



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**21 November 2014**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

Though our seniors are nearly through their NCEA exams, school remains full on for our Year 7 to 10 students. There are still three weeks of school left with most being fully occupied with activities. These days are easier to get through, if students apply themselves to what's on hand and keep their learning as a focus. Staff are currently busy writing reports, organising camps and integrated curriculum activities, prize giving, timetabling and class sorting in addition to their teaching and it becomes a time of information overload as events get organised. Students need to know what's happening and if messages are not getting home please check the calendar in this newsletter, our website or contact the school. A couple of key dates to note are our teacher's only day next Friday, 28 November and the prize giving nights, 10 and 11 December.

After what has seemed like an eternity, the Board of Trustees signed off this week on the planned redevelopment of C Block which is the upgrade of our Food and Fabric rooms with a new office area between the Art and Graphics rooms. At one stage this redevelopment was something to be excited about but to be fair it is now very much a spruce up as a large portion of the funding is applied to compliance requirements such as fire protection and an electrical upgrade. Work is expected to start in mid-January with stage one, the Foods room, completed by Easter.

On 5 December we will welcome our Year 7 and 9 students for 2015 to the school. We have intentionally held this day as late as possible for the least disruption to our contributing schools and the NCEA exams will be finished. We still have a number of families that have indicated their child will be attending Menzies College next year but are yet to complete the required enrolment form. Can this please be addressed so we can complete our planning for the day. Thank you. A letter will be posted home next week to the families concerned with further details about this day.

### PB4L

Congratulations to Joseph Ferguson, Sam Macdonald, Samantha Cahill, Hannah Fotheringham and Mr Scarth for winning the achievement draw this week. Hannah received hers for Showing Respect by doing extra and helping clean up a Lab.

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

## Science Department

Congratulations to Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich who has been accepted in to 'Hands on Science' at Otago University next year. She was one of 520 students to apply, only 240 of which were accepted for the programme. During a week of the summer holidays Tomazina will spend a week at Otago University studying a range of cutting edge science areas. 'Hands On Science' describe themselves as:

*"The goal of 'Hands-On Science' is to demonstrate, in a friendly and interactive environment, some of the activities that scientists are involved in and to encourage talented young New Zealanders to consider science as a career. We do this by bringing students to New Zealand's oldest and most attractive university, an institution having an international reputation for excellence in scientific research and teaching."*

Nigel Scarth  
Head of Department - Science

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## Important Dates

<b>November</b>	10-27	<b>December</b>	NCEA Exams
	27		Board of Trustees meeting
	28		Senior reports posted
			<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>December</b>	1		Year 10 Mavora pre-camp
	2-5		Year 10 Mavora camp
	5		2015 new entrants visit Menzies College
	8-10		Integrated Curriculum - Year 7-10
	10		Senior Prizegiving
	11		Last day for Junior students
			Junior Prizegiving
	12		Junior reports posted
			<b>Teacher only day</b>
	15		LLP Reward Day
<b>January 2015</b>	26-27		Senior Interviews
	28		Teacher Only Day
	30		Teacher Only Day
<b>February</b>	2		All students attend
	6		Waitangi Day

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## School Jackets

Anyone who has a new jacket with a broken zip and would like it repaired, please hand it in cleaned and named, to the school office before the end of the school year. The cost will be \$20 per jacket. These will be repaired over the summer break and hopefully be returned in time for the start of 2015. The original company will no longer take responsibility for them but the new supplier has stepped in and is prepared to subsidise the cost of putting in the new zips.

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## J R McKenzie Youth Education Trust

This trust supports families in need of financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform. Applications will be accepted from those students who are entering high school for the first time specifically:

- \* Year 9 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 9 level onwards
- \* Year 7 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 7 level onwards and also provides high school education at the Year 9 level.

This includes basic school clothing and footwear (excluding roadshoes/runners). Further information and application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for applications is next **Friday, 28 November**.

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## Edendale R.S.A. Education Scholarships

These scholarships have been established by the Edendale R.S.A. to assist students of the district (i.e. Edendale, Brydone, Menzies Ferry, Seaward Downs and Spurhead) or direct descendants of present or past members of the Edendale R.S.A., in the first, second or third years of tertiary study. Applications close on **Friday 5 February, 2015**. Full details are available from the Menzies College office.

