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21 February 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

It's hard to believe that we have just completed week three. The pace of school life at the moment is ridiculous, but through it all we have completed a number of important events such as our opening Powhiri, senior school camps, the G F Walker Awards for academic success, the first round of Gillette Cup cricket and a visit to the field days. On Wednesday, in fantastic weather, we had our athletic sports. Again, a most enjoyable occasion and a great way to get the House spirit going. There were certainly some noteworthy successes which we will highlight once all events are accounted for and age group champion's determined. We appreciated the turnout and support of parents/caregivers and friends of the school who helped on the day. My thanks to the staff who assisted in organising the programme and managing events. A number of students can now look forward to attending the Southland Secondary or Primary Championships at a later date.

The question has been asked of how age groups are decided. In nearly all New Zealand sporting codes, a child's age is that as at the 1st January in that school year. For example, if a student was to turn 14 on the 1st January they would still compete as an Under 14. But, if they were to have their birthday the previous day they would compete as an Under 15.

On a disappointing note, a couple of our students decided to rifle through the belongings of others during the athletics, removing valuable possessions. This is annoying and difficult to get to the bottom of but a gentle reminder that students don't need to bring cellphones or ipods to school as a necessity and must be always mindful of where their bag and belongings are.

Last week I published our provisional data for 2013 NCEA results and during the week the NZ Herald wrote about the progress being made nationally to lift the minimum requirement of having NCEA Level 2 on leaving school. I have included some of this below. What we do know though, is nearly all students will achieve this target if they stay in school and Maori and Pasifika students are making impressive improvements as a result of the work within schools, in programmes such as He kakano.

Year	Maori	Pasifika	All Ethnic Groups
2008	44.4	55.3	66.5
2009	45.7	56.5	67.5
2010	49.5	60.2	70.3
2011	52.2	63.6	72.4
2012	54.6	64.8	74.3
2013 (prov)	58.6	71.8	76.8

A reminder there will be a BBQ next Friday, 28 February at 1.20pm in the technology quad for all new entrants, their parents/caregivers and staff. This is a great opportunity to meet your student's teachers and the staff are looking forward to meeting the new families of our school.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Menzies College - New Website

We are very excited to announce we have a new website which will go live next week. A lot of time and effort has been put into the new design so be sure to check it out.

English Department

Level One English Assessment Dates

Assessment dates for AS90854 (Personal Response): ENG101 and ENG102

Response #1: Monday 10 March, period 2

Response #2: Monday 14 April, period 2

Response #3: Monday 26 May, period 2

Response #4: Monday 30 June, period 2

Response #5: Monday 11 August, period 2

Response #6: Monday 15 September, period 2 (final cut-off date for all submissions)

Assessment date for AS90852 (Connections): ENG102

Thursday 12 June, Term Two, Week Six

Assessment dates for AS90052 (Creative Writing): ENG101

1st portfolio submission – Thursday 27 March, Term One, Week Eight, period 5

2nd portfolio submission – Thursday 16 April, Term One, Week Eleven, period 5

3rd portfolio submission – Thursday 5 June, Term Two, Week Five, period 5

Final assessment – Thursday 26 June, Term Two, Week Eight, period 5

Assessment dates for AS90857 (Oral Text): ENG101 and ENG102

Thursday 7 August, Term Three, Week Three

ENG101 will be out of timetabled classes all day

ENG102 will have their assessment during periods 4 and 5, normal timetabled periods for ENG102

Assessment date for AS90855 (Visual text): ENG101

Thursday 18 September, Term Three, Week Nine, period 5

Assessment date for AS90855 (Visual text): ENG102

Thursday 25 September, Term Three, Week Ten, period 5

Assessment date for AS90053 (Formal Writing): ENG101 (an optional standard)

Thursday 30 October, Term Four, Week Three, period 5

Assessment date for US1273 (Story Writing): ENG102 (a discretionary standard)

Thursday 30 October, Term Four, Week Three, period 5

*Ms Sonja Swale
Head of Department - English*

Science Department

Trip to the Waimumu Field Days

The Year 10 and 11 Rural Studies class and Year 10 Business Studies students went to the Southern Field Days last Friday. They were lucky with the weather and were amazed at the variety of agricultural businesses which were on display. They enjoyed the free lunch provided by Alliance and AB Lime.

