



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**26 June 2014**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

#### Community Wide Consultation – A Collective Vision

On Tuesday evening, hosted by Menzies College, something significant happened that has not happened in the lifetime of the Lower Maitua Valley. The combined schools that contribute through to our school, gathered as one, to consult on what education may look like for the children of this district in the future. It was the first very successful step to see education as a Year 1 to Year 13 vision for the children of our community.

We watched three short clips. One was a series of local interviews with children from Primary through to College asking them what they would like to be, what things they think they would need to know to be in that career and how they learn best. The next was a challenging TED Talk from Sir Ken Robinson and he spoke about the big forces that are shaping education from the past and into today. The final was 'Did You Know 2014' and it detailed the vast amount of change occurring today and what is predicted to occur into the future. After each one of these clips those present, in groups, answered one key question 'What do you think this means for us?'

From here the five different Boards of Trustees will receive a collation of the responses that will help inform their strategic thinking into the future. We are very hopeful that we can repeat this initiative next year and continue to build a collective vision for all our schools. At a time when the Ministry is asking schools to work in collaboration, this is a magnificent beginning and reinforces the good work also happening between the four Secondary Schools of this area.



#### House Competition Kapa Haka Cultural Event

On Friday afternoon 4 July, at 2.15pm we will finish the term with our annual Kapa Haka competition. Over the past three years this has moved from shaky 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, that as a school we are very proud of.

Gerry Ward  
Principal

## English Department

### Dan Davin Literary Foundation Winter Writing School

The Dan Davin Literary Foundation is running the Winter Writing School once again in July 2014. This year's workshops will be for Year 7-8 students and Year 9-11 students.

In 2014 they are hosting the 2014 University of Otago, College of Education, Creative New Zealand Children's Writer in Residence Melinda Szymanik. Melinda has written a number of shortlisted and award winning children's and young adult books. Melinda Szymanik has been writing children's and young adults fiction for around 15 years and has had picture books, short stories, intermediate and young adult fiction published. She won Children's Choice at the 2009 NZ Post Children's Book Awards for her picture book *The Were-Nana*, and her novel *A Winter's Day in 1939* is a finalist in the 2014 NZ Post Book Awards for Children and Young Adults, and for the 2014 LIANZA Esther Glen Junior Fiction Award. Usually resident in Auckland, she is currently living in Dunedin for 6 months as the 2014 University of Otago, College of Education, Creative New Zealand Children's Writer in Residence. The 2014 Winter Writing School will run from Thursday 17 July – Saturday 19 July and will be held in conjunction with a range of free literary activities being hosted by the Invercargill City Libraries. (For more information see their website [www.ilibrary.co.nz](http://www.ilibrary.co.nz)). This year's workshops will cater for Year 7-8 students (focus on picture book writing) and Year 9-11 students (focus on creative writing). There will also be an adult workshop on picture book writing and writing for young adults.

### Children's Workshops

Find out what you need to know to write a great story, from beginning to end. Generate cool ideas, write believable characters, create an exciting and interesting plot, and use the right words to make your story grab the reader. This workshop will help you improve your writing and give you practical tips for great storytelling.

### Workshop Timetable - Free Student Workshops

Participants are able to attend just one or both of their age group workshop sessions. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring pen and paper. Numbers are limited so students are asked to advise Ms. Swale by Tuesday 1 July to ensure that a space is booked for them.

Year 7-8 – Picture Book	Thurs 17 July	9-12noon	Invercargill Public Library Meeting Room
Year 9-11 – Creative Writing	Thurs 17 July	1-4pm	Invercargill Public Library Meeting Room
Year 7-8 – Picture Book	Fri 18 July	9-12 noon	Invercargill Public Library Meeting Room
Year 9-11 – Creative Writing	Fri 18 July	1-4pm	Invercargill Public Library Meeting Room

### ICAS assessment: English

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English assesses reading and language skills in a range of contexts. The following aspects of texts are assessed and reported: reading for meaning in literary texts, reading for meaning in factual texts, textual devices, syntax and vocabulary. The questions require students to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about texts. Students read a variety of texts which narrate, describe, explain, argue, persuade and review. The types of texts include extracts from picture books, novels, poems, play scripts, transcripts of interviews, letters, diary entries, advertisements, webpages, feature articles, opinion pieces and comics. These texts cover a range of topics and may include tables, diagrams, maps and other visual information. The texts which students read will increase in complexity within each paper as well as from Paper A to Paper J, moving from simple texts dealing with familiar subjects and topics to complex texts incorporating abstract concepts and sophisticated language structures.

