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Melrose High School Newsletter



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

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Leadership Team News

Whilst the start of term 2 is some time off, we would like to draw families' attention to the alert below:

Please be advised that due to ANZAC Day (25 April) falling on Tuesday, Term 2 2017 will commence for all ACT Public Schools on Wednesday 26 April.

Term 1 has been a terrific start to the year and we would like to thank the parents and carers especially for all your unseen but not unacknowledged work with your kids. Thanks to all our families for extracting them (grumbling) from bed, to helping with assignments and homework and to ensuring that the students maintain good academic discipline, school behaviours and uniform. We are grateful for the work of our parents and carers to help build excellent Melrose students.

The school Board Elections have been completed and the new School Board has met and we are pleased to inform our community the following membership:

Ms Crystal Mahon – Parent Representative /Board Chair
Mr Paul House – Board Appointed Member Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
Mr Stuart McKellar – Parent Representative
Mr Craig Jones - Parent Representative
Ms Natalie Mosslar – Student Representative
Ms Georgia Hollis - Student Representative
Ms Alison Inskeep - Teacher Representative
Mr Ben Duggan - Teacher Representative

The Senior Executive, on behalf of our school community, would like to thank our outgoing members for their support of our school and with special mention of the outgoing Parent Representative and Board Chair - Ms Annette Brown, Community Representative – Ms Kay Wulf, Teacher Representative - Ms Helen Uren-Randall and Student Representative - Ms Ashley Khaw.

This term, like all terms, it has been a very busy time for our staff and there have been a number of focus programs such as our 21st Century Fluency Champions preparing for the first of two Fluency Challenges next term; the opening of our amazing new Football Precinct; the opening of the amazing MSATT facility; a whirlwind visit from our friends from Makubetsu, Japan; an amazing number of inter-House competitions; the Swimming Carnival; Outdoor Education trips and the Year 7 team running an excellent camp at ALI Jindabyne (special mention to Mr Stuart Gilmore for such a successful start for Year 7).



Next term sees the start of preparations for open night and the transition of Year 6 to our school community for 2018. To assist with the transition of a new Year 7 group we are pleased to announce the Year 6 Co-Ordinator 2017 (Year 7 Advisor 2018) is Mr Charles McIntosh. We are excited to meet all the new students and their families in the coming months. Open night is Thursday 11 May 2017, 5:30 – 7:30 pm starting in the Hall. Enrolments open at 9am on Wednesday 26 April 2017 and must be completed online at http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

We are also commencing preparations for Year 10 students to transition to college and families are now booking Year 10 Transition Interviews. We encourage you to contact the school to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Open Night details for all colleges are copied below.

Thank you to the families who have made payments towards your voluntary contributions. Just a reminder when paying into the bank account either by Direct Deposit or Quick Pay to include your FAMILY KEY so that we can identify who you are and receipt you correctly. You will find your Family Key on your statement.

We wish all our families a safe holiday and look forward to the students returning rested and excited to start another term.

SECONDARY COLLEGE	DATE	TIME	TELEPHONE
Canberra College	Tuesday 16 May 2017	6.00pm-8.00pm	6142 3288
Dickson College	Thursday 25 May 2017	6.00-8.00pm	6142 0140
Erindale College	Wednesday 10 May 2017	6.00-8.00pm	6142 2977
Gungahlin College	Thursday 18 May 2017	5.30-7.30pm	6142 1000
Hawker College	Thursday 25 May 2017	6.00-8.00pm	6142 0355
Lake Tuggeranong College	Thursday 18th May 2017	5:30 - 7:30pm	6142 3660
Melba Copland Secondary School	Tuesday 2 May 2017	6.00-8.00pm	6142 0300
Narrabundah College	Thursday 11 May 2017	9.00-11.30 am & 6.00-8.00pm	6142 3200
University of Canberra Senior Secondary College, Lake Ginninderra	Tuesday 9 May 2017	6.00-8.00pm	6142 0222



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For Your Information

Calendar Updates

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

Sick Bay

If students are unwell they must go to sickbay, 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 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 6205 7603 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 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.

REMINDER...REMINDER....REMINDER...REMINDER...REMINDER

TERM 2 Starts WEDNESDAY 26 April 2017

Changes to Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) for Kambah residents

The Education Directorate monitors population changes and trends across the ACT and looks at how these changes affects student enrolment in our public schools. At times, this results in changes to the Priority Enrolment Areas (PEAs) - that is, which suburbs feed into which local school.

Currently, the PEA for residents of Kambah is shared between The Canberra College and Lake Tuggeranong College. Population changes brought about largely because of the development of Molonglo mean that Kambah's PEA needs to change. From the commencement of the 2018 school year 2018 Kambah residents will be a shared PEA suburb for enrolment into Lake Tuggeranong College and Erindale College.

