possibilities for their lives after school.

Come along with your student find out as much as you can about the courses, degrees and training opportunities which interest your student.

FUTURES@MELVILLE

What steps are you taking to create your future? If you have any questions about your future come to J6 and see Mrs Searancke, Director of Careers.

CAREERS

Careers classes are held every Wednesday period 3 for Years 11, 12, and 13.

GATEWAY

Students studying Gateway as a subject are required to do a work placement gaining experience in a career area of their interest. See Maria Pearce in J6 for all your Gateway enquiries. If any employer wishes to host a student in their work place please contact Maria on 027 452 1026.

STAR

Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource – is available to enable students to experience a range of careers through programmes at WINTEC and other providers. Students can apply to enroll on the courses by coming into the Futures office at J6.

Futures@Melville

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Please like our Futures@Melville facebook page as there are many opportunities for you advertised here.

Please see Mrs Searancke or Mrs Pearce in the Careers / Gateway office if you would like to know more about any of them.



SOFTBALL

Our Melville High School softball team recently played Boys High and won with a score of 6 runs to 2 and came 3rd overall in the Waikato Secondary School competition.

It is the first time in 20 years that Melville has had a softball team so congratulations to the players' coaches involved, a good effort.

Also this weekend The New Zealand Mens Softball Team the Black Sox are having their trials where 30 of the top softballers in the country are staying at Melville High School Marae so this is a great opportunity for our community and high school to host them.



WAKA AMA

Melville High School Waka Ama teams who will be competing at the nationals in late March have had good numbers at trainings recently.

We have confirmed that we will be taking a girl's Under 19 and Under 16 team and hoping to take a boy's team as well.

They will be having sausage sizzles and a sponsored paddle down the Waikato river coming up to fundraise so please support our teams.



TOUCH

Our Girls touch team who had a narrow win over Cambridge High School are looking good as they prepare for the regionals at Te Awamutu on 20th March so all the best for Beau- Michelle and the team.



Te Mahine Roberts



Sita Latu

Special congratulations go to Te Mahine Roberts [U15] and to Sita Latu [U17] who have both made the NZ mixed touch teams. This is an impressive achievement girls—Tumeke!



VOLLEYBALL

The Senior girls volleyball team have been playing every Saturday at Fraser High School and producing some long games and playing well so keep it up and support them.





Year 13 Camp