The entry fee for this assessment is \$8.50 per student. Entries must be made by 3.30pm at the school on Tuesday 1 July. Forms are available at the school office.

### Level One English Assessment Dates

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

Response #4: Monday 30 June, period 2

*Ms Sonja Swale*  
Head of Department - English

## Important Dates

<b>July</b>	2	Year 9 & 10 Speech Competitions
	3	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	4	Last day of Term 2
	21	First day of Term 3
	25	School Ball
	30	Year 7 & 8 Speech Competitions
	30 - 1 August	Career Fest
<b>August</b>	14	Open Day
	21-23	Year 13 Adventure Experience Alpine Camp
	22	NZQA Fees due

## 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.

### Liaison Officer Visits

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

### CareerFest

CareerFest will be held in the new ILT Stadium Southland from Thursday 31 July to Friday 1 August. Menzies will be taking Year 12-13 students at 11am on Thursday 31 July. There is also a community session on the Thursday night from 5- 8pm if parents/caregivers are wanting to take their students along.

### 2015 MESNZ Engineering Scholarship

A MESNZ (Maintenance Engineering Society of New Zealand) Engineering Scholarship worth up to \$5,000 is being offered for the specific purpose of covering tuition fees in 2015. This scholarship is available to assist students commencing study towards an IPENZ accredited engineering degree, diploma or certificate from any year level through a New Zealand University, Polytechnic or Industry Training Organisation. Applications close on 30 August 2014. Further details are available on the MESNZ website <http://www.mesnz.org.nz/scholarship/>

*Miss Katie Hall  
Careers Advisor*

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Sunday 13 – Thursday 17 July      Tuesday 7 – Saturday 11 October      Sunday 7 – Thursday 11 December 2014

- Taster weeks are restricted to 40 students each week
- Learn new skills with hands-on tasks over 4 action-packed days
- Cost: \$90 plus travel costs

If you are a Year 12 or 13 student and are interested in attending a Telford Taster Week we may be able to help with financial support. Please call in at the Careers office for further information and an application form.

*Mr Stuart Clark  
Gateway*

## Science Department

### Year 13 Chemistry Practical Investigation

Last Thursday and Friday the Year 13 Chemistry students travelled up to University of Otago to visit the Chemistry department. They designed and carried out individual investigations and data collection to meet the needs of Chemistry 3.1 worth four Level Three credits. Students' investigations included determining if the amount of Vitamin C in orange juice increased or decreased after heating to different temperatures and consumer testing of different brands of range juice to see if they meet manufacturers claims for amounts of Vitamin C. The students found this a very valuable experience and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

*Mrs Margaret Dale  
Chemistry Teacher*



L to R: Gabby McCall, Tia Tuhakaraina & Abigail Visser

Jack Allison & Josh Wilson

## Mathematics Department

The 101 and 102 Maths classes have been out and about learning how to measure angles to use to solve real life situations. Both classes have learnt to use a clinometer (which measures the angle between the ground and high points). They have used these measurements to calculate the height of objects around the school. Most students have been doing this successfully – we have been comparing everyone's solutions in the classroom and those that get a completely different result go straight back out to re-measure. The best thing has been to see that students are able to estimate heights before measuring, and quickly realise they have made a mistake if the solution doesn't make sense.

The 103 students have been out and about too – they have been learning about bearings and had the task of setting up an orienteering course around the school. See the photos below of some of our students in action.



*Sean Wallis using a (very well labelled) clinometer*



*Tai Taerii, Connor Millane and Shanae Todd show that they can really measure up.*

Internals are now all finished for Level 3 Statistics, Level 2 Mathematics and 101 Mathematics. The focus now shifts towards preparing for external assessments. Last year's results show that in Mathematics, external results were significantly worse than internal results. This year we will be focussing on externals and making sure that students are placing themselves well for achieving the grade they deserve. We rely on students to do their bit by:

- Attending all classes (and catching up if absent)
- Being on time
- Being focussed in class
- Practicing
- Using notes, examples, practice and their friends to help understanding
- Asking for help when stuck (after making an effort themselves)
- Studying independently

We ask for support from home for this – last year we noticed a large number of students leaving their exam preparation very late. In many cases this led to students focussing on one or two externals because they did not have time to prepare for them all. We can provide old exams, mock exams and recommend study guides for students. Tutorials will be running every Wednesday during lunchtimes for the rest of the year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Brendon Wallace*  
*brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz*

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**Menzies College Ball Gown Parade**  
**Monday 28 July—7pm**  
**to be held in the Menzies School Hall**  
**Door Sales—Adult \$ 10, Student \$ 5**  
**Supper provided.**  
**Come and support Menzies PTA**  
**fundraising towards**  
**the food and fabrics department.**

*We would like to welcome any bride, bridesmaid or ball princess from the wider area. This is a wonderful chance to show off your gowns. For further information and registration contact Michelle on 0276947467*

## Staff Representative - Menzies College Board of Trustees

### Nigel Scarth

I am writing in the newsletter to formally introduce myself to you as the staff representative on the Menzies College Board of Trustees. I guess your first reaction is, great, but what does that actually mean?



