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Welcome to Issue 31 of Melville Matters. Term 4 promises to be very busy for staff and students alike with course completion, exams, reports, carnivals, graduations and exhibitions to cram into an already crowded schedule.

As usual there have been plenty of great things happening in our school since I last wrote which you can read about in yet another brilliantly produced edition of our school magazine. Perhaps most significantly, at the beginning of Week 1 of this term we said farewell to our Year 12 students after five successful years at Melville Senior High School and 12 years of education. As I expect with Melville students, the Class of 2012 did us all proud with their attitude and behaviour.

On their second last day at school, the Year 12s, in what has become a tradition, conducted a fast and funny fancy dress fashion review which was followed on Friday, 19 October with a good natured, at times funny, at times poignant but always witty and well behaved breakfast which was cooked by school staff.

The breakfast was followed by the farewell assembly where Casey Fitzpatrick and Daisy Grant gave a great speech in response to a farewell by the in coming Head Boy and Girl, Aiden Jolly and Rhianna Brims that set the tone for a last morning tea with Year 12 parents and friends.

The Class of 2012 can be proud but it was fitting that their parting gift to themselves and the school was achieving 100% graduation. This is the seventh time in the past eight years that the school has achieved this important benchmark and I would like to not only congratulate the students for all graduating (fingers crossed) but also thank the teaching staff at Melville Senior High School for helping to make this happen.

Celebrating 100% graduation was but one of the many themes at the school’s Valedictory Evening held for the first time locally at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church on Thursday, 25 October 2012. Of the many things we joined together to celebrate at this special occasion it was especially pleasing to acknowledge Shaghayegh Bahrami (pictured on front cover) as our ATAR Dux (academic) and Joshua Sherred (pictured opposite top right) as the VET Dux. Each of these students are worthy winners in a field crowded with academic, sporting, cultural and civic talent.

I would also like to congratulate the athletics team, under the leadership of Brandon Hush and James Atkins, for their creditable performance in the B Division interschool carnival on Tuesday, 23 October. While we placed in the middle of the field of nine in our first outing in the B Division, our overall performance was strong with many students (including Jessica Smith who was champion girl and Matthew Pallotta who was runner up champion boy in their respective age division) winning numerous events in both track and field. Well done to all students and of course, the coaches – Ms Kylie Coonan and Ms Lesley McNeil.

In closing I draw to the attention of all school parents, guardians and students the Social Media Policy enclosed in this edition of Melville Matters. This policy has been endorsed by the School Board and will play an important part in reducing the insidious part played by electronic communications in the rise of cyber bullying. I request that all parents and students read it carefully and note that the policy will be fully implemented from Week 6 of Term 4, 2012. Any questions about the policy can be referred to Mrs Bottcher or Mrs Valisch.

As always, kind regards,
Phillip White AM,
RFD, BA, Grad Dip Ed, MEd (Man)
Year 12 Valedictory

The Year 12 Valedictory ceremony was a wonderful evening that showcased a group of 151 young adults with passion, ambition, talent and energy.

Proud parents and family witnessed the packed event with around 800 in attendance. Congratulations to every student who worked hard to reach this milestone and good luck in the upcoming exams.

George Till’s opening address seemed to summarise the pride and excitement of the night.

Valedictory 2012 Opening Address

This evening of celebration, award presentations and formal farewell, marks the beginning of a new phase in the lives of these young men and women.

To you the class of 2012, this evening denotes to all of us, that you have attained a benchmark of success. You are graduating from high school and whether you are a recipient of one of the awards to be presented during this evening, you need to be aware that by being here tonight you are a success.

Look back on the kaleidoscope of memories that will define your schooling. Look back on the friends you have made, the teachers who have taught you and the families who have supported you.

Look back on the funny, the sad, the incredible, the joyous, the confronting and sometimes challenging memories of your school years and know that you have grown and learned and have not given up.

You have aspired to and gained secondary graduation and for this success you are to be congratulated. Memories of school will always be rich in details and will stay with you forever. Though you will make new friends, some of the school relationships you have made will last forever.

Remember that teacher who was an inspiration. Remember your families who love you, are proud of you and supported you through to this graduation and who will continue to support you as you continue to find and make your place in the world.

We all wish you the best of what you wish for yourselves.

