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Week 4

Wed 24-Fri 26 May	Year 7 Camp Yarrahapinni
Tues 30 May	Year 7 Vaccinations

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It has been another eventful few weeks at Melville High School and students and staff have been involved in a variety of activities.

Last Wednesday students participated in the school Athletics Carnival. The weather was perfect and the student and staff participation ensured that it was a most successful and enjoyable day. There were some stunning performances and several records were broken. Congratulations to all who were involved in organizing the day and to all those who participated.

Our Age Championships for 2017 are:

Boys:

12Yr: Kobe Roberts	13Yr: Jason Saul
14Yr: Brady Hollis	15Yr: Logan Davis
16Yr: Sam Roberts	Snr: Caleb Foran

Girls:

12Yr: Tae-Arleigh Donnelly	13Yr: Holly Clark
14Yr: Serenity Clancy	15Yr: Emma Ross
16Yr: Kirrilea Pepperell	Sen: Alaya Donovan

Well done and congratulations to you all.

Our sporting teams have participated in a variety of competitions and are to be complimented on their sportsmanship and team work as well as their efforts in playing to the best of their ability.

Year 7 and 9 students have completed their NAPLAN testing. These test results are used to help identify areas of need so that staff can assist

to further improve students' skills in Literacy and Numeracy. Year 10 attended the Careers Expo in Port Macquarie where they received valuable information on a wide variety of careers and senior students attended an open day at the University of New England.

Students challenged themselves at the recent Science and Engineering Challenge and Deb Practice is now well under way for our Debutante Ball which will be held on Saturday June 17.

On Wednesday June 6 from 4.30 to 5.30 we are holding an Open House for students in Year 6 and their carers. This will provide an opportunity to see first hand what Melville High has to offer, to meet the teachers and executive staff, tour the school, explore the learning opportunities provided and experience some of the activities each subject area has to offer.

On the same evening between 5.30 and 6.30 there will be Parent-Teacher Interviews for Year 12 students. The interviews will be an opportunity for carers to discuss their student's progress and their half yearly report. From 6.30 to 7.30 there will be an information session for students transitioning from Year 10 into Year 11 in 2018. During this session information including the requirements for the award of a Higher School Certificate, patterns of study and subject choices which will allow students and carers to make the best choice possible for them will be provided. Don't miss these valuable opportunities as they will assist you to support your student.

Finally, a reminder that if you need to discuss any issue regarding your student contact us and we will do our very best to support you.

L Baker
Deputy Principal

MATHS MATTERS

Calculators!!!

Calculators are the best mathematical tool which can be used through all your years at school. They are not just used in Maths but in many other subjects such as Science and Business Studies. Calculators are essential to your learning in Maths. If you don't have one then get one ! You can purchase one from the front office at school for \$17.55 today.

Tutoring

This year the Maths department are running free tutoring for year 12 students studying Mathematics or General Mathematics. 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 maths 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.

Half Yearly Maths Exams

In week 5 and 6, years 7-11 will be sitting half yearly exams for Maths. Years 7 to 10 will sit these exams during their Maths periods in the class room. They need to bring the required equipment: pens (blue or black), pencil, ruler and calculator. The exams are on the following days:

Year 7: Tuesday, week 5
 Year 8: Friday week 5 or Wednesday, week 6. Check with your Teacher)
 Year 9: Monday, week 6

Year 10: Tuesday, week 6

All the best, and try your hardest in the exams.

Maths Riddle

The first 3 students to come to the Maths staffroom with the correct answer to the riddle can get a surprise.

A fraction in Time

Now me and you,
 Know at a quarter to 2
 It is really 1:45
 And the time it would be
 At a quarter past 3
 Is really as easy as pie.

But what time has gone

If at $\frac{2}{5}$ past one

You begin to wait for a mate

And he doesn't arrive

Until $\frac{1}{3}$ to five

By then, by how much is he late?

Have fun solving !!!

The English Faculty

The English Faculty would like to say a very big welcome to our new English teacher, Mrs Jessie Haaring, who comes to us from Rooty Hill in Western Sydney. Mrs Haaring is a passionate and experienced teacher of English. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have her with us. Welcome Mrs Haaring!



There has also been a change of leadership with the retirement of Mrs Rachel Turner. We wish Mrs Turner well with her future plans and thank her for her service over the past fifteen years. Mrs Lisa Neilson will act as Relieving Head Teacher English for the remainder of this year.

Exciting Adventures

Some of our Year 7 & 8 cohort will have the opportunity to attend a live performance of Roald Dahl's *The Witches* at the Glasshouse, Port Macquarie on June 1.

This excursion is limited to 40 places and tickets are selling fast.

This production will burst onto the stage as a mind-boggling and madcap one-man show. Brave boys and girls are in for a wicked and wonderful time. Lucas Jervies directs this bubbling concoction, based on David Wood's adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic, with one actor running amok in a virtuosic physical performance.

Please see Ms. Wilson or your English teacher for a permission note.



