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Melrose High School Newsletter



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

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

This term we have welcomed some new teaching staff to Melrose High School to join our growing and changing school community. Please join us in welcoming:

- Jackie Vandenberg as the Deputy Principal – Jackie is joining us as a second Deputy Principal for twelve months. Jackie brings with her a wealth of experience from the Achievement Centre at Wanniasa School, Calwell High School and most recently NSET. Jackie will be working very closely with families to support student engagement, conduct and wellbeing.
- Rachel Kane – Rachel has joined the Arts/Technology Faculty, she brings with her a wealth of experience across ACT Education, most recently from the Wanniasa School
- Time Pike – Tim has joined the Arts/Technology Faculty, he brings with him a wealth of experience across ACT Education, most recently from Lanyon High School
- Hayley Van Davey – Hayley has joined the Arts/Technology Faculty and she is a new graduate from University of Canberra.
- Yasmine Solomon – Yasmine is joining both the Science and Math Faculties and has been working across ACT education for several years.
- Mary Antonios – Mary is joining both the HaSS and English Faculties and has been working across ACT education for several years.
- Hannah Brickhill – Hannah is re-joining us as our Teacher Librarian. Hannah has previously worked at MHS in the Science and HaSS Faculties.

Melrose High School is fortunate in the warm, inclusive and supportive nature of our families. We have enjoyed hosting our friends from Min-De Junior High School in Taiwan and our profound thanks go firstly to those families who have taken another child into their home and cared for them on their visit. The teachers from Taiwan are effusive about the school community's generosity and friendship. We always enjoy this visit and will, no doubt, feel very welcome when the trip to Taiwan goes in 2020. Our overseas connections are great opportunities for our students to become global citizens. They do not happen without great teachers and support staff. The Senior Executive team would like to thank Ms Yuan Ma, Ms Jenni Holder and Ms Louise Aspinall for all their hard work in making this such a successful visit. A great many teachers have opened their classrooms and, in the case of Mr Hamburger, their homes to enhance the experience for Min De students and staff, again, our thanks. Families wishing to host students in the future should contact the school and indicate their interest for next year. It is also with sadness that we recognise teacher Jimmy Chen who has visited us the last three years to support the program and will not be coming back. His performance at the assembly was a highlight of the term and the students gave him a reception to remember.

There is always attention paid to our programs here at the school and this often attracts media and other school settings in those opportunities. Of note so far this term was a successful launch of Science Superstars by Senators Zed Seselja and Michaela Cash and this once again highlighted our brilliant Science students. We also hosted an amazing concert with Michael J an Indonesian Idol superstar (think Guy Sebastian) and the students from local public and private schools had a fantastic time. Many thanks to Ms Rebecca Battaglini for organising the event and Mr Nathan Sciberras for supporting the tech crew.

Working collaboratively with parent/carers is how we get the best outcomes for our children and all of you should have received an email from each classroom teacher introducing themselves and outlining the

direction for this term by now. Some families have reported that our emails have ended up in the email Junk Box, if you have not yet received an email from each teacher please check there and contact the Executive Teacher of that subject if it's still outstanding.

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SAVE THE DATE

Parent teacher Evening

20 September 3.45pm- 7pm
More information on how to book appointments will come out with the progress reports later this term.

Graduation

19th December 5.30pm
Olympus Room Hellenic Club Woden
More information to follow in the coming term

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The 2018 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by Monday 3 September 2018. A survey invitation was emailed to parents and carers or sent home with students. If you do not have an invitation for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The invitation contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

STEM SUPERSTARS

On Wednesday some of our amazing 10 ACE Science students met with current and previous winners of the STEM Superstars program. We're all looking forward to seeing which of our awesome kids will be future STEM superstar award winners themselves! Check out the footage on the WinTV Facebook Page.
<https://www.facebook.com/WINNewsCanberra/videos/269333633894450>

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. 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.



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Melrose School Library
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ARTS TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Welcome to Semester 2!

