



LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

As the final part of the year approaches, we would like to thank families for supporting the school in general and all the students in such a wide variety of ways. From extracting them (grumbling) from bed, to helping with assignments and homework 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.

Like all terms, it has been a very busy time for our teaching staff and there have been a number of focus programs such as our third Thinking Carnival with local primary schools, the T10 Transitions visits for students attending college, the Year 6 transition program, Sports Carnivals and a great many other opportunities for students. Our students, as usual, have demonstrated respectful behaviours, strong community spirit and excellence in their academic pursuits. These will all be celebrated at the end of Year Awards Ceremonies and of course Graduation. All families are welcome to come and celebrate the achievements of their students at the relevant events.

Thank you to the families who participated in the Google survey to review the school's RESPECT values. These results will be discussed with the staff and shared with the community before the end of the school year.



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Shannon Carnovale
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New Phone numbers

The telephone system at Melrose High School has been updated and as such so have the phone numbers.

Our new numbers are:
Front Office - (02) 6142 0700
Rolls Office - (02) 6142 0703

FOR THE DIARY:

- 7 Nov: Big Picture Parent Information Meeting - Library 6pm - 7pm
- 8 Nov: Year 6 Activities Day
- 8 Nov: Parent Information Meeting - 2018 Maths & Science and Personal & Electronic Devices - Hall 5:30 -6:30 pm
- 15-16 Nov: Arts Fest
- 24 Nov: Science Mentors Awards

- 29 Nov: MHS Christmas night markets - Hall 5-8 pm
- 1 Dec: Year 10 Last Day
- 5 Dec: Year 7 Immunisation (Round 3)
- 7 Dec: Year 10 Formal
- 8 Dec: Reports emailed
- 8 Dec: Yr 7-9 Semester Awards
- 13 Dec: Yr 10 Graduation
- 15 Dec: Last day of Term 4
- 5 Feb 2018: Year 7 & new students start
- 6 Feb: All students return

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

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.

Melrose High School Big Picture Academy 2018 Application Process

Student Information Session Week 3 1:25-2:10pm in Room 112

Parent/Carer Information Evening Tuesday 7 November 2017 6 - 7 pm in the Library

The Big Picture learning design



The 2018 academy will consist of a Year 9 advisory and a Year 10 advisory

Applications are open to all current Year 8 and Year 9 students



Please contact the MHS Big Picture Team for more information

Shannon Carnovale, Susie Boer, Robert Hamburger, Robert Morris, Humira Jalil,
Tatum O'Meara, Des Proctor, Rosanna Thompson, Helen Uren-Randall



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

5:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF MATHS & SCIENCE AND PERSONAL & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

This session will involve a brief presentation about the schools Personal and Electronic Devices Policy and changes that are being made to the structure of Maths and Science classes for 2018. Following this there will be a Q&A session. There will also be a number of vendors available to discuss some of the personal electronic device options that they have available for students. Detailed information about these topics can be found on our [school website](http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au).

2017 ACE PERFORMANCE DRAMA PRODUCTION

This year, as part of the Melrose High School Arts Festival, the Year 10 ACE PERFORMANCE DRAMA class is performing Tom Stoppard's 'The Real Inspector Hound'. It is a comic spoof of a Who Dunit? Murder / Mystery, and is set in the remote and desolate swamplands around Muldoon Manor. The play is loaded with twists and uses the 'play within a play' format.

Our matinee performance date and time will be at 11.20 am -12.20pm on Thursday, 16 November (Week 6) and will be held in the Malcom Barlow School Hall.

We are extending an open invitation to all classes at Melrose and family and friends of the wider Melrose community. The performance runs for approximately 60 minutes and is rated 'G'.

Feel free to e-mail me, mark.schmidt@ed.act.edu.au if you would like to attend and tickets will be reserved for you. There is no cost for this performance.

Hoping to see you on the day!

Mr Mark Schmidt

Drama Teacher.

AUSDANCE ACT DANCE FESTIVAL 2017 - RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

On 22 September the Year 9/10 dance classes participated in the ACT Ausdance Dance Festival. The whole day was filled with excitement and nerves, everyone waiting patiently. In the morning we all headed up to the dance room to run through the performance with everyone and finalised the piece. By 1:30pm we were brought into the Canberra Theatre to listen to the amazing Ausdance team and Jamie Winbank who talked to us and ran us through a fun warm up.



