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28 March 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Starting on Monday we will again, as a school, celebrate Literacy Week and it is timely to briefly look at this most important skill that determines so much of our future wellbeing. To be fully literate in today's society, a person must be able to read, write, do maths and be comfortable with technologies. Unfortunately, nearly 800 million adults, approximately 12 percent of the world's population, are considered functionally illiterate with only basic or below basic literacy levels in their native language. Without the ability to effectively use written and digital information, these people are unable to help themselves, their families and those around them.

The OECD Programme for International Student Achievement (PISA), measures the performance of 15 year olds globally in reading and has New Zealand ranked fifth in the world. The Ministry have assisted our development of literacy by clarifying where a student should be at with their document, 'The Literacy Learning Progressions'. It describes the knowledge, skills and attitudes that students should draw on in order to meet the reading and writing demands of the curriculum by a particular stage in their schooling.

Within a long list of criteria, the expectation of a student completing Year 10 is to be able to read a range of specific texts for explicit learning purposes in different areas of the curriculum and to be able to reflect critically on the meaning they gain from reading. Likewise in writing they should be able to express complex ideas and create links that increase the conciseness and coherence of their writing. If we are to be honest, the distance between this expectation and actual performance by the majority of New Zealand students at this age, appears to be far from the mark.

It is a responsibility of everyone to assist in lifting the skills of our students in literacy. We need to be offering assistance to their learning, checking with them their understandings and provide a wide range of experiences where they can practise confidently these understandings if continual improvement is to occur.

On Friday afternoon we will conclude the week with a shared lunch and dress up, House drama and impromptu speech competitions. Please feel welcome to come along and join with us on this exciting occasion.

Paid Union Meeting

A reminder, that the school will close at **12.20pm on Monday 7 April** (buses will run at 3.15pm) to enable staff to attend a paid union meeting. Parents/caregivers are asked collect their child at 1.20pm. Any students unable to be collected will be supervised by a staff member.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Careers

Dates for Liaison Visits

CPIT (Canterbury Polytechnic): Thursday 3 April 11.30am - 12.15pm

Otago University: Tuesday 27 May 1pm

* Year 12 and 13 students need to write their name on the 'signup' sheets outside Room 5 indicating the speakers they want to listen to. Thank you to the students who have done this. It is advised that the students write dates in their diaries or set alarms on their cell phones to remind them of their appointments. It is courtesy to let your teachers know in advance that you will be out of class.

The careers room will be open at lunch times every Tuesday and Thursday if you would like to carry out career research or seek some guidance. Mr Clark will be available to assist you. Please take advantage of this.

Please 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.

*Miss Katie Hall
Careers Advisor*

English Department

Level One English Assessment Dates

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

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

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*

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. Kilts are to be worn from the start of Term 2.

Thank You

We would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the businesses who advertise on the back of our newsletter page. Their support is greatly appreciated and we ask the community to support them whenever possible.

Science Department

Level 1 Agriculture

Our class has been looking at the safe handling and operation of motorcycles for our course work. Students have been undertaking basic maintenance checks and also helped out with an oil change at school. Many thanks to Liam Parish and Jared Hutton who brought their bikes to school for us to work on. The students are gearing up to demonstrate their motorbike handling abilities at a half day session on Hugh and Jayne Diack's farm in the near future.

Tim Landreth
Teacher



L to R: Liam Parish, Shikaan Hedges, Cayla Mahutu, Maisie Hogben



Jared Hutton & Justin Boyd

Super Seniors

There are many reasons why high school is (for many) the best time of our lives. This week I've been reminded of just how lucky our young people are and how many opportunities are available to them. The following quote, to me, illustrates the importance of educating the whole person, which we continually strive to do here at Menzies College:

'The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.' (Robert Maynard Hutchins)

During the Christmas holidays we were lucky enough to send two students to Germany on an exchange. Thanks to Mr Ward and Mrs Knapp for overseeing this process and to the families of our two students for supporting them in this exciting adventure.

Here are their thoughts:

Abigail Visser (Year 13)

'In December last year Jamie and I went on a six week exchange to Hamburg, Germany. It was one of the most amazing things I've ever done and definitely one of the best decisions I've made. I loved being submerged in a brand new and interesting culture and to experience what it's like to live in such a massive and beautiful city. I've met so many new friends – both from Germany and other places in New Zealand – and I'm still in touch with a lot of them. Overall, it's the most wonderful experience and I would love to do it again.'