As we gear up for another jam-packed term we welcome some new faces into the Arts and Technology staff. Hayley Van Davey is taking variety of Arts and Technology classes including Metal Work and Interior Design. Tim Pike is taking over the Wood Technology and Year 8 IT. Rachel Kane is also new to our team and is making great impact in the Food Technology classes. All teachers have sent welcome emails to parents and families introducing themselves and sharing the unit outline. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher directly.

We are looking forward to another productive semester working with students in Arts and Technology and hope to share some of our amazing creations with you along the way.

MUSIC NEWS

Classroom Music:

A new Beginner Band Class has begun this semester, and the students in it are now hard at work learning their new instruments which include flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets and percussion instruments. It's still early days, but there are already some great sounds happening! The year 9 and 10 classes are getting stuck into their genre studies for this semester, with B and G line classes looking at Experimental 20th Century Music, and E line looking at the many sub-genres that exist under the banner of Contemporary Music.

Concert Band:

The Concert Band has had a great start to Semester 2, with over 60 members now on the books! We already have a busy semester ahead of us, with 3 performances already scheduled for term 3. These performances will be at our week 7 assembly, at the ACT School Band Festival in week 8, and then on Stage 88 at Floriade on Friday of week 9. We then have some new pieces to start working on to get ready for Arts Fest in term 4.

Floriade Excursion:

Students from the Melrose High School Concert Band, Year 9/10 Elective Music and Photography classes are invited to attend an excursion to this year's Floriade Festival in Commonwealth Park. 9/10 Music students will be involved in small group/solo performances on the Main Village Vista stage, and the Concert Band will be performing on Stage 88. Photography students will be participating in a short photography workshop looking into macro photography. Parents are welcome to come along to watch the performances. Year 9/10 Music Students will be performing between 12.45 and 1.45pm (Main Village Vista Stage), and the Concert Band will be performing from 2.15 – 3pm on Stage 88.

Private Lessons:

We have a number of specialist music tutors coming to the school each week to provide one-on-one lessons on a range of instruments. These include voice, woodwind and brass instruments, piano and drum kit. There are still spaces available for term 3; more information about private music lessons can be obtained by contacting Canberra Music Tuition on 6299 9154 or visiting their website www.canberramusictuition.com.au



CMT continues to offer music lessons at Melrose High School on a range of instruments including; Vocals, Piano, Guitar, Drums and all woodwind and brass instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Sax, Trumpet etc.)
Lessons are held during the school day.

Lessons are \$35 per half hour (one on one) and can start at any time of the term.

ENROL TODAY!

Phone: Canberra Music Tuition on 6299 9154 or
email: fvshwick@canberramusictuition.com.au
School Liaison: Mr Nathan Sciberras

NEW! Book online:
www.canberramusictuition.com.au
and click In-School Enrolments

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Social Dance

All students in all year groups have just completed a three-week unit on social dance. In this time students learnt several partner and line dances. Each dance was broken down into sections and students were taught all the specific movements and sequences. It was such a lovely time with all students actively participating, working with each other to support and encourage each other. We had many visits from teachers around the school, who came to join in and dance with the students. Assessment for this unit was performed in one lesson with students assessing their own and a partner's performance after performing the dance and recording it on their personal device. Students who did not participate for various reasons were required to do a written assignment using the Information Fluency on Why Dance?

PE units and classes

As we have moved into week 4 students are now in their individual timetabled classes. It is expected that all students actively participate in classes unless they have a medical certificate. It is essential that students bring a change of clothing for classes and that they ensure that they use deodorant of a morning. AEROSOL deodorants are not permitted at school. Students attending Club Lime with their classes are to walk with their teacher to and from the venue.

Girls Soccer

Well done to the girls team who should be commended for playing well as a team and with a good attitude. Sharon 'Super Coach' Chao did a great job organising them, managing their positions and providing support.



Boys Soccer

Our first boys team were a bit unlucky, they won all their games by considerable margins bar the last one (drew 1-1 with Wanniasa), and yet only managed to come 3rd in their pool. The only two teams they didn't play were the ones to make it through in their pool, so they were a bit disappointed with that, as they were dominant throughout



the day. Kudos to Jack Mann and Toby Rogers for coming and helping coach these boys. The other boys team (all Year 7s) drew their first game and won their next two against Alfred Deakin and Trinity, but unfortunately lost a close game to Telopea (2-3), placing them 4th in their pool. There was some spectacular athleticism on display from both teams, including some incredible goals.

