



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS



**Chieh-I
DUX**



**Cheng-Yao
Proxime Accessit to the DUX**

**Marnie
Top Year 12
Student**



**Sophia
Top Year 11
Student**

Merry Christmas

STARTING DATES 2017

Mon 23	-	New Enrolments	Mon 30 Jan	-	Auckland Anniversary
Wed 25 Jan	-		Tues 31 Jan	-	Yr 9 & New Students
Tue 24 &	-	Student Course Changes	Tues 31 Jan	-	Yr 13 Camp
Wed 25 Jan	-	9.00am - Noon	Thu 2 Feb	-	Yrs 9-12 at school

Creating Pathways to a Positive Future

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



SEASONS GREETINGS

Tena koutou katoa – Greeting to you all

This year is finally drawing to a close and we are all looking forward to the Christmas break and the season festivities. We have had several opportunities to celebrate student achievement at our prizegivings and have farewelled staff who are leaving. These events provide us with the opportunity to see all those students who have excelled in a host of different areas, receive recognition and awards for their achievements.

This success has occurred not only through the efforts and focus of individual students but also because of the team effort and support of families, whanau, teachers and the school community. The role that these people play as part of a great and focused team is the key to ensuring that we are able to deliver quality education.

Once again, as I reflect on a positive year, I acknowledge that our accomplishments are very much based on a huge collective effort. I would like to acknowledge my team, especially the support of my SLT, Dave McNulty, John Ledson and Steph Ashton. This year, the Leaders and Heads of Curriculum have continued to play a valuable middle leadership role. I thank them and their teaching teams for their extra efforts to make things happen for our rangatahi. I also thank our: teachers aides; Jos Caughley; Lynette Malone; Caretaker Murray Vincent; and their teams for their many and varied contributions which ensure that our organisation functions smoothly.

This focus on student achievement and well-being is well supported by the Board of Trustees which has worked hard in the support of school programmes and other issues throughout the school. To our Chairperson Liz Willis, and all the board members, particularly the sub-committee convenors, thanks for all the effort and hard work.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge all those who have provided sponsorship, supplied goods or services, interest and time. This has all made a significant difference. In particular I would like to acknowledge John and Glenice Gallagher, The Gallagher Group, The Perry Outdoor Education Trust, The Lion Foundation, The Highwire Trust, Fuji Xerox and Mazda Foundation.

2017 will be bringing with it some very exciting opportunities including: new staff; a review our School Charter; collaboration with local schools; a Bring Your Own Electronic Device (BYOD) pilot; Professional development in digital learning and much more. We will be continuing to sustain our drive to raise student achievement and there will be some long awaited property developments.

I welcome this opportunity to share with you my thanks for all the contributions that each of you have made to ensure that this year has been a successful one. I am sure that you join with me in wishing all those students who are leaving the very best for the future. You will look back with very fond memories of your time at Melville and I encourage you to keep in touch.

Finally, to you all, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Please take the time to enjoy the summer break and the opportunity to be together as families.

Kia Ora

Clive Hamill
Principal



Volleyball Coach

We are looking for a Coach for the Senior Girls Volleyball team for 2017. If you are interested please contact me on 0278214718

Graeme Kuiti
Sports Co-Ordinator

LEAVING STAFF

ELIZABETH ROSS



Elizabeth has been on secondment to a national PLD provider, Core Education, for the last 12 months. She is leaving us to take a position as Deputy Principal at Morrinsville College.

Elizabeth was our Leader of Technology and was an active and supportive staff member. She will respond well to the challenges and opportunities of this new position.

KATHLEEN CHRISTIAN



Kathleen has been on refreshment leave since April and has resigned her position.

Kathleen will be remembered for her passion, energy and involvement in school. Her support for Stage Challenge and Drama was legendary and her role as a Senior Dean memorable. We wish Kathleen all the very best and thank her for her many years of hard work and commitment to our school.

GENAE THOMPSON



Our Head of Māori leaves us for a position as Head of Māori at Hamilton Girls' High.

Genae has worked hard to raise the student achievement in Te Reo Māori and we wish her well in her new role.

TAHAU THOMPSON



Tahau had part-time positions during the year in Social Studies and Media Studies. He was of great support for Whaikarero for a school.