The day was full of dress runs and rehearsals with all the other schools who were performing on the night. By 7:00pm we were all back from dinner and ready to perform. Overall, we were really proud of our performance on the night. The feedback we received was that we looked professional and we portrayed a clear story through our dance. We would like to thank the amazing Ausdance ACT dance festival crew, Jamie Winbank and of course our very own lovely Miss Sedlack for all the hard work they put in. We would also like to thank Mr Scibberas, Ms Karapanos, Ms Naidu and Ms Prieto for their help along the way and on the night.

Jaquinn Martin & Mia Parubotchy.

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Arts Fest 2017 Dance & Music Evening

Wednesday 15 Nov - 6-8pm - \$5 entry fee
(u12s free), sausage sizzle, snacks & drinks



Arts Fest 2017 Drama Matinee Performance

The *Real* Inspector Hound

Written by Tom Stoppard

Performed by Melrose High School ACE Drama

Thursday 16 Nov - 11:20am-12:20pm - in the hall
- all classes invited - parents welcome

FINDING REAL LIFE SOLUTIONS TO REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS AT MHS THINKING CARNIVAL

Melrose High School (MHS) students and staff were once again delighted to host a Thinking Carnival. On Wednesday 1 November, over 160 Year 5 students from local primary schools converged on MHS to consider the question 'What do we need?'



Together with their Melrose High mentors from year 9 and 10, groups used 21st Century Solution Fluency to create a range of responses. These responses not only illustrate their problem-solving and critical thinking processes but also group collaboration skills, communication and creativity. Much of the work and focus of the Thinking Carnival was defined by real-world problems and future-focussed outcomes. This is an exciting time for teachers, current and future MHS students as we work collaboratively to engage students as global citizens.

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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We ran this whole school event on Thursday 19 October after rain cancelled the event earlier in the year. The day turned out to be fine which was great for our current Year 10 group who had only experienced one Carnival until now due to cancellations. We had a great turn out and high level of participation in many of the track events.

As the organiser I always have to put staff on events all day with very minimal chance to get a break. So I thank them all very much for their commitment. Carnival days are always great showcases of the school culture. Well done to everyone.

Results are still to come as we had a glitch with our recording. P.E. hopes to hand out awards at the next assembly.

Peter Langridge

YEAR 10 TIME TO RETURN YOUR SCHOOL RESOURCES

Last week Year 10 students were informed about the end of year clearances they need to complete before leaving Melrose High School. All Library and Faculty text books must be returned before they exit in Week 8. Students have received a listing of the resources they currently have on loan (check with your Roll Group Teacher if you didn't get it). These lists will also be emailed out to students this week.

If you believe you have lost a book then you need to contact Ms Holder in English if it is an English Text or Ruth in the Library for Library books. A decision will be made as to whether the book needs to be paid for or it will be written off. Lost books cost the school hundreds of dollars each year so please look carefully; we would rather have the book back than have you pay for a replacement.

All accounts need to be finalised before graduation and we have in the past held back Year 10 certificates until the clearance is finalised.

MARKET DAY 2017

On Thursday 31 August Market Day was 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 weather turned out to be great and everything went well. The Year 10 students put in an amazing effort and the stalls were a great success. It was good to see a variety of food, drinks, products and activities on sale.

For the last three years we have been donating part of the Market Day profits to a charity of the Year 10 group's choice. In 2017 the Year 10 students voted on the MS Foundation in Canberra. A representative from the foundation attended, Ann Lehmann. She was most impressed with the stalls on offer and the effort the students went to make their stalls a success.

Our profit was \$3443.10 which is a fantastic effort. The money has been divided up: \$1000 has gone to the MS Foundation, the remainder will then go to the formal, a gift to the school from Year 10 and it also funded an afternoon tea at Australian Business Week (ABW). Finally the group of students who made the most profit are receiving \$20 off their formal ticket for their outstanding participation.

Alex Jacobs, an MS Ambassador, came to a recent assembly 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.