For many Kambah residents this change will be irrelevant as they have already made choices to enrol at either Lake Tuggeranong or Erindale College. This does not mean that Kambah residents will be unable to apply to attend Canberra College. It just means they will not have priority for enrolment but their applications will be considered with other non-PEA applications. This information will be affirmed through the Tuggeranong and South-Weston high school communities in coming days.

Proposed changes to PEAs for a number of schools across the Territory for the 2018 school year can be found on the ACT Education Directorate website. http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school/priority_placement_areas.

Student Services news

New system for Pending absences

All students and parents will have received an email on the new process for following up on pending absences. This has always been the responsibility of the students, however we have streamlined the process and students are now directly emailed their absences.

The new process will allow students to take ownership and responsibility for their attendance and support them to build their skills to self-manage and be organised.

Uniform

As the weather is starting to turn colder I would like to remind students to continue to wear approved school uniform.

Black below the waist, white school shirt, or school approved shirt, with no logos, patterns or slogans other than the school logo. Black or navy, jumper, hoodie or jacket. Option of a school dress is available. Pride in our uniform is important to our school community.

National day of Action Against Bullying

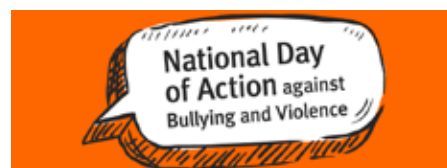
Students and staff participated in the National day of Action against bullying. In the week leading up to the event students have participated in pastoral care lessons around the themes of:

- What is bullying?
- What can we do to prevent bullying?
- How to work together to not be a bystander to bullying as well as
- Cyber safety in relation to bullying.

Students and staff also signed a pledge to refrain from bullying.

Please remember that students, staff and parents can contact Student Services directly on

URSafe@melrosehs.act.edu.au



Clean up Australia Day

Staff and students participated in Clean Up Australia Day on March 1. All students from Years 8 and 9 were allocated areas according to their house groups. We collected so much rubbish in and around the school. Mankina house was the winning house group.

House groups

We are working hard to promote school culture through a number of activities, assemblies, and competitions between our house groups.

So far we have had a competitions focussed on:

- School uniform
- Fundraising for the world's greatest shave
- Swimming carnival
- House chants
- Rubbish collected on clean up Australia Day.

Staff have also been involved with wellbeing challenges, as well as get to know you activities.

When we have a school hall back, all students will be seated in House Groups for Assembly.

If you have any feedback- positive or on how we can improve things please contact me.

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<p>Connect with us and keep up to date with what is happening around the school</p>		<p>Melrose Magazine https://www.facebook.com/Melrosemagazine</p>

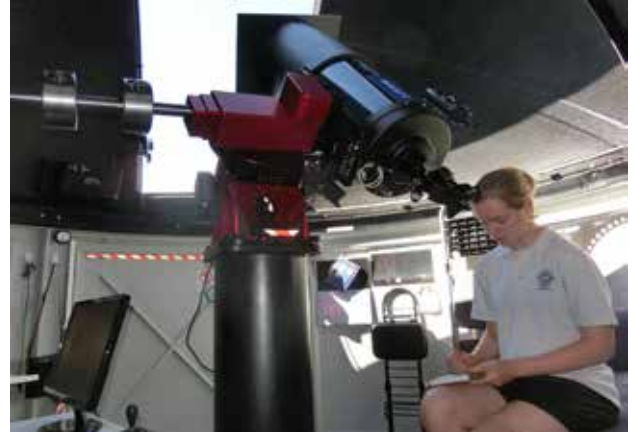
MSATT Launch

MSATT, Canberra's first dedicated teaching telescope, was launched on Friday 17th March by Professor Ken Freeman, Professor Brian Schmidt, and ACT Education Directorate Director General Natalie Howson. The new facility was designed and constructed to allow Year 9 to 12 students to undertake extended astronomical research projects. MSATT was funded by Dr Denis and Mrs Vee Saunders, and is hosted by ANU's Mount Stromlo Observatory.

Students interested in undertaking projects should contact Mr Mac at geoffrey.mcnamara@ed.act.edu.au.



MSATT launched by (left to right) Natalie Howson, Brian Schmidt and Ken Freeman



Melrose High student Casey Magnussen working at MSATT



The teaching telescope high school students from across the ACT can now learn to operate and use for extended astronomical projects



The MSATT facility at ANU's Mount Stromlo Observatory.