Tahau has a position as Head of Māori at St. Paul's Collegiate next year.

HOLLY PARKER



Holly is a Social Sciences teacher who taught Geography and Social Studies.

She brought energy and a willingness to learn to this role.

Holly leaves us to relocate to Whangarei. We wish her all the very best for an exciting future.

SEAN BRISCOE



Our school Groundsman is ending his decade long association with us this Christmas. Sean and his family are relocating to the Bay of Plenty where he has a permanent position as a School Caretaker at Greerton Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean for his diligent and loyal service during his time at Melville High and for taking on additional responsibilities when required. We wish him well.

2017 NEW STAFF

We have new fixed term staff joining us in 2017:

Shontelle Woodman

Shontelle will be part of the Physical Education team next year. Shontelle is an ex-student [née Dudley], a national representative for Rugby League and an active sports-woman. She will be relieving for Mr. Ray Stephens, who has Study Leave for 2017.

Linda Hill

Linda will be with us for two terms while Alicia Cooney has two terms refreshment leave, returning in July next year. Linda has a passion for teaching English.

Aureah Mothibe

Aureah is a Science Teacher. She is relieving for permanent Science teacher Amanda Froggatt, who is off for 2017 on maternity leave. We wish Amanda and Matt all the very best.

We welcome the following new permanent staff to our school for 2017:

Owen Roper

Owen is our new Head of Geography and joins us from a long period of leadership in Social Sciences at Te Aroha College. He is an enthusiastic cricketer.

Pania Whauwhau

Pania has accepted the role of Head of Curriculum, Māori. She has an extensive teaching background and other roles in education. She and her whanau have a passion for Kapa Haka and Te Reo.

We congratulate existing staff who have new permanent roles from 2017:

PACHAPPA GOUNDAR



Pachappa has been appointed Leader of the Technology Curriculum. Pachappa has a passion for Design and Visual Communication and has been acting in this role this year. He has provided sustained leadership to the Technology Team.

SUSAN STANTIAL



Susan is our new Head of Curriculum Drama. She has been acting in this role while Kathleen Christian has been on leave.

Susan has sustained the Drama team's high standards and is an enthusiastic and energetic leader.

We acknowledge the following staff who have fixed term positions.

CORALIE STONER



Coralie continues in her role as acting Head of Food and Fabric Technology.

She has responded well to this leadership role and is leading new developments for 2017.

CHLOE COLLETTE-MOXON



Chloe has worked alongside Coralie and has taught Food and Child Care successfully for the last three terms.

Chloe shares her passion for food with students and staff alike.

Both these permanent positions will be advertised in Term 1.

TASHIANA BORELL



Tashiana returns to us in 2017.

She will be teaching Drama and Media Studies again.

Tashiana has been a very successful member of our Drama team and is developing her teaching skills as a beginning teacher well.

JUSTINE MACNAMARA



We welcome Justine back to Melville High School. Justine previously taught Art very successfully at Melville, leaving to have a family. Justine will be relieving for Art Teacher, Rachel Kiddie. Rachel is off next year on Maternity Leave and we wish her and Craig all the very best with their new arrival

2016 Year Book



This year's Melville High School Yearbook is another 'must have' chronicle of the exciting, interesting and rewarding aspects of Melville High School in the year that was. A great combination of student and staff endeavour has resulted in a wonderful 88 page record of the 2016 year.

My congratulations are extended to the Editor, Claire Lincoln who has crafted a great magazine.

A special mention is also made of all the various contributors who ensured there was good coverage of all the goings on. Our thanks to Rose den Hertog for her amazing artwork featured on the front cover of the Year Book. One copy was issued free to each family who had paid their school fees. Further copies are available at Student Services for \$20.00 a copy.

SERVICE TO OTHERS

While Melville high School has been the beneficiary of many generous donations and a gifts, our students and staff have been giving back to our community. The following are some of these examples.



Students at Melville belong to New Zealand's only Best Buddies Chapter. This unique Melville High School group facilitates friendships and positive relationships between intellectually disabled students and mainstream students. This is undertaken in a structured and supportive manner.



The senior boys basketball team contributes time for the Waikato Special Olympics by being the referees for a tournament that they run. The boys also supported the YMCA 'Raise Up - 3 on 3' tournament through the provision of referees.

