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Melrose High School Newsletter



"A community of learners building on a tradition of excellence"

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2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Enrolment applications for Term 1, 2019 open on Monday 30 April 2018 and must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>.

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from preschool through to college. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school.

If you are applying to enrol in preschool, year 7 or year 11, submit your application by 9am, 11 June 2018 to support timely processing and school planning. From 2 July 2018 applicants will receive advice from a school in response to their application.

YEAR 10 COLLEGE TRANSITION INTERVIEWS

To support students in their transition to college, teachers will be conducting Transition Interviews in Term 2. It is up to parents/carers to contact the allocated teacher (see table below) to organise a time to meet for a transition interview if you wish. As these will be completed during teachers lines off and before/after school please make contact with the allocated teacher earlier rather than later. Each interview is expected to take 45 – 60 minutes with both the parent/carer and student present and will provide some feedback around what students will need to prepare prior to the transition.

Student's Surname	Teacher	Contact Email	Phone Number
A-B	Peter Langridge	Peter.Langridge@ed.act.edu.au	6142 0715
C-D	Jeffery Mansfield	Jeffery.Mansfield@ed.act.edu.au	6142 0723
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R	Mark Schmidt	Mark.Schmidt@ed.act.edu.au	6142 0725
S	Simon Vaughan	Simon.Vaughan@ed.act.edu.au	6142 0700
T-Z + FLIP	Robert Hamburger	Robert.Hamburger@ed.act.edu.au	6142 0708

Feel free to contact Ms Sedlacek if you have any questions.

YEAR 10 ROAD READY

Information will be emailed directly to students and families in the upcoming week.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Last Chance to Order Photos

Unfortunately due to an unexpected change, Grin and Bear It has decided to close its doors. After nearly 10 years of photographing children in the Canberra region we are really going to miss it.

Grin and Bear It photos taken this year or in previous years are only available to purchase until 15 June 2018.

If you are unable to access your photos email us with your child's name and class at info@grinandbearit.com.au and we can help.

Thank you for inviting us to photograph your children and families. We have loved every minute.

NEW YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER AT MELROSE

My name is Mark and I have just started work as the Youth Support Worker at Melrose High School. I have only been in the role for two weeks and am already excited about the opportunities and challenges ahead. I have been working in the Youth, Community and Government sectors for over 30 years and was involved in the establishment of the Youth Support Workers in High Schools program in 2004 and have now come full circle and am back working in a school.

I understand the important role schools can play in a young person's life and am aware of the challenges students face not just achieving their goals but in many instances just making it to class. My aim in this role is to ensure the scaffolding of supports are there for students to access so they can reach their full potential but most importantly have fun and take memories away from high school that will resonate with them throughout their lives.



If you need to contact me call the school on 6142 0700 or email mark.baldwin@ed.act.edu.au

CHROMEBOOKS

Students are reminded that their Chromebook or other computer must come to school each day fully charged. Parents/carers please remind your child to place the device on charge overnight and check that they have packed it in the morning.

IDAHOBIT DAY

On May 17 people all over Australia stood against discrimination in support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ) mates, colleagues and families.



Staff showed their support by wearing rainbow on IDAHOBIT and used the day to publicly stand with the LGBTIQ community. Students worked with Mrs Marmont, Mark our Youth worker and some Year 9 Big Picture students to create a Rainbow Heart wall hanging.



Interschools 2018

My name is Belinda Channell and my son is in year 8 at Melrose High School. This year he will be competing in the ACT-Southern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships which is a snowsports competition where students compete for their school as part of a team or an individual in any of our 9 discipline events. This year it is being held at Perisher from Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 July 2018. Competitors from all ability levels are encouraged to enter, with an emphasis on fun and participation in the initial regional championships.

I have volunteers to manage the team this year and we are looking for other like-minded students who would like to participate.

Further detail on the competition can be found on the Interschools Snowsport website at http://actinterschools.com.au/general_info however please contact me on either bel.channell@live.com.au or 0430 171 948 if you wish to discuss further.

