

Melville Matters



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Week 9

Wed 14th Sept P&C Meeting 6.30pm

Week 10

Tue 20th Sept RSA Course

Fri 23rd Sept Year 12 Formal Farewell Assembly

WINNERS! TOURNAMENT OF MINDS - MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Left to Right: Beau Bidwell, Jessica Monteiro-McDonald, Katherine Haigh, Esther Walder, Willow Manton, Anika Dow and Angelina Burke.

On Sunday 28 August Melville High School was represented by 3 Tournament of Minds teams and two facilitators, Mr Leoh Ruhl and Ms Kylie Hattenfels. The teams presented their challenges – which were 6 weeks of

preparation, against some very strong competition. Other participating schools included John Paul College Coffs, St Columba College, MacKillop College, Hastings Secondary College, Gloucester High, Coffs Harbour Christian College, and Manning Valley Anglican College. The Tournament was held at Hastings Secondary College Westport Campus in Port Macquarie. The teams also had to do a spontaneous challenge on the day in front of judges with no prior knowledge of the problem.

Melville High Social Sciences team performed and won their challenge and now will represent the region at State Final, University of NSW in Sydney on Sunday 11 September.

This is the very first time Melville High School has won at Regional level and is a fabulous achievement.



Left to Right: Ruby Dixon, Ebony Parker, Morgan Lamb, Billiarna Hawes, Layla Dow, Amielle Watson-Arditi, Madison Swanson of the Melville High Language Literature Team carried out a very impressive performance with their challenging ideas. Whilst they did not receive a place, they will be a team to watch as they are currently a young

team and the experience will set them in good stead for the future.



Left to Right: Charlotte Nichols, Shon-Ross Booth, Tomas Johnstone, Erik Ralph, Kasey Baker, Chelsea Connolly, Ila Winterburn of the Melville High **Science and Technology** Team performed their challenge under some difficult circumstances, including technical difficulties. Their team work and ability to remain calm and controlled under some very trying circumstances and ability to perform showing incredible teamwork was rewarded by receiving the Spirit of Tournament Award. This award is given to only one team from the day that displays the spirit of tournament in their performance.

Bryce Latham



Bryce went to Sydney for an audition for the Australian Ballet School. His teacher Danae Cantwell set the audition up for him. All 185 students got split up into 2 groups. The audition went for 2 hours, half an hour at the bar and another in the centre practice. After centre practice he did flexibility and then the last half an hour he did corner work. The auditions involve the judges calling out instructions and the dancers then completing the moves as best as they can. Bryce said there were 14 judges and also parents were watching from a viewing room, Bryce comments that his parents are very supportive and he was

lucky that they came and watched. He also said it was "a lot of pressure" put on him but overall he enjoyed the experience.

Bryce has been dancing since the age of 8. He says confidence is important to have whilst dancing. Healthy eating and exercising are also important.

Bryce's typical week involves:

Monday – after school, catch the bus to dancing for 3 hours of dancing.

Tuesday – maths tutoring for an hour, 10 minute break then straight to dancing 5.45 – 8.15pm (no breaks in dancing).

Wednesday – dancing from 4.15 – 8.30pm then by 9 he's home.

Thursday – dancing from 3.45 – 9.00 pm.

Friday – catch up days on sleep.

And on weekends he's either in Sydney or Brisbane continuing his dance training.

DISNEYLAND

Bryce was one of the dancers who went to Disneyland recently with the Danae Cantwell School of Dance. The dancers participated in workshops with Disney dancers and choreographers. It is an annual event called "Dance the Magic" and it brings dancers together from around the world. They spent 4 days at Disneyland. Other Melville High students who participated in this experience were Jiminum Stirling-Kelly, and Rosie Jeffrey

Written by Dancia Irwin.

From the Principal

Recently we have received notification that Mr Troy Stewart has been granted a transfer to Hastings College Westport campus due to Health related issues. Mr Stewart is currently on sick leave and will commence in the new school next term, his replacement has been announced and will be Ms Linette Baker from Kempsey High school. We all wish Mr Stewart a successful and Healthy future.

Jeff Hollingsworth
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

The Clontarf Academy have conducted their senior induction camp in week 7 and junior induction camp was Thursday and Friday of last week. We have seen good numbers of participants and there have been many positive reports of student's leadership and behaviour in these programs. We wish all these students the best with the fantastic opportunities this academy can offer.

It was extremely pleasing to see such a wonderful report from the 14's netball team who played at Port Macquarie on Thursday. The level of sportsmanship displayed was exceptional and we are very proud of our students, win or lose when this ethos is displayed. We would like to thank all involved in this. Another outstanding event this week was the girls Rugby where there were great numbers for attendance, obviously carrying on from the success of the fantastic Australian Women's Gold medal at the Olympics.

Our Tournament of Mind Teams are competing in the State finals in Sydney. It is sensational to see the success of these teams and wish them well.

Our Year 11 students begin the final exams for the preliminary HSC year. These are important and students should ensure if they cannot make an exam they inform the school ASAP and also obtain a medical certificate so an alternative time can be made to sit the exam.

This also means it is the time of the year where Year 12 are coming to the end of 13 years of schooling, an obvious cause for celebrations. We are organising a celebration/fun activity day away from school on the Wednesday in the last week of school. There will also be a breakfast and formal assembly for Year 12 and their families on Friday. I would like to remind students that participation in events such as a scavenger hunt is not permitted as it can place both students and other people at risk. Participation in this activity will jeopardise attendance at the graduation dinner.

I would like to remind everyone that wearing of our school uniform is compulsory we are currently reminding some students of this rule and support from home is greatly appreciated. The greatest issue we have is with jumpers, in particular

hoodies. Our jumper is maroon in colour and should not have a hood. We appreciate your support with this. If any family needs assistance, please contact the office for a confidential interview with the Principal.

Vicki Staunton
Deputy Principal

VALID

VALID is a state-wide testing of Science in Years 8 and 10. VALID is conducted online.

Dates for VALID are:

Year 8: 2nd November- 11th November (Weeks 4 - 5. Term 4)

All students will be registered for the exam and have a trial practice to familiarise themselves with the process prior to the online exam.

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

- Wednesday 14th September at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 9th 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.