



MENZIES COLLEGE

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4 February 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

It was a pleasure to welcome our 52 new students into the Menziess College whanau on Monday morning with a wonderful Powhiri and sharing the company of our new and current students, 38 of the new students are in either Year 7 or 8 with the remainder spread through to Year 12. Our school roll remains similar to last years at 300 pupils. My thanks to parents/caregivers and students who have chosen to attend our school.

We also welcomed our 5 new teachers - Ben Tapper (Biology and Social Sciences), Georgie Gardyne (Foods Technology and Science), Bianca Burgess-Heald (Art), Nicola Speakman (Social Sciences and Physical Education) and Bex Brown (Te Reo). We wish them the very best for their time in the Menziess community and thank them for taking up positions at our school.

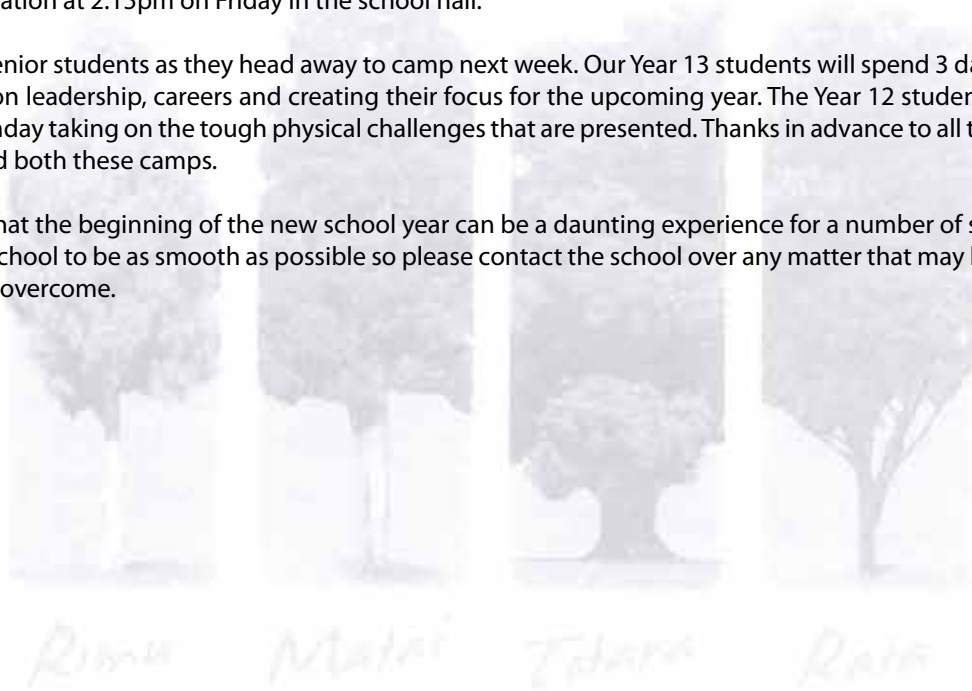
On Friday afternoon we will celebrate our G F Walker Awards for outstanding achievement in NCEA Exams. Early indications show our exam results to be a slightly better percentage than last year and are overall very pleasing. The standout feature is the quality of the results with 20 students receiving G F Walker badges for overall NCEA Endorsements. (Three of these are at the Excellence level). Last year we had 12 recipients and the year before just seven. Staff and students have worked hard on lifting the quality of results and this is extremely pleasing. Sixty subject endorsements were earned by 28 students in NCEA last year which again is an increase on last year and two years ago we again had just seven.

At this celebration we also recognise our House Captains and School Committee representatives. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend this celebration at 2.15pm on Friday in the school hall.

All the best to our senior students as they head away to camp next week. Our Year 13 students will spend 3 days as from Tuesday at Edenvue working on leadership, careers and creating their focus for the upcoming year. The Year 12 students will be 'hard out' at Hope Arm from Monday taking on the tough physical challenges that are presented. Thanks in advance to all the parents/caregivers who have supported both these camps.