		<p>Melrose High School https://www.facebook.com/MelroseHSCanberra</p>
		<p>Melrose School Library https://www.facebook.com/MelroseHSLibrary</p>
<p>Connect with us and keep up to date with what is happening around the school</p>		

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Calendar Updates

The most recent version of the Melrose Calendar can be found on the Website
http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar

Contact details

The school relies on having the most up to date contact details for families to ensure we are able to communicate efficiently with you regarding the wellbeing of your child. If you have made any changes to your address, phone numbers and email address in recent months please contact the Front Office on 6142 0700 or email frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au

Sick Bay

If students are unwell they must go to Sick Bay, with a note from their teacher. The Front Office staff will contact parents/carers if needed. The students are NOT to contact parents themselves and then go home. If your child contacts you asking if they can go home sick, ask them to get a note from their teacher to go to Sick Bay and the Front Office staff will then contact you. Thank you in advance for your support.

Student absences

If your student is absent, due to illness or leave, or needs to attend an appointment during the day, please either phone the Rolls Office on 61420703 and leave a message or email the Rolls Office at rollsoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au. Please remember to include the student's full name, roll group and reason for absence (ie. sick, late or on leave) as well as your contact details.

Online Canteen ordering

Register now. Go to <http://www.flexischools.com.au>
Lunches can be ordered online up at 9:30 am on the day they are required.

Lockers

Lockers are available to students at a cost of \$30 per year. Students wanting to hire a locker will need to provide a lock with a shaft between 6-8mm. A key or combination locks are acceptable. Students need to bring their lock, payment and the spare key or the combination to the Finance Office before a locker will be allocated. Students can come to the Finance Office before school or at recess or the first half of lunch time.

FINANCE - Direct deposits

Direct Deposit payments can be made to the following account:

Bank: Westpac

BSB: 032-777

Account Number: 001658

Account name: Melrose High School Management Account

Online Payments facility

Families now have the option of using the Online Payments facility, provided to the school by Westpac Bank, to make secure credit card payments for voluntary contributions, school excursions and events and other activities. Each family will have received information and a card via the post, with student and family key details on it. Please keep this information handy as you will need it each time you access the payments facility. The link to access the payments facility is <http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au/payment>
Payments may still be paid by direct deposit (see information above), or in person at the Finance Office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

We are asking for your support for Physical Education classes. We are raising the expectations of our students and would like your support in doing this.

Google classroom: Students all have a Google Classroom for each PE class, and this is used to post announcements related to the class. Teachers will add assignment work to the classroom, as well as useful resources as required.

Change of clothes: Students should have a change of clothing for PE lessons, it is preferred that this is the approved PE shirt. We also do not allow spray deodorant, so please ensure that a roll on or non-aerosol one is provided.

Injury or Illness: If a student is unwell, or injured please provide a note for the teacher. You could always email the teacher directly using the email protocol firstname.surname@ed.act.edu.au

Elective choices for second Semester

All students that have selected Fit for Life for Semester 2 have received an email. Students need to complete a Google form (link below) by close of business on Monday 28 May 2018. We will be using this to select the students who will be placed in these classes. Failure to complete the Google form will mean that you will not be placed in the elective.

<https://goo.gl/forms/HKDa1d1NDRZhJBAY2>



L: PE staff and students supported Mr McIntosh in his fundraiser by doing burpees with him, and helping to eat the cupcakes.

R: Oztag competition
7/8 girls and boys all made semi's.

9/10 girls made semi's.

7/8 GIRLS WON THE GRAND FINAL!!



THE GREEN SHED PIANO COMPETITION

If you have been following our social media lately, you would have seen some of the frenzy of liking and sharing that has been going on regarding a special antique baby grand piano that ended up at The Green Shed. If you've missed it, here is one of the articles about it from ABC News: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-05-18/canberra-tip-second-hand-ship-giving-away-grand-piano/9774888>

The baby grand piano will be delivered to the school this Friday, and by the time of publication should be on display in our front foyer. This is just its initial resting spot while we get some expert opinions on getting it tuned and restored, but we welcome visitors to come in and meet our baby (grand).

