

Melville Matters



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Term 2– Issue 5

Friday, 1 May 2015

Term 1

Week 4

Monday 11 May P&C Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 12 – 14 May Naplan Tests

Week 5

Wednesday 20 May Melville Open House

Saturday 23 May Melville High School Deb Ball

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the start of term 2, already we are moving rapidly to Week 3 of the term and many great things have been happening or are coming up. The ANZAC day commemoration was most respectfully supported by all students at the school service on Friday. We had the pleasure of hearing from Darryl Crilley and the school was very appreciative of his words and information about the whole ANZAC tradition. Our leaders represented the school at community services at Kempsey, Crescent Head, South West Rocks, Booroongen Djugun and Gladstone with photos from each venue on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/melvillehs. Many students marched in the Kempsey and South West Rocks marches, some proudly wearing the medals of their relatives. I was very impressed by the whole spirit and level of student appreciation of the efforts of all those who were remembered.



*Bindii at
Melville High
School
Anzac Day
Assembly*

The Support Unit replacement has moved from a demolition phase to a re-construction phase after all the burnt buildings were removed over the holiday period. I hope that in the next month we should be close to having all classes in the replacement buildings. The P&C have several more fund raising activities planned and information will be shared via this newsletter and the school website at: www.melville-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

The revised timetable has commenced and new staffing and class arrangements have been smoothly put in place. The changes are the result of a variation on student numbers from the anticipated to the actual at the start of the year. This has involved several staff changes and re-allocation of teaching loads. We were very happy for Mrs Johanne Davies who was appointed to her first permanent teaching position at Wauchope High. We wish her all the best and thank her for her dedication to the students of the Support Unit during her time here.

Year 12 students completed the Pre-Trial exams before the break and will soon receive their feedback in the Half Year reports. Students should be working very hard on study and revision as well as ongoing preparation of tasks from now until October when the HSC starts. Also, for the Year 7 and 9 students the NAPLAN assessments are approaching in early May and they will provide a background of progress towards Literacy and Numeracy standards for all students as compared to those across all of Australia. This also will help us track and identify students who may need additional support to bring them up to the benchmark minimum standard as part of the Quick smart programs and other methods we are able to use.

Finally, I will be taking some leave and Mrs Staunton will be relieving as Principal and Ms Richmond as Deputy.

Jeff Hollingsworth
Principal

Booroogen Anzac Ceremony

Thursday 23rd April, Mr Hollingsworth, Auntie Jackie Welsh, Uncle Bob Smith, Kristopher, and Patricia attended Booroogen Anzac Ceremony.

Mr Quinlan spoke of the Aboriginal service men and women who fought at Gallipoli during World War I and World War II.

Pastor Claude told us about his relatives who fought in the war. Also he sang a song, "The Old Rugged Cross".

Speeches were made and wreaths were laid in honour of the soldiers who fought in the Wars. The Aboriginal flag was raised and the last post was played, then a minute silence.

After that there was a museum set up of the aboriginal men and women who were at the wars and information about them was in a video which was displayed.

After the ceremony, staff and students of other schools and elderly people enjoyed a lunch that was provided by the Booroogen staff.

Patricia



Patricia and Kristopher at the Booroogen Anzac Ceremony

Sydney Royal Easter Show Honey

Melville High School won the schools' honey section at the Royal Easter Show for the fifth year in a row.

Year 11 students Chris, Louis and Tate were primarily responsible for robbing the hives and extraction and bottling of the honey.

Emily and Eloise gained 7th place for the school's layer hens, which included a major project.

Congratulations and well done for all the hard work!



Emily and Eloise

Melville High School Under 18's Rugby League Team

On Monday 30th March, Melville High School under 18's Rugby League team played in the Macleay Valley Country Cup and were declared the Champions. Two exciting games of Rugby League were played against St Paul's of Kempsey and Macksville High. In the first game, Melville High defeated St Paul's 18 - 10 and then went on to defeat Macksville High 24 - 10.

The Melville High School side is a very young side with some of the players still eligible to play in either under 17's or 15's sides, except for two of the players. On the day Sebastian was named Player of the Day voted by the Country Rugby League Officials.

David Jacobs (coach of the team) praised Joseph's outstanding playing ability and the leadership that he had shown over the two games and also mentioned three under 15 year old boys, Zachary, Isaiah and Kevin who stepped up and played excellently on the day.

Melville High School, now progresses to play against the winner of the Coffs Harbour/Grafton region at a date to be advised.



Back Row: Alexander, Corey, Lionel, Isaiah, Blake, Brenden, Sebastian, Mark, Sean, David, Zachary, Sean, Jackson, Tyler.

Front Row: Augustin, Jesse, Kevin, Dean, Jesse, Joseph, Rhys.

