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26 June 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Next Friday afternoon at 2.15pm we will finish the term with our annual Kapa Haka Competition. Over the past four years this has moved from "disco like" beginnings to a powerful celebration of our culture with nearly all students involved. Competition is tight and as always, an upset could be on the cards. Please make an effort to attend this as it is truly something worth viewing and as a school we are very proud.

PB4L

Congratulations to Bobbi Nicholson, Casey Boyd, Michael Moncur and Mr Pete Wilkinson for winning the achievement draw this week. Bobbi received hers for being respectful in a practical assessment.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

From the Board of Trustees

Parent involvement in children's education was looked at in a recent School Trustee Association magazine (April, 2015, Issue 252). Research has shown that when parents are involved students have

- higher grades, test scores and graduation rates
- increased motivation and higher self-esteem
- decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- better school attendance
- lower rates of suspension
- fewer incidents of violent behaviour

One interesting factor that I noticed was that family participation in education was two times more predicative of academic success than socio-economic status. Overall, they found that the more a parent participates, the better the student achievement. Here at Menziess College we have fantastic support from our parent community and wider local community. Here is a list of ways that you are welcome and encouraged to attend if you don't already:

- Coaching a sport team
- Parent-help at camps
- Assemblies
- School production
- Sports events e.g. cross-country, athletics or weekend sports
- PTA involvement
- Parent-Teacher interviews
- End-of-term House events
- Transporting of students to events

If you have any other ideas of how you can be involved in your child's education outside of your own home, please contact your child's teacher. They are also available to give updates on your child's progress at any stage.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gerry and the staff on the fantastic ERO report that has recently been given. We are thrilled that the years of hard work that has been going on has been recognised. Also, thank you to the Head of Departments on the recent presentation of their yearly reports. We understand there is a lot of time and effort spent to have the information ready for us to view and use. We also thank you for your willingness to be a part of the new format of presentation to the Board.

Megan Lindsay

TEXT 'follow themenziessway' to 8987 for information updates

Booking for parent/teacher interviews online - please action this

2 July 3:40pm – 5:40pm and 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

To book interviews with teachers go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz which will look like the page below or go to www.menzies.school.nz and follow the link. The school website also contains other valuable information and updates related to Menzies College. **Type in the code TPBQG here and press enter.**



From here you will be guided through the process of making appointments. If you are unable to make the appointments online phone the school office 03 206 4979 and ask the office staff to make appointments for you. Please leave a 5 minute gap between appointments so we don't get unnecessary delays during the interviews. We look forward to seeing you on 2 July in the school hall.

Attendance on the school reports

Following a query from a parent on how attendance is indicated on the school reports, some changes will be made how this calculation is made. As an example, the half days at the beginning of the school year when the school is counted as 'open for instruction' but not all students are required, will be calculated differently in order to give a more accurate picture of your child's attendance.

Also, your child may have been at school each day that it is open for instruction, but still not have 100% attendance on his/her report. This is because of the system which the Ministry of Education, via the attendance register that staff use, collects attendance data for different purposes. For example, Sally (not her real name) attends school all of the time, but when Sally goes on the Adventure Leadership trip, her attendance code is Q (school trip/camp). This keeps her overall attendance at 100% as it is a recognised reason to not be present in classes. However, when calculating attendance for the reports, this does not count as being present, as it is designated as not being present in subject classes. There are a range of other codes that have the same outcome, for example, when a student is doing their school service as office messenger for the day, if a student has an appointment with the guidance counsellor or Dean and if a student is in the sick bay etc. We were unaware that this was the case. As a result, we will be re-wording the attendance section on the reports to indicate that the attendance is for 'in timetabled classes'.

We appreciate your patience and understanding around this matter, it has been a learning curve for us as well and we want the best possible information to be provided to all parents/caregivers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office if you have any further concerns regarding this.

English Department

A reminder to any students wishing to enter the University of New South Wales ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) English competition that entries close next **Monday 29 June**.

English 101 Assessment dates

AS90854 – Form personal response to independently read texts, supported by evidence -
Response # 6 –Wednesday 1 July, period 4

*Ms Sonja Swale
Head of Department - English*

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance for 2015

Fees for Domestic Candidates

Entry for all NZQA standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects

Additional Scholarship entries

All fees need to be paid in to the school office by 21 August.

Fee

\$76.70

\$30.00 per subject

Forms for financial assistance are available at the office, they reduce the fee to \$20 for one candidate or \$30 for two or more.

Menzies College Soccer

Girls Development team win in convincing style

The Menzies Development scored their first win of the season on Wednesday, with a 4-1 win over James Hargest "B" at Menzies. In the first half, Menzies took the lead through a good finish from Leah Maxwell to score her first goal for Menzies. The next goal came from the penalty spot which was converted by Sophielee Richardson after being brought down in the box. In the second half, again Menzies scored first through Summer Smith to take a 3-0 lead, before James Hargest got on the board with a shot from just outside the box to make the score 3-1. Towards the end of the game, Rhylee McGregor broke down the right and cut in near the goal box and placed her shot which passed the keeper to make the score 4-1. Mina Pascual and Emma Porteous both had outstanding team performances. Well done to Tyler Cameron also in her first game for Menzies - she never gave up. The team had another great result and they continue to improve their team play. Players of the match were Emma Porteous and Mina Pascaul.

