

Melville Matters



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Week 6

Mon 2 March to Fri 6 March Yr 12 Work Placement

Wednesday 4 March Yr 7 P/T BBQ

Thursday 5 March Yr 7 Vaccinations

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to deliver my first Melville Matters report for 2015. The first major calendar event for the year was the recent Melville High School Swimming Carnival. A great event that allowed our student body many opportunities to display the way we Do it R.I.G.H.T. at Melville. It was great to watch all the competitors giving it their best for their school, their house and most importantly, themselves. There are many ways to exhibit the quality of **INDUSTRIOUSNESS**. Certainly in terms of competing to the best of their ability, many of our students displayed this quality. The people who were successful at our carnival worked for their success. This is the secret to being **INDUSTRIOUS**. It follows that if you work hard and are **INDUSTRIOUS**, then success will follow.

I would encourage all of our students to display **INDUSTRIOUSNESS** in every aspect of their schooling career – whether it is sporting, cultural or academic.

Another quality promoted at Melville High School, is **TEAMWORK**. By now our whole community is aware of the unfortunate happenings of the 29th January this year. Certainly the fire that destroyed the school support unit has meant that the school community has had to overcome several setbacks. Again I was filled with pride when I witnessed the student body come together at the Swimming Carnival to raise money for the support unit. The two activities that were organised by the students were a sponge throwing competition and

belly flop competition. Many staff and students lined up to be targets for students to throw water soaked sponges at them. Following this a belly flop competition saw students risk life and limb in support of their support unit peers.

Finally the Swimming Carnival saw yet another appearance of the R.I.G.H.T.O.s, a mysterious band of heroes who have begun to frequent Melville High. Captain Respectful, Professor Industrious, General Growing, Agent Healthy and Team Playa are spreading the word about how to Do It R.I.G.H.T. and be a member of a **RESPECTFUL, INDUSTRIOUS, GROWING, HEALTHY TEAM**.

I would like to encourage parents and caregivers to come and watch events such as the Swimming Carnival and increasingly support their students in Doing It R.I.G.H.T. for their own, the school's and the community's benefit.

Troy Stewart
Deputy Principal



**Introducing our Melville High School mascots
– the RIGHTo's**

**Captain Respectful
General Growing
Team Playa**

**Professor Industrious
Agent Healthy**

Finally they have arrived! It's been a long and exciting journey, made possible by a brilliant group of students – Thomas, Dannielle, Brittany, Kristina, Liam, Gabrielle, Kristopher, Shelby, Sam, Lindsay, Tiarna, Jhye and Cassandra.

We would again like to thank all the students who entered our mascot competition last year, especially our winners – Harry, Megan, Nathaniel and Isaac.

Lauren Walker
PBL Team, Year 12 Advisor



In conjunction with Kempsey High school, Melville High School is offering students the opportunity to participate in a Creative Arts excursion to Sydney in March (Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th).

The excursion is being offered to all elective Drama and Visual Arts students from Years 9 to 12. Activities would include:

- Exhibition viewing and workshops at the Art Gallery of NSW, including ARTEXPRESS (the best HSC artworks from 2014)
- Visits to White Rabbit Gallery (contemporary Chinese art) and the Museum of Contemporary Art.
- A practical drawing workshop at the Brett Whiteley Gallery and Studio.
- An evening performance of the musical Les Misérables.
- Performance workshops at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA)

Further activities, including a second evening of theatre, will be confirmed closer to the date of departure.

The cost of the excursion would appear to be high (\$350.00) but this includes bus travel (including all connecting travel while in Sydney) accommodation (with breakfast), all exhibition entry costs and theatre tickets.

If you would like your child to participate in this excursion, please ask them to see Mr Guihot in the Visual Arts staffroom for further information.



There is an opportunity again for talented Year 11 Visual Arts students to develop their skills by completing the HSC Intensive Studio Practice course at the National Art School in Sydney.

This is a 1 Unit Board of Studies endorsed course that students can count towards their HSC. It is run in 2 separate week-long blocks – one in the July holidays and one in the September holidays.

Students who undertake this course have the opportunity to work with practising artists and experts to develop skills in their chosen area of interest. Options include Photography, Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking and Sculpture.