George Tills
Course Awards
Valedictory Evening

Arts
Chelsea Reynolds
Visual Arts 1C/1D

Nathan Richards
Dance 1A/1B

Maddison Neville
Drama 1A/1B

Frances Lerio
Design 3A/3B

Shenae Vincent
Music 1C/1D

Courtney Borrett
Music 3A/3B

Casey Fitzpatrick
Media Production & Analysis 3A/3B

Deisha Price
Certificate III Media

Claire Hart

English
Literature 3A/3B

Deisha Price
English 3A/3B

Charlotte Pickering
Literature 1C/1D

Lishan Dick
English 1C/1D

Maddison Neville
English as an Additional Language Dialect 1C/1D

Annet Lopiyong
English as an Additional Language Dialect 3A/3B

Shaghayegh Bahrami

Mathematics
Mathematics Specialist 3C/3D

Shaghayegh Bahrami
Mathematics 3C/3D

Shaghayegh Bahrami
Mathematics 3A/3B

Deisha Price
Mathematics 2C/2D

Drew Garrett
Mathematics 1D/1E

Tayla Parsons

Health and Physical Education
Health Studies 1C/1D

Lishan Dick
Physical Education 1C/1D

Tameka Wild
Physical Education 1C/1D

Netball Specialist

Tayla Parsons
Certificate II Sport Coaching

James Atkins

Outdoor Education 1C/1D

Joel Fiegert
Outdoor Education 3A/3B

Drew Garrett

Science
Chemistry 3A/3B

Charlotte Pickering
Physics 3A/3B

Shaghayegh Bahrami
Biological Sciences 3A/3B

Shenae Vincent
Human Biological Science 3A/3B

Charlotte Pickering

Society and Environment
Economics 3A/3B

Ervin Sehovic
Modern History 3A/3B

Deisha Price
Geography 3A/3B

Shenae Vincent
Career and Enterprise 1C/1D

Emma Vardy
Certificate II Tourism Operations

Nathan Hopkinson

Technology and Enterprise
Aviation 3A/3B

Liam Smith
Applied Information Technology 3A/3B

Shawn Foo
Food Science and Technology 1C/1D

Nathan Hopkinson
Certificate II Kitchen Operation

Emily Tempest
Materials Design Technology: Metals 1C/1D

Jake Siggers
Business Management and Enterprise 1C/1D

Nathan Hopkinson
Building and Construction 1C/1D

Glen Weaver
Design: Technical Graphics 1C/1D

Jack Peat

Languages
Italian: Second Language 2A/2B

Tayla Parsons
Chinese Background Speakers 3A/3B

Han Gao

BUILD
Structured Workplace Learning
Joshua Sherred
Endorsed Programs

Jake McCallum
Special Awards

Sam Hurst Memorial Award
This award recognises outstanding sporting achievements and participation and is presented in memory of past student Sam Hurst.

Best Sportsman
James Atkins
Best Sportswoman
Nagam Naser

Cultural Award
This award recognises a student who has participated in a range of activities to do with the arts, and excelled in one or more cultural activity.
Claire Hart

Achievement Despite Adversity Award
This award recognises a student who has had to demonstrate a real commitment to their education and who has achieved despite disadvantage.
Emma Vardy

Australian Defence Force Leadership and Teamwork Award
This award acknowledges the achievements of a student who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork within our school or the wider community. These qualities are underpinned through supporting others and doing the best you can, which are values that the ADF share with the broader community.
Hannah Sorrell

Edith Cowan Personal Excellence Award
Awarded to a student displaying outstanding strong academic endeavours and a commitment to ECU’s core values of integrity, respect, rational inquiry and personal excellence.
Tessa Lauritsen

Curtin’s Principal’s Recommendation Award
This award is part of Curtin’s undergraduate scholarship program, and demonstrates the university’s commitment to enabling students from all backgrounds to reach their goals. The students are nominated based on their academic merit and potential and desire to achieve at Curtin University. The award carries a scholarship of $1000.
Nathan Richards
studying Architecture
Connor Jesson
studying Software Engineering

Certificates of Commendation
Students who receive at least 20 ‘A’ grades in course units or equivalents. Up to 6 unit equivalents can be from endorsed programs including VET units of competency.
Shaghayegh Bahrami
Casey Fitzpatrick
Claire Hart
Joshua Merriman
Deisha Price
Shanae Vincent
Nathan Richards
Charlotte Williams

Caltex Allrounder
Awarded to a student whose achievements span a number of areas including studies, sport, community work, conduct and leadership. Winners are characterised by their commitment to doing their best in all their pursuits, setting outstanding examples and assisting their peers and others.
Nathan Richards

Dux VET
Awarded for excellence in studies that include training qualifications and workplace learning. It is awarded to a student who has demonstrated the best results in a vocational education and training program.
Joshua Sherred

Dux ATAR
Presented in recognition of excellence achieved over a range of WACE examination courses. It is awarded to the highest ranked student who has studied a course that generates an Australian Tertiary Aggregate Rank.
Shaghayegh Bahrami
Arts News

Ana Milas (Melville Senior High School music teacher) has become the Assistant Director of WAMO (Western Australian Mandolin Orchestra) – and yes she is interested in building on our bands by incorporating a mandolin ensemble.