Jamie Ranstead (Year 12)

'Abigail and I left from Invercargill and took about five flights to finally reach Hamburg, Germany. We spent the first couple of weeks attending school and becoming adjusted to the German way of life and culture. We then had two weeks of holidays for Christmas. This was a very exciting time because Germans celebrate Christmas on a much larger scale to what we do in New Zealand. We spent the last few weeks at school again and then travelled back home. I really loved my time in Germany and can't wait to go back again.'

If you would like to participate in an exchange, I am sure Abigail and Jamie would be happy to share their thoughts with you or alternatively you could contact Mrs Knapp for more information.

Last week, our Head Boy Jeffrey Robinson attended the Spirit of Adventure Voyage. Jeffrey will talk about his journey in next week's newsletter – but he had an amazing and invigorating time. Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich is also preparing to sail on a Spirit Adventure later in the year and we also wish her luck.

We have two young women keen to enter the Lions Southern Outdoor Experience Youth Leadership Course, they are Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich and Caitlin de Haas both from Year 12.

So there are many, many opportunities available to our young people – school is not only about academic qualifications. There are many ways that we can support our 'Super Seniors' and help them to develop into caring citizens and able leaders.

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

Mathematics Department

There have been some hard working seniors recently as all three NCEA levels have had internal assessments. Well done to the following students for their Merit and Excellence grades:

Year 11

Excellence	Sean Wallis	Lachie King		
Merit	Madison Durry James Phillips Bradley Watson	Ethan McDonough Georgia Rhind	Sam Moncur Jordan Stuart	Aria Patel Jamie Ranstead

Year 12

Merit	Caitlin de Haas Baylee Egerton	Holly Smith Pania Rayner	Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich
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Year 13

Merit	Tia Tuhakaraina
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PISA Questions

Here is last week's PISA question with the answer and the Level 3 question to have a go at. New Zealand ranked 16th with the Level 2 question, with 77% of our 15 year-olds answering correctly. Maybe less people in your household got it right too?

Question 2 (Level 2) (from last week)

Helen has just got a new bike. It has a speedometer which sits on the handlebar. The speedometer can tell Helen the distance she travels and her average speed for a trip. On one trip, Helen rode 4 km in the first 10 minutes and then 2 km in the next 5 minutes. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- A. Her average speed was greater in the first 10 minutes than the next 5 minutes.
- B. **Her average speed was the same in the first 10 minutes and in the next 5 minutes – Correct Answer.**
- C. Her average speed was less in the first 10 minutes than the next 5 minutes.
- D. It is not possible to tell anything about her average speed from the information given.

Question 3 (Level 3)

Christine has just received her car driving licence and wants to buy her first car.

This table below shows the details of four cars she finds at a local car dealer.

Model:	Alpha	Bolte	Castel	Dezal
Year	2003	2000	2001	1999
Advertised price (zeds)	4800	4450	4250	3990
Distance travelled (kilometres)	105 000	115 000	128 000	109 000
Engine capacity (litres)	1.79	1.796	1.82	1.783

Which car's engine capacity is the smallest?

- A. Alpha
- B. Bolte
- C. Castel
- D. Dezal

Calculators

For those students who require a calculator, these are still available at the office. Graphics calculators are a good investment for students planning to study Maths at Level 2 and/or above and cost \$95. 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 Soccer

Payments for Mid Week Southland League

Season fees for the Menzies College 1st XI Girls soccer team mid week league this year are \$40.00. It would be appreciated if these could be paid at the school office by Tuesday 6 May.

Soccer Gear Orders

Girls 1st XI

Can you please get orders in for any soccer gear that you require. Shorts cost \$23-\$25 depending on size and socks are \$15 a pair. Please get these to Mr Lambert as soon as possible. Last chance for orders is Friday 4 April.

Training

At this stage, Menzies College Girls 1st XI team trainings are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 4.45pm.

