

# Melville Matters



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## Term 4

### Week 9

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec to Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 9 to Sydney Excursion
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Orientation Day Yr 6-7

### Week 10

Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Night 6pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	White Card Training
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Melville's Most Marvelous
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Gold & Silver Merit Excursion

## From the Maths Department



In Mathematics, some Year 9 and Year 10 students have been using laptops in the classrooms to compete in a fun money challenge. There were some prizes offered by the teachers.

Results for 10M3: 1<sup>st</sup> place Sam, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Brady, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Sharah.

Results for 10M4: 1<sup>st</sup> place Jason, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kiana, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Michael.

### WHAT IS ESSI MONEY?

ESSI Money allows participants to achieve an understanding of the basic concepts surrounding financial management, in the areas of earning, Saving, Spending, and Investing – ESSI!

The player is required to undertake a series of financial challenges during a certain period in order to achieve the best possible financial result. The 'play time' will be relatively short – up to a maximum of 6 hours – however, the game will simulate the results/outcomes of the player's decisions over a 6 month time period.

It is established from the outset of the game that, whatever age the player is in real life, in this game he/she is over 18 years old – this allows the individual, within the game, to be able to apply for a credit card, buy a car etc.

In addition to Earning, Saving, Spending and Investing, the themes and concepts that are covered and flow through the whole game include:

- The need to seek advice from suitably qualified advisors and professionals
- The importance of establishing a Budget and Goal setting to achieve your financial goals

**The key learning areas are addressed by introducing the following concepts:**

### Earning

- Employment
- Centrelink
- Interest and return on investments
- Entrepreneur

### Saving

- Bank Accounts (operational)
- Cash
- Goals

### Spending.

- Living expenses
  - Fuel
  - Food

- Entertainment
- Rent
- Mobile phones
- Credit and credit cards (good debt vs bad debt)
- Repayments, fees and traps
- Buying a car
- Insurance
- Online shopping

### Investing

- Scams
- Bank Accounts (long term)
- Goals
- Risk versus Yield/speculation
- Shares
- Credit and borrowing (good dept. vs bad debt and repaying debts)



As the holidays approach some parents may be wondering about some suitable gifts to help your child with their education. Some “stocking stuffers” to consider are: calculator (front office \$17.55), rulers, pens and pencils. Every student who studies mathematics needs a scientific calculator

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With the final weeks of the school year approaching teachers are busy writing the yearly reports for the year. It is important that students continue in their learning as these are not finalised until the very end of the year. With the warmer weather here it is important that students remain hydrated and bring water to school in a bottle. Wearing the correct school uniform needs to be continue till the end of the year as we have noticed some students coming out of uniform.

Huge congratulations to Mrs Barbara Coughran who this week was presented with Life Membership to the Macleay River Branch of the Federation. She has worked tirelessly promoting

Federation, attending meetings and fighting for Teachers' rights.

Temeka in Year 9 also received a fantastic community award and was presented with the Rotary Citizenship award. This is a great reflection of her wonderful attitude towards learning.



Temeka receiving her Rotary Citizenship Award.

We have been very fortunate this week to have had several engaging presentations from outside agencies for our students. Emily Breakwell, former Melville High student and University of Newcastle student, came to inspire our current students to pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM). A variety of students loved the opportunity to build robots, play robot soccer, and construct digital sandboxes.

Charles Sturt University also assisted our Year 7 students with the Future Moves program (<http://www.csu.edu.au/futuremoves>). Our students once again had a great time. Some Year 10 and Year 11 students have been completing their barista courses with the assistance of TAFE presenters. This provides a fantastic opportunity for the students with options to gain employment in the ever increasing café industry.



Future Moves problem solving with Year 7 students



Year 10 students will be participating in the compulsory unit on All My Own Work during week 10, it is mandatory that they attend these classes before they begin their year 11 Preliminary year. For more information on this visit <http://amow.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

Year 9 are off on their year camp to Sydney next week, we wish them great adventures. Thanks to Mr Kallmier for organising this.

Our presentation evening is being held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Students receiving awards will receive notification of the event. In week 10 on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, Melville's Most Marvellous talent competition is being organised by our SRC.

Last week Sammi-Jo from our Support Unit received a visit, with her parents Janelle and Hector, a surprise visitor from Rugby league star Greg Inglis.



We wish you a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year, and we are looking forward to seeing you next year.

