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Welcome to the second edition of Melville Matters for 2013 and our first ever electronic version. We have decided to try our hand at distributing every second Melville Matters via email. There are a number of reasons for this with the least important being cost! The main reason we are moving to an electronic copy of Melville Matters is to support the school’s efforts to become better at electronic communication with and between our parents, students, staff and indeed the wider community of friends and supporters. The advantages and opportunities made possible by the near instant communication of email and other emerging electronic methods such as Connect and Reporting to Parents (more on these later) is very attractive to Melville as an educational organisation. However, to make this communication effective we need to use email among all in our community more regularly and more easily – hence the move to an electronic version of Melville Matters in support of this ideal. By the way, we view the electronic distribution of Melville Matters very much as a trial and if we get feedback that our community (i.e. you) don’t like this form of communication we will shift back to eight paper copies of Melville Matters – but in the meanwhile, hopefully you will enjoy reading this edition. All comments and suggestions should be addressed to the editor of Melville Matters – Mrs Kate Main our Marketing and Communications Manager.

As I write we are about to commence week 9. By now all students should have well and truly settled into their classes and while there may still be a bit of shuffling based on the Year 11 and 12 Interim Progress Statements this will also settle soon. Accordingly each student should now have received Course Outlines and Assessment Programs for every course (subject) in Years 8 – 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 (which may in fact be included in the same document) should indicate what assessment tasks are due and their relative weighting. We all know that outlines and programs will change but I expect staff to keep students and their parents updated with these as well. Broadly speaking if you look at the Course Outline and Assessment Program (and if necessary after asking your child) you still have no idea what they are studying and when they have assessments, it may be that you need to get in touch with the teacher concerned to explain the situation.

To make this communication process easier teachers at Melville are increasingly placing their Course Outlines and Assessment Programs onto a web-based software package called Connect. Connect is an Education Department based program that directly links into every teacher’s electronic record keeping and Reporting to Parent’s data base (with the appropriate security systems in place of course) allowing students (and eventually their parents) to access information about their grades etc 24/7 anywhere in the world. At the moment not all teachers are using Connect (it is a school priority to train staff in its use) and at the moment the Education Department is not yet ready to enable a parent log on, but eventually parents will be able to log onto the classes of their children and not only see their grades etc but also communicate with the teacher as well as access documents such as the course outlines and assessment programs outlined above. Much more will follow.

Course outlines and assessment programs are but one way the school tries to keep you informed about the study requirements for your child at school. Another important way of course is using the format of the traditional parent/teacher meeting night. By the time you read this we will have had the Year 8, 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher Night held on 27 March. Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend this important meeting aimed at providing an early snapshot into the extent to which students have settled into: (1) their first year at High School (Year 8); or (2) their first year in Senior School (Year 11) or (3) their final year of school (Year 12). I need to also thank the teaching staff at Melville SHS for their ongoing commitment and professionalism.

The next Parent/Teacher Night will be held on Thursday, 4 July between 12.30pm and 6pm (to give parents more opportunity to meet with teachers across each year group 8-12). Obviously to facilitate this extended meeting time, students (less those in the IEC) will be dismissed at 12.30pm and we will continue with the very successful ‘on line’ booking process.

Talking about up-coming events, ANZAC Day will be commemorated at Melville this year on Friday April 19th at a ceremony in the gym between 10 – 11 am and as usual all parents and friends of the school are welcome.

Finally, for the last two or three years I have been reminding parents that the attendance of their child at school is one of the biggest contributing factors to achievement at school. As a rough guide, it is considered that a minimum of 90% attendance is essential for academic success. My teaching staff in general and my manager of Student Services (Mrs Vlasich) and her team 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 is slightly down in Years 9 and 11 compared to other year groups. This said, so far this year we have seen a continuation of the generally improved attendance figures seen throughout 2012 and I hope this is because students and parents are getting the simple message that ‘it is NOT ok to stay away’. Remember, we really need parents to stand firm when their child asks to stay home when they are not really all unwell. We also ask that parents understand that taking their child on an extended holiday throughout the...
school term is not ok either and they risk considerable academic hardship if they do (please use the school holidays, not the school term, for holidays – that is what they are there for). All this said, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and relaxing term 1 holiday break. Remember school commences for students on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

As always, kind regards

Phillip White AM, RFD, BA, Grad Dip Ed, Med (Man) PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN Testing 2013

Year 9 students across Australia will sit NAPLAN tests in literacy and numeracy early in term 2 (14 - 16 May).