Our Year 13 Food class provided cooking class for local Spanish speaking migrants from Columbia. The Red Cross helped us to initially contact the families and then we have met a number of times with them. The purpose of the group was to make contact with local community members, to enjoy cooking together and to introduce the families to some "kiwi cuisine".



Our Netball teams have been very active:

- Umpiring and providing coaching support for two South City Christian School teams throughout the season.
- Running holiday development programmes through the Hamilton City Netball Centre for junior children at Minogue Park.
- Providing coaching and umpiring support to other teams.
- Our older senior students have been providing reading support to our young students in our Tuakana - Teina buddy ready programme.

Melville High School helped support the Zimbabwe Rural Schools Library Trust book drive. We have collected over 2000 old library books (34 boxes), set readers and other reading material from local schools to support the trust's initiative. We became involved in the trust through Year 13 student Deano who is a member of the Trust. In particular we would like to acknowledge the contributions of Deanwell Primary School, St Pius and our own MHS Library staff for their generous donations of reading material.



The students raised \$400 for the Glenview Community Centre through a 'Melville's Got Talent' and mufti day fundraiser.



Kapa Haka tutored at Melville Primary School

Active involvement in the YMCA's 'Raise Up' programme for youth.

Donations of food to Kaikoura High School staff as they attempt to rebuild their school and support their students after the earthquake.

SERVICE TO OTHERS

BUILDING AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

It is pleasing to finally begin the implementation of several elements of construction around the school. There have been huge delays in getting Ministry of Education (MOE) approval for our strategic property plan. Currently this plan is broken into two, five year plans which require sign off. However the parameters for our responsibilities have changed and there is now significant direction to the Board about what work we must undertake. This makes instigating the Board and MOE approved strategic property plans impossible to implement.



As a result there have been new requirements including reviews, reports to be commissioned, audits and negotiations which have delayed the implementation of property development (16 months). We are finally through that process and work will begin.

These delays have held up BOT funded projects too. It all has been very frustrating. This included improvements to the school environment, including the school entrance, student shelters and the digital front sign. None of these projects were eligible for Ministry of Education funding.

Had it not been for the generous donation of \$30,000 from the John and Judy Gallagher Trust, this project would not have been able to proceed. Once more we are indebted to the Gallagher family for their tremendous support of our students.

As a consequence over the Christmas break work will begin on:

- Upgrading the school entrance including:
 - ◇ Removal of the hedge and rail fencing
 - ◇ Installation of two bus shelters build from containers
 - ◇ Refurbishment and lighting for the wooden front school sign
 - ◇ Installing new fencing
 - ◇ Resealing the entrance carpark and the back carpark to Patricia Avenue and the Gym
 - ◇ Installation of a large electronic programmable school sign which will replace the newly erected temporary sign.
- Replacing the Rec Centre roofing and ramp access.

- Upgrading the sewerage system for Patricia Avenue and the sewerage infrastructure in the staff administration area.
- In term 1 work will begin in constructing two student shelters and landscaping in the area (The Desert) adjacent to the Glenice Gallagher Library.
- Later in the year work will get underway on:
 - ◇ Completing the refurbishment of C Block (C1, C2 and C3)
 - ◇ The reroofing of the Whitiara Block in Technology (D1 – 7)
 - ◇ Upgrading the school electrical switchboard
 - ◇ Replacing the Administration block roof
 - ◇ Replacing the netting and surface of the hockey turf.



Senior Academic Awards Recipients



Meché

Medallion for BOT
Student
Representative 2016

Mackenzie

Julie Small Cup

Joshua

Physical
Education Cup and
Sutherland Cup

Anahera

Medallion for
Deputy Head Girl
Te Manaakitanga
Trophy



Kevin

Medallion for
Deputy Head Boy

Sita

Medallion for
Head Girl
Maria Copeland Memorial
Trophy

Keeshonn

Medallion for Head Boy
Michael Meagher Memorial Cup
Lynch Cup
AF Campbell Citizenship Cup

Harmon

PTA Mathematics Cup
Cup for Excellence in Year 13 Computing
Young Scholarship for Computing



*Proxime to the
Dux 2016*

Cheng-Yao

Jane Barnett Cup
Mathematics Cup
Senior Science Cup
Melville High School Scholarship
MHS Cup for Proxime to the Dux
Medallion for Proxime to the Dux

Dux 2016

Chieh-I

Physics Cup
U-Bix Cup
Senior Science Cup
Melville High School Scholarship
iTed Services Prize
Medallion for DUX
MHS Student Council Cup for DUX

BASKETBALL THANKS

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who invested their time, talents, energies, and funds into supporting the Melville High School basketball programme this year.

