



Term 2

Week 5

Tue 24th May

Athletics Carnival

Year 12 Geography Excursion to Honeysuckle

Year 12 Geography have just returned from a fieldwork trip to Newcastle where we investigated the redevelopment of Honeysuckle, an inner city area of Newcastle. It was only about 20 years ago this 50 hectare site was once a rundown area which had been abandoned by industry. It is now a lovely part of the city filled with vibrant shops, cafes and restaurants. There are museums, parks, bike tracks, a marina and many offices and apartments. It has become a true asset for the city of Newcastle. After the relaxing and educational trip, the hard part begins. We now have to collate all of our pictures and information into a report that will be assessed for our HSC.

Year 10 Coastal Assignment

Students in Year 10 geography have presented some outstanding assignment work on coastal environments. The task required students to create a product which showed the landforms of the coast and explained the processes that lead to their development.

Students were very creative in the products they created. There were many outstanding movie clips produced which identified local coastal features and explained how they were

created. A few students developed claymations and stop motion clips which were outstanding. The three D models that were submitted were of a very high standard and would have taken much effort to produce. The social science faculty were very impressed with the high quality of assignments this semester.

Below are some of the three D models





7 L Geography

At the moment 7L is learning how to obtain a valuable 'Primary Source' of information through learning the skill of accurate 'field sketching'. Very shortly they shall be tested on how well they have learned this skill by venturing into the school's Ag farm to sketch an area of interest. The students should be able to further cement their knowledge of Geography through practical activities such as this.

7L Aboriginal Studies have had the pleasure of hosting Mrs Kayla White during her last practicum before finishing her teaching degree. We have all enjoyed the input she has had to our classwork, especially all the artefacts she brought in to share with us and the Art lessons with a special guest instructor. We wish her all the best in her future teaching career.

Year 10 Commerce have been busy conducting Market Research to see which initiatives the students within our school would support, to raise

funds for the new School Gym which is soon to be built. The responses have been great, so watch this space for some fun activities coming soon!

Year 11 Business Studies have been gearing up for their exams in the next few weeks. Special mention goes to Ajay who has been selected to attend the UBS Finance Academy in July. This opportunity is for Year 11 students from NSW, ACT and Victorian public schools. They will learn more about the world of Banking, through a week of activities and tours while staying at Dunmore Lang College at Macquarie University, Sydney. A highly competitive selection process narrowed the field down, with only 50 students being selected to attend. We look forward to hearing about his experiences!

Kylie Hattenfels

From Mrs Kayla White

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both students and staff at Melville High School for the exceptional experience I have recently shared with you all. For those of you who I didn't get the opportunity to meet, I am an Aboriginal student in my final year of my studies at Sydney University and, will graduate in the early months of next year with a Diploma in Aboriginal Education and a Bachelor in Education (Aboriginal Studies). My time here at Melville has been a very pleasant experience. Over a number of years I have learned various roles throughout this school while broadening my education and evolving into a teacher.

As my time here at Melville on my practicum experience draws to an end I would like to remind all students that nothing is ever out of reach, you are in control of your own destination and the amount of energy you put into your education will determine your future.

A very special thank you to my Aboriginal studies classes, Year 11, Year 7L and Year 7M. You have had a positive impact on my teaching experience and I am grateful you didn't give me too hard of a time in the class room.

Finally to the staff who have directed and supported me throughout the past six weeks, I have learnt a lot and I am exceptionally grateful for the knowledge you have shared and the path I am now on to becoming a teacher. Our motto here at

Melville is "aim for the highest", I will continue to take this motto with me to complete my degree and sincerely hope that all students of Melville, particularly those I have worked with, strive to achieve their best in the years to come. Thanks again to all staff of Melville for your ongoing support throughout the past 6 years.

Rugby League

Football Season has officially begun and I can report on behalf of myself and Mr Jacobs, Melville has started well. On Friday the 13th Melville played Kempsey High in the first round of the Buckley shield and had success winning a closely fought game 40-36. There were plenty of tries scored but we will need to work on our conversions for the next round which will be a double header for both the Buckley Shield and University Shield teams against Macksville High school in a couple of weeks' time.

We also participated in the annual Macleay Country Cup for Under 13's and Under 15's on the 18th of May. Both teams did exceptionally well winning all of their games to take out their age divisions. The Under 13's finished with a +50 for the day and had two games where their opposition did not score a point. The Under 15's won comfortably with no substitutions all day. Both teams will participate in the North Coast Finals on the 15th of June where they have the opportunity to progress to the State finals if they are successful. Check out the great pictures on Melville's facebook page www.facebook.com/melvillehs.

Girls football is also about to start up on the 9th of June with a qualifying round for the State NRL Girls Finals to be held at Sydney. Both girls' teams qualified last year and did well at the State Finals. All girls are welcome to come and play.

Miss Kerr

From the Deputy Principal

Year 12 reports are just about finalised and should be arriving home next week. Our Parent/Teacher evening is now on 16 June in combination with our Year 6 into 7 Open House and Year 10 into 11 Transition Evening. More information about this evening will be sent out shortly. If a Year 12 parent has concerns from reports before this please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Many Year 12

students will be starting to feel the pressure of their final terms at school. This can come out in many ways. It is important that balance is achieved in their lives whilst doing the best they can at school. There are some great websites available for further information on how to support your child and yourself through this time for example, <https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/do-something-about-it/surviving-year-12> . We also have our Year 12 advisor, counsellors and welfare team offering support to these students.

Along the same lines, and as a continuation of Melville's focus on wellbeing and positive behaviour, we have, this week, been treated to a free meditation session, for all students and staff. This was delivered by two young people with a passion on improving the well-being of all students and staff. It was simple, beneficial and can easily be implemented by anybody when they need to take a breath. They encouraged students to develop habits of implementing these techniques at the start of the day and when they need to focus. If you would like more information, check out the website www.breatheproject.com.au

We have had plenty of sport this week with many successes. Please be sure to check out the images on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/melvillehs.

On an academic level some great students participated in the local Science and Engineering Challenge, Support Unit students have been cleaning up in support of the 'Clean Up Australia campaign' and our Senior Science students have ventured out on excursions. There has also been plenty of engagement with universities, local and in Sydney.

As you can see we have had a very busy time over this week and next week the athletics carnival is on Tuesday. Over the period of next week there will also be a technology outage as our network is upgraded so our technology will be supported through a state-wide system based out of Sydney. So we may have trouble tracking down students quickly. If you need them for a pass out please ensure you follow our normal procedures and send a note with your child in the mornings.

Vicki Staunton
Deputy Principal

Melville High School P & C Committee

Meetings scheduled for 2016 will be held in the Stan Johnson Library on the following dates/times and light refreshment will be provided:

- Monday 20th June at 5pm
- Monday 8th August at 5pm
- Monday 12th September at 5pm
- Monday 14th November at 6.30pm
- Monday 12th December at 6.30pm

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.

Catholic Sacraments

Children aged 7 years and older who are Baptised are invited to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will commence in June. Please contact Nicola Moore on 65660611 or jeffnicm@dodo.com.au for more information and enrollment forms.

Nicola Moore (Macleay Valley Catholic Parish).

KEMPSEY EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY Inc***66th Vocal & Instrumental Eisteddfod******65th Speech & Drama Eisteddfod***

Monday June 27, 2016 - Saturday July 2, 2016

35th Dance Eisteddfod

Saturday July 2, 2016 – Saturday July 9, 2016

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday April 8, 2016

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