The Menzies College board is responsible for the overall governance of the school. This means making major decisions on finance, such as how the money is spent on the new technology block upgrade or setting the Charter (the schools major goals) for the year along with the Principal. Alongside this, we are required to ensure that the school is following all relevant legislation. The board is made up of five parent representatives, a student representative and a staff representative. We all have an equal voice and equal voting rights. My role as part of the board is to bring a staff perspective to the overall decision making and not to promote staff rights or be a union delegate. I am privileged to be making decisions on behalf of the community I live in and look forward to seeing Menzies College continue to grow in so many ways.

On a personal note, I live in Wyndham and I am married to Gill. We have two children - a 2 year old daughter Lauren and a 4 year old son Oliver. We moved from Christchurch to Wyndham two years ago where I took up the position of Head of Science at Menzies. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last two years at Menzies and being part of such a wonderful and welcoming community.

*Nigel Scarth*

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## NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance for 2014

### Fees for Domestic Candidates

Entry for all NZQA standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects

Additional Scholarship entries

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

### Fee

\$76.70

\$76.70 per subject

### Fees for international fee-paying candidates

Entry for all NZQA standards

Entry for each Scholarship subject

Fees must be paid by 22 August 2014.

### Fee

\$383.30

\$102.20 per subject

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## Health Expo

On Tuesday, a group of Year 10 and 11 students, accompanied by Miss Hall, went to the Health Expo at the Southland Hospital. This Expo, co-ordinated by Jan Tait, gave the students an insight into various health careers in various sectors such as Mental Health and Occupational Health. The students gained a lot of career education and possible pathways and at the end, James Phillips won a stethoscope.

*Samuel Moncur  
Year 11*

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## Host Families for Exchange Students

Would your family like the opportunity to host an exchange student? We currently have students who are interested in staying in our area, if we can find appropriate homes for them. If you think that an exchange student could be a valued member of your family, please contact Sharee Knapp at school on (03) 2064979 or at home on (03) 2064720.

*Sharee Knapp  
International Co-ordinator*

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## Social Science Fair

Congratulations to all the Year 7-11 students who submitted entries for the Southland Social Science Fair. We had success!

Results:

<b>Seniors</b>	<b>1st</b>	Lachie King
	<b>2nd</b>	Jordan Stuart
	<b>3rd</b>	Samuel Moncur
<b>Year 7-8</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Tyron Belt, Tyla Adams, Rachael Kane

*Mrs Barbara Cowley  
Head of Junior School*

## **Menzies College Rugby**

### **Subs for 2014**

Year 7 & 8, U14, U16 - \$45

First XV - \$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.

### **Results - 21 June**

Menzies Preston-Russell Law 1st XV	v	St Peters won 19-8
Titiroa Transport U16/17	v	Verdon College won 12-5
Tisbury Wool U14	v	Te Anau lost 45-33
Advance Ag Year 7 & 8	v	Te Anau won 22-20

### **Draw - 27 June**

Preston Russell Law 1st XV	v	Waitaki Boys at Menzies - 1pm
Titiroa Transport U16/17	v	Te Anau at Te Anau - 1.15pm
Tisbury Wool U14	v	Wakatipu at Frankton, Queenstown Event Centre
Advance Ag Year 7 & 8	v	Northern Pirates at Menzies - 10.30am

### **U14 Trip to Queenstown**

This week the Tisbury Wool U14s travel to Frankton for their game and afterwards will have their end of season 'bash' with a trip up the Gondola and a luge ride! Many thanks to the hard working Menzies Rugby Committee parents/caregivers for all their hard work behind the scenes fundraising and working with our generous sponsors. This hard work means the committee can subsidise both the bus trip up and back, as well as a ride up the Gondola and a luge ride for the players.