A big thank you and congratulations to the amazingly talented Jacob Wu for lending his amazing talents to this cause, and donating the piano to his school. Also a big thanks to our whole school community for liking and sharing the video enough for it to win – this is another great example of how our Melrose community can come together to achieve great things!

Jacob's ABC News TV interview can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/MelroseHSCanberra/videos/1975698765774561/>

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL SOLUTION FLUENCY THINKING CARNIVAL

Melrose High School hosted Year 6 students from Farrer Primary School, Mawson Primary School and Torrens Primary School for a Thinking Carnival on Wednesday 23 May. Students engaged with the 21st Century Solution Fluency to guide their responses to the essential question 'How best can we help?'



Year 6 students enthusiastically tackled the question, brainstorming their ideas about issues that people face in their community or the world at large within their groups. Students challenged themselves and each other to develop their thoughts into workable solutions using their own general knowledge and online research.

Everybody then got to work on the design and deliver phases of the Solution Fluency process, creating and designing many interesting pieces of work! At the end of the process, students pitched their solutions to their peers and a panel of teachers.



All the students' presentations demonstrated their care and concern about the issues facing communities locally and abroad, as well as creativity in identifying possible solutions to these issues.



Thank you to the Year 9 and Year 10 mentors who closely supported the Year 6 students in their journey of discovery during the Thinking Carnival and to Ms Anna Russell for her work coordinating the event.

ARTS/TECH REPORT

Art and Technology are well underway in Term 2 this year.

All students are very engaged in classes, with assessment well underway. Junior students are into their first elective selections and are working hard on their learning in Dance, Music, Art, IT, Food Technology and Wood and Metal. Senior students are also productively working on their assessments, and are beginning to make very polished final artworks, interior designs, recipes, photographs, town designs, and music compositions.

After a very successful Open Night and Come and Try Day, we are looking forward to working with our prospective students in 2019. These events were made even more successful with the participation of current Melrose students who guided families through all learning areas of the school.

Students participating in the Kulture Break workshops are well on their way to having a fantastic piece of choreography to share and have gained excellent skills working with a professional through this process.

Lastly, this has been a very exciting and busy time for our Band. After their hard work at band camp in week 2, they performed at the National Eisteddfod and gained a Silver place, and some very positive feedback. We wish them all the best for their performance at the Raiders on Friday Night.

TAIWAN TRIP

Melrose High has a unique and special friendship with Taiwan, as one of our sister schools, Min De Junior High resides there. We were recently very proud of a group of our students who travelled to Taiwan as ambassadors for the school. They stayed with Taiwanese families and participated in lessons and activities at the school. These students were outstanding representatives of the school, conducting themselves with respect and honour at all times. Our Year 10 Leaders, Josh Bilski and Tia McDonald supported the students well and conducted their leadership roles well. Min De were excellent hosts, treating us as honoured guests within their school and we look forward to returning this to them when they visit us in August this year.

We are also proud and thankful to the three staff members who accompanied the trip: Yuan Ma, Rob Hamburger and Shannon Carnovale. These staff members were on duty for 24 hours a day while overseas and worked tirelessly to support our students.

Students who attended the trip were:

Danica Bulurun
Poppy Klippan
Ryan Raappana-Ezzy
Alex McKay
Sohel Shaikh
Abby Higgins
Charlie Taylor
Abigail Polette
Qiyun Yu
Margaret Moloney
Casey Manser
Cara Edgerton
Kathleen Weekes
Tia McDonald
Joshua Bilski



AUDIO ENGINEERING TRAINING

Students from the Backstage Crew enjoyed an on-site training session in audio engineering last Tuesday, which was run by an industry professional. The students learned about the physics of sound, the acoustic behaviour of rooms, how to set up for gigs and how to work with the mixing desk to produce the best quality live sound.