Interschools Snowsports competition

Congratulations to the 3 students who competed in the Interschools Snowsports competition at the end of July. Jack Crossley competed in the Snowboard GS and came 19 out of 42 children and Snowboard X 30 out of 53, this is an awesome effort as they are very competitive events. Grace Crossley also did brilliantly gaining great times in some of her runs and was unlucky to slide out in one of her runs. Aiden Channell competed in the SkierX and Skier Alpine, Aiden made great times coming in 30 from 70 competitors in the Skier Alpine and 40 from 72 in the SkierX.



MARKET DAY



On Thursday 6 September, Market Day will be held at our school. As part of Business Studies Year 10 students are required to plan, manage and operate a stall on the day. Their aim is to make as much profit as possible. The Year 10 students are currently organising their stalls. They are required to come up with an idea, name it, advertise it, make up a slogan, source their items, ask for donations, and the list goes on.

For the last four years we have been donating part of the Market Day profits to a charity of the Year 10 group's choice. In 2014 the group selected Canteen, a charity that supports children and their families that are going through a cancer diagnosis. In 2015 we donated to the UNHCR, a charity that supports refugees. In 2016 the year group chose to donate to the Tara Costigan Foundation which provides support to victims and their families who have experienced domestic violence, and also provides education in the community about the importance of having and maintaining respectful relationships. Last year the Year 10 students voted on the MS Foundation in Canberra. Alex Jacobs, an MS Ambassador, came to an assembly last year to accept the donation. She spoke to the school about how MS affects her life and was overwhelmed by the donation to the charity by the school. This year we are supporting Drought Angels; this is an appropriate choice given the current drought facing our farmers.



Our profit last year was just under \$3500 which was a fantastic effort.

The money this year will be divided into the charity, the formal, a gift to the school from Year 10 and an afternoon tea at Australian Business Week (ABW). Finally the group of students who made the most profit will receive \$20 off their formal ticket for their outstanding participation. We are looking forward to a great day in September.

Rachel McGann
Executive Teacher, Humanities and Social Sciences

BAKING UP A STORM TO SUPPORT THE MALKARA SCHOOL FAIR!

During week two the year 9/10 Food Technology classes gave back to the community and helped raise money for the Malkara School Fair. In class the students made chocolate brownies, cupcakes and jam drops and packaged the yummy goodies up ready for sale. Malkara school was very appreciative for the support and the cake stall was a massive sell out.



MIN DE VISIT

During Week 2 and 3, we enjoyed a visit from our Taiwanese Sister School. Students from Min De Junior High in Tainan stayed with us for 10 days, living in home-stay arrangements with Melrose students. The students practised their English skills while enjoying Australian culture and the Melrose way of life. Min De students tasted vegemite and kangaroo burgers, climbed the Melrose rock wall, saw kangaroos, koalas and even held snakes! They encountered snow (many for the first time in their lives) and mustered sheep at a sheep station. Students joined in with Melrose classes: the highlight for many was participating in social dance!

The partnership between Melrose and Min De is a long lasting and very special friendship. The Min De students visit us every year and we visit them every second year. The friendships formed on these trips are often life-long and the experiences are life changing. We will be organising our next trip to Taiwan in 2020 so please consider joining us in this adventure.

We would like to send a huge thank you to the host families, who welcomed these students into their homes, their families and their lives for 10 days. We hope you enjoyed this experience as much as the Min De students loved being hosted by you. A big thank you also goes to Ms Yuan Ma for coordinating the visit and all the staff who shared their classrooms.



MIN DE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2018 VISIT



LIBRARY UPDATE

Book Week

Next week is Book Week! The library has been buzzing in preparation with lots of activities planned. On Monday, students are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a book character, significant prop or something else book-related. There will be a book parade during assembly in with prizes awarded to the best dressed. Other activities include a school scavenger hunt, pop-up library and a book character photo booth. Ms Van Davey's Interior Design class will also be showcasing their work on merchandising by creating book-related displays in the library.

