



Melville High News

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CONGRATULATIONS JAYDEN



Congratulations are extended to **Jayden** who was selected for the ASB Young Leaders Rugby Experience on Monday 19th June 2017.

Jayden had a once-in-a-lifetime experience at FMG Stadium Waikato. He was chosen by ASB Bank, in association with their sponsorship of the New Zealand Lions Series, to attend the ASB Young Leaders Rugby Experience. He was recognised alongside 50 other student leaders around the country, to participate in this experience. Jayden was selected to attend this leadership day because of his potential on the sports field and the positive leadership qualities that he has demonstrated.



Jayden's day started at 7am at FMG Stadium Waikato, where he met Phillipa Bennyworth from ASB Bank. Throughout the day, Jayden attended the Ambition breakfast with former All Blacks and Lions players, a St John course and the pre-match captain's run, the day before the big game between the Chiefs vs Lions. Furthermore, Jayden was gifted with an Adidas All Blacks gear pack.

Jayden had a day that he will never forget, mixing with players he looks up to, gaining an invaluable insight into high performance sport at the top level and the leadership skills required in this environment.

Jayden is very appreciative of ASB bank for inviting him to participate in this experience and thanks them for everything that they organised for him and facilitated – an extremely memorable day. This is a fitting reward for Jayden who is captain of the Melville High School First XV and our Head Boy.



ASB Young Leaders' Rugby Experience

2018 ENROLMENT OPEN DAY

Thursday 10 August

Melville High School Hall at 9.30am

INFORMATION EVENING
FOR 2018 ENROLMENTS

Thursday 10 August

Glenice Gallagher Library at 6.00pm

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Melvillian's with Talent



The next P.T.A. Fundraiser is to be a Talent Quest, Showcase on **Thursday 24 August**. Doors will open at 6.00pm with food available for purchase. The show will start at 6.30pm with two intervals.

Items will include our Kapa Haka, Pasifika, Music Department and the top performers from **Melville's Got Talent**.

There will be raffles run during the night. There will be a small cover charge.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa

Greetings to you all.

As we approach the mid-point of the year we have included reports to parents and whanau on the progress and achievement of students with this newsletter. There will be no report evenings as these have been replaced with our Academic Counselling conferences. Please avail yourself of the opportunity to catch up with any of your child's teachers by emailing them if you have any queries or concerns.

I have been out and about watching school sport over the last month and I have been thoroughly impressed with the passion, enthusiasm and skill our students are demonstrating on the playing fields and courts. Student discipline has been of a high standard too. Many thanks are extended to all those parents, students, staff and friends of the school who so willingly give of their time to coach and support our students.

I would like to remind families that participation in sports, cultural and co-curricular (like the Ball) activities is a privilege and as such the school has an expectation that students require an 85% attendance rate to be able to take part in our school events. While we do look at individual students attendance, and acknowledge atypical attendance (medical or other), we are serious about sustaining a high expectation over attendance. Students and families will be notified of the challenges of low attendance and are given time to show an improvement. If they fail to do this they will be stood down from activities until a significant improvement has been demonstrated.

As a school community we need to remember that our senior students have only a further 14 more weeks of school before the NCEA external exams get underway. It is therefore vital that students take time over the holiday break to study and revise their work. One of the major activities in support of this external assessment process is the school based internal Assessment Week being held on the week beginning 28th August. Further, students should also take advantage of the Homework Centre (after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and the additional tutorials or workshop times provided by staff to ensure that they are prepared for these exams.

This past month has been a busy time for us all. I appreciate Board members giving up their time to support the school through their focused activity on understanding our roles and responsibilities, especially as we work together to prepare for the upcoming ERO evaluation in September. I thank you all for this effort.

Melville's Got Talent - Thursday 6 July. Note this is for students only as we do not have the capacity for parents and students. However on Thursday 24 August at 6.00pm our P.T.A will have the top students performing at their **Melvillians with Talent** evening. This is open to parents and the public.

Kia Ora

Clive Hamill
Principal



TE KĀHUI AKO O MANGAKŌTUKUTUKU MELVILLE COMMUNITY OF LEARNING/KĀHUI AKO

The Melville Community of Learning/Kāhui Ako is continuing its collaborative work among local schools. The group has a Stewardship (governance) group and a Leadership group (principals) which help facilitate developments.

“Communities of Learning are groups of kura/schools that come together, along with their communities, to raise achievement for all tamariki and young people by sharing expertise in teaching and learning (ako), and supporting each other. They focus on the compulsory educational pathway, but can also engage with early childhood and post-secondary education to fully include the learning (ako) journey children and young people will take.