Vicki Stuanton  
Deputy Principal

### ***HSC SUCCESS FOR VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS***

Congratulations to Year 12 Visual Arts students Tiarna and Kyle on being selected for consideration in the prestigious ARTEXPRESS exhibition.

To be considered for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS means that a student has achieved a high Band 6 result for their body of work practical submission. Tiarna created a series of works based on the story of Hansel and Gretel, looking at the idea of how guilt and complicity can be ambiguous. Calling her submission "Never Forget Home" combined painting, collage and printmaking to create her work.

Kyle also spent a lot of time completing his body of work. Called "Live Out Loud", he created a series of intricate mixed media drawings. The largest of these, on a surfboard, was particularly impressive. Both students must now wait for the final notification as to whether their work will make the final cut for the exhibition. If chosen, their work could be on display at The Art Gallery of NSW from March next year.

It is now 2 years since two of our students, Emma Townsend and Moshe Uhrig, had their work included in ARTEXPRESS. It will be great to see this tradition of excellence maintained for Melville High School.

Congratulations to both Tiarna and Kyle.

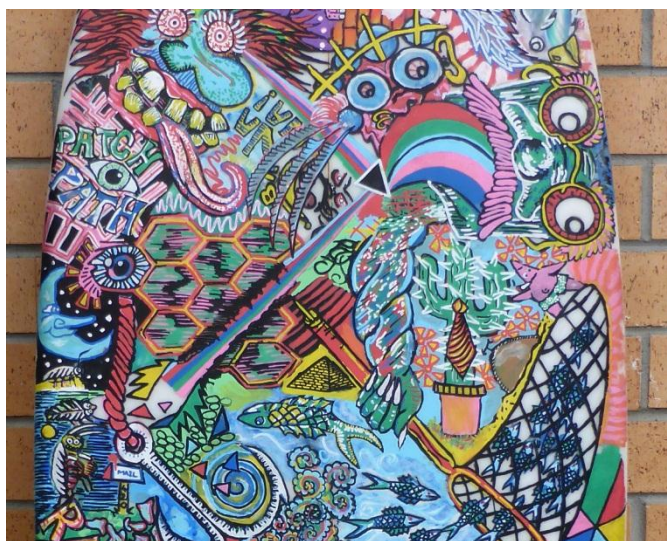


***By Kyle***





**Kyle's board and below close up of the intricate work on the board**



***Above and below work by Tiarna***





## YEAR 11 MUSIC

We are pleased that it has been possible to offer Music as an elective for Year 11 students. The class, which will run off-line in 2016, will allow a continuation of the strong involvement in the arts that has been a characteristic of Melville High School. To be run before school, it is therefore available to students coming from Kempsey High as well. Anyone who is interested in this curriculum opportunity should contact Mr Lavers at the school to find out further details.

### PRESENTATION NIGHT



All parents/carers, students and staff are invited to attend Melville High School Presentation Night which will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the school hall.

A list of students receiving awards will be posted at school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Students receiving awards are asked to meet their Year Advisor at the back of the hall between 6.15pm and 6.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you on the night to help celebrate the achievements of our students.

Barbara Coughran

### Foundation Cup 2016

Ashley has been selected for the NSW Foundation Cup Team. Ashley is No 2 in the team of 4 girls. The team will travel to Melbourne on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to compete against Country girls from all over Australia in this Prestigious National Event.

Ashley is currently ranked 6 in NSW for her age group, 17 Nationally and 476 in Opens.

E Jacobs

### Book yourself a summer reading adventure

Explore lost worlds, alternate universes and mythical creatures in this year's Summer Reading Club – a national initiative designed to encourage kids of all ages to keep reading through the summer break. Register at the Kempsey Library on Thursday 3 December and Friday 4 December, from 4pm onwards. When you register, you will be given a starter pack with a log sheet and activity sheets to start you on your reading journey. There'll also be fabric paint and stencils to decorate a library bag with your own design.

The Summer Reading Club will be held at Kempsey, South West Rocks, Stuarts Point and Hat Head libraries during December and January, with the program open to children and youth from preschool through to high school who are current members of the library. If you are not already a library user this is a great opportunity to sign up and get involved. You'll just need to show proof of address and have your parent or carer sign your membership application if you are under 16.

For enquiries please phone Kempsey Library on 6566 3210. Visit the SRC national website at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

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