### **Burnham Grammar School Visit Thursday 31 July-2 August- Billets Required**

We require families to billet 23 boys, aged 16 for two nights (31 July and 1 August). Families with boys of this age will be asked shortly if they are able to billet one (or more) of these young men from London. We are planning a game against them under lights on the 31 July followed by a meal at Menzies College after which, families are able to take them home. Next morning they return to school and are away for the day but will be with the family again at night. On 2 August they return to school and are away by 8.30am. We hope that there will be enough families with boys of the same age who can billet these guys and either Roger King or Peter Bee will be asking if you are able to help out. Thank you.

### **U15 Tournament Team**

Thanks to Nathan Sutton and Craig Marshall for again helping to coach this year's U15 team, who will be going to Queenstown in September. We require a parent/caregiver to help manage this team which will be selected soon and also parents/caregivers to travel with the team and to help out where needed. It is a busy time of year for all but your help is required!

### **Year 7 & 8 Rugby**

A huge congratulations to the following students who were selected for Eastern Rugby representative teams this season:

Under 38kg	Ethan Read, Ezekiel Johnston-Brown
Under 48kg	Leevi Wilson, William Ranstead
Under 65kg	Caeden McGregor, Caleb Brooking, Hayden Michaels, Josh Read, Micaiah Johnston-Brown, Nick Nunez, Tyron Belt, Zayden Moir

***The Rugby Club acknowledges the support of the following sponsors:  
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## **Menzies College Soccer**

### **Quiz Night**

Thank you to everyone who supported our quiz night on Monday evening. There will be another one on 7 July starting at 7pm at the Three Rivers Hotel. Teams must be registered to enter at a cost of \$5 per person. Please get entries in to Mrs Cade as soon as possible.

### **Subs & Gear Orders**

All subs and gear orders (socks and shorts) should now be paid for.

### **Menzies College Soccer Apparel Orders**

Students are reminded that orders are now being taken for Hoodies, Polo shirts, etc. These are available to all players and supporters (parents/caregivers etc). Please give orders to Mr Lambert with money and size required.

### **Trainings and Games for the Season**

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

### **1st XI Boys Team - Upcoming Games**

The boys 1st XI have some dates confirmed for games. Also, we are looking at a boys tournament in late August.

2 July vs St Peters College (Away)

6 August vs St Peters College (Home)

### **Important Dates**

Monday 30 June

Girls Training 3.30pm to 4.45pm

Wednesday 2 June

Menzies "A" vs SGHS Red (at Invercargill)

Menzies Dev vs NSC (at Menzies)

Menzies Boys 1st XI vs St Peters (at Gore)

*Carl Lambert  
Organiser*

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## **Menzies College Netball**

### **Netball Camp**

Menzies College is delighted to offer this awesome overnight camp again this year. It was such a success last year with so much positive feedback from the community and everyone involved that it's happening again!

**WHEN: Tuesday 15 July at 9am till Wednesday 16 July at 4pm.**

**WHERE: Menzies College, Alma Street, Wyndham**

**WHO: Years 5-8 (Primary and Intermediate Age)**

**WHAT: This is an overnight camp which will incorporate seven coaching sessions designed to meet the needs of all players. On the Wednesday we will end with a tournament to showcase the skills learnt throughout the camp.**

**WHY: This is a fundraiser for the girls who play netball for Menzies College and who are going on the Menzies College Australian Sports Tour next year, so all funds made will help cut costs for the girls to attend this trip.**

All food is provided along with player awards, a FREE camp t-shirt and other spot prizes. Coaching will be provided by the Menzies College players and coaches and possibly Southern Steel players and Netball Southland Coaches. Supervision for the running of this event will be provided by Menzies College Australian tour parents. Any further queries please email the co-ordinator, Christina Clark at [stina\\_ballerina@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:stina_ballerina@hotmail.co.nz) phone 027 7558944 or (03) 2066203.

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## **Public Notices**

### **Edendale Netball Club Raffle Winners**

1st – Tyla Adams

2nd – Arch

3rd – Gauldie Family

4th – Ian Burgess

Thank you to everyone who supported our club.

*Nicole Elliott  
Secretary, Edendale Netball Club*

### **Wyndham District Community Pool Meeting**

A big thank you to those that supported the working bee at the pool over the weekend. Due to the great turn out, we were finished well within the time allocated. The complex looks significantly improved already. A special thanks to Roger Snedden for coming in on his weekend to help out. There will be a pool meeting on Wednesday 2 July in the Menzies College staffroom at 7.30 pm. Apologies to Carlyn on (03) 2064373.

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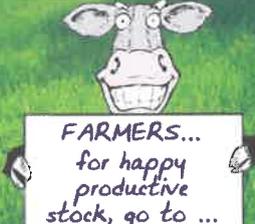
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