Menzies "B" 4 – 1 James Hargest "B" - Scorers - Leah Maxwell 1, Sophielee Richardson 1, Summer Smith 1, Rhylee McGregor 1

Boys team learn a lot from loss

The Kelly Irwin First National Menzies team continued to improve with their 'on field' performance in their latest match. Last week against Central, they played their individual games rather than as a team. At Wednesday's game against the league leaders, Verdon, they played more as a team and were able to defend more successfully as a result. 'In attack' was much improved as well which resulted in more opportunities to shoot at goal, than their last game. Well done to the boys, the Verdon team was very good and demonstrated why they lead the competition. Campbell Heads did some good work in goal and made some outstanding saves and also Vinnie Rayner for his work in leading the defence and to Lachie King and Jarred Irwin in the centre of the midfield for their endless work. Also a mention of Henry Tapiata who gave soccer a go for the first time and did very well up front. Lastly, sometimes results of games do not reflect the improvement each week of the team. They have worked incredibly hard and in the future we will see the results of that hard work. Player of the match was Campbell Heads (3pts), Vinnie Rayner (2pts), Jarred Irwin and Lachie King (1pt).

Girls Soccer

Can you check with your parents/caregivers as we need transport for games on 1 July for 29 players travelling to Verdon College and Southland Girls High. Please let Mr Lambert or Pania Rayner know if you can assist with this. Also raffles for the national tournament are due on Tuesday 30 June. Please get these in to Mr Lambert.

Results - 24 June

(Girls) Division Two; Menzies "B" 4 – 1 James Hargest "B"

(Boys) Division Two; Kelly Irwin First National Menzies 0 - 10 Verdon

Draw - 1 July

(Girls) MLT Menzies 1st XI vs SGHS 1st XI 4pm (at SGHS)

(Girls) Menzies "B" vs Verdon 4pm (at Verdon)

(Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Real Estate Menzies vs Waiaru 4pm (at Menzies)

Soccer Subs are due

All students playing soccer are asked to make sure their subs are paid as soon as possible. Also, if you owe for any gear purchased (hoodies etc) please pay this as well.

Training

Training will take place on Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 5pm for girls and Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm for boys. Girls can attend the boys' training if they cannot attend on Tuesday.

Check out our Facebook page 'MENZIES COLLEGE SOCCER' put it into search engine on internet and it will appear. If you need any more information please contact me here at Menzies College - Carl Lambert (03)2064979 or clambert@menzies.school.nz

Important up-coming dates

30 June Girls training

1 July League games

- (Girls) MLT Menzies vs SGHS 4pm (in Invercargill)

- (Girls) Menzies Dev vs Verdon 4pm (in Invercargill)

- (Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Menzies vs Waiaru 4pm (at Menzies)

2 July Boys – No training

Term 3 – first week back!

21 July Girls training

22 July League games

- (Girls) MLT Menzies vs James Hargest 4pm (at Menzies)

- (Girls) Menzies Dev vs SGHS Red 4pm (at SGHS)

- (Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Menzies vs Wakatipu 4pm (at Queenstown)TBC

23 July Boys Training

Gateway Placement

Joasa Natakalevu

On the third week of this term I started going to Hokonui Tertiary High School at Gore. Every Friday I go there because it is part of my Gateway course. The course I am taking is the construction course. We have ten students working on the site with one foreman who is teaching us what to do. We are building a house with one bedroom, one toilet and bathroom and a sitting room. The ten students who are working there come from different schools and we have got to know each other through the construction class. For me, I do have some building skills but I've learnt more skills by attending this class. I've learnt skills like how to use electrical saws. I've also learnt about safety when working on a construction site like wearing safety glasses, a high visibility vest and ear muffs. I also learnt how to use the tools that are used in building a house like how to use a hammer and what kind of nails you need and how to cut the timber. There's a lot of timber to cut. When the tutor tells you to cut timber, he will tell you what kind of timber to cut so you must be careful cutting it. I have also learned that when working on a construction site we need to work as a team because it will make work easier. Building a house is not easy because you have to first measure the timber then you cut it. The important thing in building is measuring carefully. This course is going to help me be a builder in the future. I really enjoy going to the Hokonui Tertiary High School.



Jay Navukuka

I am an 18 year old Fijian international student at Menzies College for the rest of the year. From the third week of term two, I have attended the Hokonui Tertiary High School construction course every Friday from 9am to 3pm. I enjoy going there because we are building a house. I've learnt so many things like how to use the saw and drills. There are ten students who attend and I have made lots of friends.

