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Week 3

Mon 24th Oct Yr 7 Vaccinations

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Tues 1st – Fri 4th Nov Yr 8 Camp

Wed 2nd Nov Yr 11 into 12 P/T
Evening

Parent Online Payment is coming to Melville High School

Parents and carers soon will be able to make online payments to Melville High School for amounts owing for students via a payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a **Visa** or **MasterCard** credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment.](#)

Access to the portal will be available via the school website from December 12th 2016.

Detailed instructions will be made available in Melville Matters at a later date.

FROM THE TAS FACULTY

Technological and Applied Studies Faculty

Term 3 was a very busy term for the TAS faculty with the Year 12 students completing their major projects in Textiles and Design and Industrial Technology, Hospitality and Construction students finalising their mandatory work placement at a variety of local businesses and Family and Community Studies students attending HSC preparation seminars at Newcastle University.

We all would like to wish Year 12 good luck in their HSC exams and in their future endeavours.



Yr 12 Construction - Charlie and Ethan



Joseph and Charlie bricklaying

Yr 12 Industrial Technology Major Projects



Kellie Major Textile Project



FROM THE ENGLISH FACULTY

7JEnglish Five Senses Poetry

7J had to write a poem about a topic given to them. They had to try and appeal to the reader's senses and include the poetic devices studied in the unit. I wish I could share them all but hope you enjoy this selection:

A Rose by Jessica-Marie

A rose looks like a maze of colour,
a gesture of love and the colour of fresh blood
spilt.

I can hear the bees buzzing and the delicate flap
of the butterfly's wings
as they rest on the petals of the rose, collecting its
sweet nectar.

It smells like the first time you fall in love and the
last;
you can smell the sweetness and the bitterness;
the rose changes when you change.

It moves like the tango – quick, graceful and
passionate.
It sometimes feels fiery, like it wants something but
can't get it.
But it can be as calm as a still ocean or as graceful
as an angel.

Sadness by Shon-Ross

Sadness looks like a river of tears, flowing into the
ocean.
The rain, drops into crevices, creating puddles.
Sadness feels like jumping in those puddles,
making me cold and freezing my skin.

Sadness makes a wave of tears, crashing on the
beach,
roaring and screaming.

Sadness tastes bitter; like a sour lemon.
It lays still, waiting to strike when tragedy hits.
Like a lion, wandering, looking for its prey.

Rainstorm by Jay

You see the lightning take hold of the air
The trees shake violently against the wind, rain
rattles off the roofs.

You hear the thunder yell out to humanity
And the wind howls out to you.

You taste the cool whipping air
And feel the rains hit your hair.

Droplets of liquid driven by the wind
Slide down cool wet windows.

They are givers of happiness and excitement
As well as sadness and despair

As rainstorms are ever changing.

Clouds by Mia

Soft marshmallows floating in the ever-changing
sky,
the wool of a new born lamb and the blanket that
you wrap
yourself up in to peacefully fall asleep.

The sweet song of a lullaby and the intense
whistle of the breeze.
It smells like sugar from a fairy floss stick,
the taste of its sweetness tingles your lips.

Moves slowly round the world like a tortoise who
just wakes up,
a shadow lurking in the distance, following you, a
comforting soul, circling.

Calm as your heart bubbles up with happiness,
fear as the clouds disappear, love when you are
alone...
Clouds.

Spring by Sarah

Spring is the colour of a little princess's pink
birthday cake,
Or like a graceful butterfly fluttering in the morning
sky.
It shines like a green ripe rainforest in the best
time of the year.

Spring sounds like chirping blue birds singing a memorable tune,
Like the flow of a wonderful waterfall babbling down the river.

Spring smells like rain falling from the night skies,
As fresh as a new car on Christmas Day.

It tastes like the flavour of a grape icy pole on a hot day.

Spring moves like the slow flow of winter air,
Like the blue waves in the ocean's care.

Spring feels like goose-bumps that appear on your soft skin,
It feels like the sticky remains of bee's honey.

Spring makes me feel as happy as winning a million dollars
and as sad as when a loved one leaves you.

Blue by Marley

Blue looks like the calm, salty sea.
Soft, smooth skin on a blueberry.
The dark night sky whispering, "Go to sleep..."

Blue sounds like crashing cold waves on a stormy day.

The harsh breeze through the tree tops.
Blue cuts like the sharp, piercing smell of blue nail polish.

It slides like a rain drop dripping off a window, or a tornado tarring the land.

Blue feels like a hot summer day spent at the beach.
Cold winter nights, snow falling but feeling cosy.

A refreshing, clear, glass of water... blue.

Principal's Report

The Higher school Certificate exams are well under way and reports from the BOSTES supervisors are that the Year 12 students are behaving and performing very well. It will be another few weeks of disruption to the remainder of the school before the final exam on 4th

November, and on behalf of Year 12, I thank the students for the cooperation in keeping the noise disruptions to a minimum.