A Community of Learning will work with the students, parents, families, whānau, iwi and other communities within its catchment, as the support and involvement of these groups is essential for the Community of Learning to progress towards its goals.” MOE

Our community has the following schools involved in it:

Glenview Primary
Koromatua Primary
Melville High School
Melville Intermediate School
Melville Primary School
Te Kura Amorangi o Whakawātea

(Other schools are considering their participation)

The Stewardship group has appointed Mr. David Cooke as its lead principal. David has responsibility, and release time to help implement the goals that the schools have agreed to. To date we have agreed to the following Vision and Focus statements:

VISION

Empowering Achievement – Whakamana te Tūtukitanga.

FOCUS

- Sustained and rich family and whānau engagement with their learners and with the school learning*
- Improving the quality of teacher effectiveness and consistency in practice*

We have been working together for well over twelve months of meetings.

The cluster is working within a prescribed framework and we have the following involvement and support including:

- On-going contact and assistance from our local Ministry of Education Senior Adviser, Karen Crowe.
- Specific support with the Lead Principal appointment process, from Leytia Leota-Preston. Leytia is the Ministry of Education appointed New Appointments National Panel (NANP) member to our cluster. Leytia has specific responsibilities in this role.
- Dr. Linda Bendikson who is our Ministry funded expert adviser. Linda is the Head of the Auckland University Centre for Educational Leadership. She is a former principal of Nawton Primary and a Regional Director for the Ministry in Hamilton.

I will provide further information when the focus achievement goals and strategies have been adopted.



PASTORAL CARE REPORT

As part of an ongoing cycle of review and reporting, I made a report to the last Board meeting and thought I would take this opportunity to share it with you.

Melville High School has a proud history of care for its students since its inception.

One of the key elements of the provision of Pastoral Care at Melville High School is our use of Restorative Practices which is the cornerstone of our behaviour management system.

We attempt to ensure that we provide a learning environment where each student is safe from physical harm and feels emotionally secure, culturally at ease and confident as a learner. To achieve this goal we have developed some systems, strategies and relationships to support vulnerable students. They include the following:

Tutor Teachers

The first point of contact for support for students is through the Tutor Group Tutors. The Tutor teachers meet with their students once a day four days a week and the groups are organised by Year Level. They monitor attendance, social and emotional issues and is the first point of contact with home. Tutor teachers meet once a week with their Dean and SLT to pass on any concerns.

In the junior school the Tutor teacher is also the Academic Counselling teacher too.

Deans

There are five Deans, one for each year level. The Deans manage students' timetables, and lower level issues and pastoral care. They manage the first interventions over attendance and behaviour, facilitating family meetings and other interventions.

Each Dean reports to an SLT member, John Ledson manages Year 9, Steph Ashton manages Year 10 and Dave McNulty manages Years 11, 12 and 13 students.

The Deans also meet as a collective group and they facilitate meetings and training opportunities for all tutor teachers in their year level once a week.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team is led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, currently Steph Ashton.

They meet three times a term and their primary focus is vulnerable children whose challenges require a unique evaluation of their progress and additional interventions to ensure that they are able to remain at school.

The team consists of each of the SLT who supervise each of the year level Deans (Yr 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13), two counsellors, SENCO and Director of Careers.

Academic Counselling Teacher

This teacher is in the senior school. The programme involves every Year 11-13 student developing goals and academic targets during their weekly academic counselling period (Wednesday Period 3). This is the first time Academic Counselling has been undertaken in the greater Waikato region and we received no financial support to facilitate it. The programme was initiated in 2016. Currently Tutor teachers facilitate this role in the Junior School.

An important aspect of this programme is the two 20 minute parent-teacher-student conferences held early in Term 2 and at the end of Term 3. Attendance at such forums are very high. 90% for Year 11 – 13 and 79% at Year 9 – 10.

Peer Support

Year 13 students play an active role in the pastoral care strategy and are trained in Peer Support by Lesley Beech.

Counselling Service

There are currently two counsellors but we will be employing a third counsellor one day a week after the current relieving counsellor gained a permanent position at Huntly College. The total number of hours available is 1.2 FTTE's a week. The counsellors have three offices available to them with a separate private access on the northern end of the Deanery. Various outside agencies (see below) also utilise the Board, Interview and Video Conference rooms when they are available.

The Head Counsellor Lesley Beech also presents an annual report to the Board of Trustees.

