

# Melville Matters



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## Term 2

### Week 9

Tues, Wed 16, 17 June	Kempsey Eistedfodd
Tu, W, Th 16,17,18 June	NSWCHS Boys Touch Dance Festival
Wed 17 June	Yr 9 CSU day
Friday 19 June	LNC Athletics Carnival

### Week 10

Friday 26 June	Last day of Term
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### Week 1 Term 3

Tues 14 July	Students return to school
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## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the halfway mark of 2015. However as we do, there is no sign of happenings in the school slowing down. In fact it is quite the reverse. There are many and varied activities in which our students and staff are involved at present and this paints a picture of the healthy nature of our school. A fine example of this is the three days of dancing that our school will be hosting next week. On 16, 17 and 18 June Southern Network Dance Festival will take place in our hall with both matinée and evening performances. This will be followed by Macleay Educational Community of Schools (MECS) Dance Festival on the 27 July. Many of our students along with Mrs Thomas have been working very hard to prepare for these events and I encourage all parents, carers, relatives and friends to attend these performances in support of our students. It will be a fantastic event!

Currently Melville High School SRC (Student Representative Council) are supporting the Give Me 5 for the Kids initiative. They have been collecting any donations from our school community who have been very generous and already raised a significant amount of money. In addition Melville will view a documentary on 15 June about the plight of the Organutan in Borneo. A gold coin entry will raise money for this charity. Thanks goes to Mr Barry for his organisation of this.

These varied charities really demonstrate the commitment to improvement that our students demonstrate in all areas. It makes me, as I have said before, very proud to be a member of this great school.

Another aspect of our school culture that makes me proud is the many and varied excursions organised by our staff for the extended education and development of our students. They range from sporting competitions to artistic ventures to educational pursuits that supplement what happens in our classrooms. It is very important



## **Melville High School**

### **Biggest Sausage Sizzle Wednesday 24th June at Recess**



**\$2 per sausage**

**All proceeds from this event will  
be to purchase new resources  
for our Support Unit**

that any excursion permission notes and payments are forwarded in a timely fashion so as to ensure that this program can continue. Please be prompt with notes and payment as the students are the ones who will benefit.

Troy Stewart  
Deputy Principal

### ***SPECIAL PROVISIONS***

Each year schools around the state apply to the Board of Studies (BOS) in Sydney for Special Provisions for students completing their HSC Provisions are applied for under the following categories:

- A. Learning Difficulties
- B. Medical Provisions
- C. Hearing Provisions
- D. Vision Provisions

The provisions a student may need include a reader, a writer, extra time, small group supervision, rest or toilet breaks. Any provision that is provided comes with very strict guidelines that every school must follow.

To be considered for Special Provisions at Melville High a student may submit their own name or a teacher, parent or caregiver may submit their name.

Once a name is submitted, evidence such as a writing sample and/or Medical form completed by a doctor is collected and sent to the BOS in Sydney and they decide whether or not there is a need for provisions and exactly what they will be.

Early next term, 2015 HSC Special Provisions will be finalised so if you need to get paperwork (eg. Medical forms) please do so as quickly as possible.

Immediately prior to the HSC a student who suffers an unexpected illness or injury can apply for Emergency Provisions.

If you have any enquiries please contact a member of the Learning Support Faculty.

### ***MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH KLA***

Dear Parent / Carer

This is to inform you that your son / daughter in Year 10 will be studying a film as part of their Year 10 English course.

This films set for study are M Rated and are as follows:

10J – Mrs Henry	The Count of Monte Christo
10K – Ms Nadin	Pirates of the Caribbean I
10L – Mrs Turner	Pirates of the Caribbean I
10M – Mrs Emmelhainz	Avatar

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the film set for study for your child's class, please contact Mrs Turner (HT English).

### ***SOCIAL SCIENCE NEWS***

#### ***YR 10 Subject Selection***



Students in Year 10 are about to be asked to select their Preliminary and HSC subjects. During their General Studies period this term, Mr Bartlett and Mrs Cavanagh have been informing and will continue to inform students of the subjects that are available, along with the rules and requirements of the HSC. Once selections have been submitted, each student will be interviewed by a teacher to ensure that their choices meet their future career goals and the Board of Studies requirements. This can often be a confusing time for parents and students and the website listed below may be helpful. If parents have any queries regarding this process they are encouraged to contact Mr Bartlett, Mrs Cavanagh or the Year 10 Year Advisor Mr Scanlon on 6562 7511.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection>

#### ***7J Extension Class***

This year Melville High School introduced an extension class into Year 7. The class is designed to cater for students who are creative, independent and divergent learners and those who have an identified talent in one or more areas. Teachers of this class have adjusted their content

and teaching strategies to better cater for the needs of these students. 7J also participates in a subject called Integrated Studies where the aim is to develop each student's research, independent learning and creative thinking skills. This involves working on projects that are of interest to the class or individual students.

