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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the third edition of Melville Matters for 2015. If you are wondering where the second edition went – it was sent electronically so you may have missed it! The feedback for the electronic version is always great but we realise the distribution of this is only as good as our email database. So, if you missed the email it means we don’t have you in our database or we have the wrong address. Missing an edition of Melville Matter is all the more reason why you should email our Marketing Manager and Editor-in-Chief Kate Main at catherine.main@education.wa.edu.au with “Correct Email Address” as the subject.

Accompanying this edition of Melville Matters is a copy of our 2014 Annual School Report. It is intended that every member of the Melville community (parents and staff) should receive a copy and take the opportunity to at least skim read it. As the School Board chair Mr Paul Richards and I state in the introduction, 2014 was another very successful year for Melville SHS. The headline academic data showed that in national and state wide standardised testing our Year 9 students exceeded state, so called ‘like school’ and Australian averages in NAPLAN testing. Also our Year 12 students not only achieved 100% graduation (WACE), for the tenth time in eleven years, but also had outstanding attainment rate (i.e. a 55+ ATAR and/or a Certificate II or higher) of 98% - which was the third best result of any public school in the state.

The introduction also highlights the numerous successes of our school and, if nothing else, I urge you to read this ‘executive summary’. Initial feedback from parents and community members attending the School Board meeting, where the annual report was tabled and accepted, commented that the production quality of the Annual Report continue to be superb. These views were supported at a subsequent P&C meeting. Parents at both meetings also told me how proud they are to have their child associated with a school that is doing so well. This is always great for a principal to hear!

I note however that as an organisation we can never rest on our laurels. To achieve the best outcomes for our students, your children, we must establish and sustain a culture of self reflection and continual improvement. To accomplish this there is clearly a need to analyse and respond to data and the achievement of the improvement targets contained in the School Business Plan 2015–17, which was posted home in February this year and is also available from the school web-site.

After you finish reading our Annual Report, if you don’t want to keep your copy, rather than throwing it out, please consider passing it on to a friend (ideally with school aged children who don’t come to Melville SHS) or leave it in a medical practice waiting room (or the like) as we believe the messages it contains, as well as the quality of the production on display, make it a worthy advertisement for our school and I would hate to see the good news go to waste!

In week 4 NAPLAN testing occurred for 447 Year 7 and 9 students and the Year 11 and 12 exams will take place in weeks 6 and 7. Exams are also occurring for Years 8 and 10 in weeks 7 and 8. The collective (Years 7 to 12) exam series will be followed up by the Semester 1 reports which will be posted home on 23 June in time to guide conversations at the Semester 1 Year 7 to 12 Parent/Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 1 July.

Note that these parent/teacher meetings can be booked using PTO online (after the date quoted in the letter that will be sent home soon) and teachers will be available from 9am-6pm with the school being close for students (including the IEC) all day to allow for extended meeting opportunities. Kylie Bottcher the Deputy Principal Strategic and Operational Planning, supported by Alanna Sherwood and George Tills, the Deputy Principals of Middle and Senior School, coordinate the parent/teacher meetings and will provide more information nearer the event.

Looking to the future, subject selection books for 2016 Year 11 students (currently in Year 10) will be distributed in week 10 and a parent briefing will be held in the same week on Thursday 25 June between 6.00 – 7.30pm. If your child is in Year 10 (and therefore will be in Year 11 in 2016) it is important that you attend this briefing night so please mark it in your diary. Our view is that the so called ‘Pathways’ we introduced a few years ago, which have been refined every year since, have been highly successful and they will continue to be the basis for course (subject) selection in 2015 for 2016.
Typically about 50 to 60% (and growing) of Melville students will study an ATAR pathway, which will lead to university entrance, while also completing the requirements of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Certificate pathways are selected by about 40 to 50% of our students who see themselves as TAFE or employment bound. Certificate pathway students are required to select from a series of WACE fixed pathway options based on General (as opposed to ATAR) courses (subjects). Critically, this includes at least one (and often more) embedded Certificate II or III.