Upcoming Mid-Preliminary Exams

The English faculty has been busy conducting creative writing workshops with Year 11 ahead of the Mid-Preliminary exams. During the workshop, students brainstorm ways to use descriptive and

figurative language, while learning how to engage the reader with sophisticated and compelling writing. Student response to the workshops has been very positive and we look forward to continuing them throughout the year.

Spotlight on: New Release Teen Fiction



Synopsis

Looming war threatens all Feyre holds dear in the third volume of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series.

Feyre has returned to the Spring Court, determined to gather information on Tamlin's manoeuvrings and the invading king threatening to bring Prythian to its knees. But to do so she must play a deadly game of deceit-and one slip may spell doom not only for Feyre, but for her world as well.

As war bears down upon them all, Feyre must decide who to trust amongst the dazzling and lethal High Lords-and hunt for allies in unexpected places.

The benefits of reading

As part of the English faculty homework policy, English teachers at Melville High School encourage consistent reading of a wide variety of texts. This includes newspaper articles, fiction and non-fiction texts, blogs and webpages. Consistent, active reading of at least one novel per week dramatically increases your child's knowledge of language and further develops their ability to be a fluent and confident reader of texts.

Students should consider participating in the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge- see below for further information.

2017 Premier's Reading Challenge The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2017 Challenge kicks off Monday 6 March and closes Friday 25 August (midnight) for students. Please see Mrs. Neilson or Ms. Negus for further information.

Careers

Melville High School Careers plays a key role in the development of student's knowledge, skills and attitudes through a program of learning experiences designed to assist them in making informed decisions about their study and work options. As the Careers Adviser in 2017 I am working to encourage students to value and actively engage in their learning and develop individual pathway plans for their future. I provide the students with a range of opportunities to develop appropriate skills and knowledge to effectively manage their career development by presenting general career guidance and support at key transition points such as subject selection, TAFE and University application. I provide comprehensive and current information regarding

learning, work opportunities and post school options.

This year has been quite exciting with a number of activities students have enthusiastically participated in. These have included:

- Future Moves sessions at School presented by Charles Sturt University
- Wollotuka Institute from the University of Newcastle ran sessions with Indigenous students
- TAFE Taster programs for Youth Engagement Strategy where students are participating in short courses in "Glam Me Up" Beauty Services and "Love My Car" Automotive.
- Taree Health Careers Expo
- An overnight Excursion to the University of New England in Armidale for the experience of residential college life and UNE Open Day
- Mid North Coast Careers Expo at Port Macquarie which saw students from Years 9 to 12 explore local employment and training opportunities, vocational pathways and post school options.



Some of the 50 students that attended the Career Expo.

Year 9 girls, Claudia, Hannah and Mia.

Year 10 boys, Luke, Meki-toni Michael and Jackson.





Year 11 girls, Keely, Britney and Claire.

Melville High School Careers www.melvillehscareers.com has a fantastic one-stop shop for everything Careers related and I encourage you to look at and use this most valuable website for everything from detailed information about the HSC and ATAR to creating resumes and digital portfolios. There are specific Parent and Student sections which are excellent. I also have a Facebook page designed for instant communication of information, key dates and interesting issues for students.

I am very pleased to report that students have been accessing the Careers office at school and challenging my knowledge with all sorts of questions which is just fantastic. I welcome parents to also phone me or make an appointment to come and talk as there is just so much information and support available including scholarships, alternative pathways and options to access work, training and further education.

I look forward to working with you all and providing the best opportunities for Melville Students.

Victoria Mascord
Careers Advisor

SPORTS REPORT



Congratulations to Harold (front left) representing North Coast at the NSW CHS Basketball in Wollongong on the 2nd -4th May. A great achievement.



Open Boys Soccer 2-0 Winners over Port High on May 2nd, qualifying for Nth Coast Semi Final. The Open Girls Soccer Team played in Round 3 against Wauchope High School, and were defeated although can claim to have won the second half!

The Melville High School Open Girls Softball team had a great win against Hastings Secondary College on Wednesday the 10th May in Round 3 of the competition. The girls enjoyed playing at our local Kemp Street Oval in West Kempsey and it was great to see so many parents coming along to watch and support their girls. A big thankyou to our Umpire Shei, who did an awesome job on the day. Thankyou also to Julie Beilby for your much appreciated scoring and mentoring skills. The

Melville Girls all showed terrific sportsmanship and are really looking forward to their next round against Coffs Harbour High School. Coach: Mrs Aspiotis.



Bill Turner Soccer for both boys and girls was played at Kemp St against West Port on Friday the 5th May. The girls won 14-0, whilst the boys lost 3-1, but put in a great 2nd half effort after going down 2-0 early. Coaches: Ms Tamblyn and Mr Hoy.



The second round of the Bill Turner Trophy competition for the U15 Girls Soccer team was played on Monday the 15th of May. They defeated MacKillop 5-0. The girls will face Wauchope in

Round 3 at the end of this month. Coach: Ms Tamblyn.





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Dear Parents and Carers

Melville High School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **Direct deposits:** As of **25 August 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **25 August 2017**.
2. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **30 August and 5 September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **30 August, 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **30 August 2017** and **4 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **30 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact **the school on 6562 7511**.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Hollingsworth

Principal

9 May 2017