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4 September 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Tournament Week

Many thanks to staff and members of our school community who have given their time to coach or manage these teams during the week and to the parents/caregivers who have shown support over the past 4 days to approximately sixty students. This includes assisting with transport to Christchurch and Queenstown.

The Under 15 rugby team qualified for the top 8 at the South Island co-eds tournament in Queenstown. Given the numerical size of some of the schools they played, this was a very pleasing effort. Though beaten by St Andrews and Rangiora in the play-offs, they performed well beyond expectations in these games and should feel proud of themselves. It is a good way to finish the season by playing at such a high level of competition.

The girl's soccer team have played extremely hard games at the South Island tournament in Christchurch but managed to hold their own in most of these. They had their first win yesterday against Buller 3-0 and a win over Neylon College 3-1. They lost 1-4 to Ashburton and were placed 11th overall.

Our netballers are still in tournament at the time of writing this. Unfortunately, they were in a 3-way tie for first place in their pool and ended up third on goal differential. They have found the second round games tougher than expected but their improvement from having to play these sides is clearly evident and this young side will be more than competitive in future years.

Indoor Bowls

Well done to Vinnie Rayner who won the Plate Section of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls in Wellington. The title came with a very nice silver trophy and Vinnie can feel extremely pleased with his effort.

Exams

While all this is going on, our senior students must not forget the importance of exams that start on Thursday 11 September. Plenty has been said about the exams but those words must now be actioned.

Workday

Tomorrow is our annual work day and we appreciate those who have arranged work for our students. The money raised from this enables the school to acquire a number of assets over the next year that we are not normally able to fund.

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Wyndham & District Community Pool

This week the community pool received its final coat of paint and is now starting to look really good. The committee cannot be thanked enough for their tireless fundraising, contribution of labour and general enthusiasm to get this project completed by Term 4. It's going to come out looking new. Thank you.

Menzies College Website

We have been developing our website so it can provide relevant information for our parents/caregivers and community. On the front page, there is a 'What's on' section where you can see when and where the events of the week are happening, plus what is coming up in the near future. Also in this section you can find things like: the link to the parent/teacher interviews site, the senior school exam timetable, the NCEA exam timetable and other relevant links/downloads. The aim is for the website to be a first port of call for information about school. All newsletters are also downloadable from the site. The web address is:

www.menzies.school.nz Check it out – it's looking pretty sharp! If there is something you would like to see on the website, please use the 'Contact us' tab to send a message through.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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 16 October, Term Four, Week One, period 5

Assessment date for AS90855 (Visual text): ENG102

Thursday 16 October, Term Four, Week One, 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*

Special Needs Department

The Entertainment Book for Father's Day

The perfect gift for Dad - 'The Entertainment Book'. Just a few left! Thank you to those who have supported this fundraiser so far.

*Mrs Toni Halliday
Special Needs Teacher*

Art Department

We are quickly moving through our external assessments in Art and have now passed the half-way point. With portfolio due dates looming at the start of next term, the Art room will be open every Tuesday and Wednesday after school until 5pm for students to catch up and complete work. It would be great to see all senior art students making good use of this time as we 'Strive for Excellence' in our work.

*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.

*Miss Katie Hall
Careers Advisor*

Sports/Cultural/Team Photos

Photos are now on display in the office foyer. These prints are 13 x 18cm and cost \$12. Envelopes are available from the office. Orders close 19 September.

Menzies College Gateway

Since April, Makayla Hapuku has been going to the Wyndham Play Centre for her Gateway placement. She has assisted the children with the wide range of activities offered during the sessions. The parents have appreciated her input with the children during these activities. When visiting Makayla it is obvious that she enjoys working with the children, from babies up to those who are ready to go to school. The children look forward to having Makayla at the play centre and Makayla most certainly looks forward to the Tuesday morning sessions. Having been offered such wonderful opportunities to work with preschool children has confirmed for Makayla that this is an age group she most definitely would like to work with in the related career as a nanny. Makayla has displayed that she has the personal qualities and skills needed to progress at a later date into training for this career pathway.



Both Makayla and the Menzies College Gateway team appreciate the time and effort that the parents at the Wyndham Play Centre have put into her placement, as well as the continuing support and encouragement given to her. She has been so fortunate to work in such a positive and caring early educational environment.

*Mrs Barbara Williams & Stuart Clark
The Gateway Team*

Mathematics Department

Now that the buzz of Maths Week has died down, our focus is firmly set on making the most of class time. Seniors have school exams starting next Thursday. It is essential that they are putting in the maximum effort for these so that they can use their results as a stepping stone to the success they deserve in their final externals. Students should be revising activities from classes, attempting old exams and revision supplied by their teacher. This is even more important for the 101 students – they are sitting their Algebra FINAL Assessment on Tuesday 16 September. To help prepare them, we are running tutorials every lunchtime until then. We will also be offering afterschool tutorials every Wednesday from 3:15pm to 4:30pm until the completion of the Maths NCEA exams. Staff may be available at other times as well. Support will be given to any student - all they have to do is ask.

SMAC Maths is in the final week of term. Students will be selected shortly and letters sent home with the required information. We will need help with transport because the teachers helping out all live in Invercargill.

The answer to last week's question – how do you cut a normal round cake into 8 even pieces with only three cuts?

Two ways – cut it twice vertically to cut it into quarters, then once horizontally to cut each quarter in half. Or, cut it into quarters, stack the quarters and then cut them in half to make 8 pieces!

*Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics*

PB4L Draw

At last week's assembly there were 2 extra draws for PB4L. One acknowledged the students who had received over 15 achievement slips over the year. They each received wrist bands and other branding items from this initiative. The other draw was for a \$10 voucher from the school canteen. Congratulations to the following students: Ezekiel Johnston-Brown, Allynah Paderanga, Sam Macdonald, Joseph Ferguson, Jamie van der Kemp, Shevez Te Aonui, Hannah Schipper, Buddy Gutsell, John Moir, Kaleb Olive, William Dickey, Regan Brunton, Sophielee Richardson, Nicholas Winn, Kelsi McLellan, Kallen Egerton, Meriana Fellows, Taylor Stewart, Rhylee McGregor, Jamie Ross, Hayden Stuart, Sophie Shaw, Lucy Elers, Peregrine Visser, Candra Watson, Summer Folesi, Luke Crosbie, Bella Ranstead, Marina Ferguson, Alex Guthrie, Kristine Holt, Jade Maxwell, Devon McLeod, Ahliyah Paderanga and Hannah Fotheringham.

Library News

Some students are making book trailers for our facebook page. Just type in 'Menzies College Library' on your facebook page. Your encouragement via 'likes' or comments would be appreciated. We will put more out every week.

*Mrs Eileen Barnett
Librarian*

End of Year Prizegiving Trophies

As we start heading towards the end of year and prizegivings we ask families to return any trophies received last year. Your assistance with this would be appreciated. Thank you.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Booking for Parent/Teacher Interviews Online

23 September - 3:40pm – 5:40pm and 6:30pm – 8:00pm

A link to school interviews is also available through the school website.

Booking for parent teacher interviews online

23rd September 3:40pm – 5:40pm and 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

To book interviews with teachers go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz which will look like the page below. Type in the code **7ELJS** here and press enter. From here you will be guided through the process of making appointments.

school office 03 206 4979 and 5 minute gap between evening. We look forward to

If you are unable to make the appointments online phone the ask the office staff to make appointments for you. Please leave a appointments so we don't get unnecessary delays in the seeing you on the 23rd September in the school hall.



Sports News

Cross Country

The Menzies cross country is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 10 September (unless conditions are unsafe). It will be held at the Wyndham Race Course. Students will have a shortened period 4 until 1:10 pm.

1:10 – 1:35 Lunch and get changed
1:35 Drop bags at whanau room/roll check
1:50 First race begins (U13 boys, followed by U13 girls)

- Each race will be set off in approximately 5 minute intervals.
- Students to bring warm gear/jacket/water over to the grandstand
- It would be advisable to bring a spare set of clothes to travel home in if muddy
- Please ensure you do not wear muddy shoes home on the bus

*Tim Landreth
Teacher in Charge - Sports*

Menzies College Australian Sports Trip 2015

A reminder that the next general meeting will be held at 7:30pm next Wednesday 10 September in the school library. A brief meeting of those on the fireworks committee or anyone interested in helping out, will be held before the general meeting at 7pm.

Greg McLellan



Menzies College Rugby

1st XV Coaches 2015

We are on the hunt for new coaches after Tojo and Chris retired at the end of this very successful Highlanders season. For an expression of interest please contact Guy on joandguy@farmside.co.nz or for more information contact Peter Bee on (03) 2064863. This an excellent chance to coach at the highest level in the Highlanders catchment with great support from a proactive committee.

U15 Tournament

The U15 boys had a very successful time in Queenstown finishing 8th in the top division losing to Rangiora in the play-off for 7th and 8th. From the committee and parents/caregivers, many thanks to Nathan Sutton and Craig Marshall for coaching this team again. Without having a son in the team, they have run practices and taken time out to travel and coach from Sunday to Wednesday which is a great effort. Also, thanks to Ross for managing and to the parents/caregivers who went up and helped. Many thanks.

Southland Representatives

It is time to recognise our Southland representatives:

U18 - Tyron Braven, Sam Crosbie, Caleb Young, Logan Macdonald

U16 - Connor Millane, Jordan Stuart and Logan Howe

U14 - Jordan Medley

U13 - Joshua Read

U65kg - Caeden McGregor, Tyrone Belt, Micaiah Johnston-Brown, Hayden Michaels

Southland Secondary School Girls Training Squad - Sharnee Gardyne-Palmer

Well done guys and good luck for your representative season. Enjoy it!

Gear Return

Thanks to those who have returned their gear so far. If students have not done so, please return it to school ready for next season.

Prizegiving

Coming soon, date to be advised.

Guy Michaels

Do you want to be involved in Rugby Research?

The research title is
"What Do Secondary School Rugby Players Think About Concussion?"

Why is this important?

Secondary school rugby players are at risk of concussion, therefore we want to know what they think about it so we can try to reduce the risk.

Who does this research involve?

You need to be at secondary school in year 9 or above.
You need to be playing either rugby union or league this year.

What does it involve?

You will need to complete a questionnaire about injury and concussion during rugby. The anonymous questionnaire is available online.

Who can tell me more?

You can contact the student researcher (Karen Pickup email: kjp22@students.waikato.ac.nz) who can provide more information or answer any questions.

How can I get involved?

You can follow this link to access the questionnaire which also has more details about the study.

http://waikatopsych.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1XoKG61gmLsLHrn

Ethics approval has been received from the School of Psychology Ethics Committee, University of Waikato



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The supervisors of this study are Associate Professor Nicola Starkey and Dr Alice Theadom.



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Important Dates

September	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
	23	Parent Teacher interviews
	24	Board of Trustees meeting (Note change of date)
October	25-26	School production
	26	Last day Term 3
	13	First day Term 4
	21	Youthmark Awards
	23	Option evening
November	27	Labour Day
	7	Last day of school for seniors
December	10-2	NCEA Exams
	28	Senior reports posted
	1	Year 10 Mavora Pre-camp
	2-5	Year 10 Mavora Camp
	10	Senior Prizegiving
	11	Last day for junior students Junior Prizegiving
	12	Junior reports posted Teacher only day
	15	LLP Reward Day

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