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Melrose High School Key Events



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Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. Our newsletters go out on Friday of Week 1, 4, 7 & 10. The week 1 and 7 newsletters are small with just key events highlighted. The week 4 and 10 are our celebration editions where we highlight the fantastic work being done around the school. All newsletters are sent via email however students can come to the Library to collect a printed copy if need be. Current and past editions are also available from our website at http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au/our_community/newsletters

Year 7 Information

I hope the start of the 2017 school year has been a good one for your child/children.

Here are a couple of things coming up for Year 7:

- Year 7 Welcome Night is on 15 February 2017. This starts at 5.00 and goes until about 7.15 pm. You will run through your child's classes in a mini-timetable and this gives you the opportunity to meet each of your child's teachers. This is a real family event so come along and enjoy with the family.
- Year 7 Camp is on 8, 9 and 10 March 2017. See the note for detailed times and requirements. This is a great opportunity for your child to meet their cohort and some significant teachers and Peer Support students. If you don't have a note/information please feel free to contact me. Also the timeframes for this are quite tight now, so if you could hand permission notes in as soon as possible and make payment for the camp, that would be fantastic.
- I am creating a Home Room for Year 7 this year. It is going to be Room 338. Students will have access to it during lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I will announce this to the Year 7 group generally but if you feel they need to have a break from the hustle and bustle of the playground maybe remind them of this room.
- If you would like to contact me, you can on 62057599 or, better still, stuart.gilmore@ed.act.edu.au

Stuart Gilmore

SCHOOL PHOTOS - 14 February 2017

Notes will be going home early next week for school photos. This year photos will be available to purchase online AFTER photo day. NO MORE PRE-PAID PHOTOS. Parents will be able to view the photos before purchasing.

Parents are asked to register their email address so that your child's gallery link can be sent directly to you as soon as they are available to view. There will be more information in the notes that will be sent home.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 17 February 2017

Notes were emailed to families this week. Please return these as soon as possible so that we can prepare for this event. It is a compulsory school day. Students who do not attend the carnival will need to contact the Rolls Office to provide details of their absence.

Student Services Reminders

Uniform

All students are required to be in school uniform. The uniform policy is outlined below. This policy is under review.

School dress standards are the colours and styles chosen by a School Board to represent the school uniform.

- Below the waist, students should wear plain black pants, shorts or skirt.
- Above the waist, students should wear a white shirt or white polo shirt. No logos, patterns or slogans other than those depicting official school roles are allowed. Sleeves may be long or short. No singlet tops or revealing garments are allowed.
- Custom made representative tops for special roles such as Band, School Ambassadors or Leaders may be worn at any time.
- In cold weather, students should wear a plain navy blue or black fleecy lined sweatshirt, jumper, hoody or school jacket, preferably with the school logo.
- A school dress in blue and white is the preferred uniform for all girls
- PE uniform is compulsory. It consists of a grey T-shirt or rugby top, navy shorts or tracksuit pants. Students are not permitted to participate in PE in the clothes they wear to school.
- Year 10 students design and purchase a rugby top and/or a polo shirt for their final year. Students are encouraged to wear the Year 10 rugby top instead of the navy blue sweatshirt or jumper. Similarly the polo shirt can be worn in lieu of the normal white shirt.

Please see Student Services if you require assistance with obtaining appropriate clothing.

Late to school

Students arriving late to school need to sign in at the Rolls Office. If a student signs in late without a note or a parent in attendance, they will be given community service after 3 occasions.

Some students are arriving late every day as they are travelling on buses. We would suggest that students have a look for an alternate bus that gets them to school on time as many students are missing over an hour of class time every week.

Absences:

Email: rollsoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au

Phone: (02) 6205 7603

Year 7 Parents and Carers

You are invited to attend YEAR 7 WELCOME NIGHT

During the evening your child's teachers will be available for you to meet.

The evening starts with a short welcome address by the Principal in the Library and then you will follow your child's timetable visiting each classroom and meeting their teachers.

Each lesson lasts fifteen minutes.

The evening will give you an overview of the subjects your child is studying this semester and you will have the opportunity to ask questions in the classes.

Please make sure you place the following date and time in your diaries.

A letter will be sent home via Year 7 roll groups.

WEDNESDAY 15 February 2017
5.00pm -7.15 pm

Commencing in the Library

The National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition

As part of the Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS) program at Melrose High School we like all ACE and Level 1 students to sit the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition. Other interested students are also encouraged to enter. Students will sit the test during a HaSS class that falls between Wednesday 26 April and 9 May 2017. At this stage the testing will occur in the Library.

Participation in the test helps to promote and stimulate interest in Geography and rewards excellence. It is also an opportunity for students to practise and work in test conditions.

Students can get a note, which details further information, from their HaSS teacher. Please have your child return their note and \$4.00 to the Finance Office by Friday 24 February 2017.

If you have any questions about the competition please contact me on: 6205 7588 or email me: ian.johnson@ed.act.edu.au or your child's HaSS teacher.

Ian Johnson
Australian Geography Competition Co-ordinator, 2017

Hosting a Japanese Student

Melrose High School has established a strong relationship with Makubetsu, which is located in Japan's northern island of Hokkaido. Students from the Makubetsu region will be visiting our school from 27 March through to 3 April 2017 to immerse themselves in the Australian culture and practice their English speaking skills. In return, Melrose High School students will be visiting Japan and Makubetsu in the September/October holidays this year.

