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9 May 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Welcome back to Term Two at Menzie's College and the beginning of the winter terms. Last term seemed very long and busy and hopefully we have put many of the interruptions to academic learning behind us. While our students get busy with after school sports and the likes, it remains important that they continue to work hard on completing set work and assignments as part of this balance.

At assembly this week we picked up on our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' (PB4L) focus and I spoke about Showing Respect. This comes in many simplistic forms, as easy as acknowledging others, putting rubbish in its correct place, being mindful when involved on social networks. One area where I would like a particular focus from everyone, is the use of conversational language and the avoidance of swearing around the school. At a time when I have never heard so much bad language on television, there appears to be no understanding of the etiquette of the school environment and this has to improve. An interesting quote when researching for the topic of Respect was a writer stating, "Most of what people respect today is taught to them through television and this has led to confused values."

Prior to the holidays the school purchased a van. This will assist in easing our transport demands, especially moving small groups to events and some reduction in costs will be evident. There is also a group of students from Matura and Gore that may be able to access a ride after practices when staff are available. It still has to pay its way but hopefully we have opened a few options for our students with this acquisition. It will have sign writing in due course.



On a housekeeping matter, can the school please be informed of planned absences, any change of address or contact phone numbers or the intention to move from the area. It is important that we know the whereabouts of our students and emergency details should they be required.

All the best to our school sports teams who, for the most part, start competition games in the next week. It's great to see so many students and parents/caregivers out on the courts and fields after school engaging so positively in sport and recreational activities. All the best for the season ahead.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Science Department

Science Opportunity for Year 7 & Year 8 Students

This year the Science department is offering the opportunity for 24 Year 7 and 8 students to go to Dunedin for 2 days to experience a range of science activities. The residential will be from Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 September. The demand is always high for the Science Enrichment Camps and we would love to take more than 24 students but we are limited by transport, accommodation and the numbers the different activities can take.

The cost to each student will be \$170 which will include transport, fuel, accommodation, activities and the majority of the food. Chocolate will be available for students to sell to help them fundraise all or some of this amount; many students in the past have sold enough chocolate to 'go for free'.

To run the residential costs \$220 per student, but due to the generosity of Fonterra supporting the Menzies College Science Department we are able to offer a significant subsidy of \$50 per student. We really appreciate the on-going support of Fonterra and this support has made many trips more affordable for students and their families.

The main activities we will be doing are:

- View Yellow Eyed penguins on the Otago Peninsula
- Visit Otago University Food Sciences department to challenge their taste buds and make lollies in the candy lab experiment
- The Cadburys Chocolate Factory tour
- Sleep over at the Otago Museum, enter Discovery World and take part in the museums 'hands on' science investigations
- We may visit the Moana Pool in Dunedin for a swim and slide, Adventure Based Learning in the Dunedin botanic gardens or visit the Otago University Library depending on time and weather.

The hardest part is selecting which students will have the opportunity to go; the Science Enrichment Camps are always oversubscribed and unfortunately we can't take everybody! If a student wishes to go they will need to write a letter and hand it into the school office or their Science teacher by Friday 16 May. The letter needs to include why they would like to go, what they enjoy about Science, what they think they will gain from the experience and why they are a suitable candidate. In selecting students we will also take into account their engagement in Science lessons and their suitability as a candidate. We will inform students as soon as possible after Friday 16 May and provide them and their families with more details about the specific arrangements for the camp itself. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me on nigel.scarth@menzies.school.nz or call the school on 206 4979. Good luck!

Nigel Scarth

Head of Department - Science

Year 7-8 Stream Study

In the last two weeks of Term one and the first three weeks of this term, the Year 7-8 classes will be working on a unit called Stream Study. This involves studying the uses of water to humans in terms of nutrition, cleaning, electrical power generation and industrial applications. One of the main aspects to be considered when studying water is POLLUTION and ENVIRONMENTAL implications that we are having on water supplies. As this is one of our focus areas on the topic Environment Southland were contacted and asked if they could provide information on these aspects. In week 9 of Term 1, Mark Oster, the Educational Liaison Officer from Environment Southland came in to school to speak to each class on what they knew already and how they improve the situation for future generations. His delivery was great and he was able to speak to the students on their level and glean information and educate them at the same time. Environment Southland also loaned the school experimental gear that we took on the Pounaweia camp trip so the students were able to make measurements on water clarity, rates of flow and the presence of micro invertebrates and crabs in the estuary. The students have been working to their best and seem to be really enjoying this topic of study.