Chaplain Service

The Chaplain, Shannan Mackie, is available for four hours a week or as required by the school. He provides another conduit for information and assistance for the whole school community; students, parents, staff and management. Appointments to see the Chaplain are made during Tutor Group. The Chaplain work alongside other staff, accepting referrals through appropriate channels, facilitating groups where possible, and undertaking family meetings where time allows.

School Doctor/Nurse

We have an excellent Doctor who visits the school one day a week for two hours. This is supplemented with a District Health Nurse who meets patients at school. We have appropriate facilities for these health specialists to meet with students in private.

Supplementary support

We have other agencies which are available for us to support students and their families. These include:

- Drug and Alcohol Counselling
- The Infant **Child** and Adolescent **Mental Health** Service (ICAMHS)
- Te Kohao Health Services
- ACC
- Special Learning support
- Psychologists
- RTLB
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Red Cross support for migrant and Refugee students
- **Tama Tu Tama Ora** programme (Maori boys mentoring)
- Other specialist agencies

There is growing support for some of our significantly 'at risk' students. Several students have a host of agencies involved in their support (wrap around support) and such students have provision of additional support.

The challenge for the school is the number of meetings required for each of these students. We have had six such meetings with staff before one of these students has actually started school. There are also regular meetings after enrolment too. This is becoming a burden to teaching staff.

We also have a host of Learning Support strategies which focus on working with students on an individual learning plan using specialist programmes and teacher aide support. I will be sharing this information with you after their report to the Board at its July Meeting.

Clive Hamill—Principal

2018 Enrolments Now Open

information evening **AND open day school tour**



OPEN DAY TOUR

Thursday 10 August

**Melville High School Hall
at 9:30am**



INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 10 August

**Glenice Gallagher Library
at 6.00pm**



Ring NOW for further information

Phone: 843 4529

Email: principal@melville-high.school.nz

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Hei Awhina Hei Mahi, To Serve and To Work



RESPECT



ACHIEVE



PARTICIPATE

Melville High School

Uniform Code Years 9 - 12

GIRLS UNIFORM

BLOUSE: **Regulation** white cotton button through blouse; **OR**
Regulation white cotton polo shirt

SKIRT: **Regulation** black

SHORTS: **Regulation** black

SOCKS: **Plain** black

STOCKINGS: Winter: **Plain** black pantyhose

BOYS UNIFORM

SHIRT: **Regulation** white cotton polo

SHORTS: **Regulation** black

TROUSERS: **Regulation** long black

SOCKS: **Plain** black

BOYS and GIRLS UNIFORM

JERSEY **Regulation**

JACKET **Regulation** black

SHOES **Plain** black. No other coloured markings. Lace up shoes must have black laces.

SOCKS **Plain** black [worn with shoes only] or **Plain** black pantyhose

SKIVVY / TOP A plain white long sleeved top/skivvy only may be worn under regulation polo top or blouse.

JEWELLERY Wristwatch, plain ear studs/sleepers in ears ONLY (ONE set only)

HAIR Male students must be clean shaven. Hair should be clean and tidy. No extreme hairstyle/colour – Principal's discretion.

HATS **Regulation** black bucket hats or caps. **NO** beanies.

SCARVES **Plain** white, green or black. Multi-coloured scarves are **not** allowed.

MAKE-UP: Students may only wear a minimal amount of make-up to school.

PE Uniform Dress Code

Years 9 and 10:

Regulation green top and red shorts

The regulation uniform is identifiable with the school crest or monogram woven into the item.

All Melville High School **regulation** uniform items, except shoes, socks, pantyhose and scarves, must be purchased from:

Direct Group Uniforms

115 Ellis Street, Frankton

Phone 07 847 6664 or 0800 863 737 : Website: www.directgroup.co.nz

Open Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm

Saturday 9:00am - Noon

If you son or daughter is wearing a non-regulation item it will be confiscated by a staff member. Staff will take the item to the Student Services Centre (SSC), where it will be put in a paper bag and labelled with your child's name. Confiscated items can be picked up by parents/caregivers at the SSC.

If there is an issue around uniform please contact either the Dean or the SLT person responsible.

