

Term 3– Issue 13

Thursday, 4 September 2014

Week 9

Week 10

Tuesday 16 Sept Merit Awards Assembly

Friday 19 Sept Yr 12 Farewell

The end of 2014 sees a new year in the school planning cycle begin, which means a new 3 year plan needs to be written for the future direction of Melville High School. As part of this process we have sent you an email inviting you, as a parent/carer/community member, to an afternoon to allow you to contribute your ideas and dreams for Melville High School. This will take place on Monday, 8 September, in the library at 4:30 – 5:30pm. If you would like to attend could you please phone the office or complete the form on the back of Melville Matters and let us know as soon as possible for catering purposes. If you are unable to attend we would welcome your ideas for the future direction of Melville High School, please feel free to email them to:

If you did not receive an invitation email, it would mean we have an inaccurate email on record. There is a form at the end of this newsletter to return to the front office at school if you would like:

- to receive Melville Matters in full colour via email
- to indicate you are attending the planning meeting on Monday, 8 September
- to indicate you are unable to attend but would like to send in your ideas for the future of Melville High School on paper.

As part of this process we are also reviewing the current day structure, which has issues that appear to be leading to low attendance rates on

sport days. As a proposal to address this issue we are looking at changing how sport operates at Melville High School. This would be that Year 7 and 8 would have sport on different days to Year 9 and 10 who would still participate in sport together with elective choices. There would also be changes to start and finish times, roll call, pastoral care and senior periods and senior days off would be reduced to 1 per fortnight.

We would love to hear your input into these proposed changes so the link to our survey is below, it has also been placed on the school Facebook page www.facebook.com/melvillehs.
Day Structure Changes Survey Link
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formEmail=true&formkey=dGNYa2VsZ2ZDSHhTdmRJcFhGQ2F5eWc6MA>

Well once again we are coming towards the end of Term 3, meaning it is very near to the end of 13 years of schooling for our Year 12 students. Year 12 reports are currently being written, and Year 11 Preliminary final exams begin next week (week 9). Some of our Industrial Technology work is currently on display in the library. Last Wednesday was the Creative Arts showcase night with the display of many of our Year 12 final pieces on display. Thank you to the staff involved here as the amount of extra time and effort outside of school hours that is needed to ensure students success is enormous. This includes Mr Guihot, Mr Kassell, Ms Olzomer and Ms Gear. If you have a student soon about to enter Year 11 and 12, this night is well worth the visit as you can see the fantastic projects that are produced after weeks of hard work and dedication.

Just some of the beautiful Technology work on display in the Melville Library (Photos on following page).



Last week saw the end of another very successful Brospeak program. This program sees some of our Year 7 and 8 Aboriginal students participating in a cultural event for 10 weeks. The students always respond positively to the program. We would like to thank Mr Denyer for his efforts in running this program.

The subject selection choices for Year 10 into 11 and Year 8 into 9 are in the final stages; if your child has not returned their final choices could you please encourage them to as some classes are already full.

The railway walk bridge will be closed for an extended period of time, **from 1 September 8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday for eight weeks and from 8am on Saturday 6 September to 4pm on Sunday 7 September.** Please be aware of this.

Vicki Staunton
Deputy Principal

Proposed Changes to Structure of Day

Below please find proposed changes to Structure of Day

	Proposed Times	Old Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roll	8:55 - 9:15						
P1	9:15 - 10:05	8:50 - 9:40					
P2	10:05 - 10:55	9:40 - 10:30					
recess	10:55 - 11:25	10:30 - 10:55					
P3	11.25-12:15	10:55- 11:45		Sport Yr 7	Sport Yr 9 and 10	SENIOR PERIOD Assembly or extra recess 20 mins	Sport Year 8
						30 Minutes Literacy/ Numeracy/Careers	
P4	12:15 - 1:05	11:45-12:35 PC 12:35 - 12:55		Sport Yr 7	Sport Yr 9 and 10		Sport Year 8
Lunch 1	1:05	12:55 - 1:17					
Lunch 2	Until 1:35	1:17 - 1:40					
P5	1:35 - 2:25	1:40- 2:30					
P6	2:25 - 3:15	2:30 - 3:20					

MATHS NEWS

Earlier this month some of our best students sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition.

