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Welcome to the second edition of Melville Matters for 2016 and our first electronic version for the year. For the benefit of our new parents we produce one hard copy and one electronic copy of Melville Matters per term.

We are approaching the term 1 school break and all students should have well and truly settled into their classes. While there may still be a bit of last minute shuffling based on the Year 11 and 12 Interim Progress Statements, this will also settle soon.

Each student should now have received Course Outlines and Assessment Programs for every course (subject) in Years 7 to 12. Course Outlines should be thorough enough to give students (and parents) a general idea of what is being taught and when, while the Assessment Program should describe the assessment, indicate when it is due and its relative weighting. We all know that realistically outlines and programs may change but I expect staff to keep students and their parents updated with any adjustments they might make. If you look at these documents and, after conferring with your child, you still have no idea what they are studying and when they have assessments, you will need to get in touch with the teacher concerned and ask them to explain the situation with you. This can be done by email (preferred) or through a note in their student diary or by phone (which we have found to be much harder with teachers often in class).

To make this whole process of teacher/parent communication easier, the school uses the web-based Department of Education Connect program and we now have 100% of our teachers with course outlines and their marks books posted live for you to look at 24/7 anywhere in the world.

All of our students have their marks transferred directly from their teacher straight to Connect (so you can see how they are doing before they get their work back!). If you have yet to access Connect you need to apply for a parent login HERE. Mr Nye Smith, our ICT Manager is also available to assist if required. Connect is a VERY POWERFUL and useful program that is revolutionizing school/parent/student communications so please take ad-
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vantage of this facility. While I expect all staff to be using Connect some of our new staff (and there are over 20 of these) may be experiencing a few problems getting their materials loaded, as our network is currently straining under the load of 1,400 students (this is being addressed as we speak by the way).

Please contact the teacher by email if you can’t see anything on their Connect site and cc Mrs Alanna Sherwood (for Year 7 to 9 students), Mr Evan Floyd (for Year 10 to 12 students), Mr Nye Smith (our ICT Manager) or their HOLAs and one of these people will work with the teacher to get them online. All email addresses are available from our website HERE.

Course Outlines and Assessment Programs are just one way the school tries to keep you informed about the study requirements for your child at school. Another important way is using the traditional parent-teacher meeting night. By the time you read this we will have had the Year 7, 11 and 12 parent-teacher night held on 31 March. Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend this important meeting aimed at providing an early snapshot of how students have settled into either:

- Their first year at High School (Year 7)
- Their first year in Senior School (Year 11)
- Or their final year of school (Year 12)

I need to also thank the teaching staff for their ongoing commitment and professionalism in remaining back at school until 6pm in order to see as many parents as possible. The next parent-teacher night will be held on Tuesday 19 July from 9am to 6pm to give parents more opportunity to meet with teachers across EACH 7 to 12 year group. Obviously to facilitate this extended meeting time, students will not be required to attend school at all on this date and we will continue using the very successful PTO online booking system.

Our swimming team have competed in the B Division of the State Swimming Carnival and achieved a creditable third place - making us the 11th best swim school in the state. Not only did the swim team perform well as a unit in the water, but it was also noted by many officials that as spectators, our students were proudly dressed in Melville green and supported their mates with appropriate enthusiasm. Five of
our students featured as champion or runner up champion (see the Sport report for more details). Thanks must also go to our inter-school swimming team head coach Ms Fran McCarthy, our Interschool Sports coach Ms Kylee Coonan and our HOLA H&PE Mr Paul Cooke who also did an outstanding job commentating on the day.

ANZAC Day will be celebrated at Melville SHS on Thursday 7 April at a ceremony in the gym between 10.00 to 11.00am. The special guest speaker is likely to be Brigadier Phil White (yes that’s me!) and parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

Every year I remind parents that the attendance of their child at school is one of the biggest contributing factors to successful achievement. As a rough guide, it is considered that a minimum of 90% attendance is essential for academic success. My teaching staff in general and the Student Service team (led by Ms Steph McDonald, Deputy Principal Student Services) are monitoring the attendance of your child on a daily basis and reporting to you if their attendance is causing concern (and they will do this even if you have given permission for your child to be away). Typically, our attendance drops off a little in Years 10 and 11 and generally more so for girls than boys. This said, so far this year there has been an improvement over 2015 (where we had an average attendance of 91%) and I suspect that this is because students and parents are getting the simple message that It's NOT OK to stay away. Remember, we really need parents to stand firm when their child asks to stay home, particularly if they are NOT really unwell.