Perspective

Congratulations to Nathan Richards for being selected for the prestigious art award ‘Perspective’. Year 12 Perspectives is your yearly taste of art by some of the best, brightest and most talented graduating high school artists in the state. An annual barometer of what our youth are thinking and feeling, it is also a rich celebration of the role the arts play in the development of individual identities. The Exhibition will be showing the artworks early next year at the Gallery of Western Australia (AGWA).

Nathan’s comments on his work:
Title: A Misjudgement
Medium: Acrylic on Canvas
My artwork depicts an urban scene based on the Wool Stores in Fremantle, depicting a notion about graffiti and its acceptance in Australian society. I was influenced by the idea that graffiti is seen as an impure art form and by graffiti artists being labelled ‘graffidiots’. As a result, I decided to put graffiti into a more traditional art form to challenge the conservative attitude of society.

Gaining influence from Robert Delaunay, Australian artists Adam Cullen and Adam Hill as well as Banksy and Shepard Fairey, I have employed a more graphic, urbanised art style with hints of cubist influence.

I explore the treatment of an individual to the criticisms of a judgemental society. In placing the female into the artwork, the viewer automatically assumes that she has no care for her life and has fallen off the rails. The fact that she is Head Girl of my school and a dedicated student, discusses the alteration of society’s beliefs due to their gullibility to the media.

It comments on the misjudgement faced by today’s youth for wearing certain clothing and how we assume the worst before even considering their context. With her face covered by a scarf it reflects Western society’s fear of ‘the masked citizen’, as a result of the media’s depiction of terrorists and discrimination towards people who conceal their faces for religious practices.

The buildings presented at the top are icons of Perth, including Fremantle Town Hall, the Bell Tower, the Barracks Arch, BankWest Tower and the Dingo Flour Mill. The symbolism of the inverse crown, bomb, skull and poker chip on the spray can represents teenage angst, isolation and feelings of danger in current Western societies.
Music

On Thursday, 20 September, The Music Department hosted the Soloist Night for Year 11 and 12 students studying Stage 2 and 3 Music at Melville Senior High School.

Students performed to an intimate audience in The Carly Smith Studio that evening. As well as being a formal assessment, this was a chance for the students to showcase their talent as well as prepare for their practical exams. The audience was treated to a range of musical contexts and instruments, as well as original compositions from Jai Price.

Soloist Night served as an opportunity to farewell our Year 12 students and to formally acknowledge the hard work and dedication that they have put into their music throughout the five years of their high school education at Melville Senior High School.

Staff Wellness Day

As a school initiative to provide a health related activity for staff each term, this Expo-styled event held at morning recess was well received. The areas of women’s health, men’s health, heart health, bowel cancer, continence, mental health and diabetes were represented with displays. Representatives from Continence Foundation, Diabetes WA, Prostate Cancer Foundation and Bowel Cancer WA were there to field any questions and provide valuable resources. In recognition of Pink Ribbon Day to prevent breast cancer, the theme was ‘pink’ which extended to delicious pink cupcakes for morning tea. The aim of the day was to heighten awareness of these health issues which may then prompt action in seeking follow-up. The day was organised by Community School Nurse Jill Dykes and has the potential to become an annual event.
Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday, 2 August, 155 students from Melville Senior High School joined with approximately 500,000 students from over 3,000 schools in more than 30 separate countries to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

This competition consists of 25 multiple-choice problems of graded difficulty and five challenging questions that students attempt in a 75 minute time period. There are two Primary and three Secondary divisions.

Mathematics teachers were very pleased to see the success of our students when the results and certificates arrived at the end of Term 3. All students received a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report explaining how they performed on each problem, with comparative statistics.

Five Distinctions and thirteen Credits were awarded to Year 8 students. Congratulations to Muhammad-Ali Mohd-Anwar, Cullen Dans, Paul Omodunbi and Alistair Lovelock for achieving a percentile ranking of 97, 96 and 95, respectively. The prestigious Prudence Award for the student in each school who has the highest number of consecutive questions correct was awarded to Alistair Lovelock in Year 8, with the first 19 questions correct. Congratulations, Alistair!

In Year 9, a very pleasing thirteen Distinctions and twenty Credits were awarded. Sean Hayes and Ben Cochrane achieved 97 and 95 percentile rankings respectively.