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. The AMC is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve thirty problems in 75 minutes (Years 7–12). There are five papers: Middle Primary (Years 3–4), Upper Primary (Years 5–6), Junior (Years 7–8), Intermediate (Years 9–10) and Senior (Years 11–12).

The AMC is a fun competition with many of the problems set in situations familiar to students and showing the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives. The problems are also designed to stimulate discussion and can be used by teachers and students as springboards for investigation.

The following are questions from the paper:

Junior Paper (Years 7 and 8)

In the months of March, April and May, my lawn grows 0.7 cm every day. On the day it reaches a height of 20 cm I mow it back to a height of 2.5 cm. If I mow my lawn on the first day of March, how many times in total do I need to mow the lawn during these three months?

- (A) 42 (B) 41 (C) 40 (D) 39
(E) 38

Intermediate Paper (Years 9 and 10)

The women's world record for running 400 metres was set in Canberra at 47.70 seconds. Which of the following is closest to the runner's average speed, in kilometres per hour?

- (A) 22 (B) 24 (C) 26 (D) 28
(E) 30

Senior Paper (Years 11 and 12)

Billy, a seasonal worker in the town of Cowra, collected an even number of buckets of cherries on his first day. Each day after that he increased the number of buckets he picked by 2 buckets per day. In the first 50 days he collected 3250 buckets. The number of buckets Billy collected on the 50th day was

- (A) 66 (B) 110 (C) 114
(D) 116 (E) 120

How would you go? Also, all of these problems should be solved without calculators!

DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you are interested in joining the defence forces these information sessions may be for you:

What: Navy Information Session

The Navy offers you the chance to be a part of world events that will change your life and the lives of others. We'll train you to make the most of your own natural abilities and to gain world class qualifications in a huge range of exciting jobs.

When: Monday 8th September 2014

Time: 6pm

Where: Port Macquarie Army Reserve Depot, 40-45 Munster St, Port Macquarie

RSVP: cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au or call (02) 4974 5427

What: Army Reserve Information Session

The Army Reserve is made up of everyday Aussies who are ready to step up to any challenge if and when the country needs. Reservists help local communities around Australia and abroad, and play an important part in providing the additional officers and soldiers the Australian Army needs.

When: Tuesday 9th September 2014

Time: 6pm

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Jo Cavanagh
Careers Adviser

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS STEWARTS POINT COMMUNITY

It shows Mrs Kerry Flanagan with her grandchildren Mae, Pia and little Adelaide with their small friends from Melville High. Melville Agriculture Department supported the community Fair at Stewarts Point on Saturday, 30 August. We supplied an assortment of small animals as well as chickens and little ducks. The animals were a major attraction for many young children and their families. The kids could learn how to handle the animals and also learn how to look after animals. We appreciate the help of Josh in Year 7 who

supplied the ducks and Mike Doevendans for getting things ready.

Russell Lobb and Iven Denyer
Agriculture teachers.



Mrs Kerry Flanagan with her grandchildren taken at Stewarts Point.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY

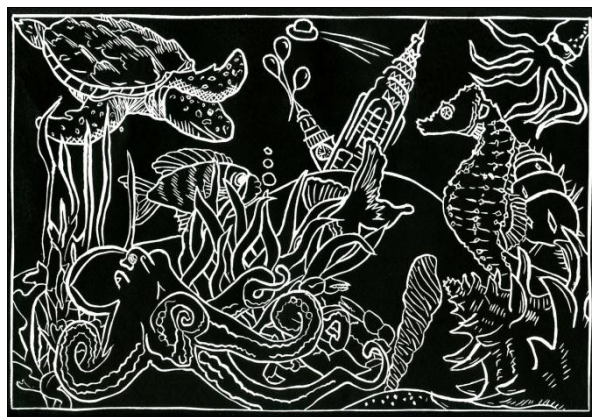
Years 7 & 8

All students, as part of a broad mandatory curriculum, study Visual Arts and Music in Year 7 and 8. In these years, students are given a wide range of activities designed to stimulate their interest and develop their skills. The idea that you either have a talent for the arts or you do not is actively challenged, providing students with opportunities in Visual Arts to explore photography, digital media, drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and video/film/animation. In Music they will learn to create play instruments, sing, write music, use computer programs to create new music, and to appreciate a wide range of current and traditional music styles. These activities will also help students to:

“...enhance fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, problem solving skills, lateral thinking, complex analysis and critical thinking skills.”



