

# Melville Matters



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## Term 1

### Week 3

Monday 8 – 12 February      Screening of 'Painting Country' MHS Hall  
Matinee 11am Daily.  
Final Evening  
Screening 6pm 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday 8 February      P & C Meeting

### Week 4

Wednesday 17 February      Yr 7 BBQ

## PDHPE STAFF 2016

**Head Teacher:** Sandy Jackson  
**Classroom Teachers:** Shannon Hoy, Dave Jacobs, Damon Myrrylainen

Up and coming CHS sports this term include:

Baseball, Basketball, Touch, AFL, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Soccer, Hockey and Netball.

If you are interested in any of these sports please put your name down at the PDHPE staffroom.

## Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival started the year off with a positive, fun and energetic atmosphere for the PDHPE faculty. This year the carnival was both competitive and fun! With students qualifying to represent Melville High at Zone and students also having an all in fun swim with the introduction of the Salmon relay! Thank you to all staff and students who got involved in the day. A big congratulation to KINCHELA for winning the carnival yet again, to our age champions and to our belly flop champions!

The following students are the 2016 age champions:

### 12 Yrs Boy

Alex Ford

### 12 Yrs Girl

Belle Pui

### 13 Yrs Boy

Lachlan Munday

### 13 Yrs Girl

Serenity Clancy

### 14 Yrs Boy

Logan Davis

### 14 Yrs Girl

Ashley Allman

### 15 Yrs Boy

Campbell Tyson

### 15 Yrs Girl

Kate Ferguson

### 16 Yrs Boy

Tyler Wyatt

### 16 Yrs Girl

Caitlin Munday

### Open Boy

Caleb Foran

### Open Girl

Isabelle Elsley



*Angie Coates Beardman and Montana Kennedy*





*Sean Wilton, Jake Kelly & Rhys Brown*



*Just some of the 'OUCH' belly flop competitors !*

### **YEAR 11 MUSIC**

We are pleased that it has been possible to offer Music as an elective for Year 11 students. The class, which will run off-line in 2016, will allow a continuation of the strong involvement in the arts that has been a characteristic of Melville High School. To be run before school, it is therefore available to students coming from Kempsey High as well. Anyone who is interested in this curriculum opportunity should contact Mr Lavers at the school to find out further details.



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2016. The start to the year has been very good and staff and students have commenced the term very productively. This time last year we had the unfortunate news of a fire which destroyed most of the Support unit classrooms and staffroom on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. During the recent holidays the final building was replaced and handed over for staff and students to move back into. Melville High school greatly appreciates the offers of assistance and positive responses from all corners of the School and Community of Kempsey and the Greater Macleay and beyond. The wonderful community spirit which has endured makes the role of staff in supporting the students all that much easier, and we again send a collective, Thank You, for your thoughts and help.

It has also been very positive to see all students wearing the full school uniform with such pride. We appreciate the efforts of all families in ensuring your child is correctly attired each day. We have had many new enrolments and all are settling in well to the routines of the school. This has been helped by our brilliant Peer Leaders who attended on Thursday week 1 and continue to support their Year 7 "buddies". The other years have quickly begun to focus on their studies and can already be seen reaping the rewards of their diligent attitude. You can keep posted on activities through the "Melville High School" Facebook page and via the school website which has links to the Facebook site.

This week we will be holding a major exhibition for the "Painting Country" arts project which staff and students from across the Macleay valley worked on during 2015. The project involved collection of video stories from elders of this community and the interpretations of these stories by students at the Macleay schools into a map of the Macleay valley representing the various stories from each area. At 11.00am each day a video compiling all the stories and documenting the process which took place will be shown in the school auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend, please refer to the flyer attached. An additional screening will be held on Friday at 6.00pm.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the annual swimming carnival was held under blue skies and in warm conditions. All those who attended had an

enjoyable day and the addition of the "Salmon relay" for house points allowed everyone the chance to participate and earn points while cooling off between the competitive events. Thanks to Ms Sandy Jackson, new Head Teacher PDHPE, who coordinated the day with Mr Jacobs.

The HSC results for 2015, continued the high standards of previous years, Dannielle Allman achieved an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) of 96.75. With most students gaining entry to the University course they held as highest preference. Once again, I thank all students, parents and staff for the continued hard work which leads to these high standard results and we are all confident that the HSC class of 2016 will also reach the same outstanding levels.

During the holidays and through the upcoming year we have seen and will be undertaking some construction projects around the school to improve the resources available to our students. Funding for these projects is coming from Department of Education sources or the P & C and is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I again encourage everyone to participate in some way in the school, whether it is volunteering some time to assist at the canteen, attending the P & C in the Library at 6.30PM on the Second Monday of the Month (8<sup>th</sup> of Feb) or contacting staff to see how you can help your child with their work in the classroom. We will also be seeking input from Parents through focus group discussions, so keep a look out for invitations to be involved.

Jeff Hollingsworth  
Principal

### MHS P&C Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm

On Monday night our hospitality staff and students will be hosting light refreshments in their facility.

There will also be a short presentation of the proposed upgrade of the hospitality/kitchen area in the near future. With the funds that were donated from the MHS P&C Committee.

### MHS P&C AGM Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm

## PAINTING COUNTRY

An open invitation is extended to the screening and art exhibition of "Painting Country".

In Kempsey during 2015 a project took place which involved the collection of 48 indigenous elders' stories about their lives growing up on the missions and reserves in the Macleay Valley. These stories were digitally recorded and translated into community video yarns.

The video yarns were shown to 11 schools throughout the Macleay Valley and the children from those schools painted these stories all of which was also recorded and now turned into a film called "Painting Country".

The screenings and art exhibition will take place from 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016. For further information or to RSVP please contact the school office on phone 6562 7511.

You are warmly invited to attend the  
**Exhibition Opening**



**Painting Country**

**MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY HALL**  
**Nicolson St, Sth Kempsey.**  
 Opening 10am 8 Feb 2016  
 Closing 6pm 12 Feb 2016  
 All welcome  
 RSVP essential - 6562 7511

**EXHIBITION OPEN 8 - 12 February**  
**Schools please book as above.**  
**Film screened 11am daily.**

**ATTENTION-**  
**DATE CHANGE DUE TO MAJOR ROAD**  
**WORKS ON BIKE COURSE**  
**Plus new race distances.**



## PORT MACQUARIE TRIATHLON CLUB Enriched Health Care- CAMDEN HAVEN TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

19th and 20th of March 2016

More info on entry fees etc in early 2016

### Saturday 19th of March

**1km ocean swim** --12pm( 15  
y/o and over)

**LUSC Beach obstacle  
 course ( 6-10 yr olds)  
 and Triathlon (11- 15 yr  
 old )-** From 1pm

A bike to be won as a  
 random prize

### Sunday 20th of March- 7am start

Enriched Health Care-  
 Olympic Distance senior  
 triathlon –  
**1.5km swim/40km  
 bike/10km run**

OHBS- short course  
**500m swim/20 bike/5km  
 run**

Over \$3000 combined in  
 prize money and random  
 draw prizes