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15 August 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Thank you to everyone involved in last evening's Open Night. We certainly appreciated that families came out in the cold and wet conditions but the warmth of the night made it all worthwhile. We really appreciated meeting our new families and our guides and helpers have expressed their pleasure in showing you our school.

Thanks to all the staff and helpers for their time in arranging the presentations and general organisation of the night. If families were unable to attend last night please contact the school and we will arrange a time when you can be shown through.

Two weeks ago we hosted the Burnham Grammar School and I want to pass on part of an email from their deputy principal that needs to be shared with everyone who assisted in making their stay so enjoyable.

"All home safe and sound and had a great time in Queenstown. Thanks again for your terrific hospitality at Menzies College, we would love to visit again in 2016! Your school was the best we visited in NZ and the students really valued the warm billeting experience. The caring nature of your students and the atmosphere at your school were very evident, and as a senior leader at our school I appreciate these things are hard to embed and sustain."

School Production

The multi talented students and staff of Menzies College invite you to a show to surpass the 'Royal Variety' production we sometimes see on TV! Read on further to find out more about it.

Gerry Ward
Principal

Mathematics Department - It's Maths Week (read more over the page)

Inter-Whanau Competition
Who is the BEST?

Get your team of 4 organised for the days below!

Competitions during Whanau Time all week!

maths WEEK
August 18-22

House Points Available!
Bring a calculator!

Monday - Year 7/8 in the Library
Tuesday - Year 9/10 in the Hall
Wednesday - Seniors in the Hall
Thursday - Your Whanau's Best in the Hall

Board of Trustees Report - July 2014

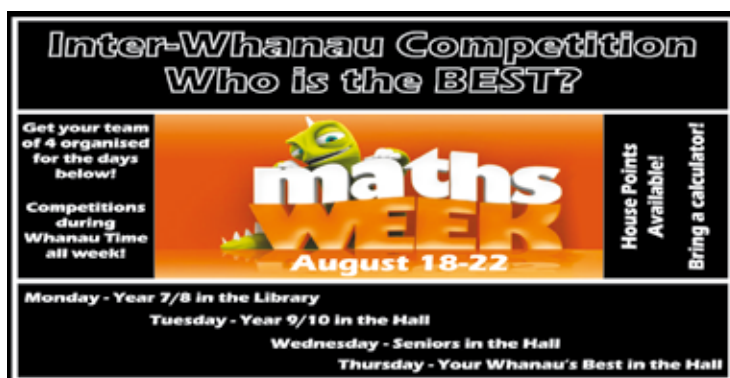
There are a number of positives to note for the month:

- * As of 28 July, the school roll was 291 which is pleasing for this time of the year.
- * The average school attendance reached a new high for Term Two of 91% of half days present with 49 students managing 100%. Good effort!
- * The number of classroom 'ghostings' continues to decline and the current numbers seem to be dominated by a small minority.
- * We received some good feedback regarding the school Ball. Thanks to the senior students and staff for their hard work ensuring its success.
- * Our Draft NCEA Moderation Report has been returned and requires no further action. Their next visit will be in 3 years time. This reflects the excellent work put in by Mrs Kath Luoni and the Heads of Department ensuring our systems are sound.
- * Our PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning) programme recently received a very favourable review focussing this term on 'Striving for Excellence'.
- * ERO - the Education Review Office are not coming now until next year due to their high workload and although we welcome their visits and input, it is I guess, good to know that they are comfortable with how we are tracking at present.
- * Property - a number of school houses are being upgraded with windows, new kitchens etc.
- * The technology block upgrade plans, continue to be modified in order to try and get the best outcome for the funding we will receive.
- * The Community Pool Committee are working hard towards their intended opening date in October.
- * The paint work in the school is looking very smart as our painter focuses on the interior over the winter months.
- * Finances are tracking well with 52% of income received against 48% spent. The canteen is trading particularly well. Keep up the great work everyone.

Hugh Diack on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Mathematics Department

As this week rolled closer, we realised that Maths Week would likely be lost in the haze of Open Night, so we decided to postpone Maths Week until next week and make it even better. It's a great chance to see which Whanau group can 'walk the talk'.



*Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics*

English Department

Level One English Assessment Dates

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

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

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*

Student Representative Election for the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the Board of Trustees. Nomination forms are available at the office. Any student from Year Nine up can stand. Nominations close at noon on Tuesday 26 August.

Southland Zones Netball Tournament



Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 girls who participated in the Southland Zones Netball Tournament. We saw some great netball throughout the day and some really promising future talent. Although the teams did not place, it was a great learning experience for all the girls that competed.

A big thank you to Rebecca Ferguson and Raquel Kingdon who coached the teams and Shanae Todd who umpired on behalf of Menzies College.

*Miss Nicola Speakman
Teacher in Charge*

Menzies College Netball

Draw - 16 August

| Team | Opposition | Time | Court |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|-------|
| Senior A | Knapdale A | 1.20pm | 1 |
| Senior B | St Peters 9A | 2.15pm | 2 |
| Development | Blue Mountain B | 3.10pm | 3 |
| Junior Mixed | Blue Mountain Silver | 10.35am | 3 |

Good luck to the Senior A and Junior Mixed teams who are in the semi-finals for their grades. Both teams will have games next week. This will be the last game for the Senior B and the Development teams. Managers, please collect the uniforms.