We ask parents to understand that taking their child on an extended holiday throughout the school term is also not acceptable and risks considerable academic hardship (please use the school holidays, not the school term, for holidays).

As well as a lovely Easter break, we have the term 1 school holidays coming up very soon. The first day back next term is Wednesday 27 April (noting that Tuesday 26 April is a student free Professional Development Day for staff).

For all staff and students (and parents of course) have a well-earned safe and relaxing holiday. This said, Year 11 and 12 students (in particular) should remember that the school break should also be used to revise and prepare for Semester 1 exams which start in week 5 of term 2 (exams for Years 8 and 10 are in week 7 and Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN testing is in week 3).

Kind regards,
Phillip White AM, RFD, BA, Grad Dip ed, Med (Man)
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DIARISE THESE DATES
- Term 2 holidays 9-26 April
- ANZAC day 25 April
- PD day for staff 26 April
- First day back 27 April
(Note: Wednesday for students)
- P&C AGM 2 May 7pm
(ALL WELCOME)

NAPLAN TESTING
Year 7 and 9 students across Australia will sit NAPLAN tests in literacy and numeracy in week 3 of term 2. By now all English and Mathematics classes will have been well and truly engaged in preparation for these tests. As parents, you can assist by speaking to your child about the importance of these tests and the need to achieve to the best of their ability. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child’s English or Mathematics teacher.
CELL SCIENCE
The Year 8 Science teachers have just completed the topic Cells. There was a display in the library of student work, pictured right. The work and creativity that went into the cell projects was terrific.

SPACE CAMP AT NASA
Dean Morris, a Year 8 Aviation Studies student at Melville Senior high school has received a scholarship to a NASA Spacecamp in 2017. To apply he had to submit a detailed space experiment, two essays, a mission patch design and three letters of recommendation.

The camp involves six days of intensive training with a focus on teamwork and leadership skills and is based upon the astronaut training program. He will also take part in training simulations on the NASA’s International Space station simulator. Dean is pictured right with Aviation Teacher in Charge Randall Brink.
CHEMISTRY SOLVED
The Year 7 GAT students were treated to a wonderful display of Chemistry fun by Scitech earlier this year. Students participated in a series of interactive activities where they explored the exciting world of chemical reactions.

Following this they completed an experiment, testing the effect of different substances on the solubility of an eno tablet. The students were all enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
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POLITICS AND LAW VISIT
Dr Dennis Jensen (pictured above) came to discuss Politics and Law with Year 10 to 12 students in week 6. Dr Jensen is in the House of Representatives in the Division of Tangney. He gave advice to students who will be participants in the Mock Law Competition next term.

The competition is a mock trial scenario with a simulated court case in which teams contest a fictitious legal matter presented in the WA court system. The cases are presented by two teams - a prosecution/plaintiff team and a defence team - made up of students playing the roles of barristers, solicitors, witnesses and court officials.

The Melville SHS team is made up of six Year 11 Politics and Law students and six keen HASS students. They train after school and at recess and lunch to prepare themselves for their appearance at the Supreme Court. The students are mentored by Mr Robert Coyboy, a senior practicing Solicitor. Good luck to our budding Melville Law and Order team.

ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES

SCULPTURES BY THE SEA
The senior Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts students attended the 12th Annual Sculptures by the Sea exhibition staged at the beautiful Cottesloe Beach. Hosting international and local artists the exhibition allowed the students to interact with sculptures in the round, providing a more sensory experience of the art form of sculpture.

The Year 11 ATAR students attended a focus tour giving them greater insight into the concepts behind sculptural work, providing them tools to make connections with the artists’ intentions and the different styles and techniques that make up the world of three dimensional art. Year 11 and 12 General students were encouraged to experience and record their observations through photography and drawing, using the day to get involved with art making. Students documented their work for the Certification II accreditation.

The day was glorious and sunny, with a slight breeze to keep the heat down, with most
students seeking a little shady spot to engage with their drawing tasks. A wonderful and productive day for all. Thank you to the teachers involved Miss Jenna Antonioli, Ms Mellissa McCarthy, Ms Sandy Olney-Thurstun, Ms Janelle Cahoon and Mr Rhys Crosswell.