Year 9 Dean	Grace Whaanga	whg@melville-high.school.nz	Year 9 SLT	John Ledson	ld@melville-high.school.nz
Year 10 Dean	Phil Smiler	sm@melville-high.school.nz	Year 10 SLT	Steph Ashton	ast@melville-high.school.nz
Year 11 Dean	Elsie Leslie	lee@melville-high.school.nz	Year 11 SLT	Dave McNulty	mc@melville-high.school.nz
Year 12 Dean	Arnie Paurini	pa@melville-high.school.nz	Year 12 SLT	Dave McNulty	mc@melville-high.school.nz
Year 13 Dean	Teresa Bayly	bat@melville-high.school.nz	Year 13 SLT	Dave McNulty	mc@melville-high.school.nz

40 HOUR FAMINE FOR CHILDREN FROM SYRIA

We had a fantastic time at the 40 Hour Famine Evening at school. We had a group of amazing Melville High Students who were all participating in the 40 Hour Famine to help raise money for the children of Syria. Between the human-sized game of Pac-Man, completing the obstacle course as a team and putting on makeup blindfolded, it was a great night for everyone involved!

A huge thank you to Shyla, Ervin, Mrs Bayly and the other Year 13 students for their leadership at this event. And well done to everyone from Melville High who gave up something during that weekend to raise money for World Vision!



CAREERS HUB AT THE FIELDAYS

We had a very enjoyable day at the 2017 Fieldays last Thursday. A small group of five senior students participated in the Careers Hub which was an event put on by Fieldays especially for secondary school students to give exposure to career opportunities in the primary industries.



PNH YOUTH HOLIDAY

July 17-21, 2017
Ages 13-16

Pukete Neighbourhood House
(07) 849 1115
www.puketehouse.org.nz

"In the hopes of catering to the young adults in our community we've created a BRAND NEW "supercharged" holiday programme just for them!"

Spaces limited, Book Today!

2017 TERM 2 CALENDAR

Week 10

Thu 6 July
Fri 7 July

Melville's Got Talent
Call Back day for selected students.
Term 2 ends.

TERM 3 BEGINS 24 JULY

Week 1

Thu 27 July

Australian Maths Competition

Week 2

Tue 1 Aug
Thur 3 Aug
Fri 4 Aug

COOK ISLANDS LANGUAGE WEEK
L2 Gateway Course
Y11 Geo Trip to Raglan
He Tai Ohinga Maro Kapa
Haka Festival

Week 3

Thu 10 Aug

**Open Day 9.30am
& Information Evening 6pm**
Y12 Geo Trip to Rotorua
MHS School Ball

Sat 12 Aug

Week 4

Tue 15 Aug

Get 2 Go Challenge Waikato
Waikato Maths Competition
Newsletter Posted

Fri 18 Aug

Week 5

Thu 24 Aug
Fri 25 Aug

Melvillians With Talent 6.00pm
Yr 12PE Tough Guy & Gal
Competition in Rotorua
TEACHER ONLY DAY

Fri 25 Aug

Week 6

Mon 28 Aug -
Fri 1 Sept
Thu 31 Aug

Senior Assessment Week
Assess-it Road Show

Week 7

Mon 4 Sep -
Fri 8 Sep

Tournament Week

Week 8

Wed 13 Sep

MAAORI LANGUAGE WEEK
ERO VISITING
Years 11-13 Academic
Counselling conference
8.30am-6pm

Fri 15 Sep

P2-P4 Y12 Drama Trip

Week 9

Tue 19 Sep
Tue 19 Sep

ERO VISITING
Appreciation Evening
MCAT— Algebra External

Week 10

Fri 29 Sep

Call back days for selected students

TERM 3 ENDS 29 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4 BEGINS 16 OCTOBER 2017

2017 TERM DATES

Term 3 Monday 24 July— Friday 29 September
Term 4 Monday 16 October—Tuesday 12 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2017

Labour Day

Monday 23 October

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.

2017 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	Grace Whaanga	Extn 959
Year 10	Phillip Smiler	Extn 964
Year 11	Elsie Leslie	Extn 962
Year 12	Arnie Paurini	Extn 960
Year 13	Teresa Bayly	Extn 961

STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE

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

GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

Students and families are invited to make appointments with our Counsellors, Lesley Beech and Paul Gay 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).



We have a Doctor coming in every Tuesday. This service is free of charge for the students.

Appointments with Doctor Bronwyn Campbell can be made through Student Services.



YWCA Hamilton and SHAMA's Ignite Programme

Thank you for your interest in applying for the **YWCA of Hamilton and SHAMA's Ignite Programme!** This programme has been developed especially for young women by young women!