This term also leads to the exams for years 7 – 10 as Year 11 have now commenced the HSC courses for 2017 exams. All students should be undertaking a systematic study schedule for all subjects and especially those that have a Yearly exam planned. If students of Carers need advice with study schedules there are many staff available to help. It is very pleasing to see the results achieved by those who seek help and then improve their result.

In staffing changes we welcome Ms Erika Savage to the Science Faculty to replace officially Mr Kirwan. Ms Savage has commenced at Melville High after recently completing her University Degree, and is very keen to work with the students for the benefit of the whole community. Please make her welcome. Officially, Mrs Hull has now relinquished her position at Melville High and we thank her for her dedication throughout her career and wish her all the best for her future.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th of November, due to a clash with the Year 12 Graduation Dinner. The meeting commences at 6.30pm in the Library and all parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to participate.

This week the State government will announce and release the school budgets for 2017. Melville High school has been well supported under the new needs based funding referred to as the "Gonski" money. This additional funding has been very useful in supporting student learning across a number of areas. These include tutoring in Numeracy and Literacy in the Quicksmart program. Additional staff to support Aboriginal students with learning needs and funding for programs which assist students to be able to engage fully with the education process. The increases expected from the "Gonski" funding over the next few years are very welcome and Mr Piccoli, Minister for Education, recently encouraged all schools to fully inform the community about how the funds are making a difference to those students who have a need as identified in the funding models.

I would also like to acknowledge a significant improvement in the uniform compliance at recent assemblies. It is good that students are demonstrating they are part of our team by wearing the full correct uniform, thank you to all the families who are supporting this request. If any family needs assistance, please contact the office for a confidential interview with the Principal.

Jeff Hollingsworth
Principal

KEMPSEY-MACLEAY PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Congratulations to Kate and Temeka who have been selected to compete in the State finals of the Edith Parsons School of Physical Culture in the 15/16 year girls section.

Kate and Temeka competed at Coffs Harbour and performed extremely well resulting in their selection to compete at Sutherland in Sydney at the State Finals on November 12th. Good luck girls, our club is very proud of you both.

Assignments by Melville High School Year 11 Skills for Work Students

The above project involved the promotion of Melville High School student's achievements – especially in terms of community involvement. The Year 11 students were required to interview other students in the school and publish a profile of the selected student.

Jayden



Jayden Moore trains in archery at a local club just out of Kempsey, Brenton Rd – State forest. He started 2 years ago in March-2014. He has won first in NSW and in ABA - Australian Bow Hunters Association, and he has also come first place in the 3D branch in

Northern NSW, class-freestyle, Unlimited-Juniors. He trains and shoots almost every Saturday and uses an elite pure which is a bow that he uses and he says its "best round for its shoot - ability". You don't have to have a license to shoot but you need to be a member of ABA in order to compete in

competitions or join clubs. The clubs can supply bows for newcomers if needed. The competitions are mostly up and down the coast of NSW but there are clubs all around Australia.

When they go shooting in the state forest some of the targets come in different shapes and sizes. Here are some examples. The IFFA is a round circle with the bullseye centre part, 3D targets of an animal, Bults-plastic filled bag and ABA flat target with a painted animal on it. They have a Facebook page if anyone is interested, Macleay Valley archery.

Australia is holding the IFFA - International Field Archery Association in the world titles on Monday, 26 September, at Wagga Wagga Field Archers in 2016.

Written by Saxon

John



John Holmes is a year 11 student at Melville High. John started taking a course to referee in soccer at age 13. This is the earliest age you are allowed to and he started to referee straight away. He does it for the club in South West Rocks and gets paid to referee. Refereeing a game

usually nets you 10 dollars for younger games and 40 to 80 dollars for older games. John says it's easy and fun. He referees every second Wednesday and plays soccer himself in his free time.

To referee you need basic medical training like how not to move someone who has a broken limb. Reporting serious incidents is mandatory as well as staying calm as to avoid fights with spectators or players. Keeping up with the game means you need to be fit and able to run up and down the field while keeping an eye on the ball.

John says he has never had a fight on the field and hopes he never will. John has played soccer for other teams like Kempsey. He enjoys both refereeing and playing and he definitely recommends it to others.

By Ethen

Jamie-Lee



Jamie-lee Delmas is a student at Melville High School, she started Martial Arts at age seven. The motivation and inspiration towards doing Martial Arts was that she found it interesting, it looked fun to do and she was interested in self-defence. She is obviously happy with her choice, as she has done it for

seven years and has intentions to continue to do it for years to come.

She has extensive training and is still learning more. She does not have a hero or anyone that she looks up to, and she would recommend trying a form of Martial Arts for yourself. It is good to know that there are people in our school doing great things in the community, and to know that we can all do things like this, and join groups like these.

Jamie-lee trains with her San Chi Kai club twice a week for two hours. Bill Wolvey is the instructor for the club. She enjoys these sessions because all levels of skill participate at the same time. Jamie-Lee competes regularly in local and state tournaments. The tournaments are usually divided into divisions based on gender, age and belt. She has achieved some great results from these competitions.

By Ethen

Melville High School P&C Meetings scheduled for 2016 are as followed:-

- Wednesday 16th November at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm

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