Simon Wilkinson

Teacher

Glass Jars Required

Students in Years 7 to 9 Science and Year 12 and 13 Chemistry are asked to bring a glass jar to class. Thank you.

Gateway

Student Profile - Logan Macdonald

Logan Macdonald currently has a Gateway placement at the Edendale Butchery where he is being given the opportunity to experience different aspects of butchery. It is very obvious when visiting Logan that he is really enjoying his placement. He has excelled and risen to all challenges put before him. Logan is to be commended for the commitment he is making to his placement. He has impressed the staff with his willingness to learn and remembering the techniques and procedures he has been taught.

Both Logan and the Menzies College Gateway team appreciate the time and effort that the staff of Edendale Butchery, Dave and Joyce, have put in to Logan's placement; as well as the constant support and encouragement given to him.

Logan's positive attitude and outstanding respect for others will serve him well as he continues his education and eventually moves on into his chosen career pathway.



Mrs Barbara Williams & Stuart Clark
The Gateway Team

Careers

The careers room will be open at lunch times every Tuesday and Thursday if students wish to carry out career research or seek some guidance. Mr Clark will be available to assist. Please take advantage of this. Check out the school Careers Page at <https://www.facebook.com/menziescollegecareers> for updates on University Liaison visits, Scholarships, STAR Courses, Work Experience, Gateway and Hokonui Tertiary High School.

CPIT are having their Open Day on 19 June. For further information contact either Stuart Clark or Katie Hall.

Dunedin Tertiary Information Day

On Monday our Year 12 and 13 students are off to the Dunedin Tertiary Information Day. For information over the weekend you can go to www.otago.ac.nz or www.facebook.com/otagouniversity

Liaison Officer Visits

Otago University - 27 May at 1pm in the Library.

P.I.H.M.S. - 30 July at 2:15pm (Hotel Management) in the Library.

Miss Katie Hall
Careers Advisor

Super Seniors

There are so many opportunities that our students have whilst in high school to extend and challenge themselves. These (often physical) challenges compliment their academic life too, by teaching them about perseverance, respecting themselves and those around them and striving to give of their best. I was particularly proud to see Jeffrey Robinson and Carrie Ann McEwan representing our school at the Wyndham ANZAC Day service. They were supported by numerous members of our senior school and I was hugely impressed by the dignity and solemnity all our students showed at the occasion. The ideals exemplified in the huge variety of 'out of school' activities our students are involved in, clearly link to our school values and through these activities our students become 'rounded' and capable young adults.

Pania Rayner and Kirsty Panirau (accompanied by Mr Landreth) attended the Growing Coaches National Forum in Auckland at the end of Term One. Kirsty shares her experiences here:



Pictured with keynote speakers Dillon Boucher (Tallblack/NZbreakers) and Eddie Kohlase (NZ Blacksox former player/coach).
Pania second from left & Kirsty far right.

'We have been coaching football for the last few years and saw this forum as a great opportunity to improve our skills. The day began with games followed by some inspirational speeches from Dylan Boucher, Eddie Kohlase and some other retired coaches. The day ended with a practical session of our chosen sport followed by a debrief of the whole day. We managed to fit in some shopping and also had a really nice meal out with the other Southern students who attended. Overall it was a great experience and we feel really privileged to have attended this forum and had such an amazing opportunity. Thanks Mr Landreth'



During the holidays, Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich and Gabby McCall attended the Lions Southern Outdoor Experience Youth Leadership Course. The girls really enjoyed their experience, here's what they had to say about it:

'During the first week of the holidays we participated in the Lions Youth Leadership Camp held at Borland Lodge. We were lucky enough to be partially funded by local Lions Clubs which enabled us to take part in this great opportunity.'

The camp was run by Adventure Southland who were awesome leaders. We were given the opportunity to grow as people and develop our leadership skills. The camp motto was: 'Challenge by Choice'. It worked like this: they picked the challenge and we had no choice! The activities we participated in included a three day tramp, an overnight camp under a rock and bush navigation. We also did kayaking and a lot of abseiling - including a huge 70 metre challenge where we free-fell 50 metres! This camp also involved a SOLO where we had to complete personal reflections. We both learnt a lot about ourselves on this camp as we challenged our fears. We also gained leadership skills which will help us in the future.'

