



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**24 July 2014**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust everyone had a good break over the two weeks and are now ready for the business end of the school year. This week at assembly our topic was 'Perseverance' using the New Zealand cyclist Jack Bauer and the kayaker Scott Donaldson as examples of how this could look. In the end, neither achieved the result they were looking for but were recognised for their outstanding effort and generally regarded as winners by those who follow these activities and know the pain and frustration they went through. Our students should take a lead from this and understand how applying themselves to monumental academic tasks can also take them very close to well-deserved success or even get them across the line. Targets have to be set that will be meaningful. For some, this may be gaining NCEA, for others it could be an excellence endorsement in NCEA. For our younger students it may be completing a piece of high quality written work or improving in their reading. Whatever, we all need to push ourselves in to a challenge that will require time, practice and an honest effort to achieve personal success. As Adidas tell us, 'Nothing is Impossible'.

Tomorrow night we have our school ball and the senior students have frantically been organising everything so it goes well and I'm confident it will. The theme is 'Country Vintage'. The hall looks great and dance practices have been very well attended. I wish all the best to the seniors. There is a reminder though, to look after yourself and others on this occasion. We have great support from our parents/caregivers and community to assist with the evening and the school fully appreciates this support.

**To assist in final preparations the school has a Teacher's Only Day this Friday.** It's an opportunity for the ball committee to finalise the event and allow time for them to prepare themselves for the evening. Staff will be at school on the day and have a series of workshops on, thinking skills, a review of student welfare, planning for our priority learners as well as departmental time.

Congratulations to our two Year 13 boys Jeffrey Robinson and Justin Boyd who took out the National TeenAg competition at Lincoln University on the last day of Term 2. This is run as part of the Young Farmers competition and a fantastic result. These boys had prepared well for the event and fully deserved first place. Well done also to Dean Rabbidge (an ex Menzie's College student) who finished a commendable third in the National Young Farmer competition. A great effort from Glenham!

My thanks to the students and their parents/caregivers who helped run another successful netball camp over the holiday period. To watch our girls working with the 72 young girls who attended was amazing and it all looked like a lot of fun. The leadership skills that our students displayed were amongst the best going and they should all feel really proud of their effort in putting the camp together and giving the young girls such a valuable coaching experience.

Next Thursday we host the Burnham Grammar School from outside London in netball and rugby matches. Thank you to all the families who have accepted these students in to their homes as billets for the two nights. The boys need to bring a lunch and be at school at 9am on Friday. Students from previous tours, arranged by this travel company, have rated Menzie's as their best stop over and loved the hospitality. I'm sure nothing will change. Games will start at lunch time on Friday with netball at 1.15pm followed by rugby at 2pm and then afternoon tea in the hall at 4pm.

### Open Day

**This is being held on Thursday 14 August from 3.30-7pm.**

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

## Board of Trustees Report

Firstly, my apologies for the late report of last month's meeting as the holidays sort of snuck up on me and so here we are back at school and they are all over. I hope you all managed to grab some family time amongst the business of our everyday lives. I remember thinking I was busy when my kids were young - that just goes to show how little I knew then.

Last month's meeting had a smallish agenda, but as it is with these things they seem to expand to take up the available time as issues pop up that need to be discussed while they are topical. The Principal reported on the general 'goings on' around the school and that the school has not been greatly affected at all, in terms of its roll by the recent 'Gypsy Day' movements. We reluctantly said goodbye to a few students and welcomed some new families. The Board of Trustees wish to welcome you all to the school and look forward to meeting you soon.

It is also pleasing to note that the school has had a couple of small reviews by outside agencies recently which have been very positive. Firstly, the NZQA led review of our moderation and assessment procedures for internal standards that the school offers, was carried out and after interviews with Mrs Kath Luoni, the senior leadership team, several heads of departments and students for the purpose of cross referencing, our procedures were found to be robust. We are still waiting for the final report but expect it to be very positive. Alongside this was presented a report on the external moderation that is carried out each year, of standards offered internally, to ensure that our marking is 'of a reliable and consistent standard'. This is to determine that we are not grading our standards too lightly or too harshly. While some Level 3 papers showed we have work to do (due to alignment changes made to the standards last year, with very little in the way of supporting documents or exemplars for the teachers or students to use as a reference, so we are not alone in this), we have performed very well in this also.

