

Melville Matters



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Week 7

Tues, Wed, Thu 2,3,4 June NSWCHS Girls Touch

Week 8

Thursday 11 June Yr 10 into 11 info Evening
6.00 pm in Hall

Week 9

Monday 15 June P& C Meeting

Tues, Wed, Thur 16,17,18 June NSWCHS Boys Touch

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week was a very proud one for Melville High School. We had 2 significant events that displayed the wonderful talents and attributes of our students, staff, parents and community. Our annual Open House for Year 6 into Year 7 was held last Wednesday evening. It was an enormously successful event. Our proud school leaders (looking very smart by the way) greeted people as they arrived; directing them to the faculty presentations ranging from displays and hands on activities to the scrumptious food on offer in the Hospitality room.

On Saturday evening we witnessed some beautiful debutantes dance away the evening. The young ladies were gorgeous and the young men handsome, presenting themselves as a proud group. A huge thankyou to all the people who supported this event, the list is enormous but you know who you are! Particular thanks for the massive efforts of Ms Jo Lee and Robyn Townsend for coordinating the event. The TAS departments and the Hospitality students also need a special mention for the delicious 3 course meal served by our students to 294 people. We had 10 staff members alone working for days to prepare the feast. The hall was transformed into a wonderland of white. It makes me very proud to

see such a co-ordinated effort by so many members of our school and community showcasing Melville High School.

Victoria Staunton
Relieving Principal

Science News

The Science Faculty

The Science Faculty strives to ensure students have quality opportunities to learn about the sciences as well as Agricultural and Marine Studies. In 2011 a Commonwealth funded project enabled the refurbishment of the five permanent labs as well as the addition of a Marine Studies centre, giving students an excellent learning environment. Mr Eichler is the Head Teacher of the faculty, teaching junior science and has a wild enthusiasm for teaching physics. He is also involved in implementing PBL in the school. If you have any questions about your student's progress in Science Mr Eichler is your first point of contact.

As well as working tirelessly as the Head Teacher Administration for the school, Mr Bartlett is also the guru of Chemistry. He is one of the "keepers of knowledge" about Melville High after teaching here for nearly 30 years.

Ms Neilson has also been at Melville for quite a while and willingly shares her passion for Earth and Biological sciences. She has been a HSC marker and judge marker for Earth and Environmental Science. Ms Neilson is part of the PBL team and has been active in school welfare over a number of years.

Mr Lobb and Mr Denyer, with the very able assistance of Mr Doevendans make up our "Ag" department team. They organise a wide range of extracurricular activities for students who demonstrate a keen interest in working with animals or the land. Mr Lobb is the Farm Manager and teaches Animal Husbandry / Pet Care,

Primary Industries and junior Science. Agriculture is taught by Mr Denyer, as well as senior Biology, junior Science and Mathematics. Mr Denyer also coordinates the BroSpeak program and is the school Anti-Racism and Discrimination Officer and chairperson of the AECG.

Mr Singleman finally joined the team as a permanent teacher last year and has been a valued member of the faculty as a relief teacher for a very long time before that. He has taken on the role of Marine Studies coordinator, Hall lighting and sound coordinator and Year 8 Advisor, keeping him very busy. Mr Singleman is also renowned for his magical expertise.

In addition to teaching one of the Year 11 Biology classes Mrs Allman is also sharing her enthusiasm with junior Science and Mathematics classes. Mr Kirwan is teaching Year 11 senior Science and junior Science classes.

Mrs Ford is the Science Assistant, she organises all the apparatus and chemicals for experiments and other practical activities as well as managing the school's asset register and chemical register.

Our agricultural facilities include greenhouses, small animal enclosures and a hectare of land for growing crops, keeping animals and space for students to learn to drive a tractor. We have Lowliner cattle, Suffolk sheep, chooks, birds, and all sorts of smaller mammals. As the Farm Assistant, Mr Doevendans ensures all the animals, equipment and farm resources are well looked after.

Rural Fire Service Cadets

Fifteen year 9 and 10 students have begun this 10 week program, the same as senior volunteers would undertake at any RFS brigade. The groups is enjoying it enormously while developing lifesaving skills and will compete against other cadets later this year at state wide competitions.



Wingham Beef Week

Our cattle handling team travelled to Wingham to learn more about the beef cattle industry while challenging themselves in the judging arena with schools from across the state.



Transition Year 6-7

The Science labs and Ag area were very well patronised and many thanks go to the students who helped, Emily, Emma and Corey



Corey and Jackson

Year 12 Primary Industries

The Primary Industries students have just completed their competency on Applying Chemicals with many well on their way to achieving their Certificate II in Agriculture.



Annie, Jaime, Shelley

Year 9 Animal Handling

The Year 9 animal Handling class drenched and vaccinated the school Suffolk sheep with many mastering the skill of 'throwing' a sheep.

***Year 11 Primary Industries***

The group is well into their course developing the skills involved with maintaining machinery, operating tractors and maintaining Livestock Health.



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***Year 10 into 11 Information Evening***

An Information Evening for Parents & Year 10 students, who wish to continue onto Year 11, will be held in the school Hall on **Thursday 11 June 2015 at 6.00pm**. Items covered: High School Certificate requirements, ATAR – UNI admission rank, VET Courses, Subject Selection, Question & Answer session.

Melville High School P & C Committee

Meetings scheduled for 2015 will be held in the Stan Johnson Library on the following dates at 6.30pm and light refreshment will be provided:

- Monday 15th June
- Monday 10th August
- Monday 12th October
- Monday 9th November

Participation in the P & C meetings enables parents and carers to make an active contribution to the school which ultimately has a positive impact on students' learning.

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