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 about the tests feel free to contact your child’s English or mathematics teacher or the Curriculum Manager, Mr David Combe.

Enrolment Dates

2014 enrolment applications are due on 5 July for new in-boundary students. See the Melville SHS website for the school’s intake area HERE. Applications are available from reception.

Consideration of out of area applications will be finalised on 26 July and families will be informed by mail.

Specialist Program Testing

Specialist program testing has been completed for entry into Year 8 in 2014. Second round testing will depend on vacancies within each specialist area. Check the Melville SHS website after 13 May for these individual opportunities HERE. Some specialist programs have limited vacancies in other year groups. Contact David Combe for details: David.Combe@education.wa.edu.au

Gifted and Talented

Gifted and Talented registration for Year 6s for entry in 2014 has closed.

Testing in 2014 for those entering high school in 2015 will involve both Year 6s and Year 7s (current Year 5s and Year 6s) and testing dates are not yet available. Check the Education Department website HERE.

Limited vacancies in Gifted and Talented classes exist in some year groups and top up testing is available through the Education Department. Year 6s who missed testing this year can sit a top up test next year on the chance a vacancy arises.

New Student Councillors

It was a strong group of Year 8s who applied for Student Council. Unfortunately there can only be two councillors and we would like to congratulate Ben Hopkinson and Isha Sai.

Year 12 Ball

The Melville SHS ball was once again a resounding success. All flocked up, the girls seemed to even accessorise their partners as ties and waistcoats matched frocks. Many thanks to the big effort put in by Ms Heather Anderson and Ms Felicity O’Sullivan to make it all happen. More photos are on Page 10.
House Captains for 2013

Congratulations to House Captains who were announced at the all-of-school assembly in Week 7. Those available were pictured right. The House Captains are chosen for their strong organisational, interpersonal and self-management skills. Their key role is to help the Year Coordinators, House Coordinator and HPE Learning Area in the organisation and operation of House based sporting activities. The Captains are:

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Aquila  Hayley Booth  Michael Traill
Cygnus  Katrina Tinson  Joseph Whennan
Gryphon  Noi Pukkaew  Jack Woodall
Pegasus  Natasha Pearson  Ben Stevens

11
Aquila  Deni Campbell  Jamie Drage
Cygnus  Mihaela Herceg  Aden Hunter
Gryphon  Claudia Ivey  Putra Zulkifli
Pegasus  Brianna Williams  Oliver Richards

10
Aquila  Breann Wahrlich  Braydon Loo
Cygnus  Mackensie May  Ethan Griffiths
Gryphon  Rachel Lee  Lachlan Price
Pegasus  Hana Sakic  Zeke Morgan-Hind

9
Aquila  Sarah Cocken  Christopher Ah Siu
Cygnus  Imogen Hart  Taj Sandhu
Gryphon  Shania Peters  Teo Stareczek
Pegasus  Jess Sabot  Jeremy Shaw

8
Aquila  Elena Pommet  Jack Curran
Cygnus  Aeisha Gohrt  James Hall
Gryphon  Tafadzwa Mataranyika  Trey Lukacich
Pegasus  Diana Sungiyumva  Swapneel Thankur

Harmony Week

The school always looks forward to Harmony Week, partly because we can celebrate our diversity but also because we can appreciate the fact that our diverse elements are so harmonious.