The following awards were presented at a recent assembly:

The Most Profitable Stall – Comment Cents: Ashling, Jay, Elisabeth, Shamima, Maddie and Caitlin. This team put together one of the most organised and well-presented stalls ever seen at Market Day. They went above and beyond and sought sponsorship from local businesses and asked for donations of chocolate from the teachers in the school. They were one of the most impressive stalls on the day and the most popular. They made a profit of \$381.15. They will each receive \$20 each off their formal ticket.

The Most Innovative Stall Idea – Pizza Cones:

Jasmine, Rhiannon and Selma. This year the award goes to the team who produced Pizza Cones. We had never seen this idea before. It was a very popular stall that was a surprise to us all.

The Best Stall Uniform – Bake Me Crazy: Jaime, Pranjali, Joy and Laura. This particular group looked the part on their stall. Their uniforms were very impressive and eye catching.

The Best Stall Presentation – sweEATS: Isabel, Jacinta, Harmony and Maria. This team produced a stall that look spectacular. It was themed pink and comments were made by numerous people about the time and effort they put into their stall.



The Simple, but Extremely Effective Stall – Dose Nuts: Aaron, Riley and Sebian. This was a stall of donuts – very popular!!

Best Haunted House Ever – Last Man Standing: Lucas, Kaylah, Tom, Thomas, Merlin, Olivia, Darcy and Richard. This group started planning their stall after they experienced Market Day when they were in Year 7. Their house was scary, but fun. Kaylah did an amazing job putting the group members in character. Congratulations to all the Year 10 students and the Business teachers: Ben Duggan, Ian Johnson, Angela Agius, Andrew Bakker, Evelyn Karapanos and Rob Hamburger.

Rachel McGann
Executive Teacher, Humanities and Social Sciences



HOSTING A JAPANESE STUDENT

Are you interested in having a Japanese student stay in your home??

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 the 25 March through to the 29 March 2018 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 2019.

All students benefit from the exchange program. They are able to share new a cultural experience 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 Kerryn 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 Kerryn.leiper@ed.act.edu.au or expression of interest forms will be handed out in Japanese classes and on request.

Melrose High School

Christmas Night Markets

29 November 5pm—8pm

Melrose High School Hall, Marr St, Pearce

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| <i>Candles</i> | <i>Lingerie</i> | <i>Toys</i> |
| <i>Cosmetics</i> | <i>Cup Cakes</i> | <i>Raffle Tickets</i> |
| <i>Tea</i> | <i>Crystals</i> | <i>Baby Clothes</i> |
| <i>Doggie treats</i> | <i>Handmade jewellery</i> | <i>Kids Activities</i> |
| <i>Bags</i> | <i>Nutrimetics</i> | <i>Goodberry's</i> |
| <i>Tupperware</i> | <i>Textiles</i> | <i>Sausage Sizzle</i> |
| <i>Cleaning</i> | <i>Ceramics</i> | <i>So much more...</i> |

Vendor enquiries welcome: email Robert.hamburger@ed.act.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK

In Week 10 of Term 3 approximately 110 Year 10 students participated in Australian Business Week. The work they produced was exceptional. The students coped extremely well with the work load, stress and time pressures. They were one of the most impressive groups of students I have seen work through the program.

This program provides students with a unique and real life working environment to demonstrate their skills and talents at school and learn new ones to help them in the future. It always astounds me what they are capable of doing throughout the week. This program is a highlight of my teaching and their learning whilst at school.

Students were placed in teams by the teachers to ensure there were students with differing talents and abilities in each team. It was amazing to see how the teams came together and worked like real business people with an elected CEO. Throughout the week each company had to:

- run their company for a simulated two years on the share market using a computer program provided by ABW Enterprise Education;
- produce a written company report about their activities over the simulated two years;
- give a Shark Tank style oral presentation in front of a panel of business people;
- come up with a new product idea, mock up the product and showcase it at a Trade Display; and
- film and edit a video ad promoting their new product.

All of this in 5 days! Each year the students say – “Can’t we have more time?”, but this is not the idea of the program. It is meant to be run in five days.