DESIGN
Year 12 Design Excursion
Students travelled to the city in week 4 to visit the Nostalgia Box game console museum in Northbridge. They experienced old classics such as Pong, Atari and Sega, providing valuable research into the rapidly changing game industry and commercial design history. Students created a photographic journal, recording visual aspects of this excursion which helped to enrich their Design Portfolio submissions.

Year 11 Design Excursion
Year 11s ventured to Perth City and Ikea to photograph examples of Modernism and Postmodernist design. Perth City architecture, including the new Elizabeth Quay development and Cultural Centre, provided a variety of subjects with students exploring photographic composition techniques. Ikea proved to be a smorgasbord of commercial design solutions with varied textures, materials, colours, and lighting subjects. We look forward to seeing what the students can create, inspired by these rich sources of visual reference.

MUSIC IN FOCUS - SWING BAND
Nearby primary Schools have been lucky to have our Swing Band perform at assemblies this term. The students (pictured bottom) not only wow the audience, they also encourage students to start a musical instrument and Year 6s to continue with the program into high school.

Year 10 members are Charles Morley-Wong and Kobi Simpson. Year 11 members are Thomas Archibald, Murray Brims, Cian Butler, James Calvert, Marisa Gardiner, Ashley Hurley, Isha Sai, Zarah Suamili, Sophia Sunthang, Ashley Ure and Morgan Ure.
HAVE SUM FUN
Three teams of Year 7 and 8 students representing Melville SHS were participants in the annual Have SUM Fun competition for lovers of Mathematics.

The students were from Gifted and Talented and Academic Extension classes and Head of Department Ms Randa Collett claimed they ‘certainly did have some fun’.

The evening was held at Trinity College in week 7. Teams spent the night solving mathematical problems, that get harder and harder as the night progresses.

There were 38 teams who were predominantly private schools and Melville 3 came 16th, Melville 1 came 23rd and Melville 2 came 27th.
SPECIALIST NETBALL PROGRAM
In week 8 selected High Performance Netball Students were lucky enough to participate in a specialist coaching session with Australian player and Vice-captain of the West Coast Fever, Caitlin Bassett. The students were asked to participate and attended before-school training in anticipation of the session.

In 2015 Bassett became the first ANZ Championship player and shot 600 goals in a season. She also competed in her second World Cup campaign and became the first West Australian to surpass 50 international Test appearances. Shooting at 94% in the final, she helped Australia win their third consecutive World Cup title and made history by becoming the first shooter to win the Liz Ellis Diamond.

The students were hanging onto every word of their hero and the enjoyment and effort is apparent in the photos.
OUTDOOR EDUCATION
The Year 11 Outdoor Education class is currently participating in weekly kayaking sessions at Point Walter in preparation for the day trip to Penguin and Seal Island later this term. Students are developing their skills and enjoying their time on the water. The Year 10 Outdoor Education class is currently training to gain their Bronze Medallion.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
In week 7 an enthusiastic squad of our best swimmers headed for Challenge Stadium to compete in the B Division Interschool Swimming Carnival. The team had 68 swimmers and was a well prepared squad where everyone played a part and made a contribution to our success.

There were four students who deserve special recognition for being the crème de la crème, the best of the best:
Year 7 Girls Runner Up
Amelie Prinsloo
Year 8 Boys Runner Up
Sean Beck
Year 11 Boys Champion
Ben Hopkinson
Year 12 Boys Champion
Kieran Peters
These four students gained 171 points between them. As well as individual efforts, many of our relays also gained a top three finish. These include the Year 9 and Under Boys Medley and Year 10 and Over Boys Medley. Of the freestyle relays, six teams gained at least 14 points each: Year 7 Girls and Boys, Year 8 Boys, Year 10 Girls and Year 11 and 12 Boys. The relays earned us 150 points. The students listed below deserve to be acknowledged and congratulated for achieving a top three finish in their races.

As can be seen from the table with 10 top three finishes between them, we are going to miss Kieren Peters and Cullen Dans next year. However we do have the depth and talent to hold our position on the ladder. We set ourselves a target in 2016, of improving to third place in B division and we achieved that aim. As Mr White says, Melville is the 11th best public school in the state for swimming.

Final Results:
1 Willetton
2 Mount Lawley
3 Melville
4 John Curtin

1 Willetton
5 Leeming
2 Mount Lawley
6 Ocean Reef
3 Melville
7 Woodvale
4 John Curtin
8 Como

A big thank you is extended to the upper school students who volunteered to be officials, organising teacher Ms Fran McCarthy, Mr Rowan Gerrard, Mr Wayne Brooks, Mr Paul Cooke and our interschool sports coordinator, Ms Kylee Coonan. These teachers all put in much time and effort to organise and support the team.