The week was not just an announcement at an assembly. There were many facets, many helpers and heaps of activities and fun including:

Harmony Week Assembly
- Ms Morais led the Harmony Choir from the school's Intensive English Centre in a very moving song about belonging.
- Former Year 12 student Emma Vardy returned to the school to sing a wonderfully professional version of the National Anthem
- Dance teacher Ms Houwen choreographed Year 12 dancers
- Music teacher Mr McLeod led the senior concert band,
- Amazing flautist Xiawen Pan (pictured right) gave a demonstration of three different Chinese wind instruments. Xiawen, who has been in Australia for

House Captains Aquila

House Captains Cygnus

House Captains Gryphon

House Captains Pegasus
two years, is in the Music in Focus program after playing the flute for only 6 months. Her proficiency in the traditional Chinese instruments has obviously made it easy to learn new instruments.

- Ms Milas and the Year 10 music students – Molly, Isryan and Lachlan
- Annie Crouch, Ms Daley and the student council gave a literal performance to summarise how the school and society can live together as one.

Other Highlights

- Ms Belotti and the library staff put together a bright display in the library which included flags of the world and a Harmony Week and Amnesty International pin up display.

- Head of Arts, Ms Sherwood coordinated a promotion of harmony through art and Ms Bellair organised friendship calligraphy. Ms Ee and Ms Milas organised world music on the PA.

- Ms Kurian and the canteen ladies had international food with a different theme for each day of the week. Canadian pancakes, Italian pasta and Mexican Tacos were a hit.

A huge thankyou to Ms Ruth Ellis and Ms Fran McCarthy who have worked so hard to coordinate the whole of Harmony Week.

Sport Report

Triathlon

Congratulations to Jeremy Shaw (pictured right) who received a third place in the 13-14 years age group at the Australian Youth Triathlon Championships. He was also part of the team that placed first in the 13-14 years age group.

Swimming

There has been more than one splash in the pool this term. As well as weekly swimming classes there have been year group carnivals and a tightly fought Interschool Carnival.

Congratulations to our swim team who were valiant in the big pond after being promoted to B division. Individual excellence was on show with three Melville SHS students winning Champion medallions (pictured right):

Ben Hopkinson – runner up champion boy Year 8
Brendan Peters – runner up champion boy Year 12
Kieran Peters – Champion boy Year 9

The year group and IEC carnivals were all about fun and exercise. Every student was encouraged to participate and there were fun and games at the end of the day for those who liked to keep their feet on the bottom. The new faction marquees gave added colour to the pool-side.
Thanks to all staff who assisted on the day and especially those who took on extra responsibilities, for instance, but not only:

- Many thanks to the Year 10 students who officiated as judges, timekeepers, poolside recorders and computer recorders and to those Year 12 OE students who helped out during their OE session to set up novelty events.
- Mr Hudson for volunteering to supervise the barbecue and Kilian Albrecht for assisting
- Ms Fynmore for staying extra time at lunch to secure the pool entry
- Mr Boland for his usual professionalism on controlling the entry and exit of students at the pool entrance
- Mrs Gangemi for monitoring the sick swimmer, and Ms Dykes for treating an asthma sufferer at lunchtime
- Phys Ed staff who came in before school, stayed at lunchtime to supervise the pool area, gave up their DOTT to be involved, officiated all day, and stayed after school to clean up the pool area and prepare for the next carnival

**Individual Swimming Champions**

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Year 11 Girls
1 Deni Campbell Aquila 26

Year 12 Boys
1 Michael Traill Aquila 28
2 Braden Pratt Aquila 15
3 Morgan Remaj Pegasus 12

Year 12 Girls
1 Keely Wrathall Gryphon 24
2 Amy Haden Cygnus 19
3 Tia Sandhu Cygnus 7

Total Progressive Results

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Netball

In Week 9 selected players from the Specialist Netball program played matches against a visiting team from Hong Kong. Girls selected are listed below.

Cath Cox, captain of the West Coast Fever coached Specialist Netball girls in Week 10. It was not only an opportunity for the girls to get some expert tips but was as a great chance to meet their hero and a great role model.