This program would not be possible without the support of the business community. This year we were lucky enough to have support from Bendigo Bank Calwell, Coordinate, Spectrum Photo Booth Hire, Good Guys Tuggeranong, Canberra Theatre Centre, Cosgrave Soutter, Prodigy, Civium Property Group, Small Business Council of the ACT and Avado. Bendigo Bank Calwell were very generous and sponsored us \$450 to assist with student participation fees. This is the fourth year they have sponsored and we are most grateful for their support.

The program also incorporates guest speakers. To commence the week Jordan Wallace, owner and manager of Spectrum Photo Booth Hire and ex- Melrose High School student spoke to the students about a range of topics. He first spoke about how his photo booth from Market Day has become a real life business; he gave the students tips on how to best work as a team member in a mock company; he reflected on his experiences participating in ABW as a CEO; and spoke about his pathway after finishing at Melrose and Canberra College. He got into university, but deferred and now his business has taken off and this is his focus at the moment. Jarred Powell from Coordinate came on Day 3 of the program and spoke to the students about what is required to design and edit an effective and memorable TV advertisement. He was very impressed with the students’ creativity, professionalism and maturity when they spoke to some of the groups following the presentation about their ideas for their TV ad for their new product idea.

We had about 125 votes submitted at the Trade Display on the Thursday afternoon. It was great to see such support from the parents, carers, family members and friends of the students involved. The effort that the students went to was just outstanding. Hayden Fenyvesi from the Good Guys, Tuggeranong, Luke McKinnon from Canberra College, Damian McNamara from Bendigo Bank, Kelli Lawton from Cosgrove

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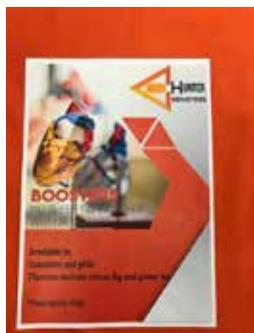
Soutter Accountants, Joe Gleeson from the Canberra Theatre Centre, Michael Fryer and Emma Hehir from Woolworths Mawson, Nathan Bale from Avado (the Renovation Specialists) and Peter Strong from the Council of Small Business Australia. This event really gives an insight into the sorts of things on offer at our school which makes us unique to other high schools.

Thank you goes to the teachers and business mentors who volunteered to be part of the program this year. They were: Dane Wells, Andrew Wright, Parmilla Naidu, Helena Brooker, Peter Freeman, Ben Duggan, Garry Douglas, Nathan Sciberras, Rob Hamburger and Damien Wood. A massive thank you goes to Angela Agius who worked extremely hard throughout the week making sure everything ran smoothly and thank you to the school's IT and Graphic Design expert, Deidre Kelaher. Special thanks also to the Library Manager Ruth Mahon, the Building Services Officers Sean and Alan and Judy in the Front Office for their assistance.

The winning company was Hunter Industries who won with an overall score of 93.61%.

Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who participated. You were absolutely amazing.

Rachel McGann
ABW Coordinator



WELCOME TO THE MELROSE FAMILY

As a result of funds raised during on Cupcake Day 21 August, we would like to introduce you to our newest Melrose family members from the Orangutan Foundation International. Say hello to Charlie, Hockey, Holland, Jeffery Jr and Kobe!



SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORT PROGRAM

NDIS Special Needs Transport (SNT) for Students with Disabilities

Families seeking transport assistance in 2018 will need to complete an SNT application by 17 November 2017. Planning of bus routes for 2018 commences in early December so it is important families lodge their SNT application on time. Late applicants may be placed on a waiting list if there are not available seats on a suitable bus route.

An application for transport is made by completing the Special Needs Transport Application Form. If transport is approved and there is a vacant seat on the bus, the SNT Coordinator will organise appropriate transport for the student to and from school. The SNT Coordinator will advise parents/carers/guardians of the transport arrangements. If there is not a vacant seat, the student will be placed on a waiting list. Waiting lists are reviewed on a regular basis.

More details here <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/bus-services/school-services/special-needs-transport-program>



Music Lessons

CMT continues to offer music lessons at Melrose High school on: Piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, low brass and percussion. 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: fyshwick@canberramusictuition.com.au
School Liaison: Mr Nathan Sciberras

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