The second review was of our progress with the PB4L programme by our regional co-ordinator as we strive to move to the next level of the programme. The process was interesting, requiring the committee members to individually answer a 54 question survey then come to a consensus of where we are as a school, on the scale provided. It highlighted a couple of work ons for the team but also confirmed that we are ready to progress to the next tier as we have the required 'buy in' from the staff and students.

Mr Brian Coyle (the property manager for the school) reported that he had purchased some new furniture for rooms 5 and 9 and if you attended the consultation evening, you will have had a chance to sample the comfort of the chairs and tables our students are using in these rooms.

The Board also discussed some of the issues that the senior school had been discussing with the Principal around the risky behaviours that some students are indulging in out of school hours. While you might think that it is not a Board matter, I feel that it is a reflection of the size and caring aspect of our school that the Board of Trustees is concerned that some of our senior students are putting them selves in harms way on a regular basis. Not only do we want our students to be safe, we want them to be in the best position they can be to learn when they are at school. Please, if you are at all unsure what your students are getting up to, have a frank discussion with them and talk about decisions they are making. Mr Ward has indicated he is more than willing to meet with students or parents/caregivers that need help or want to discuss this issue further.

As always, we approved a number of opportunities for our students to travel and participate in activities outside the classroom including a Year 9 & 10 netball team competing in the South Island Netball Tournament in Christchurch, the Year 13 English class travelling to Dunedin to Otago University to continue their study on how media manipulates our perspectives and also for a netball camp to be held on our school grounds over the holidays.

We are looking forward to the school Ball on Friday night as the culmination of a lot of planning and work by the ball committee and other supporting students. I am sure it will be the huge success that it has been in the past and I think that the theme of Rustic Vintage will make me feel right at home. It is a great chance for our senior students to show us and model for the younger students, what it means to them to be adults at a formal function. I just hope I recognise all the students who seem to age another five years in their suits and ball gowns.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 31 July 7pm in the Transition Room.

*Carole Bee  
Chairperson*

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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 welcome any bride, bridesmaid or ball princess gowns from the wider area.**

**This is a wonderful chance to show off your gowns.**

**For further information and registration contact Michelle on 0276947467.**

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**(Any Year 12 or 13 girls wishing to be in this Ball Gown Parade and haven't filled out a form yet, please see Mrs Dynes).**

# WELL CHILD SERVICE NEWSLETTER

## Term 3 2014 Issue 46

Public Health Nurse and Vision Hearing Technician

### Phone Numbers

Invercargill	03 211 0012
Gore	03 208 7015
Te Anau	03 249 7717
Lumsden	03 248 7997
Queenstown	03 450 9162



## Hearing Loss in Teens

According to the Journal of Paediatrics:

12.5 percent of children between the ages of 6 and 19 suffer from hearing loss as a result of using ear phones/buds turned to a high volume.

**Ear buds** common on MP3, phones deliver the sound directly into the ear canal, eliminating other sounds.

**Headphones** put the source of sound farther away from your inner ears. This extra space can protect your eardrums from the strain of listening to direct noise.

**Listen to sounds lower than 85 decibels** – 85 decibels is roughly the sound of city traffic heard from inside a car.

**Take a break** – listening to music for extended periods of time can impair your hearing.

**Try the 60/60 rule** – Never turn your volume past 60% and only listen to music with ear buds for a maximum of 60 minutes per day.

Higher pitched sounds have greater potential to damage hearing than lower pitched sounds.

If others around you can hear the music you are playing through your ear buds, your music is too loud!