In recent years students from Melville High School have successfully completed the course at the National Art School. In 2014, Tiarna and Jack both achieved a Band 6 score (above 90%) in the course.

The full cost of the course is \$300.00, covering all tuition and materials for the two weeks. If students have nowhere to stay in Sydney, full supervised board at the Y Hotel is available (a further cost of \$300.00).

Students and their parents who are interested in this great opportunity can contact Mr Guihot at the school (Ph: 65627511 or by email at alan.guihot@det.nsw.edu.au)

History Faculty

The History Faculty is busy organising their bi-annual excursion to Sydney for Year 11 & 12 students who are studying Ancient History, Modern History and Legal Studies. Students studying any of these subjects are strongly encouraged to attend this excursion. We stay in Sydney for 2 nights, departing very early on Wednesday 29th April and returning Friday night 1st May.

Whilst there, the students visit the Museum of Ancient Cultures at Macquarie University, and the Nicholson Museum at Sydney University. Here they view mummies, and many other artefacts relating to both the Ancient and Modern History courses. Some of these date from WW1. All students also visit the Jewish Museum, and an archaeological dig.

Legal Studies students visit the Law Courts – the Children's Law Courts – Bidura, at Glebe, the Downing Centre, and the Parramatta Law Courts. They also hear talks from specialists in their fields. The 3 days are a wonderful experience, particularly for rural students who often do not have access to these experiences, and we strongly encourage all students to attend.

H Simpson
History Faculty

Saints Comets Netball Club

Will be holding their Registration days on Saturday 7th & 21st February at McDonalds Kempsey from 9am till 12noon.

Fees for the 2015 season are as follows up till 13th March.

Divisions	Ages	Fees
Seniors	18+	\$150
Juniors	11-17yrs	\$130
Hard Court Netta	8-10yrs	\$122
Grass Court Netta	8-10yrs	\$102
Grass Court Netta	5-7yrs	\$102
Net Set Go	5-7 yrs non players	\$55
Non Player (Coach, Umpire or Official)		\$50

If your fees are not paid in full by the 13/3, there is an additional fee of \$20 to be paid to the Macleay Netball Association.

Any enquiries please see or phone Robyn Townsend (Vice President Saints Comets Netball Club) on 6562 8361 or 0439 404 257.

Introducing the staff of the support unit

Head Teacher - Leanne Weatherhead

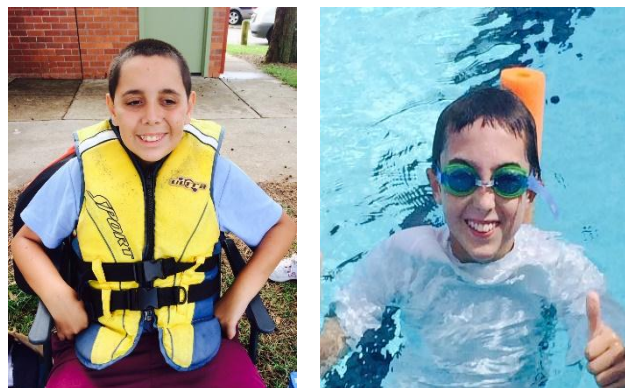
Teachers: Jenny Clarke, Heather Hannock, Tarryn O'Brien, Kayla Overton, Paul Scanlon, Keri Allen, Jo Davies, Caroline Muldoon.

Student Learning Support Officer. (Teachers Aide): Wendy, Teresa, Chereyll, Wayne, Jess, Julie, Tori, Brendan, Lesley, Val, Attiya, Jennie and Alan.

With the events of late being the fire in the Support Unit, it has been a challenging time for both staff and students. However with the commitment and dedication of the staff, interesting and fun programs have commenced with many of our students involved in: Sailability, Riding for the Disabled, Work experience at various businesses in town, The Nursery, Swimming and Tafe.

Room 25: Swimming and Sailability

Jayden and Lachlan in the pool



Shane and Jayden



Room 3: Study of Forensic Science



Room 26: The Nursery & In Class programs

Emily and Jake



Jacoba



**COME AND HAVE A KICK WITH THE
SYDNEY SWANS!**

AFL /AUSKICK CLINIC

When: Tuesday 24th February

Where: South Kempsey Oval, South Kempsey

Time: 3.15pm – 4.30pm

All ages welcome to attend this free event!!