INTERSCHOOL CRICKET
Melville SHS sent three teams to the Senior Interschool Super 8s Cricket Competition in week 7. The girls got off to a flying start taking down Kent Street SHS and finished third overall in the competition. The boys had a much tougher day, however fun was had by all. A great result for Melville’s first time in the senior competition.

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Inter-House Swimming Carnival was held at the end of last term, under blue skies. Due to renovations and the numbers involved, we travelled to Fremantle pool, with keen swimmers from Years 8 to 12 and all Year 7s.

The carnival saw heat after heat of Year 7 swimmers with a tapering down to the seasoned swimmers in the older year groups. At the end of the day, after an enormous amount of work by the Phys Ed department and excellent support from other teachers, the results were tallied. In fourth place was Cygnus (939 points), third was...
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Gryphon (962), second was Pegasus (1595) and well ahead in first place was Aquila (1722 points). The champions in each year group are listed below.

IEC SWIMMING
The IEC Swimming Carnival took place in Week 7 in our school pool. Most of the twenty-four events involved teams and included all strokes including survival back stroke and rescues. There were also life jacket races for students still learning to swim and a 50m freestyle Gold medal race for the top eight girls and boys. All IEC students were allocated races according to their strengths and the carnival had a 99% participation rate, the best yet.

House Champions:
IEC Champion Girl
Aquila Valentina Mariani
Melissa Lin
Sayaka Shiba
Angelica Tapnio

Champion Boy
Taku Masumoto
Art Kaensan
John Lacanlale
Simon Xie

Winner 50m Gold Medal Free style:
Melissa Lin and Daniel Su

Results were Gryphon fourth, Pegasus third, Aquila second and Cygnus first (on 445 points). These will be added to the school tally for the year.

This carnival could not have taken place without Coordinator Ms Fran McCarthy, the IEC staff who acted as marshals, judges and recorders and also the mainstream students who ran the carnival smoothly.

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MUSIC FUNDRAISER

The Music Department (via the Music Support Group) is fundraising by selling Entertainment™ Books. The Books are selling for $65, and we keep $13 for every one we sell.

The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Perth’s best restaurants, cafes, attractions and more.

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Memberships will be available in May, however, pre-order now to receive up to $200 in Early Bird Offers that you can use straight away!

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April School Holiday Revision Program

Achieve your best with help from the school revision specialists.

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- If available, ask a Transit Officer or Transperth staff member for help or just stand near them for safety.
- Call 9220 9999 — save this number in your mobile.
- On a bus, speak to the bus driver.
- On a train, push the emergency button to speak to the driver.
- On a train station, push the emergency button on an information kiosk to speak to our Central Monitoring Room.
- On train stations, stay in well-lit areas in view of security cameras.

Other safety tips:

- If possible, have someone come to meet you, or tell friends or family when you expect to be home.
- On train stations, stand back from the yellow line on the edge of the platform. When trains go past they create a powerful draft that can unbalance you.
- Use only the proper access routes when you enter or exit train stations.
- Always stay off train tracks. Walking across them is dangerous and illegal.
With the cooler weather beginning is a timely reminder to all students regarding WINTER UNIFORM:

- All undershirts must be WHITE only - including under girls dresses
- NO Hoodies at all times
- Jackets to be Melville SHS Uniform only.
- Tights can only be worn under a skirt/shorts.

SOCCER PLAYERS NEEDED
An exciting opportunity exists for you to join the Phoenix Knights Junior Soccer Club, Under 15’s team. We currently have a few spots available and looking for players to add to our squad. No soccer experience is necessary but if you have played for a club or for your school before that would certainly help. Boys in Year 8, 9 or 10 with birth dates between 1/1/2001 to 1/1/2003 are eligible as are girls in Years 9, 10 or 11 with birth dates between 1/1/2000 to 1/1/2002. We have a great team and play in South Division 1. Training occurs every Tuesday and Thursday nights at Len Packham Reserve in Coolbellup from 4.45 to 6pm. Fees are low compared to other clubs and the Cockburn Council offers fee reductions for eligible players. To register your interest or for more information, please call Joel Woods, U/15’s coach on 0407107684.