Team vs Hong Kong

Year 12  Sally Frezza, Bridget Emery, Amy Haden
Year 11  Shairah Dick
Year 10  Jessica Smith, Chelsea Fraser, Olivia Kerr, Johnnie-Deshay Ngati
Year 9  Claudia Parry, Jamie-Lee Elliot, Courtney Lewis, Monique Tapp, Kirsten Young, Ashdyn Kawana
Flyover to Promote Action Against Bullying

In Week 6 Year 8s took part in the National Day of Action Against Violence. The day is about students, parents, teachers and school communities working together to create positive school environments free from bullying, harassment and violence. The classes formed the phrase NO WAY across the oval in time for Aeronautics teacher Randall Brink to flyover and allow our student photographer Liam Kneebone to take an aerial snapshot. Melville SHS has a Specialist Aviation program making this flyover possible.

The photos and video taken both on the ground and in the air will also form part of a larger project that Year 11 Health Studies students will be producing this year. Students will be creating a ‘students against bullying’ music video that will feature local and wider community members. The music video will become a useful resource for staff to use in the future and will be a part of Health Week 2013.

95ers

Congratulations to Shenae Vincent, Nathan Richards and Charlotte Pickering who became members of the Melville Senior High School 95 Club for achieving an ATAR score of over 95 in the Tertiary Admittance exams in 2012.

Sculpture by the River and Sea

Congratulations to Year 12 Art students who have won the School section of the City of Melville Sculpture Walk. Their clay designs reflecting Deep Water Point Reserve are pictured right.

In Week 7 the Year 11 and 12 WACE students attended a tour of Sculptures By the Sea at Cottesloe where over 38 outdoor artworks were displayed created by a broad selection of local, interstate and international leading and emerging artists. The students all felt the experience worthwhile, providing a ‘real life’ experience and gave them some tools to interpret the meaning of the art works.

Ms Sherwood’s Stage 1 Year 11 and 12 were involved in an art making component. The mini sculptures produced by her students were creative, humorous and bold. Students documented their work for their Cert 11 accreditation.

Students participated in the School Education Program, which provided an informative, stimulating and multi-sensory experience to enhance learning potential. Thank you to the teachers involved Miss Antonioli, Mrs Sherwood, Ms McCarthy, Ms Kennington and Mr Vykopal.
Photography

In week 8 the Year 10 Digital Photography Students set off to the Perth Cultural Centre to view the current exhibition Picturing New York at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

Picturing New York exhibition is an exploration of the life of New York City and a documentation of photography’s evolution throughout the twentieth century. Melville students got a chance to view this fantastic exhibition, seeing the progression of photography from its earliest stages, as well as take a journey with the city of New York as it developed to become the icon it is today.

Students were split into groups and taken on a guided tour (pictured right), giving them the opportunity to hear the stories behind the photographs as well as being introduced to some of the most important photographers of our time.

Back out in the city, the students had been set the task to ‘Picture Perth’ using the exhibition as inspiration. They were split into groups and allowed to explore the city in order to capture the ‘essence’ of Perth City. Ashdyn Kawana photographed the pond outside the gallery (right). The photographs that they collected on excursion have been brought back to school and students are using skills and techniques learnt in class to create a body of work that reflects the task theme very successfully. Class teachers Mrs Olney Thurston, Miss Glasson and Miss Antoniolli are very impressed with the quality and the creativity of the students’ work.

Gifted and Talented

Have Sum Fun

In week 7 two Mathematical teams representing Year 8-10 from Melville Senior High School travelled to Aquinas College to compete in the Have Sum Fun Mathematics Competition.

The competition consisted of four rounds of mathematical questions (including tie-breakers) with the correct answers adding up to determine the overall winner. Over 30 teams from various schools were present and keenly competed for prizes and bragging rights. At the same time a similar number of teams were competing at Duncraig SHS and in Bunbury.

After four heated rounds of mathematical problems, Trinity College emerged victorious with All Saint's College and Willetton Senior High School following closely behind placing second and third respectively. Trinity College scored almost perfectly, answering only one question incorrectly! Although Melville SHS didn’t gain a major placing, each team performed well, were very enthusiastic throughout the evening and made great ambassadors for our school.
Besides the maths itself, there was also a competition between schools as to which team brought the most lollies and snacks to eat during the night!