*Mrs Toni Halliday
Teacher in Charge*

Right: Tessa Docherty shows off the courgettes from the school garden



Mathematics Department

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*

Important Dates

February	25	Year 12 Gateway - Health & Safety
	26	School/family photos
	28	Lunch for new entrants, parents/caregivers & staff of new entrants
March	4	LMV Sports
	5	Year 12 First Aid 1.20-3.15pm
	7	Southland Athletics
	7-9	Paddles Up
	10	HPV Vaccination Information - 2.30pm
	11	Year 13 History trip to Arrowtown Defence Force Bus visit to school
	12	Year 12 First Aid
	13	Meet the teachers - for all parents/caregivers - all staff available in school hall at 3.30pm Otago Polytechnic visit - P4 Year 12 & 13 students
	18	Lincoln University visit - 11.30am
	24-31	Year 7 & 8 camp to Pounaweia (classes will be split into 2 groups - specific dates to be advised)
	26	SIT visit 2.30pm
31	Literacy Week	
April	1	HPV Vaccination - No. 1
	11	Shear Excellence
	14-17	Year 12 & 13 Outdoor Experience Wanaka Camp
	17	ANZAC Day ceremony Last day of Term 1
May	5	First day back Term 2

Advertising on School Newsletter Cover

We are once again, in the process of getting a new edition of the school newsletter cover produced. If you would like to advertise your business on our cover, it would be appreciated if you could contact Mike Stenton at i-cue, on (03) 2183350 or email mike@i-cue.co.nz for more information. Thank you.

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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. We also have a few second hand kilts in stock as well. 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.

School Photos

School and family photos will be taken by Geoff Horrell Photography on Wednesday 26 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.

Menzies College Soccer

Girls 1st XI Important Soccer Meeting

On Tuesday 25 February at 7pm, intending players and parents/caregivers are asked to attend a meeting. This will be held in the staffroom and will cover the following items for discussion - trainings, fundraising, Mid-week League and and tournaments.



Crankup Day 2014

A big thank you to the parents/caregivers and players who helped with Crankup Day this year. The girls worked hard all weekend and raised money towards tournament costs coming up during the winter tournament week. Also thank you to the Three Rivers Hotel for donating ice. The girls were very lucky to auction off the food that Mike the 'Food Truck' guy made during his cooking demonstrations and this raised an extra \$220.00.

Big thank you to Mrs Heads (pictured left) and Mrs Braven (right) for acting as auctioneers.

*Carl Lambert
Organiser*

Touch Southland - Referees Course

Are you interested in becoming a referee? Touch Southland are holding a practical course for those that are interested in becoming a referee. This is being held on Saturday 1 March 2014 at 11am at the Turnbull Thomson Park, Invercargill.

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Careers

Otago Polytechnic

Emilie Crossley, the Liaison Advisor, will be visiting Menzies on Thursday 13 March to present the range of study options available at Otago Polytechnic. This is a 40 minute presentation that is open to Year 12 and 13 students and parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend. She will be here from 12.45-1.20pm.

Lincoln University

Jaime Thomson, the Student Liaison manager from Lincoln University will be visiting Menzies on Tuesday 18 March at 11.20am. This is open to Year 12 and 13 students and parents/caregivers to discuss options for future study.

Southern Institute of Technology

Whitney, the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) liaison officer will be at Menzies on 26 March at 2:30pm to discuss further study options with our Year 12 and 13 students.

Otago Law Career Function

Stuart Clark and I will be going into Invercargill on Monday 31 March from 1-3pm to attend the law career function that is being hosted at the Civic Theatre Complex. Please let either of us know if you are interested in joining us for this presentation of the structure of the Otago law degree and the career opportunities the degree offers.

Incubator

The first trip to the hospital is this Monday, 24 February. Please remember permission slips and \$10 for the bus by Monday. Other planned trips are 1 July, 7 August and a classroom session, date yet to be decided.

*Miss Katie Hall
Career Advisor*

Physical Education Tops

The PE tops will be arriving on Monday and will be available for purchase.

HPV Immunisation in Schools

There will be an education session open to all parents/caregivers of girls at Menzies College. This is being held on Monday 10 March at 2.30pm.

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is offered at school to Year 8 girls. Consent forms including information on the vaccination have been given to students. These forms need to be returned to the office as soon as possible even if you do not wish your daughter to have the vaccination. The school based programme will commence in all Southland Schools from March.

For more information please view the following websites: www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz or watch 'The story of HPV' on YouTube to find out more about HPV and its prevention. Phone the HPV Team (03) 2146436, 0800 800 249 or text 0272491934.

Athletics Day -2014



March 2014

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April 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Week 5	LMV Sports Day	Y12 First Aid 1.20-3.15pm		Southland Athletics	Paddies Up
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	HPV information 2.30pm Week 6	13 History Arrowtown Defence Force Bus	Y12 First Aid Training	13 Geo Tautuku Meet the Teachers Otago Polytec Visit		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Week 7	Lincoln Visit 11.30am				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Week 8			Pounawea Camp Y7&8 SIT Visit 2.30pm		
30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
	Pounawea Camp Y7&8 Literacy Week Week 9					

April 2014

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Mar 30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
		HPV vaccination		Literacy Week	P5 Literacy Activities	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Week 10	Ki O Rahi Tournament		Election enrolment Y13	Shear Excellence	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Week 11	Y12 and 13 ADEX Wanaka Camp		Anzac Day Ceremony Term 1 Ends	Good Friday	Holidays
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Holidays			
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
		Holidays			Anzac day	

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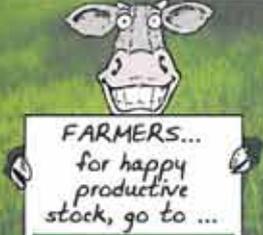
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