We all understand that the beginning of the new school year can be a daunting experience for a number of students. We want the transition in to the school to be as smooth as possible so please contact the school over any matter that may be a worry and ensure those little fears are overcome.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*



HPV Immunisation in Schools 2014

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is offered at schools to Year 8 girls. Consent forms which include information about the immunisation will be sent home shortly. The school based programme will commence in all Southland schools in Term one.

For more information please:

- view the following websites - www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation, www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz
- watch 'The story of HPV' on YouTube to find out more about HPV and its prevention.
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at (03)214 6436, 0800 800 249

School Photos

School and family photos will be taken by Geoff Horrell Photography on Wednesday 26th February. If you require an individual or family photo please notify the school office. Class photos and whanau group photos will be on display in the office as soon as they are ready. Envelopes for your order will be available from the school office.

Incubator

An Incubator course is held at Southland hospital for students interested in a career in the health sector. It is run by Jan Tait and this is open to our year 12 and 13 students. It consists of three visits to the hospital having presentations and tours of areas including the A & E department, laboratories, radiology, hospice, the education shed and others doing hands on activities. A number of students have indicated their interest. Any other students interested please see Miss Hall.

Mathematics Department

Welcome back for 2014! We have an exciting year ahead.

For those students who require a calculator, we are able to supply them through the office. Graphics calculators are a good investment for students planning to study Maths at Level 2 and/or above. We are selling these for \$95 with only 5 available. Scientific calculators would benefit students from Year 9 onwards who are not planning on taking their maths as far as Year 12. We have limited numbers of these available for \$20. Please see the office staff to purchase these items.

Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics

Menzies College Physical Education Uniform and School Jacket

For our new parents/caregivers and students, we now have available to purchase the PE uniform top which will also be used to represent Menzies College in a range of sporting opportunities. This top is of sound quality and has proven to be reliable. The cost of this top is \$35 and we ask that our new Year 7-10 students purchase this top as quickly as possible for their Physical Education classes as well as for any summer or winter sporting team they may choose to represent Menzies College at.

Also available is the Menzies College school jacket which has in previous years, proven to be a popular purchase rather than the school polar fleece. This jacket is also of sound quality and has proven to be reliable. The cost of this jacket is \$100 and it would be great to see students have this uniform item considering the versatile weather we have had.

Please note: payment plans are available so please contact the school office if you would like further information.

Mark Kerslake
Head of Department - Physical Education and Health

Menzies College Kilts

Winter kilts are available for purchase from the school office now. Depending on the size required, the cost ranges from \$175 to \$200. Please note the green stockings are no longer being made by the manufacturers so there will be a transition into black ones from this winter.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who supported the Menzies College PTA uniform sales, both sellers and buyers. It is a great way for us to support our community and the proceeds we raise ultimately go back to the school. If you still require any items, the office staff can assist. We wish our school and community a successful and productive year.

Mrs Carlyn Stewart
Menzies College PTA

Menzies College Aquatic Programme

In order to allow the newly formed Wyndham Pool Committee to have enough time to raise funds for the maintenance and repair of the pool we have postponed the teaching of our Aquatic Programme until Term 4 this year. Our programme is in line with the Southland Primary School initiative which saw all primary students receive swimming instruction using the Passport for Life System. At Menzies College we continue with this system with our ultimate aim to have every Yr 10 student be able to swim 200m.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite any of our new parents/caregivers onto the Wyndham Pool Committee. If you strongly believe in the teaching of aquatics and you believe you have something you could offer the committee please contact the school on (03) 206 4979.

Mark Kerslake
Head of Department - Physical Education & Health

Sports Notice

Volleyball

Volleyball is due to start on 26 February in Invercargill at the new Stadium Southland. Students will be indicating their interest and bringing home permission slips which will need to be returned to school with payment as soon as possible. I am hoping to have teams at each level as last year we had a Year 7 and 8 team for the first time. It was really exciting to see the sport growing. If you have any enquiries please contact Miss Hall at school on (03) 2064979.

Important Dates

February	6	Waitangi Day
	7	G F Walker Awards - 2.15pm in school hall
	10-14	Year 12 Hope Arm camp
	11-13	Year 13 Leadership camp
	19	School athletics
	26	School/family photos
	28	Lunch for new entrants and their parents/caregivers & staff
March	7	Southland Athletics

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