Melrose High School

Marr Street, Pearce



Prospective Students



Yr 6 Orientation Day

Thursday 4 May 2017 (Mawson Primary and Outer Areas)

Friday 5 May (Farrer Primary and Torrens Primary)

Introduction to the high school structure, sampling of core and elective classes and, a BBQ lunch provided



Information Evening

Thursday 11 May 2017, 5.30-7:30pm commencing in the Hall

Address by the Principal, tours of the school, displays of student work



Bookings are essential for out-of-area students

6205 7588 frontoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au
www.melrosehs.act.edu.au

Simon Vaughan - Principal

 www.facebook.com/MelroseHSCanberra

Food! Glorious Food



Yeast Buns made by Baking for Beginners Class - B Line.



Yeast Buns - the aroma lingers throughout our corridors.



Bread rolls made by Baking for



Year 7 organising ingredients for their hamburger



Year 7 production line for ham-burgers



Beginners Class B Line for Year 7
Year 7 Hamburgers ready to go



Year 7 students eating their ham-burger creations - looks delicious



Steamed Pork or Chicken Buns
by Year 7 & Year 8 Food Studies
classes

Lucy's Meat Pie – Recipe from Baking For Beginners Class

4 serves - Individual Meat Pies

Preheat oven: 220 °C

Ingredients:

Pastry:

2 sheets of Puff Pastry - frozen

Egg wash to glaze

Filling:

150g mince meat - beef

1Tbsp oil

½ medium onion, finely chopped

½ cup mixed vegetables – fresh or frozen

1 medium Potato, diced

2 tsp cornflour

2 tsp soy sauce

½ cup stock

1Tbsp tomato sauce

Salt and pepper to taste



Delicious 'Lucy's Meat Pie' made by student in GLine Baking for Beginners T1 Wk6

Method:

1. Heat oil in a medium saucepan. Sauté Onion.
2. Add meat to the pan and cook till brown, stirring continuously.
3. Add potatoes and mixed vegetables and cook until the potatoes become soft.
4. Mix cornflour, tomato sauce, soy sauce and stock together. Add to the saucepan and stir till the sauce thickens. Season if needed and take the saucepan off the heat.

Prepare pie dish:

1. Grease pie dish and line base and sides with pastry.
2. Pierce holes in the base using tines of fork.
3. Blind bake for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and brush the insides with egg wash while still hot.
4. Fill the dish (1cm below the rim) with ¼ of the prepared filling. Cover with pastry, decorate, glaze and bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.

ACTION BUSES

Route 479, 663, 844, 848 and 868 return to normal running. Effective from Wednesday 26 April, 2017.

Reason: From February 2017, diversions were in place to allow for road works and traffic light upgrades, at the intersection of Launceston Street and Eggleston Crescent.

Change to route: School services listed above will no longer divert through this intersection. Works are due to be completed and diversions reverted as from Wednesday 26 April 2017.

Please note, Route 663 diversions will continue to be in place until a later date, Monday 8 May 2017.

We encourage you to view further information available on the Transport Canberra Website. We would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices so students and parents can start planning their travel during this time. We further advise that parents and students are able to use our NXTBUS system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations.



WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Raised \$14,038.62

**Thanks MHS Community
for supporting us**



Emily O'Brien – Downhill Mountain Bike racer

Emily started riding and racing Downhill Mountain bikes in November 2016 following in the footsteps of her idol, Tegan Molloy. Emily proceeded to race the DHI National Series beginning in January. There were 4 rounds, round 1 at Awaba NSW (near Newcastle), round 2 at Thredbo NSW, round 3 at Mt Beauty VIC, and round 4 at Toowoomba QLD. At each round, qualifying results as well as race results earn points towards the overall series. Emily competes in the females under 17 category. At round 1 Emily finished 2nd, round 2 finished 3rd. The track for round 3 was really tough and Emily didn't get a result, but she came back at round 4 and finished 5th. This resulted in Emily finishing the series in second place overall. Whilst in QLD, she attended the MTBA (Mountain Bikes Australia) awards night where she was presented her series prize.

Other major events Emily has competed in include:

Cannonball Festival at Thredbo back in December. She finished with 3rd on the All Mountain trail and a flat tire on the Flow trail made for a difficult race. Emily didn't race the downhill trail at this event.

Thredbo Super Enduro in February. This event consisted of racing the Cannonball Downhill Trail, Flow Trail and All-mountain Trail with the total time on all three providing your result. Emily raced this event solo, which meant riding the same bike on all three trails. Emily rode really well with confidence and came away with 3rd place in her category receiving a large silver trophy.

Emily returns to QLD in May to race for the National Championships where the winner is awarded the Australian title and jersey. This event was postponed due the earlier wet weather, so now it is a waiting game to see if Cyclone Debbie has had a detrimental impact to the track.

