

Melville Matters



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Week 5

Tuesday 19 May	Athletics Carnival – Services Club Park 8.50- 3.20
Wednesday 20 May	Melville Open House
Saturday 23 May	Melville High School Deb Ball

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It seems that there has been much happening over the last 2 weeks with much more to come. I have enjoyed my short time so far in the Relieving Principal's role. Ms Richmond is doing a great job in the Relieving Deputy Principal's role for Year 7, 9 and 11 for Term 2.

It is great to see the positive response by all our students attending roll call in the hall during the mornings. It provides an opportunity to give a consistent message to all students, including reading the daily notices. We have also seen quite a number of students taking a leadership role in this as well. Wireless access in the hall has meant our rolls can be marked electronically. A combined roll call has also given us the opportunity to keep an eye on uniform.

School Uniform is an important element in the pride students take in their appearance and presentation. With the arrival of colder weather we have seen quite a number of non school uniform jumpers and tracksuit pants. Please, if there is an issue with uniform, send a note of explanation with your child. If you require assistance we have a small pool of second hand clothing available in the library. (See photos on page 5).

A huge congratulations to Kevin and Zac who have been selected to represent the Greater North Coast in Rugby League and Shelby Gould who is shadow for the NSW CHS girls soccer.

It was sensational to see our school leaders, Thomas, Dannielle, Kristina and Kristopher present awards at Crescent Head Primary School last week. I have had some very positive feedback regarding their attendance and participation. Crescent Head students were lucky enough to even have a visit from one of our RIGHTO crusaders



Danielle, Kris (aka Captain Respectful), Kristina & Thomas

NAPLAN was once again held this week, a massive amount of organisation goes into this. Thankyou to Ms Emmelhainz and staff involved for their relentless efforts to ensure it ran smoothly. The results of NAPLAN are a vital component in school funding based on students' results.

We have another busy week ahead which includes the following events:

- Our Year 11 Mid-Year Preliminary Exams will be occurring from the 21/5/2015 – 29/5/2015. The schedule for these exams can be found on our webpage and Facebook site.
- Open House for Year 6 into year 7 Wednesday 20th May
- Debutante Ball on Saturday night

V Staunton
Relieving Principal

The New Look Maths Staff

This year we are happy to welcome a new Head Teacher Mathematics, Mrs Rabie. She was teaching in Western Sydney for 9 years but has now moved to our area. Mrs Rabie is enjoying the school and the students and is thankful to Ms McLaren for relieving in the position last year. At the start of the year we were all sorry to see Mr Lange retire. He has been teaching at Melville since it opened and he is being missed by both staff and students. The Mathematics permanent staff include: Ms Brown who has been involved in social events such as the Year 12 Graduation, Deb Ball, Dance Festival and welfare programs in textiles. Mr McGrath who has been teaching in the Kempsey area for nearly 30 years and has even taught some parents of students here. Ms McLaren who is a fan of the "C": cats, computing, choir, chips, coffee, clarinet and chocolate. Miss Walker who is enjoying her extra role as Year 12 Year Advisor and the Mother of the R.I.G.H.T.o's. We are also lucky to have the following teachers helping us out in maths this year: Ms Allman, Mr Churcher, Mr Denyer and Miss Kerr.

Can you name this person from their hey day?



What you need in Maths

It is essential every student is prepared for every lesson. This means they can get the most out of their learning. The essential equipment for the maths classroom is:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Grid book (a normal exercise book is ok)
- Ruler
- CALCULATOR!!! (This is the most important)

If you don't have a calculator yet, GET ONE! You will use it throughout all your years at school. They are only \$ 17.55 from the front office. That is less than \$3 a year.

Half Yearly Exams

Remember to start revising as your half yearly exams are in week 5 and 6. These are during the next 2 weeks so make sure you are all prepared. NO CALCULATORS ARE PROVIDED BY MATHS STAFF DURING THESE EXAMS!!!

Short Story and Poetry Competitions

Each year enthusiastic students from Melville High enter several writing competitions offered to students in NSW and Australia. One such competition is "Write 4 Fun".