Students from the senior elective music class also participated in part of this training day, providing the live sound for us to work with while also learning about how a proper gig sound check works. This was a great learning experience for all involved, and we would like to thank Henry from A.V. Architecture for running this session for us.



SCHOOL BAND NEWS

It has been a very busy, but exciting, few weeks for the Melrose Concert Band so far this term. In week 2 we held our annual music camp at Birrigai Outdoor School, which was attended by a record 68 students from both the Concert Band and the Year 7 Beginner Band class. The camp is always a great chance for the band students to work intensively as an ensemble as well as in their sections, and to prepare for their annual performance at the Australian National Eisteddfod. This year, the camp was given a special boost through a visit from 50 touring tertiary music students from Utah, USA.



Students from the Brigham Young University Wind Symphony came out on day two of the camp, and spent the morning tutoring our band students in sectionals, before we all joined together for a massive combined rehearsal of over 110 musicians! The sound was incredible! The band would like to thank Miss Sedlacek and Miss Prieto for coming along to camp and assisting with supervision over the whole three days, and the tutors from Canberra Music Tuition who also came out to run sectionals.



All the hard work put in at camp was certainly evident and paid off in the band's Eisteddfod performance. This was held in Llewellyn Hall last Sunday, and the students put on a very polished performance. The adjudicator had extremely positive comments to share about our performance, and the band was awarded a silver trophy for their efforts.



Even after all this hard work, there is no rest for the band just yet. They are performing as part of the pre-show entertainment at this week's Friday night football match at GIO stadium. Here they will perform for an hour before the Raiders vs Sea Eagles game starts, and can then enjoy the free tickets we were given for each band member and parent.



From here, the band will get a bit of a breather from performances, but will continue their weekly Wednesday rehearsals to prepare for our major annual Arts showcase event, Entertainment Night, which is scheduled for the last Thursday of this term.

LANGUAGE FACULTY UPDATE

English, EALD, Indonesian, Japanese and Chinese

Language Perfect: Indonesian, Japanese and Chinese language students are currently all participating in the Language Perfect World Championships. This is an online program to improve and practice students' language skills with great rewards and incentives. It also forms part of students' assessment this semester. Students have been working hard in the championships with many awards already being won! To date, we have received 24 Credit Awards, 14 Bronze Awards, 7 Silver Awards, 3 Gold Awards and 1 Emerald Award! Well done to all students participating. Big thanks to Ms Battaglini for organising Language Perfect for the school.

NAPLAN: Last week, students participated in the NAPLAN testing. Well done to all the students who tried their best in the literacy tests to show their true skills. We will be looking at the results of this testing later in the year to see where students show strengths and weaknesses, and use this information to help us plan our

teaching in English.

English Moderation: Year 7 & 9 students all completed a piece of persuasive writing at the end of last term. English teachers all got together to moderate this writing and were very impressed with the high standard of work from our students. We have some great persuasive writers at our school!

Tips for Creative Responses: Many English students are currently completing creative response tasks for their final assessment pieces. To ensure you show your best work in this task, make sure you use symbolism to represent your ideas and explain your thoughts in your rationale. The purpose of this task is to communicate a message, not just create the prettiest piece of work: so be symbolic!

Japan 2019: Ms Leiper is currently in the planning stages for a trip to visit our sister school region: Makubetsu in Japan. Keep an ear out for more information about this exciting and once-in-a-lifetime trip coming soon.

Min De Visit: Thank you to all the families who have offered homestay arrangements for our visitors from Min De Junior High School, who are coming out this August. We are very exciting to see our friends from Taiwan and look forward to sharing this experience with our homestay families. Thanks to Ms Ma for her organisation of this.

EALD moderation: Student in EALD classes (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) will be completing a range of assessment items throughout this term to check their skills and abilities. These assessments will show whether students require further support in their English language learning or are ready to move into mainstream English classes. It gives teachers a full picture of student skill levels and helps them plan what to focus on in their teaching.