Six Distinctions and ten Credits were earned by our small group of Year 10 students, with the highest rankings going to Hayden Kessner-McMullan and Toby Goor (both ranking 97% in Western Australia).

Year 11 students starred with two High Distinctions awarded to Jonathan Gee and Theresa Nguyen, four Distinctions and nine Credits from just 16 students.

Fifteen Year 12 students entered and achieved two Distinctions (Han Gao and Charlotte Williams) and eleven Credits.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition this year.
Italian Fiesta

On Thursday, 25 October, one of the Year 9 Italian classes visited Sandrino’s Ristorante in Fremantle. Headed by Mrs Gangemi and supported by Ms O’Loughlin, the students were presented with a demonstration by authentic pizza chefs from Italy on the fine art of pizza making (and tossing), followed by selecting and watching the making of their own pizzas from the extensive pizza menu.

Chefs Marco and Bruno answered the many questions from our students including “From where do you source your ingredients?” “What is the most popular pizza and why?” and “What training is involved in becoming a talented pizza chef?” After all 28 pizzas and drinks were consumed, round two began with the ice cream. Mmmm Buono!!

At the end of the feast, student Samantha Crane presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Sandrino’s manager and on behalf of Melville Senior High School, thanked the managers on an outstanding service and dining experience.

Melville students conducted themselves in an impeccable manner and once again have built positive bridges with our local community.

Youth Sport Sponsorship

Melville City Council awards Youth Sport Sponsorships to up and coming junior athletes. Melville Senior High School students Josh Clements, Hannah Price and Emily Tempest received an award recently to help with their quest to compete with the junior Under 18 Australian Dragon Boat team at the World Championships in Hungary in July 2013.

Matthew Pallotta was given a scholarship for his success in athletics. Matthew won the under 14 800m gold medal in the State Championships last year and the Under 16 200m gold medal this year.

The sponsorship is for full use of all recreation facilities within Melville for one year to assist them to achieve their goals.
Sports Awards Dinner

In the last week of Term 3 the Physical Education and Health department held a dinner for the large group of Melville Senior High School students who participated in various sporting teams and events during 2012.

Students were given awards by the various coaches and team organisers and thanks must go to those teachers who went out of their way to coach and support the many teams and inter-school competitions throughout the year.

Sports Award Winners

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**Junior Boys Basketball**

Troy Kelly  Tristan Wuu

**Junior Girls Basketball**

Imogen Hart  Rachel Lee

**AFL**

Jaidyn Paul  Brayden Loo
SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

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High School Practise

Year 6 Melville Primary School students have been having exciting lessons in how high school works. Over four weeks the group will attend specialist science and maths classes with senior teaching staff from Melville Senior High School.

In Week 3 the students were busy learning to use bunsen burners ably watched by Kim Rosenthal, Head of Science (pictured top left).

Attadale and Bicton Year 7s have been attending our high school every Wednesday for the entire year. The students study specialist lessons in Science, Maths and the Arts.

Next year Melville Senior High School will be offering Year 7s from five feeder primary schools the opportunity to attend these sessions once a week.

The one-day per week immersion allows students to assimilate into high school effortlessly and gives the students in-depth specialist subject lessons that they may not have an opportunity to experience in primary school.

Netball Skills From the Best

The Specialist Netball program had a two hour coaching session in Week 2 with Jill McIntosh a high performance coach for Netball WA.

Jill was one of Australia’s finest players in a career spanning almost two decades. She played a significant role in the 1983 World Championship win in Singapore and played in the Senior WA team from 1973-86. In 1981 she was announced as the ‘New Idea’ Australian Netballer of the Year and in 1982 captained Australia.

In 1995 Jill was appointed coach of the Australian Netball team and they won the 1995 and 1999 World Championships and the 1998 Commonwealth Games gold medal. Jill (pictured bottom right) still coaches international teams around the world.

The girls were putty in her hands as she put them through training sessions and the students received great coaching tips and skills on the day.
Inter-school Athletics Carnival

Well done on the performance of Melville Senior High School students in the B Division Athletics carnival held in Week 2. It was a big ask, as Melville Senior High School were promoted to B division after winning the C Grade carnival last year.

Melville came a very creditable fifth out of nine schools defeating Woodvale (6th), Lesmurdie (7th), Leeming (8th) and Wanneroo (9th) and placing behind Perth Modern (4th), Greenwood (3rd), Darling Range (2nd) and Applecross (1st).

