

Melville Matters

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Term 1– Issue 2

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Week 7

Mon 6 th Mar	Movie "Hidden Figures"
Wed 8 th Mar	P & C AGM 6.30 Library

Week 8

Tues 14 th Mar	Year 7 Vaccinations
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Maths Essential Equipment

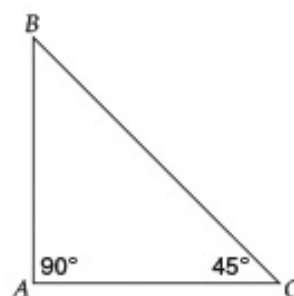
As the term is running along smoothly it is sometimes helpful to get a reminder as to what equipment is needed in the class room. For Maths we require:

- Blue/black pen
- Red pen (for marking)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- CALCULATOR!!! (\$17.55 from the school office)
- Exercise book (a grid book is preferred but not required)
- Glue stick

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is fast approaching and is on the 9th to 11th of May (Week 3, Term 2). From this year NAPLAN affects the students' ability to achieve their HSC in 2020. Students need to achieve a BAND 8 in reading, writing and numeracy to be eligible to receive a HSC. During Maths, students have been looking at past papers and identifying what bands each question lies in. Below are two

band 8 questions to attempt. There are prizes for the first 3 correct answers given to Mrs Rabie.



Select the statement that is true about triangle ABC.

- ☐ Triangle ABC is a scalene triangle.
- ☐ Triangle ABC is an isosceles triangle.
- ☐ Triangle ABC is an equilateral triangle.
- ☐ Triangle ABC is an obtuse triangle.

A fair \$1 coin and a fair \$2 coin are tossed at the same time.

What is the probability that both coins will show tails?

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Tutoring

This year the Maths department are running free tutoring for year 12 students studying Mathematics or General Maths. This occurs weekly in the mornings starting at 8am.

General Maths tutoring is every Tuesday morning.

Mathematics 2 unit is every Friday morning.

We look forward to helping our Year 12 students achieve success!

Textbooks

If you have any textbooks from last year or previous years, can you please return them. We promise we won't bite. We may even give you a chocolate. Please help us by returning any old textbooks that you have borrowed in the past to help study for exams.

Thank you.

Hidden Figures Movie

Hidden Figures is a movie based on a true story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. The Maths department are organising an excursion to take selected students to see this film on the 6th of March at Port Macquarie. It is an inspirational film showing people that 3 women lead the way in mathematics and space. Places are limited so please pay and return permission notes by the 1st of March.



Technology and Applied Studies (TAS)

Welcome to 2017. Already we are in the swing of things and our students are engaged in some fantastic opportunities. At the end of 2016, saw some of our HSC students gain some fantastic results, with Band 6 achieved by our Hospitality students and band 5 achieved in Textiles and Design and Industrial Technology. Hopefully you were able to view the outstanding display of major projects that were in the library.

STEM is the integrated study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. For many years Melville High School has offered many STEM related opportunities and experiences for students. This year, Melville High is formalising this program by having dedicated STEM classes for 7J and 8J which are being jointly taught by teachers across the Science, Mathematics and Technology & Applied Studies (TAS) faculties.

Students have so far been exploring what STEM is and the many career opportunities that exist. They have also begun to develop a greater understanding of how important it is for ideas and creations to be constantly redesigned and refined. During this term, students have been involved in designing and creating various models around the theme of cars. Challenges being undertaken include designing and constructing model cars out of carrots, constructing floating rafts to carry toy cars, building paper rollercoasters and designing and racing CO2 powered model cars.

The STEM excitement is certainly growing at a rapid rate at Melville High in 2017.



Year 7 Food Technology-T04

Miss Young and her Year 7 Technology Mandatory Food Technology class were very excited to start cooking this term. The students worked fantastically to prepare their first recipe, learning how to measure ingredients and use preparation equipment. Students are reminded of the \$50 Technology Mandatory Fee for Technology subjects for 2017 and \$10.00 to the front office to purchase an apron if they are yet to do so.



From the Deputy Principal

A lot has been happening at Melville in the last two weeks. Firstly I would like to thank all the parents and carers that attended our Year 7 and 11 Meet and Greet night. It was a very relaxed evening where I observed some very positive interactions between staff and parents and students. It was good to see so many staff available on the evening. I would also like to thank our TAS/Welfare staff in providing a wonderful compliment of food. The Social Media/Cyber safety Presentation was well received and also a little eye opening for some of our Year 7 parents. If there were any parents that could not attend the evening but would like to discuss their child's progress please contact the school to make an appointment to speak with that teacher or Year Advisor.

This week the Year 11 Study Skills camp was conducted. Having been up to Scotts Head on Wednesday to present, the camp has been very well attended. The students have completed the compulsory course "All My Own Work", so they can be officially enrolled into the Preliminary Year of the HSC. Any Year 11 student who did not attend the camp will need to ensure this is completed online before they can be signed off for completion. For more information please see Ms Brennan or Ms Jackson.

We have also had many fun activities for the students to allow recovering time from the more formal sessions. Our canoes have once again been well received by the students. Thank you to



the staff that have given up many hours of their own time to organise and attend the camp for three days.

Next week our Year 7 and Year 10 Peer Leaders are looking forward to attending camp for 3 days at Yarrahapinni. This is always a very positive camp where many new relationships are developed and students and staff get to know each other better. We look forward to hearing the adventures from camp.

On another note we would love the support of parents encouraging their children to wear school uniform or bring a note if they are unable to wear it for some reason. As we have had a few cooler days (below 40 degrees) we have noticed a few non-uniform jumpers coming into school.

Vicki Staunton
Deputy Principal