Chromebooks

A reminder that it is expected that students bring their fully charged Chromebook to school each and every day. If you need to borrow a Chromebook for the day, please ensure you come to the library before roll group. It is also important that you return the Chromebook at the end of the day, so that it may be charged overnight and available for use by other students the next day.

SOLUTION FLUENCY THINKING CARNIVAL

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS
SOLUTION FLUENCY



AUGUST
22

EVENT STARTS
AT 9AM
MALCOLM BARLOW
HALL

**THINKING
CARNIVAL**

Melrose High School (MHS) students and staff are once again delighted to host a Thinking Carnival. On 22 August, year 5 students from Farrer Primary School, Mawson Primary School and Torrens Primary School are invited to MHS to consider the essential question 'What do we need?'

Together with MHS mentors from years 9 and 10, students will use the 21 Century Solution Fluency to create a range of responses to the essential question. These responses will not only illustrate their problem-solving and critical thinking processes but also their collaboration and communication skills and creativity. Much of the focus of the Thinking Carnival addresses real-world problems and future-focused outcomes.

This is an exciting time for teachers, current and future MHS students as we work collaboratively to engage students to think globally. Each Thinking Carnival is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for students to showcase their learning processes and solutions to real-world problems to our learning community.

CONGRATULATIONS COLBY

Athletics ACT is excited to announce that current Target Talent Program athlete Colby Eddowes (U17 Decathlon) and his coach (Mike Barber) have been awarded recognition as a future potential Australian athlete and coach by Athletics Australia. Athletics Australia's new junior pathway program now has a key focus on emerging talent from a 'transitional' program through to open competitions.

The 'Recognition of Future Potential' is designed for U17 and U18 athletes (and their personal coaches) who are considered to be future representatives at senior benchmark team will have their potential recognised nationally after Junior Nationals.



DANCE CAMP

by Alyssa Smalley



In Week Three, 40 Year 9 & 10 Dance students went out to Birrigai for Dance Camp. In the 2 days we were out there we learnt 4 dance pieces that 4 Year 10 dancers choreographed. These were to "When I grow up" choreographed by Alyssa Smalley, "Paparazzi" choreographed by Annabelle Cranston, "What it is" choreographed by Gabbie Andrews and "Shake it off" choreographed by Kathlynn Khaw. We also got to do a dance workshop with Fresh Funk tutor Jessica Gowing. On the first day once we arrived and got settled in we started our workshop and learnt a hip hop dance to "Finesse" by Bruno Mars. We then split off into two groups to learn the Year 9 and Year 10 dance routines. After this we joined back together to show what we had learnt.

All up we danced for 7 hours on the first day! We were all very exhausted by the time we stopped dancing. On the second day we continued and finished learning our routines in preparation for our performance at the AusDance ACT Dance Festival in Week 9. Hope to see you there!



AUDREY FAGAN AWARD

The Enrichment Grants continue to offer young women with an opportunity to realise their dreams, while supported by a mentor.

Young women aged between 12 and 18, who are residents of the ACT or attend school in the ACT are eligible to apply. The program provides one off grants of up to \$2,000 to support young women to achieve a project in their area of interest.

The Enrichment Grants are a component of the Audrey Fagan Scholarship program established in 2007 to honour former ACT Chief Police Officer Audrey Fagan's contribution as an inspirational leader and mentor for young women.

Applications close on 31 August 2018.

Website: Audrey Fagan Young Women Enrichment Grants

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/women/grants_and_awards/enrichment-grant-guidelines

THARWA COMMUNITY AND PRESCHOOL
BUSH FAIR
Sunday 9 September 2018
10am - 2pm

Sheep shearing demonstrations

Face painting

You will find it all at the Tharwa Preschool - just over the bridge on North Street.

Famous cake stall

Live entertainment

Great raffle prizes

Picnic games

PARENTLINE

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.

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