This programme is loads of fun! You develop some great relationships, and enhance some of the awesome skills you have! The following are some objectives we would hope to achieve throughout the programme:

- **To equip young women with the skills to be an effective leader and provide opportunities for young women to implement them**
- **To enhance the self-esteem and confidence of young women in a safe environment**
- **To gain awareness and knowledge of issues affecting young women**
- **To promote a holistic approach to healthy living**
- **To promote creativity through self-expression**

Some activities we will be doing throughout the programme, and to help achieve the above objectives are:

- Self Defence
- Velodrome Track Cycling
- Radio Station Session
- Workshops on:
 - Budgeting tips
 - Goal setting
 - How to be Money Savvy

This course is for young women aged 14-18 years. To be successfully enrolled in the holiday programme, forms must be returned to the YWCA of Hamilton by **FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2017**.

An important part of the programme is to have the support and approval of your family/whanau. Please show them this enrolment form and ask them to sign.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact Jaime Macfie, the YWCA of Hamilton Programmes Co-Ordinator on:

programmes@ywcahamilton.org.nz
or 07 8382219 ext. 4.

MAYORAL WELCOME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On Tuesday May 20 12 MHS students attended this year's Mayoral welcome for Waikato International students. This was held at the Hamilton Garden's pavilion. Short speeches were followed with performances of traditional Chinese music, and Pasifika songs and dance, involving members of the audience in their final item. After photo opportunities with Mayor Andrew King, morning tea was offered—to the delight of our boys!

Thanks to Marisle Banal, Barbara Devey and Rob Jakes for providing transport and sharing this time with our students from Afghanistan, China, Colombia, Germany and the Philippines. It was a first having a morning welcome, and the weather was gorgeous, so everyone felt very pleased to be part of such a delightful two hours with others new to New Zealand.

Paula Stewart - Teacher in Charge of International Students

WELCOME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Y12 HILLARY OUTDOORS TONGARIRO TRIP

A group of 10 Year 12 PE students were fortunate to spend a week at Hillary Outdoor Education Centre in Tongariro. Our group included Charlotte, Eden, Anathaliya, Mahinarangi, Klara, Tyra, Talia, Avisha, Sophia, James and Mr Edwards. This trip was part of our leadership assessment which we completed on the camp, and provided a risk management report which we are working towards completing at the end of Term 2.

Our schedule for the week was:

Sunday- Leave for OEC Tongariro

Monday- Team-building activities, navigation, caving

Tuesday- Snowboarding and hot pools

Wednesday- Tramping and high ropes

Thursday- Overnight expedition, canoeing, hiking

Friday- Hot pools, return home

These activities helped us to grow our confidence and build strong friendships within our team. We would like to share something we've learnt on this trip:

Tyra- Don't let fear hold you back from living life to the fullest

Avisha- No one ever turned blind from looking on the bright side of life

Klara- It is important to have a growth mindset when you try new things

Sophia- Believe in yourself and don't worry so much

James- Just do it!

Eden- If you go through life with a positive attitude, you can make any situation the best

Anathaliya- If you have a fixed mindset, you can always set some goals to achieve new things to get a growth mindset

Mahinarangi- There's no "I" in team

Talia- Nothing can be done without hope and confidence

Charlotte- Give things a go

We appreciate our sponsor Pub Charity for making this week possible. We would like to thank all those at HOEC who made our week great, especially for our awesome instructors Hugo and Jeff for their hard work. We would also like to thank Torpedo7 for their generous support of our students. Finally, we want to say a huge thank you to Mr Eddie for organizing this trip and looking after us. This trip was 100% worth it and we encourage everyone who wants to grow and stretch themselves to attend this camp.

2017 HOEC Trip Members



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's school cross country championship was held on Wednesday 31st May. This school event was organised and managed by students in the Year 11 Institute of Sport class, as part of their event management assessment. Students in this class spent the beginning of the term learning about event management and then set about planning for the event, identifying key objectives that they wanted to achieve. The weather was fine and sunny, perfect conditions for this year's event.

For Years 9 and 10 students, the cross country was part of their Physical Education assessment that they have been training towards since the start of term two. For senior students, it was optional to run and it was pleasing to see a good representation of senior students get on the start line for the first race of the day. Their positivity towards their run set the tone for the rest of the afternoon. In particular, well done to 13SA tutor group who had the highest percentage participation on the day.

Competitors commented positively and appreciated the lengths that the Year 11 event organisers went to in ensuring that it was a safe and fun event.