7J teachers meet regularly to discuss the progress of students and to swap and develop strategies for use with this class.

Applications for 7J 2016 have closed and the school is now processing these. Next term each applicant will be interviewed and tested to assess if their needs will be best met by the structure of this class. Melville High aims to accommodate the learning needs of all our students and this class is one example of how we cater for the needs of academically capable students. There are many programs operating at Melville to meet students' needs and interests and we are only too happy to discuss these. Our future plans include adding an extension class to Year 8 in 2016 and to offer an Integrated Studies elective in Year 9 in 2017 and Year 10 in 2018.

### *Eco Warriors*



Melville High School is fortunate to be able to present a special screening of the Rise of the Eco Warriors. Mr Barry, with assistance from Mr Kassell and the SRC have also secured as a guest speaker one of the 'Warriors' who participated in the campaign to save the orangutans. The film web site states that this is a story of passion and adventure as a group of young people from across the globe leave their known worlds behind and spend 100 days in the jungle of Borneo. They come to confront one of the great global challenges of our time, saving rainforests and orangutans. But their task is enormous and the odds are against them.

This is an important issue with an estimated population loss of between 3000 and 5000 orangutans a year in Borneo and most recent

estimates indicate fewer than 7000 Sumatran orangutans and 50,000 Bornean orangutans survive in the wild today (Borneo Orangutan Survival Australia). Most loss of orangutan life is due to rainforest destruction and the Smithsonian Institute states that in 1970, 75% of Borneo was covered in rainforest and today it is only 35%.

To support the Eco Warriors cause all Years 7 to 10 students will be watching the film as part of our General Studies period on Monday 15 June and we ask that each student provide a gold coin donation. To mark the event it will be an out of uniform day and students are asked to dress in something green.

### *GATS Parliamentary Article*

Class 7J this year were the first class to experience the new thrilling GATS (Gifted and Talented) program at Melville High School. The program complements and extends each and every individual's skills by focusing on critical and creative thinking and taking part in specially designed courses. One of the previous courses the class has thoroughly enjoyed is a course focusing on Parliament and how it works.

The parliamentary course was a fantastic course of which to be a part. Everyone was involved as the course was designed so everyone in the class was given a role to carry out, whether it were to be prime minister or opposition leader or a role that represents a certain part of the Macleay district. We then had to work as a team to create party platforms and to communicate different problems in areas of the district and in the school that we would like to approach. Each student then individually performed a speech to the class introducing themselves and their role along with the party platforms and actions they plan. The final stage to this course was to do a role play of a real parliament session, introducing bills and debating with the opposing team about the negative and positive affects that the new bill would bring.

Taking part in this course was a great opportunity for each individual in the class to extend their education in ways unlike before. By participating we learnt an array of skills including leadership, group cooperation, public speaking and responsibility, skills that will be useful later in life.

~ Sheriden Yr 7~



### ***Yr 10 Commerce***

Students from both Year 9 and 10 Commerce classes received a virtual \$50,000 that they were able to invest over a 10 week period, in 200 companies listed on the ASX, Australian Stock Market. This game enables students to buy and sell shares at the same prices students would have attained in a live market.

The prices students bought and sold at were the same prices as they would have utilised in the live market so this is as close to real life share trading as you can get.

The advantages of playing this game:

- Developed their knowledge of the share market
- Learn how to research companies
- Learnt more about investing which hopefully will be beneficial in the future

Congratulations to Year 10's 'Pen Island' group which eventually made the most money. However, well done to all groups involved – it was a great learning experience.

### ***Staff***

We would like to introduce the Social Science faculty. This faculty is responsible for Geography, Aboriginal Studies (both junior and senior), Commerce, Business Studies, Society and Culture, Retail and Business Services. Mrs Jo Cavanagh is also part of this faculty and she is responsible for Careers, TAFE and SBATS.



Staff from Left to Right: David Barry, Madeleine Hassan, Liz Heath, Victoria Mascord, Sasha Sherriff, Matt Smith, Jo Cavanagh.

Matt – Head Teacher Social Science and VET Coordinator.

### ***KEMPSEY WEST PUBLIC AND MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT UNIT FUNDRAISER ON TUESDAY 26 MAY***

A fabulous and fun night was had by so many families in the valley on Tuesday 26 May at McDonald's Kempsey. The night was organised by Kellie Trees and Robyn Townsend Community Liaison Officers from the two schools and they had organised raffle prizes, the sale of 100 clubs and a local make-up artist Carolyn Mercer who gave her time freely to paint many faces children and adults that attended the night. The local Kempsey Ukulele Group came and entertained the crowds with many sing along to the songs sung during night. The staff from both schools did the cleaning in the restaurant during the night and in return McDonald's donated 10% of the takings over the counter sales toward the fundraising.