Three of our students were successful enough to have their work published in an anthology produced by the organisers of the competition. Congratulations to Keiran, Chloe and Caitlin who are pictured below.



Kieran, Chloe & Caitlin

WAR

The long grass brushes their faces
 They creep on, covered by darkness
 Mud squelches underfoot
 Moonlight illuminates the fear and anticipation on
 their faces
 This is it.
 Over that ridge, death stares them in the eyes
 Glory lingers just out of reach Orders and
 gunshots sound
 Bullet's dance through smoke
 Innocence is lost.

Kieran

BLIND

Your face lingers in my mind
 There's never a minute I'm without the thought of
 you
 You're like glue
 Stuck, but not removable
 Only you're the brand that holds through anything
 You're in a space
 A space I can't misplace
 The line of lust
 The line of love
 But why can't you see those lines?
 You're too ignorant to see my pain
 But is this all in vain?
 You're an octave too sharp to handle
 Too brittle and fragile
 My dear, the line of love is undefined
 And you are blind

Caitlin

NAPLAN

If you were wondering what Year 7 and 9 students
 were doing in NAPLAN this week, here are 2
 questions from the numeracy practice paper.

These questions are in the calculator section. This
 is also why students need to have calculators.

Year 7

Sally has 60 DVDs

This table shows the percentage of each type of
 DVD.

Type of DVD	Percentage
Drama	45%
Sport	25%
Comedy	20%
Cartoons	10%

How many Comedy DVDs does Sally have?

3 12 15 20
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Year 9

A racing car used 255 litres of fuel to complete a
 340km race.



On average, how many litres of fuel did the car
 use every 100km?

Litres per 100km



Congratulations to Bindii and Elizabeth (pictured above)
 for making it to the Possible & Probable level of Open
 North Coast Netball. Bindii has been named as
 Reserve Defender for the Open North Coast Side. This
 is a huge effort given that the younger Melville girls
 were up against Year 11 & 12 students.

YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTS

LINOPRINTING

Year 8 Visual Arts students are now completing their lino-printing unit based on a theme of the ocean. They have carved out their plates and printed them using the school's etching press. This is a great resource that allows students to produce a range of interesting artworks.



Izumi (Year 8)



Shanissa (Year 8)

ARCHIBALD PRIZE EXCURSION TO COFFS HARBOUR

Year 10 Visual Arts and Photography students had the opportunity to travel to Coffs Harbour to view the current Archibald Prize exhibition of portraiture at the Regional Gallery. The range of works on display was impressive and students were all asked to choose their favourite works. The director of the gallery, Sue McEntyre, gave the students a guided tour of the exhibition, pointing out the different technical qualities of the works. Ms McEntyre praised the behaviour and insight demonstrated by our students.

The Visual Arts students are currently undertaking a portraiture unit and the exhibition will inspire them to try new approaches in their work.



Tyrone and Sarah



Sean and Brooke

American Student Visitors

We have 2 groups of American students visiting Melville High School. The first group arrives on Tuesday, June 23 for 2 nights (that is the last week of term 2). Their ages range from 14 to 18. The second group arrives on Monday, July 13 for 2 nights (that is the first week of Term 3). Their ages range from 11-14.

We still require about 20 billets, particularly for the younger age group. A BBQ social evening is planned for the groups when they arrive for the second day a tour around the valley is organized for the visitors and their host students. They leave in the morning of the third day.

It is a great way to meet students from another culture and teach them about our culture.

If you can host 1 or 2 students please contact Mrs. Jacobs in the PE office on 6562 7511 or on 0418 463 278.

E Jacobs

Melville High School would like to thank Vanessa and the staff from the "Good Start Early Learning Centre" for money they raised and kindly donated to the Melville High School Support Unit.

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



Jack, Jessie-Ann, Clohe
Modelling Junior Melville High School Uniform



Siobhan, Liam and Brooke modelling the Melville
High School Senior Uniform