We need a few good MEN

At the moment we are in the process of trying to organise a Menzies College 1st XI Boys soccer team. Currently, we have around 12 players interested but we need another 3 or 4 players so we have the numbers to make sure we have a team for each game. These games are on a Wednesday after school and will be held at Menzies College or other schools. If you are interested in playing for the team please see Mr Lambert or Mr Scarth.

Parent Help Needed

As we are trying to establish a boys team at Menzies College, we require assistance in terms of parent/caregiver help. We need parents/caregivers to help out and act as manager on the day, plus parents/caregivers to help with transport to 'away' games. If we cannot get enough transport we will have to hire mini-vans which will be a cost over and above the fees for the season. If you can help please contact Mr Scarth or Mr Lambert here at the school.

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.

Important Dates

31 March - Monday – Training 3.30pm - 4.45pm
2 April - Wednesday – Training 3.30pm – 4.45pm
4 April - Friday – Gear orders are due!
7 April - Monday – Training 3.30pm – 4.45pm
9 April - Wednesday – Training 3.30pm – 4.45pm
14 April - Monday – Training 3.30pm – 4.45pm
5 May - Monday – Training 3.30pm – 4.45pm
6 May - Tuesday - Mid-weeks subs are due!
7 May - Wednesday – Competition Game

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*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. Please get your gear orders to Lois Heads as soon as possible.

'You Make the Call' - Rugby Referee Course

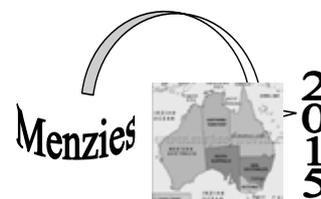
A course is being held during the school holidays on Wednesday 30 April and Thursday 1 May, and Tuesday 8 July (to sign off the NCEA credits) at Rugby Park Stadium, Invercargill. There is no costs to the participants. It is recommended that the age of students be no less than 14 years. Both male and female students are eligible for this course. For further information and nomination forms please contact Guy Michaels on (03) 2064206.

Our First XV play James Hargest at James Hargest grounds at 1pm on Saturday in a pre-season match. This is your first chance to get a look at the new team. Also, any families interested in hosting either of our international players please contact Mr Gerry Ward.

*Peter Bee
Chairperson - Rugby Committee*

Menzies College Sports Trip 2015

Just to keep you up to date with what happened at the meeting last week here are a few notes on what was discussed.



1. The proposed travel dates have changed slightly now that we have the tournament dates for the Sunshine Coast confirmed, so we are looking at departing 12th-13th April returning around 22 April. This will depend on flight availability and will not be able to be confirmed until the end of next month. Accommodation options are being investigated and tentative bookings will be made soon.
2. It was decided that we would run the fireworks event again and anyone interested in being more involved in this organisation please contact Greg, Carole or Megan. We are looking to have a committee formed at the next meeting and for a volunteer to steer the committee.

The next meeting date is Wednesday 7 May at 7:30pm in the school Library. Please note that you will be required to sign a contract before we book any flights or accommodation is confirmed and these will need to be returned as soon as possible to guarantee your seat and place on the tour. It is probably a good time to ensure that you have a current passport or apply for one if not, as we will need a copy of a valid passport to book your flights. I am currently checking with the Australian High Commission to see how long after travel they need to be valid for and will let you know.

Carole Bee

Sports Notices

Southland Primary Schools Athletics

Thank you to all the staff and supporters who went to the Southland Championships last weekend. Well done to all our competitors and congratulations to Hayden Stuart who gained second place in his 800m race, with a personal best time to boot!

*Tim Landreth
Sports Co-ordinator*

Skiing/Snowboarding Trips

This year we will again be running skiing trips in the weekends. This usually happens on a Sunday and we will run 3-4 trips, depending on interest from students. Students of all ages and abilities are welcome. The approximate cost of each day is \$100. This includes transport, day pass, lesson, gear hireage (not including clothing). Check out the NZ ski website for details on early bird season passes and other exciting events coming up this season. Skiing will commence in Term 3.

*Brendon Wallace/Alice Cade
Teachers in Charge - Skiing*

Menzies College Shear Excellence in Association with Tectra

On Friday 11 April, Menzies College will again host the Shear Excellence event. This year the format will be different with up to eight school teams competing for the Tectra trophy.