Jessica Smith was Girls 14 Year Age Group Champion and Matthew Pallotta was runner up 15 Year Champion. We won two relays (Boys 15 and Boys Open). The participants loudly cheered and supported each other throughout the day.

Many thanks to the teaching staff on the day; Lesley McNeil, Kylie Bottcher, Sonia Soltoggio, Felicity O’Sullivan and Rhett Brown.

The team is pictured below as well as the Under 16 and Under 15 winning relay teams.

Toby Returns

Year 10 student Toby Goor attended a special farewell assembly on Tuesday 4, September at his former primary school. He had been invited by the Yangebup staff to make a speech on behalf of former students to the Principal, Dr John Reid who was retiring.

Toby spoke of some of his memorable moments with Dr Reid but also spoke of the opportunities given to him at Yangebup, which enabled him to become part of the Gifted and Talented Program at Melville Senior High School.

Toby did a fantastic job and was congratulated by all present and former staff that attended on the day - including Mrs Betty McNeil now Principal at Melville Primary School (she was a Deputy Principal at Yangebup)

Uniform Makeover

The Uniform shop has moved to a new home this term in the foyer of the gym hall. The purpose built area is well lit and organised and the ladies are ready for the deluge of new students in 2013. Buy your requirements this term and beat the rush. See insert for times and the chance to win cash prizes.
Star in the Making

BUILD just wanted to share the success of one of our Year 11s (and ex ACE) students. Jarrad Pickett received a $20,000 scholarship as part of the Jim Stynes Award announced at the 2012 Brownlow Medal Ceremony. Eleven young players received the award Australia wide and will receive funding towards football, travel and education expenses so they can continue to develop their talents, gain confidence and realise their potential.

Jarrad (pictured right) is completing a School Based Traineeship with South Fremantle Football Club and continues to be a great student and role model to the younger students at Melville Senior High School. He is a very conscientious student and has a great family who fully support him.

We are all very excited to see Jarrad continue to achieve his dreams as he is now also part of the AIS/AFL academy for 2013.

AFL Footballer Inspires

The ACE students had a special visit in Week 2 from Jeff Garlett, who is an indigenous Australian Rules footballer at the Carlton Football Club in the Australian Football League. Jeff is a speedy small forward with uncanny goal-sense, defensive-tackling pressure and who has had his best year in the AFL to date.

Jeff was visiting home before flying back to Melbourne for pre-season and the ACE Program were lucky enough to have the chance to meet the young star. For some students, this was the first time they had met a famous footballer.

The ACE kids started by introducing themselves and where they were from, which led the young gun to tell the group a bit about himself and his story.

Jeff grew up in Perth and completed his schooling before being drafted into the AFL at the age of 19. This was always a dream of his from a very young age. He spoke about setting realistic goals in life, always trying your best and always being positive in the choices you make.

Jeff spoke about the sacrifices and commitments he had made to become an AFL star and how hard it was to live on the other side of the country without his family, especially the fact that he had to learn how to cook for himself. He also went on to say how it is all worth it in the end if you stick with it and don’t give up.

He answered many questions from the nervous but excited class. They learned how to maintain a healthy lifestyle with exercise, training and diet; what it is like to do something you love with the added weight of thousands of people watching and who was the fastest AFL player in the League - Jeff said himself of course.

Jeff is an excellent speaker who demonstrated a positive outlook on life and shows a great passion for encouraging both our indigenous and non-indigenous youth of today to always chase your dreams and never give up.
Feed them Cake

The Year 11 Home Economics students cooked up a storm in Week 2 to provide sustenance for the many parents and relatives who attended the Year 12 Final Assembly.

There was tray upon tray of colourful cakes being prepared before the morning tea and the students were rightly proud of their creations.

Keeping Ahead of Government Direction

Over the past month press releases have been coming thick and fast regarding the long term interaction of Australia in the Asian sphere. Recently, the government released the Australia in the Asian Century White Paper where one of the aims highlighted was that all students would learn an Asian language. Though this is a valuable direction, Australian schools face the challenge of finding talented teachers of languages as well as increasing students’ desire to study an additional language.

Melville Senior High School offers studies in Indonesian and also Italian and in 2011 began to offer Chinese (Mandarin). The school is lucky to have an exceptional teacher in Ms Mei Zhao currently teaching Chinese within the school. This language is more demanding to learn but the students have noted how much they are enjoying the process with the support of Ms Zhao. We are looking forward to the expansion of the number of students studying Chinese in the school, both students who are background speakers and are honing established skills as well as those students who are committed to learning the language for the first time.
Year 12’s Last Day - Fancy Dress Parade

Year 12 Valedictory Presentation