*Mrs Kath Luoni
Teacher in Charge*

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PROUDLY PRESENTS 'VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE'

The multi talented students and staff of Menzies College invite you to a show to surpass the 'Royal Variety' production we sometimes see on TV! Yes, you've read it right. We are currently in rehearsal for a night of entertainment that will have you queuing at our hall door begging for just one more seat! There will be songs to sing along with, songs to wipe a tear from your eye and songs you may have never heard before. The dancing will have you on the edge of your seat in anticipation of the next balletic move and the acting ... well, let's just say that Adam Sandler and Dame Judy Dench have had their place in the spotlight and now it's over!

2 performances only
Thursday 25 September 7.30pm a seated audience
AND
Friday 26 September 7.30pm, a Theatre Restaurant

Hokonui Maori Endowment Fund

Applications are invited from students in Year 9 or older. This is an educational fund for applicants who can trace their whakapapa to the original owners of Rakiura/Stewart Island. Please see Mrs Luoni for more details.

NZQA Fees

All students from Year 11 to Year 13 who are sitting assessments, both internal and external, must pay these fees. These payments are then forwarded to NZQA. A financial assistance application reduces this fee to \$20 for one student or \$30 for a family with two students. **These applications must be made by Friday 22 August and the fees paid when the application is made.** NZQA imposes a late payment fee of \$50 for payments after the due date. Please contact the school before the above date if there are going to be difficulties paying on time..

Menzies College Soccer

Three Rivers Girls Soccer Tournament

Menzies College will host their annual tournament for the Three Rivers Trophy on Sunday 17 August and Monday 18 August. This year as well as Menzies, we will have our usual participants - Verdon College, Central Southland College and Northern Southland College. We also have two new teams in a Combined Colleges XI (Menzies & NSC Development players) and St Peters College taking part for the first time. This is the third year of the tournament and previous winners have been Menzies College (2012) and Northern Southland College (2013).

Draw for Menzies Teams Sunday 17 August

Combined Colleges XI vs NSC (10am)

Menzies vs St Peters (11am)

Combined Colleges XI vs Verdon (12.15pm)

Menzies vs CSC (1.15pm)

The draw for the tournament is on the Menzies College Soccer Facebook page and will be updated with results as they come to hand.

Menzies College Soccer Apparel Orders

Students are reminded that orders are now being taken for hoodies (\$45-\$48) and polo shirts (\$32-\$35) etc. These are available to all players and supporters (parents/caregivers). Please give orders to Mr Lambert with money and size required. Players going to the national tournament might want to buy a polo shirt. Final orders will be placed next week.

Trainings and Games for the rest of the Season

At this stage, the girls 1st XI train on Mondays or Wednesdays 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.

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

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|---------------------|--|
| Sunday 17 August | Three Rivers Tournament (Day One) |
| Monday 18 August | Three Rivers Tournament (Day Two) |
| Tuesday 19 August | Game: (Boys) Menzies vs St Peters 4pm at Menzies |
| Wednesday 20 August | Training 3.30pm to 4.45pm (National Tournament Team) |
| Monday 25 August | Training 3.30pm to 4.45pm (National Tournament Team) |
| Wednesday 27 August | Training 3.30pm to 4.45pm (National Tournament Team) |
| Sunday 31 August | Travel to National Tournament in Christchurch |

Carl Lambert
Organiser

Science Department

Year 10 Rural Studies

The Year 10 class recently visited the animal shelter in Gore and the Op Shop in Mataura. The shop sell goods which provide the funds to provide for the animals in the shelter. The students learnt a lot about the work of the SPCA and they decided to fundraise by making and selling cupcakes. We were able to have a practice with Mrs Margaret Dale giving us a lesson before we made our own. We would like to thank the people who bought the cupcakes especially the staff at the Wyndham Primary School.

*Mrs Toni Halliday
Rural Studies Teacher*



Rebekah Kingdon & Tamara Poole showing Fletcher Dale the cup cakes



Bree Pickett, Bobbi Nicholson (obscured) & Rebekah Kingdon with the cats

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.

Incubator

We had our third and final trip to the hospital on Thursday, 7 August. A number of speakers came to talk to us about different careers in the health sector. A stand out was Pam Diamond who is a midwife at Southland Hospital. Pam had been on a recent volunteer trip to Rwanda and showed us a slide show and talked about her experiences over there. It was very inspirational and was such a great way to see where your career could take you. Jan will be having a school visit on Wednesday, 17 September from 1.20 to 3.15pm.

*Miss Katie Hall
Careers Advisor*

Thank You From The Ball Committee

The ball committee would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who helped us with our recent school ball. We did appreciate the assistance we received from staff members, our families, friends, fellow pupils and their families, local businesses and individuals in our school community. We had a most successful ball and a wonderful evening as a result of everyone's combined efforts. A big thank you to you all.

Important Dates

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| August | 17-18 | Three Rivers Soccer Tournament |
| | 18-22 | Arts Week |
| | 19 | Otago Polytech Visit 12.30pm |
| | 21-23 | Year 13 Adventure Experience Alpine Camp |
| | 22 | NZQA Fees due |
| | 27 | Sports Photos |
| | 28 | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| September | 1-5 | Tournament Week |
| | 5 | Work Day - Teacher Only Day |
| | 8 | Canterbury University Visit 1.30pm |
| | 11-13 | Year 7 & 8 Science Enrichment Camp |
| | 11-16 | School Exams |
| | 16 | HPV Vaccinations |
| | 18 | Parent Teacher Interviews |
| | 25 | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| 25-26 | School Production | |
| 26 | Last day Term 3 | |
| October | 13 | First day Term 4 |

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