If you are given this opportunity next year you should definitely take it! We highly recommend it to everyone. Finally, we would like to thank Mrs McKelvie and Mrs Gould for helping to make this all possible.'

We have spoken to the seniors about remaining focussed on the task at hand here at school – at being prompt, completing work set by teachers and being good role-models around the school and community. We hope that our Super Seniors take this on board and act on the advice given so that this term can be enjoyable and productive for all. If you have any questions or concerns about students in Year 11-13, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Mrs Lucy McKelvie & Carl Lambert
Senior Deans

Southfuels - Fuel for Schools

This programme was launched in 2010 and is a wonderful way to donate funds to our school. We have been nominated by a local business/farm that receives bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels, which means that every 2 litres of bulk fuel that is purchased 1 cent is donated to our school. We would like to thank the families who have purchased fuel so far which has enabled us to receive \$99. For further information about the programme call 0800 484 3543.

Menzies College Soccer

Subs

Just a reminder that fees need to be paid for the mid-week league. Costs are \$40 for the season for the Menzies College Girls 1st XI and are to be paid at the office. These should have been paid by Tuesday 6 May. The Boys 1st XI subs of \$40 are due by Tuesday 27 May.

Soccer Gear Orders

Any players requiring gear (shorts or socks) are to see Mr Lambert as soon as possible for an order form.

Country Schools 7 A-side

This is on 20 May. Two mixed teams will be sent with a team from Years 7-9 and another from Years 10-13. Students are to see Mr Lambert if they wish to play. (Please note students playing soccer this year get first option).

Trainings and Games for the Season

At this stage the girls 1st XI team will train on Mondays from 3.30pm to 4.45pm and games take place on Wednesdays. The boys team will train on Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm with game dates to be arranged.

1st XI Boys Soccer Team - First Outing for the Year

On Tuesday 20 May the boys team will get their first opportunity for the year to play in a mixed 7-a-side Tournament against a number of country schools. Also, we are in the process of organising their first game vs Northern Southland College as the Girls 1st XI play their girls team in the Southland College League on Wednesday 21 May at Menzies College. What we are hoping to do, is when the return fixture is played on the 25 June, we will take the boys team to Lumsden as well.

Facebook Page

Menzies College Soccer have a facebook page which has match reports, important dates and other information. Just type in 'Menzies College Soccer' and then click on the 'LIKE' icon. You can also find the link on the Menzies College website in the sports section or do a search in google ('Menzies College Soccer').

Important Dates

6 May Girls 1st XI Soccer Team Subs \$40 were due
12 May Monday - Training 3.30pm – 4.45pm (Girls)
14 May Wednesday – Training Boys & Girls or Game
19 May Monday – Training 3.30pm to 4.45pm (Girls)
20 May Country Schools 7-a-side Tournament in Lumsden
21 May Game - vs Northern Southland College (Girls) at Menzies 4pm
Game - vs Northern Southland College (Boys) at Menzies TBC
26 May Monday - Training 3.30pm to 4.30pm (Girls)
27 May Boys 1st XI Soccer Team Subs \$40.00 are due

Carl Lambert
Organiser

Menzies College Rugby

Subs for 2014

Year 7 & 8, U14, U16 - \$30 (if not paid by 31 May, increases to \$45)

First XV - \$150 (if not paid by 31 May, increases to \$175) this includes jersey and socks

Money for subs and gear (may be paid together) is to be paid to Lois Heads, left at the school office, given to the team manager or paid by internet banking to account No. 03 0962 0066078 000 with your name as a reference.

Draw - 10 May

Menzies Preston-Russell Law 1st XV	v	St Kevins - 1 pm at Menzies College
Titiroa Transport U17	v	Verdon - 1.15 pm at Verdon College Ground 2
Tisbury Wool U14	v	Verdon - noon at Verdon College Ground 2
Country 'A' Advance Ag (Year 7 & 8)	v	Central Pirates - 12.15pm at Central Pirates

Firewood for Sale

The Rugby Club has dry Bluegum firewood for sale - \$60 a metre, delivered. To order, please contact Peter Bee on (03) 2064863.

The Rugby Club acknowledges the support of the following sponsors:
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Peter Bee
Chairperson

Menzies College Netball

Draw - 10 May

Team	Opposition	Time	Court
Senior A	St Marys B	4.05pm	1
Senior B	Gore High Senior Gold	2.15pm	2
Development	Gore High 10B	11.30am	3
Junior Mixed	Blue Mountain Gold	10.35am	3

Duty: Senior A at the end of the day.