Kempsey Show Animal Nursery

During the school holidays a number of students gave up their time to show off the school's animals at the Kempsey Show.

They also sold some produce and raised over \$400-00 to be donated to the RSPCA.

The students include: Clair, Cheyenne, Nicholas, Corey, Christian, Emma, Britney, Amy, Billie, Esther, Willow, Declan, Maria, Sophie Baker, Emily, Claire and Jack.

Melville Students manning the Melville Animal Nursery



Mr Doevendans showing children some of the Melville High School Animals



Melville High Barista

During the last two weeks of term one the hospitality kitchen turned into a barista lab. The boys from TAFE Mid North Coast (Ken & John) delivered the Espresso Coffee Unit as part of the Senior Hospitality course.

Forty eight students stretched and textured milk, dosed, tamped, extracted and all in the name of the perfect cup of coffee. For a piccolo drinker it was coffee paradise. It was great to witness students upskilling themselves with an employable skill while enjoying their learning. There were no sleepy teenagers as the caffeine flowed.

Thank you to the boys from TAFE and well done to all students who participated. Your behaviour was exemplary, everybody passed and we (teachers) enjoyed two weeks of recess coffees.

L Ruhl & T McKay
Hospitality Teachers



Jack and Maddison



Jessica & Emma

Year 7 English

7J have been studying the book "Boy" by Ronald Dahl. In this book, the author recounts a funny story, warning not to eat "liquorice back-straps" because they are made of all sorts of gross and revolting things.

Mrs Henry challenged 7J to write their own text about "Crazy Candy".

ROCKY ROAD by Sheriden

My friends all call me crazy, as I don't instantly devour a rocky road when it is placed in front of me, rather I politely give it to someone else or generously donate it to the rubbish bin. But hold onto your hats as I would like to give you a perfectly good explanation for my madness. To do this, I am prepared to let you on in a little secret, as long as you don't tell anyone. All right here it is.

Every fortnight as the clock strikes twelve a mysterious black truck comes screeching up our driveway. Every time it's the same driver wearing the same black leather jacket and dark sunnies. Every fortnight he also gives us the same rundown, "All right fellows load it up, but don't be too long, we still have a lot of rocky road to make before dawn. Then as he stands there with his hands on his hips, we give him his most important ingredient. Horse manure. Not just a bit of it either, 150 garbage bags every fortnight is what they expect, not one less.

Once it's all loaded up he gives us ten dollars and climbs into his truck and heads back to the factory. When he arrives, five men wearing white overalls, wellington boots and pegs on their noses are waiting to unload the horse manure and pour it into a cauldron the size of a giant.

When given the "ok" by the boss they scamper in and start crunching the manure, until it becomes a smooth, brown liquid that can be disguised as chocolate. Then they add in what is portrayed as "nuts" but is actually elephant boogers toasted until crunchy. Although, they aren't just any elephant boogers, and this, despite what people say, is one of the main reasons that Asian elephants are endangered. Yep, they get poached for their boogers! Anyway, once the horse manure and elephant boogers are stirred for exactly thirty five minutes and forty two seconds

the "red lollies" can be added. 498 one cm square cubes of Tasmanian Devil lungs are thrown into the cauldron and the five men in white overalls are ordered to jump in and stir the mixture by running around in circles for twelve minutes straight. When this is done, sperm whale eyes are added. We know these as marshmallows. The whole mixture is poured into 230 separate containers and put in the fridge to set.

Now all that is left is to cut it up into squares and give it to the hungry customers lined up at the door.

7M Poetry **Haiku**

The Autumn leaves drop
Touching the ground as they fall
Falling from the tree

Ellie

There was a flower
A little yellow flower
Swaying in the wind

Abbigayle

Peter the fluffy
Was a sheep who loved to sleep
I love Peter the sheep

Lacey

The rainbow sheep sleeps
On the edge of a mushroom
Eating green muffins

Victoria

The falling leaves
Fell off the big ugly tree
What an ugly tree!

Caleb

The fierce wolf ran fast
To catch his prey and eat it
Then he ate Pat!

Isabelle

The little girl danced
Her feet stamping the hard ground
Whilst doing back flips

Andrew

Alternative Phrases

Jett jumps joyfully on jellyfish – by Jett

Lacey loves little lily pads with leaping frogs
– Lacey

Random Rabbits read rabidly - Caleb

Debating

An eager group of Year 7 & 8 students will begin preparation next week for the 2015 debating challenges. There will be two competitions this year for our students to compete in thanks to the organisation of a local competition by Ms Aimee Ransom, Assistant Principal, Frederickton Primary. This competition is in addition to the inaugural Premier's Debating Challenge and will allow our teams to refine their skills through further practice. I have been pleased with the growing response of students interested in participating in debating and hope that this continues so as to allow Melville to make our mark on the public speaking scene.