This practice of offering an ATAR or Certificate pathway has proven very successful, providing our students with a set of courses targeted at viable, meaningful career pathways that position them to gain University and/or TAFE entrance, while also maximising their chances to satisfy WACE requirements. George Tills, Deputy Principal Senior School and Nicole Clune, VET and Post School Transitions Manager, together with Sandy Olney-Thurston the Year 11 and 12 Coordinator and Heather Anderson (back from maternity leave one day per week) have the lead in the subject selection and career counselling process and will provide considerably more information to parents and students later this term.

You may have gathered that a significant number of Melville SHS staff are taking their mandatory Long Service Leave this term or next. At the moment Mr Evan Floyd (Deputy Principal Senior School) is on Long Service Leave preparing to ride in the BC Bike Race, a 7 day stage race from Vancouver to Whistler in Canada, while Mr Mike Andrews (HOLA of Maths) is also on leave honing his golf swing. Mr Floyd is being replaced by Mr George Tills as Deputy Principal Senior School and Mrs Alanna Sherwood is filling in as Deputy Principal Middle School. Mrs Hilary Browton is relieving Mr Andrews as HOLA of Maths and Mr Nye Smith is replacing Mrs Sherwood as HOLA of Arts Technologies. If this is as clear as mud there is a separate table showing these changes elsewhere in this edition of Melville Matters.

Finally, I will be taking six months leave for the whole of Semester 2 (it is a hard life but someone has to do it!). We are blessed to have wonderful staff at Melville SHS and I will be more than ade-

quately replaced by Mrs Kylie Bottcher in term 3 and Mr Evan Floyd in term 4. You will be reminded of this information at the end of this term and again at the beginning of term 3.

As always the next few months will be a busy period in the life of our school. However, always feel welcome to contact the school if your child needs additional support or even if you just want to tell me what a great job my staff are doing.

Kind regards

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

GOVERNOR’S LAUNCH OF STEM AWARDS

Below is our State Governor Her Excellency Kerry Sanderson who is pictured with Head of Learning Area - Science Mr Kim Rosenthal (left) and Principal Mr Philip White (R). They were attending the Launch of the Governor's School STEM Awards.

The Governor’s School STEM* Awards raise awareness of the importance of science and mathematics education amongst school leadership and encourage principals to support their teachers in undertaking STEM initiatives.
THE SCHOOL BALL

The 2015 Year 12 Ball was held at the Grand River Ballroom at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Term 1. Over 30 teachers attended and their comments on the occasion included delightful, glamorous, sophisticated, a great night, and the best ball I have ever attended.

The Belle of the Ball was Tahlia Lawrence in a very elegant red sequined gown and the Beau of the Ball was Zinub Forgol with his stylish three piece suit.

The cutest couple was Caitlin Kerr and Jaidyn Paul and the best dancers were Campbell McIlroy and Shazrien Wilson...with honorable mention to Mr Slade and Ms Fynmore

The Social Butterfly was Breann Goodwin Wahrlich who was everywhere and somehow in half of the photos. The Social Bee was Ethan Griffiths who achieved his goal of a selfie with everyone at the ball including the teachers.

We needed a bigger dance floor as most of the 210 guests spent the evening dancing. There was a delicious buffet dinner including the much talked about butter chicken and desserts.

The students were well mannered and excellently demonstrated their introduction and hand shaking skills, learned in the very popular pre-ball etiquette classes.

More photos of these beautiful creatures are on the last page.
CHINESE VISIT TO NO. 7 HIGH SCHOOL

In the holidays Mr Phillip White, Mr George Tills and Ms Mei Zhao took 10 students to China to visit our new sister school, No. 7 High School in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. The following 10 students were also wonderful ambassadors: Georgia Woodall, Paul Omodumbi, Alexander Stephenson, Jerrome Lovelock, Jien Koh, Zachary Kirkby, Madlin Herold, Georgia Field, Kaleb Farrell & James Clavert.

No. 7 High School is a Specialist Arts school and has a natural link with the high calibre arts programs at Melville SHS. The relationship includes plans to have teacher and student exchanges, the opportunity to communicate and share languages plus exhibit each other’s artwork.

We can expect a reciprocal visit from two teachers and 10 to 15 students (who will need billets) in July.

ITALIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS RETURN!

Last year, our school received two Italian exchange students: Nicole Cellamaro from Savona and Edoardo Di Vito from Piacenza. Both had an amazing time with their host families (the Spanghero family and the Barker family). Zoe Spanghero and Chris Barker reciprocated their visit over the school holiday summer break.

This Italian exchange program is an invaluable experience. In fact, the exchange is so beneficial with long standing friendships that we have had exchange students return to Australia to continue their studies or come for a holiday.

Max Viazzo (2012 Exchange) is currently studying Marine Science at Murdoch University, Martina Cinelli (2013) has just return to Italy after a year of extended study in Australia, and soon Edoardo Di Vito (2014) will be returning for another two month stay with the Baker family who have been so gracious to welcome his return. We look forward to Edoardo’s arrival in late June! Benvenuti!
AVIATION

FLYING SOLO
The Aviation program at Melville SHS has a record number of students gaining their qualifications. The steps to gain your Private Pilot's License are: go Solo, go Area Solo (outside of the airport but within 25nm of airport), Recreational Pilot's License (carry passengers limited distances) and then Private pilots licence (no limits).

Year 10 Bariq Harb, went Solo in March (pic 1), Year 10 James Calvert went Solo in Week 1 (pic 2), Year 11 Thomas Ayoub also went Area Solo in Week 1 (pic 3) and Year 12 Marco Cheng went Solo in the holidays (pic 4).

ROULETTES
In week 1 Daniel Kruger, a RAAF flight instructor, visited aviation students to encourage students in becoming a pilot in the RAAF. He visited with the Roulette Aerobatic Team and Year 10 to 12 students were able to discuss careers in aviation.

Aviation students asked many questions in relation to working in the RAAF and the different job roles. The Roulettes where impressed with what MSHS is doing with aviation and they even flew the PC9 Roulette on our moving flight simulator.

Jonathan Morgan, encouraged girls to apply for the air force as there is far less gender discrimination in the RAAF compared to years ago and the RAAF are actively seeking female pilots. The Roulettes next sortie was a flight down to Albany in the PC9 for the ANZAC service. Roulettes pictured from left to right: Jonathan Morgan Roulette 2, Andrew Robinson Roulette 3, Damien Poar Roulette Ground crew, Phil White Principal and Lachie Hazeldine Roulette 6

ARTS

YEAR 11 AND 12 ART EXCURSION
In week 2 Year 11 and 12 Art students set off to the Perth Cultural Centre to view the current exhibitions at the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts and check out the Perspectives exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia AGWA. Students spent time taking inspiration from the surroundings to complete set drawing tasks and critical analysis for their folios.
The Perspectives exhibition is held every year and features the work from some of the best and the brightest Year 12 Art students from 2014 across the state, including our very own Madeline Waller and Jeaselyn Gunitu. Melville students got a chance to view the work of their contemporaries, giving them an insight to what level to aspire to if they are to be a part of this prestigious event.

Guided tours saw the large variety of artworks in the collection at AGWA and the guides also helped students understand ways to analyse and interpret work, which will be of great benefit in the upcoming exams. Students also had a small amount of time to draw upon their newly inspired art practice to work on their various art-making tasks. They took photographs, sketched and in some cases went back into the galleries to have more time taking it all in.

**MELVILLE ART AT THE FIONA STANLEY**

In 2014 Ms Melissya McCarthy’s Drawing and Painting visual art class worked on a series of birds inspired by the poem *Conference of the Birds*. In week 4, students attended the launch, to see the artwork that has now been transformed into wallpaper and installed in the children’s ward at Fiona Stanley Hospital. The Fiona Stanley art competition involved local schools and the community to create a leading healthcare environment. The goal was to provide distraction from pain, anxiety or discomfort and minimise the perception of waiting time for the 0-16 year old patients.

**WINNING AGAIN**

Melville SHS were once again in the winner’s circle, this time at the Melville Photographic Competition. In the 15 to 17 year old age group first place went to Year 11 student Crystal Long and second place went to Year 11 student April Matalog. They both won Garden City vouchers to the value of $150 and $100 respectively.

Congratulations to the Year 12 sculpture students who were Runners Up in the People’s Choice Award at the 2015 City of Melville sculpture awards at Deep Water Point. Their sculpture Dyarlgaard, Canning River missed out by two votes!
INTERNAL TALENT

Melville SHS Graphic Design Teacher in Charge Mr Lev Vykopal currently has an exhibition *Gallipoli: The Beautiful City* on display at the Fremantle Arts Centre. The paintings ‘offer a mix of reverence, analysis, critique and poetry’.

‘Mr Vykopal’s Czech surname means “to dig” and he adopts the techniques of an archaeologist to reveal the layers of history that invest this site with its genius loci. Digging for history is not an uncomplicated process, and the artist openly acknowledges that all evidence will be morphed and transformed through interpretation.’

Examples of the paintings are right and the exhibition is on until May 24.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

In week 2 the Year 10 Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) Gifted and Talented class went to the Kent Street Weir to gain a deeper understanding of water and catchments. Linley Brown, Education Officer with the Swan River Trust talked to us and explained what actions are taken to preserve the river and explained the weir was doing more good than bad to the river ecosystem and its functioning. The following are comments from students Zac, Cian, Georgia, Sophie, Jessica and Claire.

The wind rustled across the weir as the Melville Senior High School bus pulled up. The students stepped out, not knowing what would happen that day. Following their guide, they trekked across the lawn and the Year Ten GAT class, sat down under the shade of the tree, staring at Linley standing in front of a large body of water. The wildlife around us stopped and stared at this new life form in the ecosystem. It was as though the animals were judging us, sizing us up. Then, Linley spoke...

We made many observations of the site and noted important points to develop an understanding of how the area is used and the flora and fauna that exist. We studied the different environments on either side of the weir and its purpose. Afterwards there was a deep discussion on some management ideas involving the dam and the issues of migrating fish and climate change. We broke out into small groups to complete a survey of the area....
The area was considered to be good and healthy. We then did a field sketch of the weir, I focused on human infrastructure and modifications to the river. We tested the salt and fresh water for temperature, turbidity, pH levels, salinity and dissolved oxygen, nitrogen and phosphates. We concluded the excursions by looking for macro-invertebrates; we found a caddis fly larvae, which indicated the water was of a good quality. During our expedition we evaluated the health of the river using analytical data and species databasing. The trip was very educational as it allowed us to see the anthropogenic impacts and how we are working to solve them.

**HASS - MOCK TRIALS**

A mock trial is a simulated court case in which teams contest a fictitious WA legal matter presented in the WA court system. Two teams present the case (a prosecution/plaintiff team and a defence team) and are made up of students in the roles of barristers, solicitors, witnesses and court officials.

The Inter-School Mock Trial Competition provides an enjoyable, dynamic way of introducing students to the law. It provides students with an opportunity to learn valuable skills in research and the development and presentation of a persuasive argument.

These trials are conducted at the Supreme Court of Western Australia and are a Community Endorsed Program that support student graduation results.

Melville Senior High School has entered three teams in the 2015 Mock Trial ‘season’. The students compete in three rounds of trials against students from all over the metropolitan area. During round one our students performed admirably however they came up against a formidable group. The second round is only a few weeks away and the students are rehearsing their lines, planning and strategising their battle for court supremacy.

**EXPLORING ENGINEERING**

**EVENT AT UWA**

Late last term, four of our Year 12s joined with fellow students from over 30 schools to participate in an ‘Exploring Engineering Expo’ organised by the University Engineers’ Club.

Our students were able to gain an insight into things that university students do in their engineering degrees day-to-day, and were able to talk

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**STAFF ROLES**

The following staff movements have occurred for Term 2, as Mr Evan Floyd is on long service leave:

- Mr George Tills is Deputy Principal Senior School
- Ms Alanna Sherwood is Deputy Principal Middle School
- Mr Nye Smith is Head of Arts and Technologies
- Ms Hilary Browton is Head of Learning - Mathematics
to engineering students and staff about pathways into engineering at UWA. Below are comments from the students who attended.

From Dorsan
The organisers showed us all the different areas of engineering, like chemical, mining, software, civil, mechanical, electrical, and environmental. I especially liked the hands-on activities that we did, such as making a small electric motor using a copper coil, magnet and battery. I enjoyed seeing what the different areas of engineering are like, and now I've definitely got more of an idea of what course I want to do after I graduate.

From Sahil
The information showcased by the Expo was insightful and provided a great opportunity to ask questions of current engineering students.

From Talisha
The electrical engineering showcase was interesting as it introduced us to the idea of electromagnetism and motors and gave a good idea of what electrical engineering entails.

From Sanjeev
It was a great learning experience that explored the different aspects of engineering. Of particular interest and enjoyment was the civil engineering showcase where we built a structure to support an egg from straws and tape and then dropped the egg from various heights!

SPORT

STATE REPRESENTATIVES
Year 10 student James Gallaugher has made the Athletics Australia’s National Under 17 Development Squad despite being a year younger than other candidates. He will attend a high performance training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra in week 5.

Year 8 student Anneka Bodt and the WA team won a silver medal in the national wheelchair basketball competition held in Melbourne over the holidays.

Year 11 student and sailing skipper Connor Deaville (picture 1 on right) has won the 2015 National 125 Junior Sailing State Championships with fellow crew member Kadin Anketel-Walker.
East Fremantle Yacht Club hosted the 34th two-person dinghy State Championships and a record number of 33 boats took to the water over the Easter weekend. Sailing Connor’s boat Jackpot, the boys had an outstanding regatta, to not only finish in 6th place overall but to also win the Junior Championship. The boys will now be heading to the Nationals in December.

Congratulations to Year 7 student Celeste Johns who was in the synchronised swimming team that came second at the national championships.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
A record number of students tried out for the Cross County Inter-school team in week 4. Nearly the whole of Year 7 had a go (some probably not realising how arduous the event can feel). The top five students in each Year group are pictured right.

**AFL FOOTBALL**
The winter sporting events are underway and the junior footy team have won and lost in the first two games. The senior team have yet to play as two other schools have forfeited.

**SOCCER**
The senior soccer team beat Seton College 4-2 after a great comeback from 2-0 down. The Senior Girls won 2 – 0 also against Seton College.

**YEAR 10 LIGHTNING CARNIVAL**
What a day! Melville SHS were represented in a large number of events and performed excellently.

Results:
- Boys Soccer A 1st
- Boys Basketball A 1st
- Netball A1 2nd (lost by 1 goal)
- Girls Soccer 2nd (lost by 1 goal)
- AFL 2nd
- Netball A2 2nd
- Netball B1 3rd
- Netball C1 6th
**VOLLEY BALL**

The upper school interschool volley teams (pictured top right) had a great tournament in week 3. The three teams were committed to training twice a week for months and there was an amazing improvement in skill level. In addition to their team work and leadership the results was outstanding:

- Girls   Third
- Boys  Team 1  Second
- Boys  Team 2  Fifth

**TRAINING**

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION NEWS**

Vocational Education and Training (VET) provides students with the opportunity to engage in work related learning through partnerships with the school, training organisations and businesses.

Year 11 and 12 students in our Vocational Education Pathway program attend school three days a week and study a Certificate (level II or III) at TAFE and/or undertake a work placement for the other two days.

The outcomes of this program are best exemplified by some of our current students. Year 11 Salem Daghagheleh (picture A), attends Melville Senior High School Monday to Wednesday and is completing a Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation at Challenger TAFE. Thursdays see Salem at the Truck Centre in Kewdale.

Year 12 Parminder Pannu (picture B) is doing his work placement in the lifestyle department at Bunnings in Maddington for the second consecutive year. He has developed confidence and product knowledge, which he utilises in customer service.

**OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**

**WORLD CHALLENGE**

During the World Challenge trip to Cambodia and Laos late last year, a group of Melville SHS students helped build a playground at Kep Garden School painted with bright and vibrant colours that could be accessed by the children who were studying English after their normal school hours. The English lessons are provided for free with volunteer help and our students helped with these lessons by listening and reading with the children.
Over an 18 month period our students fundraised $2,500 American dollars and donated this to the school to install a much needed bore. The school farm is used to give students work experience. The water demand had outgrown the supplies available from their dam and now they have a bore allowing constant supply to their crops and playground upkeep. Great to know we were able to make a difference! The team and group leaders are pictured right.

DEAN GOES BEYOND THE CALL
Year 7 student Dean Morris (picture C) is helping raise awareness at Melville SHS for his pet charity GOSAC (Give Our Strays A Chance), a campaign he has been running to raise awareness of adopting strays and donating to animal shelters.

Dean has been extremely proactive over the last year and has had donations from Mitre 10, Classic Hire, ARC Fencing, Bunnings, Coles, Woolworths, Flight Centre and more.

Dean was nominated for the governors award on the Kids Who Give program and has also been chosen to be on an international TV show as the inspirational child from Australia. He got to talk about GOSAC and show the reporter around the Armadale shelter (it will be airing later this year on Channel 9).

At GOSAC day in 2014, Dean helped raise $1600 for the Armadale Community Animal Rescue Group as well as thousands of dollars worth of in-kind donations. This year he is running another GOSAC in week 6 and we wish him well.

MADDY FINDS THE TIME
In week 4, Year 9 student Maddy Evans (Picture D) coordinated fundraisers for Motor Neuron Disease. She ran a cake stall at recess and also a guess the number of treats in the jar competition. Maddy recruited a team of volunteers from Year 9 to help her with her fund raisers. After counting the various pots of money, Maddy was delighted to report the event raised over $700!

40 HOUR FAMINE
Melville SHS has a long association with 40 Hour Famine and we were recently acknowledged for having raised over $27,000 over this time. Well done students!
If you are on Facebook, search for the Melville Senior High School Alumni page to reminisce over the many school photos that have been loaded. This year the following groups who went to Melville High are due for a reunion.

**20TH REUNION - 2015**
Those former students who left Fifth Year in 1995 are invited to their twentieth reunion (This includes those who started school in 1991 and left earlier). Teachers from that era are also welcome to come. An event will be held in December. The lead organiser is Belinda Casson, who is currently living in Canberra but will be returning for the event. Email belindajcasson@yahoo.com.au to be notified and contact others from this year group. Function details are still to be confirmed.

**FIIFTIETH REUNION PLUS**
- Coordinator needed
This is the reunion year for the first and second year of graduates from Melville High in 1965 (and those from that year group who left school earlier but would have graduated then). It would be great to have someone who could coordinate a gathering for this foundation group. Contact Melville SHS Marketing Manager Kate Main.

**OTHER REUNIONS - Coordinators needed**

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