Important

July	2	Parent Teacher Interviews
	3	Haka and Waiata competition
		Last day Term 2
	20	First day Term 3
	24	School Ball - Teacher Only Day
	30	Board of Trustees meeting
August	6-7	Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Dunedin
	6-8	Year 13 Adventure Development Alpine Trip
	11-13	Year 9-10 Science camp
	21	Last day for payment of NZQA fees
	24	HPV Vaccination
	24-28	School examinations - Year 11-13
	26	Incubator Visit No. 3
	28	EXCELL Dance Group
	31-4 September	Tournament week
September	4	Teacher Only Day - Workday

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Lost Property

A reminder to students and parents/caregivers that we have a huge amount of lost, un-named uniform and mufti clothing in the office. If this is not claimed, the uniform will be re-sold and funds donated to the school and the mufti clothing will be given to the Salvation Army.

If clothing is not named, we cannot return it to the rightful owner. PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING.

Menzies College Basketball

Mens E Grade - Monday 29 June Menzies v Fiordland at 5.20pm and we have duty at 6.10pm.

Please let Mr Scarth know how you will be travelling to Gore for the game and who will be doing duty. Practice in the gym Monday at lunchtime.

Mens C Grade - Wednesday 1 July Menzies v St Peters at 5.20pm.

Please let Mr Ward know how you will be travelling to Gore for the game. Practice in the gym Monday at lunchtime.

Menzies College Rugby

Results - 20 June

Preston Russell Law 1st XV	v	Verdon Aurora - won 59-5. The team is improving each week, at the right time of the season. Congratulations on second placing in the first round of competition.
Titiroa Transport U16	v	Verdon Aurora - lost. The guys were so unlucky not to score several times. They continue to improve and good results are close.
Tisbury Wools U14	v	Wakatipu - won 50-7. The team played well and gelled together. The boys are back!
Vetco Menzies A Grade	v	Midlands last Wednesday night - lost 0-101. The scores do not reflect how well these guys are going. They're a young team in their grade, and will grow and grow.

Draw - 27 June

Preston Russell 1st XV	v	South Port NZ/SBS Bank 1st XV at 1 Menzies 1 - 1.15pm
Titiroa Transport U16	v	South Port NZ/SBS Bank at Menzies 2 - 1.15pm
Tisbury Wools U14	v	Fuji Xerox SBHS Blue at Woodlands Rugby Club on Wednesday 1 July at 6.00pm. Training as usual on Tuesday.
Vetco Menzies A Grade U13	v	Otautau A Grade at Otautau 1 - 10.30am

A reminder that if there are cancellations, the Vetco Menzies A grade U13 team (sometimes called Year 7 and 8's), play in the Junior Country Wide A grade competition.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected for the Eastern Under 14 team - Caleb Brooking, Micaiah Johnston-Brown, Zayden Moir, Tyron Belt, Caeden McGregor, George Shead, Nich Nunez, Kobie Todd, Joshua Read, Kyle Gardyne, Taana Johnston and William Ranstead. This is awesome and a real credit to the boys, their coaches, managers, parents and the school. Well done!

Menzies Under 15 Tournament Team - Fundraiser Event

There is an auction night on 27 June at the Wyndham Hall. There will be great guest speakers, continuous supper, courtesy coach and heaps of fun. Get a group of friends together and come on down for a great night. Tickets available at PGG Wrightson Wyndham.

Struggling to stay warm?

The Preston Russell Law 1st XV has dry firewood for sale. Please call Jimmy Braven on 0272286354 to order.

Check us out on the Menzies rugby face book page and the Preston Russell Law Website. Each week there are a couple of 1st XV player profiles. www.PRLaw.co.nz and follow the following links: COMMUNITY > PR LAW IN THE COMMUNITY > PRLAW MENZIES COLLEGE FIRST XV

A reminder that subs are due. Please check with your manager and get any outstanding subs paid.

A reminder to all supporters that you must stay behind designated barriers erected at the grounds. There are strict rules and your team can and will be penalised if we do not stay behind these barriers. Please keep back!

***Menzies Rugby would like to acknowledge the generous support we receive from the following:
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*Bob Wallis
Menzies Rugby*

Menzies College Netball

Results - 20 June

Menzies A-34	v	SMEG-15
Menzies B-17	v	St Peters 10A-30
Menzies Dev-28	v	Gore High Sen Gold-29
Menzies Green-30	v	Blue Mountain Silver- 5

Draw - 27 June

Menzies A	v	St Marys B - Court 1 at 11.30am
Menzies B	v	St Peters C - Court 2 at 3.10pm
Menzies Dev	v	Gore High 10A - Court 2 -12.25pm
Menzies Green	v	Gore High 9B - Court 3 at 10.35am

Netball Camp

It looks like we will have our full quota of 80 happy campers in the holidays. Thank you for your offers of help so far. A and B teams and parents/caregivers, please let Sue Shaw know what food you can bring and if you are able to help in any way. Phone (03) 2064606. We are still requiring a man who can stay overnight to act as supervision for two boys attending the camp. Thank you.

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