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## Cash for Communities

This year, for the first time, PGG Wrightson are running a Cash for Communities programme during spring, giving farmers another opportunity to earn \$\$\$ for Menzies College. Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account between 1 September and 30 November 2014, can earn cash for our school. Nominate us at [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz) and start earning \$\$\$ for Menzies College.

## Menzies College PTA

### PTA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the grocery hamper and returned their raffle money. If you feel you are able to sell more raffles please pick up extra from the school office. Any unsold tickets need to be returned to the office please. The raffle will be drawn at the Menzies junior prizegiving on 11 December. Thank you for your support. Any enquiries to Lois Heads on (03) 2066057.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

The date of this sale will be advised in next week's newsletter. Clothing may be left at the office with your contact details, price etc. Skirts and kilts are keenly sort after. The PTA will sell good clean uniforms on behalf of or we gratefully accept donations. The uniform commission of 20% forms a small part of the PTA income, which in turn benefits the school. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or Eft Pos which is available at the school office. We appreciate your support of the uniform shop. Any enquiries to Lois Heads on (03) 2066057.

### PTA Meeting

A PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 November in the Menzies College staffroom at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

## Community Notice

### Wyndham District Community Pool

Keys are now available from Lee's Dairy and Menzies College Office (EFTPOS available) at \$90 per household for the season. This includes a \$10 bond which will be returned to you on return of the key. Pool hours are from 6.30 am-8pm weekdays (closed 8.30am -3.30pm during school time) and 8am- 8pm weekends.

## Menzies College Australian Sports Tour 2015

### Payment & Fundraising

Thank you to those that attended the meeting last night. A last opportunity to raise some funds via the selling of food wrap is being offered. Orders with money will need to be given to me or the school office by **Monday 8 December**. If you are interested please contact me and I will send the information to you directly. Also, just a reminder that the \$500 November payment is due at the end of the month. If you are unsure of the balance of your account get in touch and I will let you know what you owe, if anything.



*Carole Bee*

## Menzies College Soccer

### Changes to Summer Socca Leagues in terms of playing dates

Because of Year 10 camp and Integrated Curriculum week at Menzies in the last two weeks of term, we have had to change the dates to the ones listed below:

Monday 24 November	MLT Summer Socca kids and adults leagues
Wednesday 26 November	MLT Summer Socca adults league only
Monday 1 December	MLT Summer Socca kids and adults leagues
Wednesday 3 December	MLT Summer Socca kids league finals only

### MLT Cup - Summer Socca Adult League

Completely Staffed charged out of the starting blocks with two wins on the first night for the Division one competition with an upset 3 - 0 win over Allstars and 2 - 1 won over The Wolf Pack.

Alcoholigans and LOL won their first games as well. Division one looks to be the closest competition yet since summer socca began. In Division Two Levu Levu's have made it two from two with big wins 7 - 1 over The Expendables and 5 -1 over Double Trouble. Double Trouble also picked up their first win with a 5 -1 win over the Figawis.

### MLT Cup - Adults League Results - Monday 10 November

(Division 1) Allstars 0 - 3 Completely Staffed, Completely Staffed 2 - 1 The Wolf Pack, LOL 2 - 0 The Wolf Pack, Alcoholigans 4 - 1 FUBAR (D1/D2 cross over).

(Division 2) The Expendables 1 - 7 Levu Levu's, Double Trouble 5 - 1 We're the Figawis, Double Trouble 1 - 5 Levu Levu's.

### MLT Summer Socca Kids League Results - Monday 17 November

The Titans and The Geeks continued their winning ways with wins in their latest games. Both currently lead the league on 16 points. Charging up the table again is Glenham. This young team won 2 - 0 against older opposition in their latest game and have jumped into 3rd place. Hories have jumped back up into 4th place after a 2-0 win over Quicksilver Legends.

### Round 6 Results

The Geeks 1 - 0 Strikers, Little Princess's 0 - 8 Titans, Awesome Chuckers 0 - 2 Glenham, Quicksilver Legends 0 - 2 Hories.

*Carl Lambert  
Organiser*

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