Kylie Witchard

TAS FACULTY

Textiles excursion to Sydney.

Late last term, Year 9 -12 Textiles students travelled to Sydney for their yearly excursion to immerse themselves into the world of Textiles. This year we visited Signature Prints to see how screen printing is done. Signature Prints is an International textile company based in Sydney that specialises in the design, print and manufacturing of premium textiles, wallpaper and limited edition art and luxury luggage. We got to use the extraordinary silk screen designs of Florence Broadhurst to gain a better understanding of screen printing. We then got to visit some of the top design houses in the Queen Victoria Building. The second day was amazing. We visited the Whitehouse School of Fashion where we were involved in a day long workshop refining our fashion drawing skills. Congratulations to Sean

who was awarded a week scholarship with the Whitehouse because of her impressive drawings.



Sophie, Jorjeena, Brooklyn, Tameka and Shianna at Signature Prints



Woodwork report

Term 2 sees the Woodworkers at Melville High School making great projects and lots of timber shavings! Currently some of the terrific and high quality projects completed by students in years 7-9 are on display in the library.

Year 7 have recently constructed their trusty pencil boxes with sliding lids. All the projects are well done, but the work of Richard, Jerry and Monique really stand out.

Year 8 students have completed a Carry Tray with a burnt-in and decorated design logo. The classes have enjoyed the activities and again there is some high quality results that the students can be proud of. Ethan, Dolly, Sam and Keegan projects are outstanding.

The Year 9 elective class have finished off their Instrument Boxes with rebated and feathered corner joints. The quality of the work is impressive. In this class Ila, Hayden and Bronson deserve mention.

Overall it has been a solid start to the year for the Melville "Woodies" and everyone is excited about

starting their next project. Stay tuned to Melville Matters for the next Woody update.

John Kassel
Industrial Arts Teacher



Shontai with her "Bulldogs" carry tray



Ethan with his carry tray

Open Netball

On Tuesday 24th March the Melville High Girls' Open Netball team travelled to Macksville to compete in the Combined High Schools' State Knockout and selection trials for the Lower North Coast Zone team.

The girls had never played together before and we only had one senior student in our side, thanks to Anna Worthing.

The first game against Wauchope was hard and fast and the Melville girls stepped up to the challenge with only 6 players on the court. Morale was boosted at half-time with the arrival of Sheridan –Year 7, giving us a full team who came together and played a nail biting game to the final seconds where we went down by one goal to Wauchope 19-20.

The Melville girls enjoyed the game against Kempsey High with a comfortable win 46 to 7 which was played in good spirit.

Congratulations to Elizabeth (Yr 9) and Bindii (Yr 10) who gained selection in the Lower North Coast Zone Netball team. They will travel to Goonellabah to trial for selection in the Open North Coast side in April.

Thanks to Mrs Gear for coaching us and Mrs Townsend for providing us with high level umpiring.

Thank you to Mrs Bennett for driving Sheridan over to Macksville at very short notice to allow us to have a full team.

The girls were very grateful to the Melville P&C for the new uniforms which look spectacular.

It was wonderful to have such a supportive team of parents to assist with the travelling of these girls.

Bindii was selected in the North Coast Representative squad. Congratulations.

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

Melville High School P & C Committee

Meetings scheduled for 2015 will be held in the Stan Johnson Library. **The next Meeting date is Monday 11th May 6.30pm** and light refreshments will be provided

MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
VERIFICATION OF CONTACT DETAILS

Student/s 1/ Year VR.....
 2/ Year VR.....
 3/ Year VR.....

Contact details for parent / carers with whom the student/s lives

Mailing title.....

Residential address

Correspondence address

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Email address

Home phone number.....

Who lives with student/s at this address?

MOTHER / GUARDIAN Yes / No

FATHER / GUARDIAN Yes / No

BOTH Yes / No

Father / guardian

Work phone number..... **Mobile phone number/s**

PARENT/GUARDIAN OCCUPATION.....

Mother / guardian

Work phone number..... **Mobile phone number/s**

PARENT/GUARDIAN OCCUPATION.....

Emergency Contact Details other than Parent / Guardian

Contact Name 1

Contact Name 2

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Relationship to student

Relationship to student.....

Phone Number

Phone Number

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE **Date**.....

The personal information provided on this form is being obtained for the purpose of updating the student's particulars. It will be used by the Department of Education and Training for general student administration and communication and other matters relating to the education and welfare of the student. While the provision of this information is voluntary, if you do not provide all or any of this information, it may delay or prevent processing. This information will be stored securely. You may access or correct any personal information provided by contacting the school.