Mrs Kath Luoni
Teacher in Charge

Important Dates

May	12	Otago University Open Day
	14	Southland Cross Country
	20	7 A-Side - at Northern Southland College, Lumsden Winter Tournament
	21	Menzies College Cross Country
	27	HPV Vaccination - No. 2
	30	Teacher Only Day
June	2	Queen's Birthday Observance
	13	Primary Schools Cross Country
	15-17	Year 13 Adventure Class - Tautuku Pre-camp
	19-20	Year 13 Chemistry Trip
	24-27	Year 9 - Tautuku Camp & Year 13 Adventure Experience
	27	School Reports posted
July	3	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	4	Last day of Term 2
	21	First day of Term 3
	25	School Ball

Ex Student Josh Schipper Gains Scholarship

After finishing at Menzies College in 2009, Josh started a degree in Engineering at the University of Canterbury. He has now gained his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree with First Class Honours after four years of study. Although there was a lot of hard work during that time, the benefit of being able to understand how things work in the world, was of a great value. At the moment he is waiting to start a PhD in Electrical Engineering through a scholarship from the Electrical Power Engineering Centre (EPECentre). He will conduct research on how to improve the operation of the national electricity grid when everyone starts putting solar panels on their roofs. In three years, he should have finished the PhD and hopefully everyone's lights will remain on!

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement Josh!

Community Notices

Wyndham District Community Pool

A very big thank you for the overwhelming support of our lamb drive. Special thanks to Brian Macdonald and Brian Walsh for their help. If we missed you and you have a lamb to donate, please contact Nat on (03) 206 4373. We will be repairing and upgrading the pool complex over the winter, ready for school and community use in Term Four. If anyone else would like to help towards the cost of this we will gratefully accept donations. These can be sent to Mel Geary, 20 Raglan Steet, Wyndham or left in the container at the Menzies College office. Thank you, we appreciate your support.

Squash For All Levels

Year 6 to 10 - Thursday's 3.30 to 4.30 beginning 15 May at the Menzies Court. The cost is \$1 per player per session. Non marking shoes required, all other equipment provided. Inquiries to Carlyn on (03) 2064373.

Seminars with Nathan Mikaere-Wallis

Parenting Pathways To Success

In these 2.5hr seminars Nathan introduces the "Structure of the Brain" and the overall relevant research findings from the last 15 years that relate to directly parenting, and "brain based" tips for successful parenting. Monday 9 June at the James Cumming Wing, Gore. Time One: 1pm - 3:30pm, \$25; Time Two: 7pm - 9:30pm, \$25. Phone Tracey or Lynley at Southern REAP to enrol 0800 111 117.

The Teenage Brain with Nathan Mikaere-Wallis

Tuesday 10 June 6pm - 8:30pm at the City Impact Church, Frankton \$25. Please phone Tracey or Lynley at Southern REAP to enrol 0800 111 117 or 03 236 6008. Wednesday 11 June 7pm - 9:30pm at the Memorial Hall, Lumsden \$10. This seminar has been kindly offered in conjunction with the Northern Southland Community Worker - Lynley Soper and supported by the NSCRCT. It is not necessary to enrol to attend Nathan's seminar in Lumsden - pay on the night.

Brain Development with Nathan Mikaere-Wallis

Wednesday 11 June at Southern REAP, Winton \$40. 10am- 2:30pm with half an hour for lunch, please bring your own. Please phone Tracey or Lynley at Southern REAP to enrol 0800 111 117 or 03 236 6008.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28 Apr	29	30	1 May	2	3	4
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Term 2 Week 1				SIT Nursing Visit		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Otago Uni Open Day Week 2						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Week 3	7 a side	Cross Country				
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Jun
Week 4	HPV vaccination Otago Uni 1pm			TOD Curriculum		
26 May - 1 Jun						

28 Apr - 4 May

5 - 11 May

12 - 18 May

19 - 25 May

26 May - 1 Jun

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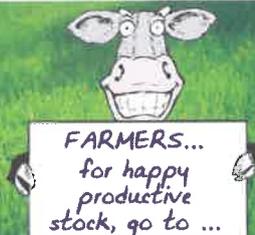
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