Thanks to Vege King on Heaphy Terrace, Glenview New World, Rehutai Development, and Gallagher Group for their support through the Zone and National tournaments.

On top of the various accomplishments that already have been mentioned in previous newsletter issues, I would like to congratulate the Senior Boys' team and the Senior Girls' team as joint winners of the Melville High School Team of the Year for 2016.

That particular trophy has been won by one of our basketball teams eight times for the last nine years. This particular trophy represents the hard work of not only our student athletes but also the coaches, managers, stats people, referees, video people, camp mother (you know who you are) and the other many helpers who all worked under the umbrella of the Melville High School Basketball programme. I challenge the other sporting codes in the school to take the team trophy of the year off us in 2017. You will have to work really hard to get it because the basketball programme has grown accustomed to it and will not give it up easily. We will continue to work very hard to keep it.

Again thank you to you all. 2016 was a great year for the basketball programme. Farewell to our seniors who are not returning next year.

Lastly, off-season training has already begun, so continue to make gains in the off-season and I will see you in 2017.

Phillip Smiler - Head Coach



2017 TERM 1 CALENDAR

Mon 23 Jan
Tue 24 Jan

School Office Opens
Student Course Changes
10.00am-Noon

Wed 24 Jan

Student Course Changes
10.00am-Noon

Fri 27 Jan

Teacher Only Day

Week 1

Mon 30 Jan
Tue 31 Jan

AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY

Year 9 and new students
Powhiri 8.30am

Tue 31 Jan -

Y13 Camp

Thu 2 Feb

Wed 1 Feb

Year 9 attend
Year 9 BBQ 5.30pm
Years 9 - 12 attend
Whole School attends

Thu 2 Feb

Fri 3 Feb

Week 2

Mon 6 Feb
Tue 7 Feb

WAITANGI DAY

Whole School Assembly

Week 3

Tue 14 Feb
Thu 16 Feb

Board Meeting
Newsletter distributed

Week 4

Tue 21 Feb

Whole School Assembly

Week 5

Wed 1 Mar

Athletics Day

Week 6

Mon 6 Mar

Y12 Bio Field Trip
11.00am—2.45pm
Class Photos

Tue 7 Mar

Week 7

Mon 13 Mar -
Wed 15 Mar

Year 9 Camp - 1st Rotation

Tue 14 Mar

Wed 15 Mar -

Board Meeting
Year 9 Camp - 2nd Rotation

Fri 17 Mar

Week 8

Mon 20 Mar -
Thu 23 Mar

MHSIS Great Barrier EOTC

Tue 21 Mar

Tue 21 Mar

Swimming Sports
Whole School Assembly

Week 10

Tue 4 Apr
Tue 4 Apr

Thu 6 Apr

Fri 7 Apr

Excellence Dinner
Whole School Assembly
Newsletter distributed
Raft Race

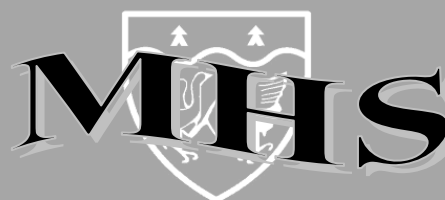
Week 11

Thu 11 Apr
Fri 14 Apr

Board Meeting
GOOD FRIDAY

TERM 1 ENDS 13 THURSDAY 2017

Hei Awhina Hei Mahi



To Serve and To Work

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
Year 10	Phillip Smiler
Year 11	Elsie Leslie
Year 12	Arnie Paurini
Year 13	Teresa Bayly

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 (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.