Claire (Year 8)



Esther (Year 8)

Years 9 & 10

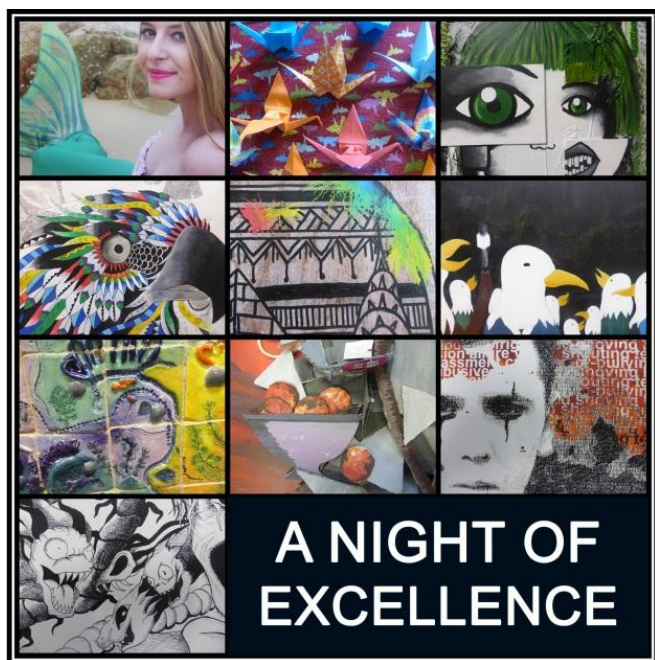
Students have the opportunity to further their studies, not only in Music and Visual Arts, but also in Drama, Dance, and Photographic and Digital Media. Electives are available in all of these areas.



Willow, Angus and Megan perform at the Macleay Music Festival. Photos by Caitlin

Years 11 & 12

For the HSC, Melville High School has a tradition of excellence in the Arts. Students regularly gain their highest marks in Drama, Music and Visual Arts, and the school has a long tradition of selection for the statewide showcases of ARTEXPRESS, ONSTAGE, AND ENCORE. Many of our highest achieving students have used Arts subjects as part of their ATAR for university entry.



HOW YOU CAN ASSIST YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED IN THE ARTS

There are times when, as a result of some earlier school experiences, students have decided that they are unable to succeed in the arts. This is not true as many of the skills required can be learned and developed. What is important is that students are encouraged to maintain an open mind and a willingness to experiment and take risks – among the most important aspects of any educational experience. Students who succeed in the arts succeed in the wider education and become more involved and aware citizens.

STUDYING ART IMPROVES PERFORMANCE IN OTHER SUBJECTS

James Catterall, leading professor and Chair of the Faculty at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, has studied 12,000 students over twelve years. His research demonstrates that involvement in the arts (both

Visual Art and Performing Art) – especially for students from a low-income background – is associated with higher levels of attainment in both high school and university. See more at: <http://www.studentartguide.com/articles/reasons-to-study-art#sthash.Jd3pCtL9.dpuf>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN THE ARTS

As part of the extra-curricular life of the school, students are involved in performances both at school and in the wider community. These have included, in 2014, the Port Macquarie Dance Festival, "Mime in the Mall", The Macleay Music Festival, "Spring Into Art", music for "Sculpture in the Gaol", the "Ancestry and Identity" exhibition at Gladstone, and of course the school musical "Little Shop of Horrors". Music students will be travelling to Sydney to perform as part of "School Spectacular", and Year 11 Visual Arts students are currently completing the Extension course at the National Art School in Sydney.