For the second year in a row, congratulations to the winning house, **Wharauora!**

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Year 9 Boys 3000m	Ashton
Year 9 Girls 3000m	Monique
Year 10 Boys 4000m	Caleb
Year 10 Girls 3000m	Kaeya
Intermediate Boys [U16] 4000m	D'Angelo
Intermediate Girls [U16] 3000m	Phoenix
Senior Boys 6000m	Mitchell
Senior Girls 4000m	Kaylee

CROSS COUNTRY HOUSE POINTS

M	R	T	W
88	137	73	171

WINNING SENIOR TUTOR CLASSES

1.	13SA	\$30 Towards Tutor Group lunch
2.	13DIF	\$20 Towards Tutor Group lunch
3.	11HS	\$10 Towards Tutor Group lunch



GATEWAY— DIGGER SCHOOL

Mrs Pearce discovered a treasure when she took students to Fieldays recently. It was The Digger School which is part of Tai Poutini Polytechnic.



We took Wiremu, Annoiting and Geordie Fisher out to meet the staff and to have a look around. This school teaches the skills needed for driving, track, roller and blade vehicles. It is based in the J.Swap quarry at Karapiro.

The staff are very passionate about their trade and allowed us all to take turns in a digger, lifting the bucket and swivelling the cab 360°.

The boys then were given time moving buckets of dirt with the digger and driving the huge roller.

There is a huge need for people with a licence to drive these vehicles and they can start out earning \$45 – 50.000 a year.



Wiremu driving the Digger



Annoiting, Geordie, Wiremu with Mrs Searancke and Mrs Pearce



MAORI & PASIFIKA TRADE TRAINING DAY

We took 20 Year 12 and 13 students to Wintec for the MPTT Conference. Maori and Pasifika Trade Training is a **study fee-free** option at Wintec

Students are able to study fee-free in one of the following areas:

- Building
- Plumbing
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Hospitality and Cookery
- Horticulture, Arboriculture
- Landscape Design
- Hairdressing
- Foundation level programmes

Students were entertained, fed and given valuable information about the courses available under this scheme. Most programmes are entry level and lead on to higher courses. The students are hugely supported by staff to achieve their potential, attend all classes and develop skills which are necessary for the work force. If anyone would like more information about this programme, please contact Ruth Searancke at the Futures office.

DARE TO DREAM LAST THURSDAY

Greg Kelly from BCITO organised for us to have a bricklaying demonstration. Local business owner Murray from Waikato Bricklayers came in and let our students try their hand at this skillful job.

Bricklayers are in high demand at the moment and so opportunities to get into this trade are available. Thanks to Greg and Murray for all the effort in putting this experience together for our students.



DARE to DREAM

LUNCHTIME IN J6 GATEWAY

Thursday 27 July

Find out more about
Counselling & Social Services

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

Year 13 Physical Education Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, Auckland, 30th June

On Friday 30th June, 10 Year 13 students set out to complete the NZ Secondary Schools Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in Hellensville, Auckland. A typically cold and dark morning welcomed us as we assembled at school at 6:30am to travel up to Auckland. After a couple of minor navigation errors, we eventually made it to the start line on time, pumped and ready to run the 6km course. This event assessed Achievement Standard 91501 – 'Demonstrate quality performance of a physical activity in an applied setting'. Students' objective was to finish the race within the assessment finishing time-frames set out by NZQA.

Jayden, seeking inspiration from Team NZ's innovation in the Americas Cup, elected to wear rugby boots to run in. This decision was quickly validated as we rounded the first corner to be greeted by mud, mud, mud and more slippery mud. Once we got through this section – it was either straight up hill or running along slippery farm paddock slopes for the next little while. Other obstacles that we then encountered and had to overcome throughout the race were: crawling under cargo nets, crawling under barbed wire, crawling under electric fence wire, jumping into icy cold water, crawling through tunnels, climbing giant ladders and of course...wading through lots and lots more mud!

All students completed the course and enjoyed the free sponsor's sports drinks as they crossed the finish line. It was an enjoyable day, competing in a unique event with hundreds of other competitors from throughout the upper north island. Thank you to all the students who challenged themselves in this event –proving that tough times don't last, tough guys and gals do.

Michael Edwards
LoC Physical Education

WELLBEING INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education has asked all schools to let parents know where to find information to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children, and to let you know that the Ministry has recently updated their parents' website with information about where parents can go to for support and advice if they are concerned about their child's mental health. Parents are encouraged to regularly check in with their child about how they are doing and the things going on in their lives. You will find links to organisations you can contact for help and advice if you are concerned about your child on the Ministry of Education's website at:
www.parents.education.govt.nz/mental-health