ART INSTALLATION BY THE PATRICIA AVENUE UNIT

In our second collaboration with Artmakers and community art project facilitator Sylvie Bolstad, students from the Patricia Avenue Unit at Melville High School and two students from our Te Awamutu group have created an eye-catching trio of pou. They have been installed on the high school grounds below the Gallagher Pool and are clearly visible from Collins Road. The students worked over 10 weeks creating taniwha and traditional kowhaiwhai patterns to adorn the pou. Clive Hamill, Valetta Wiperi and Kaumatua Tu Tu joined with us for the blessing and unveiling of the work recently.

We are very proud of what the students have achieved and that the pou are visible for all staff, students and whanau of Melville High School to appreciate.

Special thanks go to Murray Vincent and Sean Briscoe for their labour in erecting the pou.

Deidre Horgan, Lead Teacher, Patricia Avenue Satellite



Pat. Ave Art Installation

REPORTS

Enclosed with this newsletter are the end-of-year reports for junior students. The Year 9 and Year 10 reports provide comment on student achievement against the appropriate curriculum levels. These follow the standard commentary with each subject area having a separate page.

This year, senior students (Years 11-13) received a summary of their NCEA achievement record and other information at the very successful Academic Counselling conference at the end of Term 3. Please feel free to arrange an interview through the school office.

DEANS FOR 2017

Melville High School has a team of staff who support the pastoral care of our students. This team includes: Senior Leadership, Deans, Tutor and Academic Counselling teachers, Counsellors and the School Chaplain.

We have a number of changes for the Deans and their roles in 2017:

YEAR	DEAN	SLT LEADERS
Year 9	Grace Whaanga	John Ledson
Year 10	Phillip Smiler	Stephanie Ashton
Year 11	Elsie Leslie	Dave McNulty
Year 12	Arnie Paurini	Dave McNulty
Year 13	Teresa Bayly	Dave McNulty



Grace Whaanga
Year 9 Dean



Phillip Smiler
Year 10 Dean



Elsie Leslie
Year 11 Dean



Arnie Paurini
Year 12 Dean



Teresa Bayly
Year 13 Dean



John Ledson
Asst Principal Year 9



Stephanie Ashton
Asst Principal Year 10



Dave McNulty
Deputy Principal
Years 11, 12, 13



UNIFORM

Families are reminded that we do not sell the uniform from school and that it can only 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. A list of the approved uniform items can be found on:

<http://www.melville-high.school.nz/assets/uploads/Uniform%202017.pdf>

Please remember too that the **white long sleeved shirts**, as foreshadowed in 2015, **will not be part of the school uniform for 2017.**

ZIMBABWE CHILDREN RECEIVE BOOKS FROM NEW ZEALAND

I have received a big thank you from Driden Kunaka, committee member for the Zimbabwe Rural School Book Trust, acknowledging everyone for the efforts in supporting their library and reading book drive.



The container of books has made its way to Zimbabwe and the resources have begun to be distributed to rural schools. Below is a photo of children from Mawanatu, Zimbabwe, receiving their gift of reading material.



YEAR 10 INSTITUTE OF SPORT PAUANUI CAMP

In week 6 this term, the Year 10 Institute of Sport class attended the Pauanui Beach Camp with the support of Mr Edwards and Mr Smiler. The purpose of our camp was to apply knowledge that we had learnt in class around fitness, leadership and injury prevention strategies. It was an awesome trip with lots of water based activities, navigation, mountain biking and the added challenge of having to climb one massive mountain (the view at the top was worth the effort!).



These are some of our personal reflections of the camp:

Jarrad I thought it was an amazing experience with lots of fun activities. I enjoyed the enthusiasm of all those who participated. It was an awesome time and a camp that would be hard to beat. My favourite experience would have to be when we went swimming in freezing cold water in the morning.



Olivia Personally I thought that this camp was the best I have been to. I enjoyed spending time with my class on the beach and having a good time. It was awesome to see everyone getting involved and in my opinion the best part would've been playing sports on the golden sandy beach at Cathedral Cove.



Arland Best camp ever! Literally. I was so excited, I packed 2 days before the camp started. I really enjoyed the company of my class mates. My favourite part was when we got to go down to the beach and play volleyball and walk along the beach. It was awesome to see everyone having a great time and bonding together. The food was lit! Haha. No literally...on fire! But all the rest of the food was delicious! No one wanted to leave on the Friday. We all hope we get the opportunity to go back again on our favorite camp with our favorite teacher ;)

We'd just like to thank Mr Edwards for making this trip a great experience. Without you it wouldn't have been possible. Thanks for the amazing opportunity! We are so jealous of the place you get to call home over summer.



MILO & MUFFINS



The English Department again supplied food and drinks for all students who had an English exam.

'Milo and Muffins' was very well attended this year and students were able to have a last minute discussion with their teachers as well as hot and cold drinks and a range of sweet and savoury food.

We hope to see great exam results!





UniSTARt – University of Waikato 2014

University Papers for Secondary School Students



UniSTARt Waikato

Waikato University is giving students a head start in tertiary education by letting them complete university papers while they are still at school.

There are more than 30 papers for students to choose from, many are taught online and completed UniSTARt papers can be credited towards a University of Waikato undergraduate degree.

UniSTARt is free to Year 13 students who meet the Discretionary Entrance criteria:

Discretionary Entrance is based on NCEA Level 2 results and you must meet the literacy and numeracy requirements for University Entrance.

As well you must have NCEA level 2 endorsed with merit or excellence, be a NZ citizen or permanent resident.

If you are interested in finding out what courses are offered go to <http://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/unistart> and click on 2017 UniSTARt brochure.

Then you should contact Mrs Searancke at school to discuss the process.

YEAR 9 SOCIAL STUDIES



On Thursday 3 November, during our Social Studies lesson, we were very fortunate to have Anney Collin from Trade Aid visit us. As a class, we have been focusing on the topic of Fair Trade, so we were all very excited when Ms Stantiall told us that Anney would be coming in to talk to us.

As a representative of Trade Aid, she spoke to us about their morals and how their system of gathering their product worked. She explained the many different kinds of things Trade Aid distributed, even bringing in a select few items to show us. Amongst these items, of course, were a couple of bags of Fair Trade chocolate for us to eat.

Sophie 9AMD



YEAR 11 DRAMA MELODRAMA



After a successful year of drama performances, our Year 11's finished the year with short Melodrama plays. Students devised (made up their own plays) in the 19th Century Melodrama style; stock characters: hero, heroine, villain and sensational plots.

The audience had a good laugh and some so much that they were brought to tears. An excellent way to end the year. I look forward to teaching you in 2017!

Ms Stantiall, HoC Drama.

Scholarship Drama



Kevin

Maddisyn

Sita

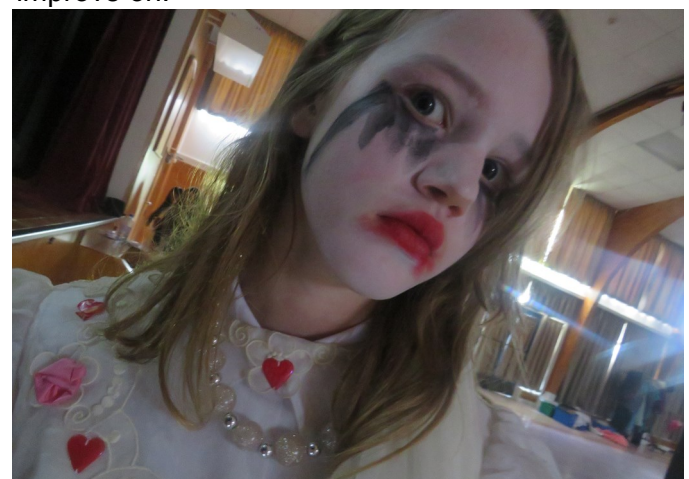
For the first time at Melville High School, three of our Year 13 Drama students (**Kevin, Maddisyn Flavell and Sita Latu**) were entered into the Scholarship Drama Exam. Before going into the exam students had to have prepared one scripted piece from a known play, and one devised piece, which is something they created by themselves. On top of this they were also asked to perform an impromptu piece, which they had to come up with entirely on the spot. As well as this they had the added task of performing these pieces all by themselves. I am very proud of the work that Kevin, Maddisyn and Sita put into this scholarship exam and look forward to hearing the results. As Shakespeare says, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players".

Tashiana Borell, Drama Teacher

YEAR 9 DRAMA



This term, our class has enjoyed working on our Darkwood Manor unit in Year 9 drama. Throughout this unit, we worked in groups of three or four to create characters and backstories for them that haunted the manor. We did a variety of drama activities and games that helped us to develop our characters, gain more confidence on stage, and get ideas for our performance. During the weeks leading up to our performance, we showed snippets of our characters to the class who would then give us feedback and advice on things we could improve on.



On the day of performance, we used props, music, costume, and makeup to create our spooky scenes and eerie atmosphere. Our audience was a group of Year 13's, Ms Stantiall and Ms Christian who enjoyed our performance and gave lots of positive feedback. We thoroughly enjoyed this unit and have learnt lots of valuable drama skills that we can now use in the future.

Rachel 9ED

Riverlea Theatre Scholarships



Paige

Elijah

Congratulations to **Paige and Elijah** who have gained a scholarship at Riverlea Theatre for 2017. This means they will attend drama classes once a week at the Riverlea Terms 1-3 culminating in a performance in September which the community will be invited to.

Ms Stantiall, HoC Drama.



Hamilton Vocational Youth Summit

Ten of our Year 10 students were selected to spend two days experiencing industries at local tertiary providers. The students were: Kitty, Kyle, Memphis, Sarah, Kate, Ohatu, Cameron, Jackson, Destiny and Billy.

Firstly, they went to Fairview Motors and competed in a tyre changing race using an air gun. Kitty Haika and Kate Berkahn were the fastest at removing and replacing the tyre but other students competed valiantly.

The next stop on Thursday was at Te Wananga o Aotearoa. The students learnt about the fitness industry. They were able to find out about all the equipment, what it is used for and then they completed a circuit with an instructor.

The last experience on Thursday was at G+H Training where they were told all about the Construction and Infrastructure industry.

On Friday we started at Taratahi. The students participated in a competition to replace a ball cock in a water trough. Kate was the best of all the students from 10 schools who had tried over the week and made it in 13.5 seconds. An amazing effort!!!

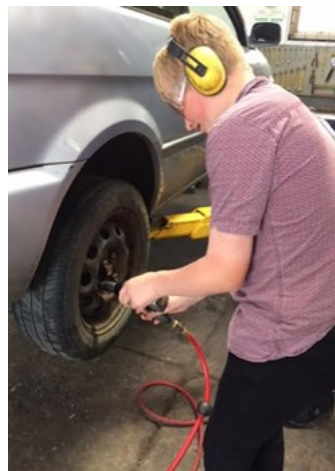
At WinTec the Media Arts faculty talked about digital music and let the students create their own using the high tech equipment.

Lastly we went to NZMA and were treated to some tasty treats. Billy and Memphis were in charge of making mocktails, then it was the Barista for coffees, and finally a demonstration of sandwich making. They were all so full by the end they could hardly walk down the stairs.

It was a great couple of days and has given some ideas for the future to our students.



Kitty and Kate circuit training at Te Wananga o Aotearoa



Kyle using the air gun



Kate the chainsaw girl



All of us at NZMA



Memphis concentrating on mocktails

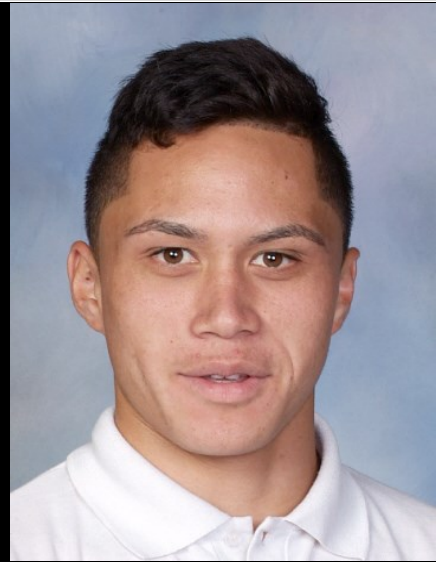


Billy making mocktails

Introducing 2017 Head Students



Alyssa
Head Girl



Jayden
Head Boy



Kaylee
Deputy Head Girl



James
Deputy Head Boy

Farewell 2016 Head students and welcome 2017 Head Students





2016 Senior Academic Prizegiving