ILFORD PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION TERM 2 RESULTS

Congratulations go to 4 merit winners and a prize winner for this national competition. (Some photos are displayed on the following page) The winners are:

Digital Year 11 + 12 Category.

Tyrone (Year 12) won \$75 and a winner's plaque for the print "Embracing the Wind"

Digital Year 9 + 10 Category, Merit Certificates awarded to:

Hannah (Year 9) for the print "No Entry"

Hollie (Year 10) for the print "Age and Contemplation"

Digital Year 11-12 Category, Merit Certificates awarded to:

Jessie-Anne for the print "Out the rear window"

Sarah for the print "On The Edge"

Not only has this been great recognition of these students' photos, but as a result of all our entries our school has won a plaque to testify that we were the BEST SCHOOL IN AUSTRALIA in Term 2! Wow! This is a first!

Ms Jo Lee



Tiarna and Jack (Year 11) at the National Art School. Artwork by Moshe Ugrig selected for ARTEXPRESS 2013

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SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014
9AM – 3PM

'Life in Bloom' Floral Display
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Pop-up Garden Competition
Helicopter Rides
Lawn Mower Racing
4B3 art exhibition
Street markets
Live music
Chai Tent
Kids' entertainment
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Under 18's free**

Kempsey Crescent Head Surf Club will be holding their registration day for all members and nippers on Sunday 21st September 2014 at 10am out the front of the surf club.

FACTS (Parents as Career Transition Support) Workshop
Want to know how to help your teenager with career ideas? What is HSC SBat & VETis?, What is the difference between TAFE & UNI, What tools are there to help with careers?. What is an apprenticeship?

WHEN: Tuesday 9th September

TIME: 6.00-8.00pm

**WHERE: Council Chambers, Kempsey Shire Council
22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey**

Call Michelle Fisher on 0448 877 953 to book a place
Or email michelle.fisher@midcoastconnect.com.au

MACLEAY INDOOR SPORTS

MONDAY'S- Private cricket Coaching- Group session
\$15p/p

TUESDAY'S- JNR SOCCER (MIXED, 5 a-side)
AGE- 5-8 & 9-12
Cost- \$15 rego, game fee's \$5.00
TIME- FROM 3:45, games are scheduled by a draw

THURSDAY- Multi sports
AGE- Primary ages
Cost- Rego \$15.00, attendance fee \$5.00
Time- 4:00-5:30

JNR Netball
AGES- U/11's & U/13's (7 a-side)
Cost- \$15 rego, \$5.00 game fee
TIME- From 3:45, games are scheduled by a draw

FRIDAY – Teen Soccer (8 a-side)
AGES- High School age(yr 7&8's, yr 9 & up)
COST- \$15 Rego, \$5 game fee
TIME-From 4:00, games scheduled by a draw

TREK FOR FREEDOM
Saturday 6th. Sept. 2014 @
1:00pm.

A cycling fundraiser for World Vision's Child Rescue Program

World Vision's **Child Rescue Program** has 25 Projects in developing countries to help children at risk and provide support and rehabilitation for children who have been victims of exploitation and abuse.

The world's most vulnerable children include trafficked children, orphans, street kids, child brides, displaced children, or those in conflict or emergency situations. Often they are forced to travel alone to find work or flee conflict.

Each day, there are children all over the world being tricked, forced and sold into slavery, hazardous labour, combat and prostitution. Millions end up in brothels, factories, sweatshops and private homes. We don't see them or hear of their suffering. **They have no voice.**

To make a difference, please join the 'Trek for Freedom' ride 1pm on Saturday 6th September.

Please collect sponsorship forms from Crescent Head Cycles. Call John Klose on 65 622 888 for more information.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE BOX IN THE FRONT OFFICE AT MELVILLE HIGH

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Student Name/s: _____

Family Email Address: _____

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Yes, I would prefer the full colour version of Melville Matters emailed to the email address above.

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Yes, I will be attending the parent meeting about future planning for Melville HS on Monday 8th September 4:30pm – 5:30 pm

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No, I am unable to attend the planning meeting next Monday but my thoughts about future planning for Melville High School are below. (please list these in the space below)