Although not receiving a Top 3 place, both of the Melville teams showed aptitude in their Math skills and great teamwork. Special thanks to Mrs Browton and Mr Andrews for helping train and organise the teams.

Braydon Cheong and Ben Cochrane
Winners In Class

Winners of the TOP ATTENDANCE for Term 1 are below. They win Hoyts movie tickets to use on the holidays. Well done attendees.

Year 8  Claire DOMASZ
        Jesse Strk
Year 9  Jack BRIDG Water
        Masuki DOLOH
Year 10 Gerald SOLIVEN
        Tarisai NDONGWE
Year 11 Ivan PASICARAN
        James MONTAGUE
Year 12 Theavera MANEJA
        Jesse GABRIELSON

Computers for Sale

Melville SHS is selling 60 of the computers that have reached their replacement date.
• They will be sold for $10 each.
• They will be sold as salvage spare parts only with no return and no support.
• They will not have an operating system. (e.g. windows)
• They will be sold with a monitors, mouse and keyboard.
• There will be no guarantee that the computer or any part will work but if it does a purchased copy of Windows 7 or a free Linux Os will run on these machines.
• Ten dollars should be paid to the front administration office.

The computers can only be collected between 3.00pm and 4.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays from F33.
The receipt must be presented at collection and a disposal notice signed.

Students Please Note

The University of Western Australia “A day in the life of a Uni Student” will be held in the April school holidays. This year there will be Three events.
1. A day in the life of a Music student, Monday 22 April 2013.
2. A day in the life of an Arts student, Wednesday 24 April 2013.
3. A day in the life of a Landscape Architecture student, Thursday 02 May 2013.

There is no cost for students, however, places are limited and interested students must complete an application form. For more information please see Mr Tills in G22.

Year 12 students interested in sitting UMAT 2013 for entry into Medicine or Dentistry should see Mr Tills. If you are interested in studying medicine or dentistry you must register before Friday 7 June – 5pm AEST. Late applications with fees close on Friday 21 June – 5pm AEST and the UMAT test is Wednesday 31 July.

Nominations now open for the 2013 Positive Image Award

You are encouraged to nominate Year 8-12 students at your school for the opportunity to be chosen as a Region Ambassador in the 2013 Positive Image Awards. Region Ambassadors receive a $150 prize and a framed certificate and go in the running to become the state winner. The state winner will receive a trophy, a camera and 24 Fujifilm cameras for their school.

Presented by the Minister for Youth, the Positive Image Award 2013 recognises and rewards a student from each WA education region who is a positive role model for other students and has made a difference in their school and community.

Go to:  https://authoring.communities.wa.gov.au/Youth/programs/pia/Pages/default.aspx
There you will find who is eligible, how to enter and the Online Nomination Form.

Nominations close 31 May 2013 at 5:00pm

KidSport is making it possible for more Western Australian children to participate in sport and recreation clubs, no matter their financial circumstances.

Eligible families can receive up to $200 a year for each of their children aged between 5 -18 years, to subsidise fees to join a sport and recreation club.

The program is part of a $20 million State Government initiative called Sport 4 All, which is comprised of four components: KidSport, the Community Volunteer Project, ClubTalk and Nature Play WA.

KidSport has been implemented throughout Western Australia since July 2011 and in its first year 113 local governments are administering the program. 89 of these are in regional WA.

To be eligible applicants must:
• Be aged 5-18 years.
• Have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card or be referred by a ‘recognised’ referral agent.
• Their primary place of residence must be in the local government area they are applying to (exceptions may apply).
• Preferably register with a club that is in their local government area (exceptions may apply).

Parents/guardians can obtain an application form from their participating local government office or their website, or from a sport or recreation club, a referral agent or anywhere local governments make them available.

Further information and a list of local governments involved is available at: