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From the Principal

As term 3 draws to a rapid end, it is important to note the school year, and indeed 12 years of primary and high school education, is drawing to a close for our class of 2018. Completing 12 years of formal education is a cause for celebration for students, their parents and the whole school community. It is also a time when many students face their final ATAR exams, which can be a very stressful period for all concerned. It is important therefore to have some perspective around these exams and to remember that there are now many pathways into university education besides the one gained by exams. This is not to say that students shouldn't continue to study and work hard in preparation for the exams, because they should! It is never too late to pick up that extra mark or two by studying right up to the day of the exam. It is also worth remembering that a good ATAR score will ensure direct entry into university which for many is the easiest way to get into their desired course.

My point though is that if, for whatever reason, a student falls short of the ATAR score they need, all universities now provide alternative entry pathways so all is not necessarily lost on the basis of one bad day. If you remember nothing else from this article, please note that Mr Tills is available over the Christmas holiday period if you need advice on alternative university entrance.

All this said, on behalf of the entire Melville community of staff, parents and students I would like to wish our Class of 2018 all the best in their coming exams and remind them that we are here to assist them through this demanding time, whilst also wishing the best to those who are completing their secondary schooling at the end of this term. I will say this again at your graduation - but you are a great group and I have enjoyed our time together.

The Administration Block upgrade has nearly been completed and it is planned that staff will move in at the beginning of Term 4. Thanks to the Administration and Student Services staff who coped with the cramped quarters for the last year. Special thanks (and I will say more on this separately at the official opening on 29 October) to Ms Deb Bewley our Assistant Manager Corporate Services and Facilities Manager who has been the project manager of this \$1.5m school funded build from beginning to end. A huge job, which I hope you will agree when you see it, that has been extremely well done. Now work will start on our much anticipated school Auditorium and Performance Theatre. The school has received \$4.5m from the government towards the project and you may notice the movement of four demountables near the oval on the holidays in anticipation of construction. I will ensure a more detailed article on this new build is in the next hard copy of Melville Matters.

Finally, in what has been a very busy term, I would once again like to thank the staff at Melville SHS for their ongoing commitment to ensuring that we provide a better than world class education to our students - your children. The staff at Melville really do go above and beyond to provide great opportunities for your students. Earlier this term we saw a group of students and staff return from the World Challenge trip to Mongolia and in week 10 of term 3, Language students will travel to Italy under the watchful eye of Ms Linda Gangemi, Mr Josh Curulli and Ms Stephanie Wignell. And of course early next term students from the Specialist



Netball program will tour Singapore led with our Netball Coordinator Ms Sonia Soltoggio. These trips don't just happen - indeed they are quite demanding to plan and implement. It is only through the dedication of the Melville staff that they occur. On behalf of the whole Melville community I thank all staff for their wonderful efforts.

This term has seen some exciting staff changes with Ms Linda Gangemi becoming Learning Support Coordinator and Mr Josh Curulli replacing her as Teacher in Charge of Languages. We also welcome Community Health Nurse Ms Lindsey Wildsmith and Mr Chris Gill who is Manager of Student Services in the Middle School.

Head Boy and Head Girl 2019

Ten of our wonderful Year 11 students were interviewed for the position of 2019 Head Girl and Head Boy. I am delighted to announce that the two successful applicants are Alicia Correia and Luke Kirkby. This was a tight selection process and the selection panel agreed that any of these students could easily have won the position, such was the strength of their application and interview. The other applicants were Alexander Brunswick, India Bilclough, Josh Yeo David, Daniele Titoko, Cameron Brown, Hollie Smith, Steven Aldrin and Kira Muir. On behalf of the school, I commend them for their bravery and commitment in applying for these two key positions. Each of the applicants can be very proud of their efforts.

Kind Regards,
Phillip White AM, RFD, BA Grad Dip Ed, M Ed (Man), psc
Principal



Faction Carnival 2018



R U OK? Day

In week 9, the school got behind RUOK Day, the national day of action preventing suicide that casts a spotlight on mental health. Current statistics show that one in five Australians will experience mental ill health in some form or another and the importance of connecting with loved ones, family, friends and colleagues to 'check in' on their mental health cannot be underestimated. On the Thursday, Student Services staff donned their eye-catching yellow t-shirts with the logo *R U OK?* and merrily asked staff and students if they were OK. The *Conversation Starter* activity took place during the week for all year groups. The activity involved getting students to start up a conversation with a partner using a conversation card as a prompt and ended with the students asking R U OK?

Science

In Science Week Mr Turner's Year 8 Science class were given the challenge of building a 'landing module' to protect an uncooked egg, dropped from the first floor. Each group was provided with 10 straws, one A4 sheet, one A5 size sheet of bubble wrap, 1m of masking tape and 1 egg. A variety of creative designs were manufactured in the 35 minutes allocated. Of the 12 groups who competed, only two were successful in protecting their precious cargo. The winning groups were Jack Adrian, Zafer Coskun and Luke Cubelic plus Amelia Westcott-Nash and Sophie Donnelly. Photos below top are of Mrs Wood's Gifted and Talented class extracting the DNA from Kiwi fruit as another Science week activity.

Year 10 GAT Science



Year 8 Science

Maths

Maths Authors Enthuses ATAR Students

The Melville Senior High School Mathematics department would like to sincerely thank Alan Sadler for his seminar on Mathematics Methods to the current Year 12s. Alan is a retired Maths teacher and has written many fantastic texts for Mathematics students in WA. His Mathematics Methods student books fully cover the Australian Curriculum *Senior Mathematics for Western Australia*. The clear, worked examples and graded exercises enable students to progress through their mathematics learning with ease, and allow for a range of abilities in the classroom.

Mr Sadler gave an educational, entertaining, thoughtful and insightful presentation to our Year 12 students. He has been a fundamental influence on Mathematics education in Australia for the last thirty five years and continues to be an active mentor to countless staff and students to this day.

The Mathematics department also invited Charlie Watson to conduct ATAR revision Seminars with Year 12 students. The students loved the revision workshops and found them very valuable and helpful. Charlie Watson is a very experienced high school teacher and leads Mathematics and Science tutoring teams. Apart from over 30 years experience teaching Mathematics in a range of schools, Charlie has been a ATAR marker for the past 15 years and regularly runs professional development courses for teachers. He is director of *WA Exam Papers*, which publish trial ATAR exam papers used by nearly all WA schools and also presents ATAR revision seminars to students in many of the state's top schools every year. Charlie is also a Graphics and CAS Calculator Consultant to Casio Education.



Graphic Design Media

The Year 7 GDM class have been studiously working away the year, learning a slew of new skills where their problem-solving skills have been pushed to the limit. A quick shout out to Charlotte Edge, who won a highly sought after spot at the 2018 Young Originals Exhibition with her animation *You're My World* created during Term 2. Check out her work at <http://www.youngoriginals.com.au/portfolio/charlotte-edge/>.

Students have also recently partaken in a Master-class session with the talented and multi-skilled Angela Ferolla. Angela has worked across the fashion industry in a number of guises. A few of her illustrious skills include developing a successful fashion label; teaching textiles and costume design at WAAPA and making costumes for the West Australian Ballet, to name only a few. We were very lucky to nab Angela to come in and teach the Year 7 GDM students pattern development and screen printing basics. Over the course of two Master-classes, the Year 7s were guided through creating and developing motifs, developing repeat patterns, and taken through the messy, yet rewarding process of screen printing. Students and teachers were pushed to the limit in both sessions to come out with a finished product.

The overall impression from the students was that it was 'a lot of fun' and they really enjoyed having Angela there with them, one student said the best thing about the class was 'the awesome teacher'. They also gained an insight and appreciation of the screen printing process, and saw a possible career path in that area. "I discovered that screen printing takes a lot of time and effort. It also seems like a job, where you would get good pay. I really thought screen printing was fun" was another comment.



Aviation

Scott Morgan, who graduated from Melville SHS last year, achieved a milestone in week 8 when he achieved his Commercial Pilots' Licence. Scott was the first student to get his multi-engine endorsement whilst still at school last year. He has gathered a total of 220 flying hours and is about to start his training for an instrument rating, which allows him to fly in all types of weather. He is pictured below left on graduation day with his flying instructor Will Steven from Air Australia.

In week 6, Mr Peter Chen, owner of Flight Experience Centre and a former QANTAS and Emirates B747 Captain, and Terence Tay, a flight instructor for the Flight Experience Centre, came to visit the Year 10 aviation class to discuss careers in aviation. Captain Chen gave a presentation as to what is required to become an airline pilot. He also discussed the shortage of pilots world-wide. It is predicted that in the next 20 years there will be a demand for over 600,000 pilots and airlines are currently desperate to find trained pilots. Terence Tay has just been offered a pilot position with Scoot Airlines, a Singapore based airline, with only 200 hours of experience!

The students enjoyed the information session and had lots of questions to ask afterwards. Captain Chen has offered a 30% discount to Melville Students if they wish to fly the Boeing 737 simulator located at Flight Experience in Northbridge - phone 9228 8737 to make a booking.

English

Creative Writing Club

Tuesday lunchtimes have become a highlight for Melville's emerging writers. Since the Creative Writing Club launched in term 3, about 20 students, from Years 7 to 12, have regularly met to refine their skills and share their works-in-progress. The club has been run by English teachers Ms Xan Ashbury and Ms Madeleine Jennings. Members have been shown how to create engaging openings to stories; "show" instead of "tell"; create characters and build suspense.

The students have also played a storytelling card game, used poetry as a writing prompt and practised using a range of poetic devices. Club members have been encouraged to enter competitions such as the Roland Leach Poetry Prize and the Shorelines Writing for Performance Competition. Ms Ashbury and Ms Jennings aim to collate an e-book anthology of members' writing by the end of the year. The club is in action in the picture on the right.



Arts and Technologies

Annual Soloist Night Concert

In week 9 the Soloists Concert was held in the Carly Smith Studio. Congratulations to Ms Ana Milas, Mr Lachlin Brooks-Crew, all the Music staff and senior students for an exquisite evening celebrating everything that is right about our Music in Focus program. The commitment to technical excellence, the diversity of styles and the joy moved the audience greatly.

As well as being a formal assessment for Year 11 and 12 ATAR Music students, this was also an opportunity for the school to thank and farewell our talented music students for their hard work and dedication to music during their time here. Photos and a full report will be in the next Melville Matters.

Year10 Fashion

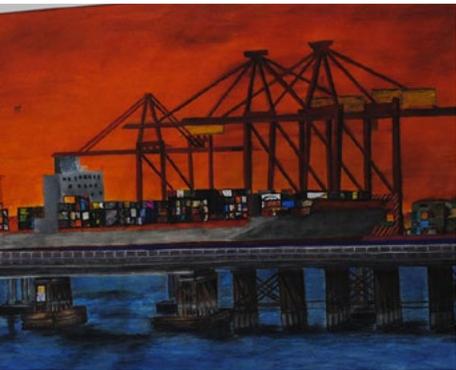
Year 10 Fashion students are currently working on designs to make tote bags. They are doing colour ideation for their prints using watercolours. Photos below show some students cutting out designs while others used litho paper for their stencils. Students then got busy on the sewing machines to finish off their creations.



Winner at this year's Youth Award at City of Melville Art Awards

Melville Senior High School entered ten talented visual art students to exhibit their works at the prestigious City of Melville Art Awards. The exhibition, held every year, gives both established and emerging artists the opportunity to exhibit their work and expose their talent and creativity. Student work that was selected showcased an interesting mix of approaches and ideas, showing the high skill level of our students and their imaginative exploration of the world around them; from sweeping landscape paintings to still life dry point etchings.

Congratulations to Year 12 ATAR student Edie Duffy (pictured Below with Ms Alanna Sherwood) who won the Youth Award for her oil painting titled 'Humors (sanguine)'. The judges' Comments were: *Ambitious effort of a detailed portrait and well-handled background.* Participating students were Year 11 General Art students Fah and Fon Charenemchai, Ruchinda Saenmuang. Year 12 General Art students Sarah Evans, Kavya Wijenayake, Nene Naganuma, Olivia Logan, Josie Frymuth and Teerasak (Jo) Horgris.



HASS

Year 7 HASS classes were asked to complete an assessment where they had to design and make a product out of what would be considered waste material. The results were amazing and are on display in the library. Some of the items include clocks, a pet bed, toys and a living wall; all constructed from recycled materials.



Health and Physical Education

State Team representatives

- Congratulations to Aurorah Burling who has been selected in the School Sport WA Under 15 Volleyball State team. They travelled to Victoria in week 6.
- Also Congratulations to Maddison Taplin who is in the SSWA Diving team who competed in Perth in week 9.
- Last term the Year 7 Golf team represented Melville SHS at the Schools Sports WA Secondary Golf Championships. The team came 13th out of 34 public and private schools. Individual results were as follows: Cody Pham came seventh on 32 points, Kane Litterick came tenth on 31 points and Tyler Fong came 15th on 22 points.

2018 Pierre de Coubertin Award

Our Head Girl, Jamie Lau, has won the 2018 Pierre de Coubertin Award for Year 12. An initiative of the Australian Olympic Committee, the award is designed to celebrate not only the elite sports people, but those that also display strong character and ideals, representing their school at the highest standard, both on and off the field. Jamie represented WA in the 2018 Under 18 State Tennis team. Pictured top right, Jamie was presented her award by Olympian Lauren Mitchell (Gymnastics)



Act Belong Commit Week

The Act Belong Commit Week is held annually each year at Melville Senior High School. This year's event was held in Week 7 of Term 3 and culminated in the school's Athletics Carnival. The event is held each year to promote health and well-being among the staff and students, by providing opportunities to participate in the message *Act, Belong and Commit*.



Activities and events were coordinated by the Year 12 General Health studies class and local businesses. They coordinated staff versus student games, an indoor soccer competition, dance performances, yoga, obstacle courses, an *Amazing Race*, a guest speaker Amy Coombe, an Aero Circus and a *Raw Ball* cooking class.

The Year 11 General Health Classes also created interactive display boards, which focused on the topics of self-esteem, depression, alcohol, stress, junk food, physical activity, drug use and relationships and their link to mental health. Students and staff who participated in activities received a raffle ticket, which put them into the draw to win daily prize vouchers and giveaways. Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

A big thank you to all the sponsors of this year's *Act Belong Commit* week as shown on the sponsors page. Please support them when given the opportunity as we really do rely on their support to make the event successful. Thank you also, to the *Act Belong Commit* student and staff committee and HPE Department for the effort in planning and assisting with the week.

Photos and sponsors are on the next page.

A promotional poster for the Taylor Swift Competition. The top section is purple with the text 'Act-Belong-Commit Mentally Health Schools Taylor Swift Competition'. Below this is a large, silver, vintage-style microphone. The middle section is green and contains the text: 'Show us how your role model has helped you to overcome a challenge in your life and why you would like to share this experience with them!'. Below the microphone, there are instructions on how to submit an entry: 'Submit your entry using one of the following: 150 words, 4 Photos, 30-second video, 30-second audio'. To the right, it says: 'With thanks to Act-Belong-Commit and VenuesWest, here's your chance to win two (2) tickets to take your role model to see Taylor Swift on 19 October 2018 at Optus Stadium. Email your entry to Darc Miller at darc.miller@curtin.edu.au by 5:00pm, Friday 5 October 2018. For more information and terms and conditions, please visit: actbelongcommit.org.au/news/mentally-healthy-schools-taylor-swift-competition'. At the bottom, there is a small 'act belong commit' logo and the text 'Keeping mentally healthy is just as important as keeping physically healthy.' The footer contains a disclaimer: 'For students to be eligible they must be enrolled in a school currently signed as a Mentally Healthy WA partner, for a full list of eligible schools please visit the webpage actbelongcommit.org.au/partners'.

Act Belong Commit Week Highlights



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