Retrieved on the 30.06.2014 from Health Topics for Teens last reviewed by Nancy Brown Ph.D. October 2013

We are a Southland Wide Professional Community Based Well Child Service whose function is to empower children and their families/whanau to realise their full potential in health. Our aim is to promote and maintain well health by providing a quality client centred service that is accessible and culturally acceptable to all.

## English Department

### Level One English Assessment Dates

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

Response #5: Monday 11 August, period 2

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

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

Thursday 14 August, Term Three, Week Four

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*

### Level Two English

Oral Presentations (91102) assessment takes place Week 4. This is an optional 'extra' for students, therefore students do not have to enter the assessment.

### Level Three English

Oral Presentations (91476) assessment takes place Week 4. This is an optional 'extra' for students, therefore students do not have to enter the assessment.

Level Three Trip to Otago University Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 August (Week 3)

*Mrs Lucy McKelvie, Teacher*

## Special Needs Department

Thank you to those families who have purchased an Entertainment Book to support our Special Needs Department. We have only ten books left to sell and are available from the school office. The coupons are valid until the end of June, 2015. If you are intending to travel to Australia there are also special deals on accommodation and entertainment over there. The Special Needs students received great discounts on their recent camp to Dunedin. The new version of the Entertainment Book can be digital and used on your phone for easy access.

*Mrs Toni Halliday  
Special Needs Co-ordinator*

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## Mathematics Department

Maths Week is coming up in Week 4 (11-15 August). Last year we had heaps of fun taunting the students with difficult questions to solve each day in their Whanau groups and a maths competition on the Friday. We have similar things planned for this year so it might pay to brush up on logic, problem solving and number skills if you want to help your Whanau take the glory this year.

SMAC Maths is also on this term. It is being held in the evening on the last Wednesday of the term at JHC. Classes will be practicing their SMAC Maths skills before then and teams will be selected to represent the college in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

In the meantime, ponder this problem:

There was an insurance salesman who was trying to sell insurance. He went up to this lady's house and knocked on the door. She came to the door and he began his sales pitch. She stopped him and said "Sir, if you guess the ages of my three children I will buy your insurance" he then said "Ok!"

Lady: "The product of my children's ages equal to 36".

Salesman: "Ok I need another clue".

Lady: "The sum of my children's ages equal to the number of the house next door".

So he goes and looks at the address of the house next door. He comes back and says "I need one more clue".

Lady: "My eldest daughter plays the piano".

*What are the ages of her children?*

*HINTS: There are only a limited number of possibilities for clue number one, and clues number two and three help you work out which one it is!*

*P.S.: product = multiply      sum = add*

*Brendon Wallace  
Head of Department - Mathematics*

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## Technology Department

### Workshop Technology

The Graphics Room will be open on Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm for students to work on their external portfolios.

*Matt Cook  
Teacher*

### Foods Technology

Do you have any icecream containers you no longer require? If so, the foods department would love to have them. It would be appreciated if they could be left at the school office. Thanks.

*Mrs Toni Halliday  
Teacher*

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## Art Department

The Menzies College Year 10 art students were challenged to think beyond the square as they created masks for the Westpac Mask Competition which is part of the Hokonui Fashion Awards. The standard of the masks produced has been absolutely outstanding, with the mask made by Jordan Hedges featuring on the front page of The Ensign. The students were inspired by the theme 'local,' which saw a variety of ideas and designs evolve. Organisers have said that the overall quality is amazing and that the judges will have some hard decisions to make on Saturday. The masks will be on display at the Croydon Aviation Centre in Mandeville until 31 August. Competition winners will be announced early next week. We wish all students entered in the competition the best of luck. Due to earthquake strengthening going on in the Gore Westpac branch the entries will be not available there for viewing.

*Miss Bianca Burgess-Heald  
Art Teacher*

## 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 is next Thursday 31 July from 11am-12pm at Stadium Southland, with the bus leaving school at 10.20am and arriving back around 12.40pm. The cost for students is \$10 for the bus. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to come along and support their child at no extra cost. Permission slips are available from the school office and need to be returned by Tuesday 29 July.