Come and have a kick and get your footy signed by players from the Sydney Swans!

Local AFL club Macleay Valley Eagles will also be holding 2015 registration on the night

For further information call AFL Development Officer Rachel Lowe on 0457389504

Macleay Valley Rangers Football (soccer) Club

Onsite registration day and uniform sizing

Ages: 5 years old to 99 years young

Saturday 21st of February 10am to 2pm

Ranger's playing field, Dangar St West Kempsey

Pre-register at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Assistance available on the day or contact the Club registrar before hand:

Larisa via email:

info@macleayvalleyrangers.com.au for registration and fee details

**COMBOYNE SHOW
& GOAT RACES**

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY FROM 9AM

ENTRY \$5 PER ADULT

16 AND UNDER FREE

Relaxed country day out for the whole family!

**GOAT RACES WITH CALCUTTA
SHOW POULTRY
DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARKET STALLS
PRODUCE PAVILION
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
MUSIC
FOOD AND COFFEE
EQUESTRIAN EVENTS (ONLY) ON
SUNDAY**

Coffs Harbour & District Baseball Association

Players of all ages and abilities are invited to come and try baseball at the annual sign on days.

New and returning players can register at the sign on days to be held at the Bray Street Sports Grounds in Coffs Harbour on March 14th, 21st and 28th between 9am and 12pm.

The season will commence on Saturday 11 April and the Bray Street grounds and then will shift to the Stadium Drive fields in early May 2015.

For further information, please contact Bill Langer on 0421 553 093.

Find us on Facebook: CoffsHarbourBaseball

DONATIONS TO MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT UNIT

If you would like to make a donation for the purpose of replacing resources, not covered by the Department of Education, for the support unit at Melville High School they can be made to the account outlined below.

A/c Name: Melville High School Support Unit Rebuild Fund

BSB No: 704-189

Member No: 58014

Account No: 00050675

HELP & SUPPORT

WHO DO YOU SEE IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?

There are many people in the school who can help you. These people are:

The Teachers

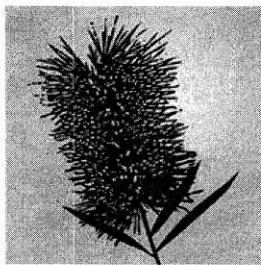
As part of their teaching duties, all teachers are concerned with the welfare and well being of students. Students are encouraged to approach teachers to discuss in confidence any social or academic problems they are experiencing.

The Student Adviser

For each Year, a Student Adviser is selected. It is the role of this person to help and care for the students in his/her Year. As each Year progresses through High School, wherever possible, the same person will hold the position of Student Adviser. Students can approach their Student Adviser about any matters of concern.

The Year Advisers for 2015 are:

YEAR 7	MR LEON RUHL	TAS
YEAR 8	MR CRAIG SINGLEMAN	SCIENCE
YEAR 9	MR ROHAN KALLMIER	HISTORY
YEAR 10	MR PAUL SCANLON	SUPPORT
YEAR 11	MS CAROLINE MULDOON	SCIENCE
YEAR 12	MS LAUREN WALKER	MATHS



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January 28, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians

We really need an updated email address for your family.

Our school is trialing a new electronic student e-Diary which features:

- The ability for all teachers to insert non-deletable homework to their classes of students
- The ability for our school to communicate live announcements and update school events
- Communicate school policies and showcase galleries of student works
- Allow you as parents to login and check your child's homework status.

If you would like to read some information about the new e-diary please watch the My e-Diary promo video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4VZTuKEU64>

A manual can also be found at: <http://help.myediary.com.au/article/112-parent-guardian-ediary-manual>

Melville High School also use's another web based application for attendance and school marks, this is called Millennium. Parents can access the portal at: www.millenniumschoools.net.au/portal to check on their child's attendance and marks. Currently some families have access to this but not all.

To enable us to set up an account to access both of these applications, e-diary and Millennium, we require a current email address for each family. Could you please complete the details below and return them to your child's roll call teacher.

Regards

Mrs. Vicki Staunton
Deputy Principal

Students Names and Years _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Family Email Address _____