Teacher Education Student: Today we farewell Jess McPherson who is an education student with the University of New England. She has been teaching Mrs Holder's English classes for the past four weeks and has shown strong skills as a new educator. We wish her well with her future studies and career.

'13 REASONS WHY' TELEVISION SERIES

You may be aware that 13 Reasons Why, Season 2 officially launched on Netflix on Friday May 18. headspace has collaborated with Netflix to develop supporting resources and discussion guides for young people, parents and schools.

In addition, headspace has created a blog post on the headspace website, which provides young people and parents with information to consider. You can access the blog post here:

<https://headspace.org.au/news/the-launch-of-13-reasons-why-season-2/>

The blog post includes:

- tips for discussing the show safely,
- points to consider before watching the show.
- questions to help start a conversation

Further to this, headspace will be holding group chat sessions for young people and a session for adults. You can access the group chat sessions here on

<https://headspace.org.au/news/the-launch-of-13-reasons-why-season-2/> and then scroll down to find more information about each chat session.

Dates and chat session times for the 13 Reasons Why, Season 2 sessions are:

- For adults supporting young people - Tuesday May 22 from 7-8pm AEST
- For young people - Thursday May 24 from 7-8pm AEST
- For young people - Sunday May 27 from 7-8pm AEST

Finally, we would like to inform you that a range of measures have been put in place with Netflix to assist with safely launching Season 2 of the series. This includes:

- A designated webpage <https://13reasonswhy.info/> where resources and help seeking information will be provided.
- Inclusion of warnings and help-seeking information before, and at the end, of each episode of the show. The end frame directs users back to <https://13reasonswhy.info/>
- On the webpage you will find:
 - Videos - One will feature the cast of the show (coming out of character) to address issues depicted in the show, and the other features Australian young people talking about the importance of reaching out to family and friends and seeking help on mental health issues.
 - Resources – Tailored discussion guides for young people, parents and schools
 - Help seeking information - Detailed help seeking information for young people.

It is important to note that 13 Reasons Why, Season 2 is rated MA15+ in Australia, therefore the resources have been developed for secondary schools, parents and secondary school aged young people.



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2018 Canberra CareersXpo



You are invited to the 2018 CareersXpo! This year we will be exploring the skills and jobs up to and beyond 2030. Come and chat to more than 80 exhibitors about your future pathway.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.



WHERE: Exhibition Park in Canberra
WHEN: Wednesday 15 August and Thursday 16 August

For more information please contact careers@act.gov.au or 6205 7920.





Young Music Society

CONCERT BAND

Conductor: Beth Way

NO AUDITIONS

The Concert Band is a non-auditioned band for musicians aged 9-18 years that includes brass, wind and percussion instruments. Musicians ideally have been learning their instruments for at least one year before joining. Concert Band repertoire ranges from AMEB grade 1-4 level and covers all musical genres. There is no requirement for students to be undertaking AMEB grades to join.



IT'S FUN, FRIENDLY AND MUSICALLY REWARDING

WHY NOT COME AND TRY OUT?

New enrolments are always welcome, just turn up!

The first two sessions are free!

Saturdays 9:00am – 12 noon during school term time

Music Room, Merici College, 10 Wise Street, Braddon

(around the back of the school behind the College Hall)

More information: www.youngmusicsociety.org.au or call 6258 0200



Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833

PRESENTATION:
LEADING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGIST
MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Fadden Primary School is pleased to host an evening for families and the education community with Michael Carr-Gregg, leading child and adolescent psychologist. Michael will present his latest research on positive psychology and the importance of building resilience and establishing boundaries and expectations for children and adolescents.

The presentation, which includes a question and answer session, will be held on Thursday 7 June at 7:00pm at the Erindale Theatre, Erindale College, McBride Crescent, Wanniassa. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each. For ticket inquiries or purchase, contact amy.blyton@ed.act.edu.au or call 620 56011.