### 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/>

### St Peter's College/Gore High School Combined Careers Evening

This is for students in Years 10 to 13 and their parents/caregivers. You will be able to talk to people from the following organisations: employers, industry training organisations, universities and polytechnics and also look at the various displays. This is a great opportunity for students and parents/caregivers to research and compare possible career options. There will be two and a half hours to informally discuss qualifications, skills and training required to achieve student's aspirations all under the one roof. This is being held on Thursday 7 August from 5.30—8.00 pm at The Gore Town & Country Club Stadium in Bury Street. Any queries, please phone Robyn Young at St Peter's College phone (03) 2089060 ext 713 or email [robynyoung@stpetersgore.school.nz](mailto:robynyoung@stpetersgore.school.nz)

### New Zealand Defence Force

Lloyd from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) will be back on Friday 8 August as a lot of our senior students were away when he was here last time. He will be in the library at 9am. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend.

*Miss Katie Hall  
Careers Advisor*

### Telford – a division of Lincoln University

There are great scholarships on offer and accommodation is available on campus. To find out more, come and experience Telford first hand at one of our taster weeks:

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.

### Otago University

A liaison officer from the Otago University will be here on 30 July at 8.50am to assist our students with 2015 applications. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

*Mr Stuart Clark  
Gateway*

## Important Dates

<b>July</b>	25	School Ball
		<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
	28	Ball Gown Parade
	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
<b>September</b>	1-5	Tournament Week
	5	<b>Work Day - Teacher Only Day</b>
	11-16	School Exams
	16	HPV Vaccinations
	25	Parent Teacher Interviews
	26	Last day Term 3
<b>October</b>	13	First day Term 4

## Government Spectacle Subsidy

We have received advice that a government spectacle subsidy may be available to children under 16 years of age where the individual or family has a Community Services Card. Some families may not be aware that financial assistance towards the cost of an eye examination and/or glasses can be provided. Full details of the criteria may be found on the Enable website [www.enable.co.nz](http://www.enable.co.nz)

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## NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance for 2014

### Fees for Domestic Candidates

	Fee
Entry for all NZQA standards and up to 3 scholarship subjects	\$76.70
Additional scholarship entries	\$76.70 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.

### Fees for international fee-paying candidates

	Fee
Entry for all NZQA standards	\$383.30
Entry for each scholarship subject	\$102.20 per subject

**Fees must be paid by 22 August 2014.**

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## Menzies College Soccer

**Quiz Night** - Monday 4 August starting at 7pm at the Three Rivers Hotel, Wyndham. Teams must be registered for this quiz. \$5 per person in the team. Entries to Alice Cade as soon as possible please.

### 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, supporters and parents/caregivers. Orders to Mr Lambert with money.

### 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.

30 July vs StPeters	(Away)
6 August vs St Peters College	(Home)

### 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 in the sports section or do a search in google 'Menzies College Soccer'.

### Important Dates

#### Girls Soccer

Monday 28 July	Girls Training 3.30pm to 4.45pm
Wednesday 30 July	Menzies "A" vs SGHS Blue (at Menzies)
	Menzies Dev. vs SGHS Red (at Invercargill)

#### Boys Soccer

Wednesday 30 July	Game vs St Peters (at Gore)
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Carl Lambert  
Organiser

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## Menzies College Netball

### Draw 26 July

Team	Opposition	Time	Court
Senior A	SMEG	2.15pm	1
Senior B	Gore High 10A	1.20pm	2
Development	St Peters Senior Gold	11.30am	2
Junior Mixed	St Peters 9/10 Silver	10.35am	3

### Netball Club

There will be a meeting on Monday 28 July at 6pm in the staffroom. All welcome. Apologies to Sue Shaw on (03) 2064606.

Kath Luoni  
Teacher in Charge



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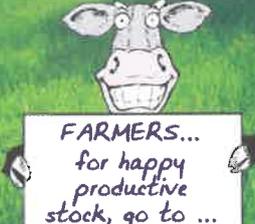
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