The event will be run at Bee's farm starting at 6pm. All Menzies students who want to compete for the 'Matty Kingsbury' Trophy will compete in a preliminary event to select the top three shearers. They will then compete in the teams event with three other competitors from each school. The Menzies shearers will have their preliminary score and their score in the schools competition combined to establish the winner of the 'Matty Kingsbury' Trophy.

All Menzies competitors will be given a Menzies College Shear Excellence singlet to compete in and keep, but they must supply their own gear. Students must also have completed a Tectra course or have someone who can vouch for their ability. Spectators are welcome and supper will be supplied at the conclusion of the event. A gold coin donation to help cover costs would be appreciated.

*Mrs Kath Luoni
Organiser*

Begg's Bush, Fortification

Landcare Group to be Formed

Menzies College students have been visiting Begg's Bush since 2011. They have been with Gary Morgan from Environment Southland for educational trips and Denis Warburton, planting natives in a reforestation project. Plans for the future are coming together and receiving advice from Environment Southland has already led to good improvements at the reserve.

Environment Southland and the Department of Conservation have advised us to form a landcare group as we now require some voluntary assistance. This will be in maintenance and administration tasks. We welcome any possible offers of help and any enquiries. For further information please contact Marie-Ellen Beggs on (03) 2066462 - mbeggs@xtra.co.nz or Denis Warburton on (03) 2064996. Also check out the Facebook page 'Begg's Bush Fortification'.

Starship Foundation - Mobile Phone Recycling Appeal

If any families have old mobile phones they no longer require, it would be appreciated if they could be handed in to the school office. These will be forwarded to the Starship Foundation for recycling with the funds going to their organisation. Thank you.

Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme

The Rotary Youth Exchange Programme is an international exchange programme for high school students between the ages of 15 and 18. As a participant the student will spend twelve months in an overseas country, attending school while living with one or more host families. As well as learning a new language and culture they will learn a new way of living and a great deal about themselves. For further information contact your local Rotary Club or John Faul at johnfaul@xtra.co.nz phone (03) 2175438 or 027 4332686. Applications close 30 April, 2014.

Canteen News

As from the start of Term 2, the cost of heating food in the canteen pie warmer will increase to 50c. We appreciate the renewed support for the canteen and hope the students are enjoying the variety.

Mrs Rachel Durry
Canteen Manager

Important Dates

March	31	Literacy Week
April	1	HPV Vaccination - No. 1
	7	Paid Union Meeting - school closes at 12.20pm (buses will run at 3.15pm)
	8	Ki O Rahi Tournament
	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
	27	HPV Vaccination - No. 2
June	2	Queen's Birthday

Entertainment Book 2014-2015

This book is now available from our office at a cost of \$55 and entitles the purchaser to hundreds of valuable offers for restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more, in the Otago and Southland Region. This year there is also a digital membership option for use on Smartphones. This is a fundraising venture for Special Needs and your support would be greatly appreciated. These books can be used from now until June, 2015. Email enquiries are welcome.

Mrs Toni Halliday
Teacher in Charge - Special Needs

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 7 student Kristine Holt who has won a school jacket. Kristine attended our Open Day last year and entered her name in the draw. Well done Kristine!

School Photos

These are now available for viewing in the school office. Class and whanau photos, laminated and named cost \$20 and fun photos including house photos and house leaders (print only) cost \$12. Envelopes for orders are available at the office. **Orders close on Monday 14 April** and will be ready to be collected in Term 2.

Community Notices

Wyndham Netball Club Trials

Trials will be held for players already registered on Tuesday 1 April. Year 5-6 from 3.30pm sharp, Year 7 upwards from 4pm. The final trial is on Friday 4 April from 3.30pm so please keep this date available also. The AGM will be held on Thursday 3 April, 7.30pm, at the Three Rivers Lounge Bar. Any queries phone Trudie on (03) 2064078.

Edendale Netball Club Uniform Amnesty

Edendale Netball Club are holding a uniform amnesty for any club uniforms which ex or current players may still have. Please contact Kathryn Pinckney on (03) 2066836 or Belinda Knapp on 021 1712144.

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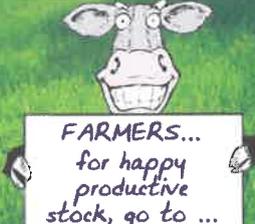
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