All students benefit from the exchange program. They are able to share new cultural experiences and develop social networks and friendships. Our students have the unique opportunity to enhance their learning of Japanese.

Due to new government regulations all families providing homestay must obtain a Working With Vulnerable People card. On the application form, families nominate as volunteers, which means there are no costs involved to process the application. To access the application documentation or to gain more information, please visit the Office of Regulatory Services website at: <http://www.ors.act.gov.au/publication/view/1985>.

Before families can be connected with a Makubetsu student, Mrs Kerry Leiper must receive a copy of this card to finalise the homestay requirements.

We would really appreciate your support in hosting a Japanese student in March. If you would like to support the exchange program, could you please email me on Kerry.leiper@ed.act.edu.au or expression of interest forms will be handed out in Japanese classes and on request.

SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations are open for two (2) Parent and Citizen positions on the MHS School Board. If you would like to contribute to the governance of the school this would be the perfect opportunity for you. Details of what is required of a Board member can be found on the Directorate's Webpage [SCHOOL BOARDS](#)

A nomination form is available from the school website or Front Office and needs to be returned to the Locked Box at the Front Office or via Email to the Assistant Returning Officer (ruth.mahon@ed.act.edu.au) by no later than 11am, Monday 13 February 2017.

Term 1 2017

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A	ABCDE	Ass FGAB	CDEFG	ABCDE	FGABC
B	DEFGA	BCDEF	GABCD	EFGAB	CDEFG
2 (B)	6 February *Yr9 A Line ACE Science Seminar	7 February *Yr10 F Line ACE Science Seminar *Board Meeting	8 February	9 February	10 February
3 (A)	13 February School Board nominations close 11 am	14 February *Year Assembly *School Photos	15 February *Yr8 G Line ACE Science Seminar *Yr7 Welcome Night 5.00-7.15pm	16 February	17 February *Swimming Carnival (Philip Pool)
4 (B)	20 February *Yr9 A Line ACE Science Seminar	21 February *Yr10 F Line ACE Science Seminar *Rugby 7s Boy's Gala Day	22 February	23 February *Rugby 7s Girl's Gala Day	24 February *Junior Animal Judging - Royal Canberra Show *Full Newsletter
5 (A)	27 February	28 February *Assembly	1 March *Yr8 G Line ACE Science Seminar	2 March	3 March
6 (B)	6 March	7 March	8 March *Yr7 Camp	9 March *Yr7 Camp	10 March *Yr7 Camp
7 (A)	13 March CANBERRA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14 March *Year Assembly *Board Meeting	15 March	16 March	17 March *Brief Newsletter
8 (B)	20 March	21 March	22 March	23 March *Athletics Carnival	24 March
9 (A)	27 March *Makubetsu arrive	28 March *Assembly *Yr7 Money Smart Excursion G Line HaSS (11-1.25pm)	29 March *White Card Training *Yr7 Money Smart Excursion G Line HaSS (11-1.25pm)	30 March	31 March *Yr7 Immunisations *Asbestos Awareness Training
10 (B)	3 April *Makubetsu leave	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April LAST DAY OF TERM 1 *Full Newsletter



Stressed about high school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Kathleen Watson,
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
02 6283 7606 / 0448 730 305
or kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au

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BOOK FAIR – LIFELINE FUND RAISING EVENT

Join Lifeline Canberra at Exhibition Park for the biggest bookfair Canberra has ever seen!

For the first time ever, we'll be taking over both the Budawang and Coorong Pavilions to bring you more books, movies, music, games, puzzles and more than ever before!

Held over three huge days

Friday, 10 to Sunday, 12 February at EPIC - with fun kid's activities for Saturday's Family Day - this event is a must-attend.

Entry is by gold coin donation and all proceeds go to our local 13 11 14 crisis support and suicide prevention service.

For more information www.act.lifeline.org.au

For jobseekers you know who want to start a real hands-on career!
CIT ApprenticeLink 2017 – Connecting employers with apprentices and trainees

7 February, 2017 at CIT Fyshwick, 81 Mildura St Fyshwick

CIT will hit the ground running in 2017 with a special event on Tuesday, 7 February to connect Canberra businesses with prospective apprentices or trainees.

CIT ApprenticeLink 2017 is a one-stop-shop event to match employers and apprentice/trainee candidates through 10-minute one-on-one discussions about employer needs and expectations.

CIT teachers and career advisors will be on hand to discuss our courses, and CIT Student Support and CIT Student Association staff will share information about the extensive support services available to apprentices and trainees including language, literacy, numeracy skills and counselling.

Field officers from Skills Canberra, Apprenticeship Network Providers, industry Group Training Organisations and CIT employment liaison officers will be available to answer questions about every aspect of the apprenticeship process and support resources available for employers.

The event is free but places are limited so please register to attend here
CIT ApprenticeLink 2017

When: Tuesday 7 February, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Where: CIT Fyshwick Campus, 81 Mildura Street, Fyshwick.

Refreshments will be provided from 4.30pm and there'll be time for networking.

For more information contact CIT:

(02) 6207 3188

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