Between the raffle, 100 clubs, face painting, donations from the public and the 10% from McDonald's takings we raised \$1132 towards the registration, insurance, update keep and maintenance of the bus that provides our students to get to their many activities, work, events and excursions in the valley on a daily basis.

On behalf of the staff and students from both schools we would like to thank the community for their generosity and support with this fundraising event.

### ***Raffle was drawn by Adam Gould manager of McDonald's Kempsey***

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Grocery Hamper - Nadia Osypenko
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Beauty Pack - Monica Bailey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Wine & Chocolates - Robyn Townsend
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize - Jasmine Fernando – Maxwell House Glass Bowl

### ***100 Clubs***

- 1<sup>st</sup> drawn – Tyne family
- 2<sup>nd</sup> drawn – Sheena Clarke



Emily & Carolyn  
Mercer

*Kempsey Ukulele Group entertaining the crowds*



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

### ***MAPPING THE MACLEAY PROJECT UPDATE***

To date three schools have created three beautiful mural paintings, involving around 80 of the school students from those schools. This was completed over a two day workshop each where the children had the opportunity to watch a video with a group of community elders from Greenhill Reserve sharing yarns and memories from their childhood.

The workshops were conducted with help from Uncle Richard Campbell, Aunty Esther Quinlan and the AEA staff members from each school, as well as Uncle Bob Smith, Emily King and some Melville High students.

Two weeks from now we will be conducting an art workshop at Melville High School and South Kempsey primary School to complete the mural of painted stories reflecting yarns and memories from Burnt Bridge.

These sets of community yarns and memories will also be provided free to each and every school in the Macleay Valley, the Elders Council, KLALC, TLALC, Booroongen Djugun, the local Historical Museum and the Kempsey Shire Library.

The material will not be for sale, however the material will be available for viewing online.

If your organisation would like access to this material for that occasion please contact Uncle Bob Smith and Emily King at Melville High School 6562 7511

### ***MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE***

Meetings scheduled for 2015 will be held in the Stan Johnson Library on the following dates at **5.30pm** (during the winter months), with light refreshments provided:

- Monday 15 June
- Monday 10 August
- Monday 12 October
- Monday 9 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.

### ***KEMPSEY LIBRARY***

Kempsey Library is partnering up with ABC Open to host 2 digital workshops for young people in June – topics are portrait photography and short film making and each workshop is held over two afternoons. Full details are below.

Alison Pope  
Reference and eResources Librarian  
Kempsey Shire Library  
P O Box 3078, West Kempsey NSW 2440  
Phone: 02 65663210  
Fax: 02 65624906  
E: [alison.pope@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alison.pope@kempsey.nsw.gov.au)



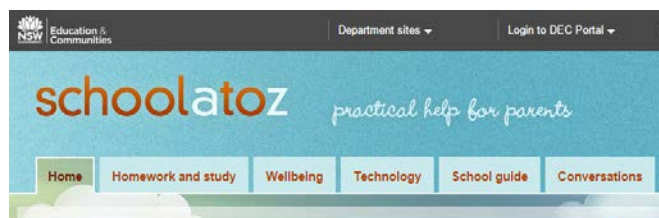
## Develop your digital skills with ABC Open

High school students aged 15 years and over are invited to register for two digital workshops being held at Kempsey Library in June. The workshops will be presented by ABC Open producer Sati, who will help you develop digital skills and create original content for publishing on the ABC Open website. Learn how to make an effective 30 second video using your camera, phone or tablet, or learn to tell a story through image in a photography workshop. No experience necessary!

- Video making workshop over two sessions - Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th June, from 3:30pm to 5:15pm.
- Photography workshop over two sessions - Tuesday 16th June and Tuesday 23rd June, from 3:30m to 5:15pm.

Workshops are free to attend, and you can book for one or both. You'll need to bring your camera, smartphone or tablet.

Bookings are essential, note that if you are between 15 and 18 years a release form will need to be signed by your parent or guardian. For enquiries and registration, please phone Kempsey Library on 6566 3210, send an email to [ksclibrary@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ksclibrary@kempsey.nsw.gov.au) or send us a message on Facebook (search for 'Kempsey Library').



[Check out School A to Z - practical help for parents on homework, child wellbeing and technology use.](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments)

Does your child need help with assignments or homework? This is a place to start. It is the DEC's School A-Z website. You can find it by searching School A to Z or going to the following address.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>