



Term 4

Week 7

22nd-25 th Nov	Yr 10 Camp
23 rd -25 th Nov	Support Camp

Week 8

Thurs 1 st Dec	Yr 6-7 Orientation Day
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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.

Focus 10

Focus 10 is a program which is run by the school for Year 10 students. The aim of the program is to help Year 10 students gain skills for future job interviews. Focus 10 required a lot of preparing and planning by the students. Overall the students enjoyed the program as it helped them gain more

skills. Most passed and some even received a High Distinction.

The program spanned over 2 days with Year 10 attending interviews. The panel consisted of a teacher, a community member and a Year 9 or Year 11 student.

Students were asked a number of questions and displayed assignments to discuss set questions.

The program has been very beneficial and the Year 10 students enjoyed the opportunity to learn the new skills.

Feedback was given to the students from the panel on how they could improve for future interviews.

By Willson and Bronson



Mr Kallmier and Leroy



Mr Ray Walkden, Georgia, Mrs Byrnes, and Fergus



Ashleigh, Max, Mr Richard O'Leary, and Mrs Rabie



Mr Ray Walkden, Max and Declan

HSC - 2016-2017

We have just farewelled our 2016 HSC candidates. Debbie Reynolds, the convenor of the HSC exams and her supervision team did a wonderful job in ensuring the exams ran smoothly this year. Their time and experience was greatly appreciated.

The 2017 HSC candidates should all have signed for the Melville High School Guidelines and Procedures booklet which includes the Assessment Task Schedules for each course taught at Melville High School. These candidates also received the BOSTES – Rules and Procedures booklet to ensure every student understands course and exam requirements.

Michelle Brennan
Relieving Head Teacher Admin.

Year 7 summer sports have been underway this term. The students select their sport of choice and are thoroughly enjoying it. The sports are Cricket, Volleyball, Oz-Tag and Tennis.

David Jacobs



This photo was taken on Wednesday the 16th at the Local South Kempsey Courts.

Mr Jacobs is Year 7 sport coordinator.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last week Remembrance Day was commemorated by a whole school assembly. Remembrance Day is on 11 November and is also known as Armistice Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, back in 1918. The anniversary is used to remember all the people who have died in wars, not just World War One.

This was an excellent assembly that highlighted the service and life of Leonard Waters. This was followed by the laying of the wreath in the memorial garden which actually has a plaque to all Aboriginal Soldiers, including Leonard Waters. A very big thank you to Aunty Jacqui and Carolyn for their organization of the assembly and to Uncle Bob Smith for his efforts in revitalizing the Remembrance Garden, everyone was very impressed by the students support for this special occasion.

Australia's first Aboriginal fighter pilot, Len Waters

Sergeant Waters was promoted to Flight Sergeant on 1 January 1945 and to Warrant Officer on 1 January 1946. He was discharged from the RAAF on 18 January 1946.

Len Waters was interviewed by Australian Defence Force historian Dr Robert Hall for his book *The black Diggers: Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in the Second World War*. Dr Hall recalls "an amazing bloke" who worked as a shearer, ring barker and cook for most of his life after leaving the RAAF.

Leonard Waters died on 25 August 1993 after a fall in Cunnamulla, in south-east Queensland.

Leonard "Len" Victor Waters was the only known Australian Aboriginal fighter pilot of the Second World War. He flew 95 operational sorties with 78 Squadron from 1943–1945, operating from Noemfoor, Morotai and Tarakan.

Len Waters joined the RAAF on 24 August 1942 and was trained as a flight mechanic. He was later accepted for pilot training where he graduated as a Sergeant pilot from 5 Service Flying Training School, Uranquinty, NSW. His training continued at 2 Operational Training Unit (2OTU), Mildura, Vic, from where he was posted to 78 Squadron on 14 November 1944.



Flight Sergeant Leonard Waters

Melville High School Student Leaders for 2017 are:

Congratulations to:-

School Captains: Caleb Foran
Bindii Stirling-Kelly

Vice Captains: Luke Allman
Sydnee Tyson

Prefects: Eloise Haigh
Ajay Rix
Leroy Fernando
Jack Lynch

SMS – Messages

The Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedure states that “Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences.”

Parents should ensure an explanation for absences is provided within 7 school days through means such as telephone calls, written notes, text messages or emails. Letters of absence are distributed to students each week in roll call. At Melville High we also offer the SMS service. Text messages are sent to the parents of the students who are not present in roll call each day. Appropriate replies to these text messages can be accepted as explanations. If a student is late to school or does not attend roll call a text may be sent. While we do our best to be accurate with these records, errors may occur. If the student then comes to the office, these attendance errors can be immediately rectified.

Cyber Smart

The Internet is without a doubt one of the best resources available to us. Unfortunately it's also extremely dangerous if you aren't aware of who and what lurks behind the scenes.

Unfortunately there have been many issues around internet safety, cyber bullying, sexting, problematic texting behaviour and digital reputation.

Everyone should know how to be safe when surfing the web. Here are some key messages around internet safety that I believe all students should be aware of.

1. Always ask an adult if you're unsure of anything when you are online.

2. Don't sign up for sites that are 13+ if you are not old enough (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc).
3. Remember YAPPY (the personal information you should not share online) – Your full name, address, phone number, passwords, your plans.
4. Don't add people as online friends unless you know them in real life or have parent permission. Never arrange to meet an online friend without talking to a parent.
5. Remember that you cannot believe everything you read on the internet and you can't trust everything online friends tell you.
6. Choose sensible names for usernames, email addresses etc.
7. Talk to your parents about what you're doing online and let them know when you're going on the internet.
8. Know what cyber bullying is and tell someone if you think it's happening to you. Cyber bullying is when someone picks on you, annoys, embarrasses, or threatens you over and over again using technology, such as the internet or a phone.
9. Protect your digital footprint: don't put anything online that you wouldn't want all your friends, family, teachers and future employers to see.
10. Treat others online the way you'd like to be treated.

Here are some websites that may help you better understand cyber safety.

www.opencolleges.edu.au/informed/cyber-safety/
www.thinkuknow.org.au
www.esafety.gov.au

North Coast Futsal Champions

Congratulations to our u14's girls and u 16's boys futsal teams who are the 2016 North Coast CHS futsal champions. Both teams competed in the competition at the Coffs Harbour last week and came through undefeated to take the title.



Above Melville North Coast Futsal Teams

Sarah, Serenity, Emma, Ameille, Ashley, Sam, Honey, Max, Campbell, Zachary, Angus, Blake, Bronson, Tyler, with Mr David Jacobs and Mrs Ev Jacobs

What is Christian SRE [Special Religious Education], otherwise known as Scripture? & what can you expect from this class:

Christian Special Religious Education (SRE) encourages students to question, explore and discover the basics of the Christian faith based on the Bible.

Students are encouraged to develop their own values and worldview for life within the fun, contemporary, relevant & interactive classes.

You don't need to be a Christian to attend SRE only an open mind to question, explore and discover for yourself.

Offer of pastoral support as well as encourage relationships between students and local youth groups.

You're SRE Teacher:

Pastor Natalie Jupp



For more information visit: www.oursre.org.au
Look forward to seeing you in SRE class in 2017!
Natalie