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5 December 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

This is the last newsletter for 2014 and I wish to pass on my thanks to everyone who has assisted in allowing Menziess College to operate in the manner it does. From the Board of Trustees and staff, to the parents/caregivers and our community, my sincere thanks for everything you do for our school. As a whole staff we feel privileged to have the relationships we do with our school community and the positive support we receive makes this a most enjoyable place to work in each day. Thank you.

To the students, likewise, our heartfelt thanks for your efforts during the year. School is what you make it and there is a wonderful atmosphere around this place due to positive attitudes, good humour and a caring approach to everyone in the learning environment. To you all, have a most enjoyable break and we will see you again in late January/early February. To all our leavers, I wish you the best and may Menziess be just the beginning of your lifelong learning.

Today we had our 2015 new entrant students with us for the day. We really look forward to this group joining us in February and being the new future of our school. I appreciate the contributing school's support of this day and the work of our Deans, Mrs Cowley and Mr Wilkinson for arranging the programme.

Next week we formally close the year with two prize givings, our seniors on Wednesday evening and the juniors Thursday evening starting at 7.30pm. These nights are significant events on the school calendar and an opportunity to celebrate together the success of our students. **It is expected that all students attend.** We also have a less formal assembly on Thursday afternoon to farewell departing staff and students, to present PB4L prizes and the winning house shield.

From Sunday our Year 7 to 10 students are involved in the Integrated Curriculum programme for up to four days. We have students spread from Naseby to Stewart Island and it's a fantastic way to finish the school year. Thanks in advance to all the parent helpers who have also signed up for these activities and the energy of the staff at this busy time of year.

This week we held the first round of interviews for our Head Boy and Head Girl positions for 2015. These interviews are always a highlight in the school year and listening to the students tell us about what Menziess means to them and how they could contribute to student leadership is humbling. Following shortlisting we will further interview on Tuesday and make the announcement on Wednesday night.

Currently we are looking at senior school uniform options starting from next winter. This is still in the consultation stage with the Board of Trustees giving their support for the idea to be further developed. Our senior deans and students have some ideas around how a change could look and when it may be implemented. There are details further on in the newsletter and we ask that you do have a say if you feel the change is warranted.

Finally, thank you. It's been one very fast year; looking back I can't believe how it has disappeared, something about getting older they say! I wish you all the very best for the holiday season and enjoy some valued and relaxing family time over the break. Merry Christmas.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Last Draw for the Year

Congratulations to Michael McKay, Stuart Gourlie, Jaime Ross, Lucy Elers, Madi Fleming, Caleb Saunders, Declan de Haas, John Moir, Miss Katie Hall and Ms Sonja Swale for winning the achievement draw this week. Stuart received his for Striving for Excellence by always being organised and settling to tasks, Declan received his for Striving for Excellence through completing work and Michael received his for Showing Respect by helping the whanau group when they needed volunteers.

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.

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 **5 February, 2015**. Full details are available from the Menzies College office.

Menzies College PTA

PTA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated goods for the grocery hamper and also returned their raffle money. We have a wonderful assortment of items and hopefully should have enough for two or three hampers. It is not too late to get more tickets from the office if you feel you are able to sell more. 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 uniform sale will be on Monday 15 December from 3-5pm and Monday 19 January from 4.30 to 7pm in the school hall. Clothing may be left at the office with your contact details, price etc. where you will need to complete the appropriate paper work. 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.

Important Dates

December	8-10	Integrated Curriculum - Year 7-10
	10	Senior Prizegiving
	11	Last day for Junior students
		Junior Prizegiving
	12	Junior reports posted
		Teacher only day
	15	LLP Reward Day
		PTA Uniform Sale 3-5 pm
January 2015	19	PTA Uniform Sale 4.30-7pm
	26-27	Senior Interviews
	28	Teacher Only Day
	30	Teacher Only Day
February	2	All students attend
	6	Waitangi Day

Entertainment Books - Special Deal for Christmas

There are seven Entertainment Books left to be sold at the reduced price of \$44 and there is still seven months available on the great deals. All funds go to the Menzies College Special Needs students for camps and their Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme.

Mrs Toni Halliday

Teacher in Charge- Special Needs

Affco Livestock - Money for Schools Project

We have received a donation of \$107.20 for bobby calves. Thank you to the families who nominated Menzies College as their preferred school.

Menzies College Rugby

Firewood - Menzies College 1st XV Fundraiser

\$60 per cubic metre, delivered. Phone: Rodger King 0274 362652, Steven Stuart 0276 644067 or Jimmy Braven 0272 286354

MLT Summer Socca Results 2014

MLT Cup Adults League

Levu Levu's 2 - 1 FUBAR (D2), Alcoholigans 1 - 5 Completely Staffed (D1), Allstars 0 - 1 LOL (D1), Allstars 7 - 0 Alcoholigans (D1), LOL 4 - 0 Levu Levu's (Cross D1/D2)

Completely Staffed were presented with the MLT Cup for 2014 after coming through the second round of the competition unbeaten (the same as LOL) and were able to pip LOL by goal difference for the title. In Division Two, Levu Levu's made sure of the title with a 2 - 1 win over FUBAR. Double Trouble finished in 2nd place on 9 points.

MLT Cup Winners (Div1) 2014

Completely Staffed

MLT Cup Runners-up

LOL

Three Rivers Hotel Cup (Div2) Winners 2014

Levu Levu's

Three Rivers Hotel Cup (Div 2) Runners-up

Double Trouble

Kids League Final Results

Wooden Spoon Final - Quicksilver Legends 2-0 Awesome Chuckers

Bowl Final - Strikers 4-0 Little Princess's

Plate Final - Hories 3-2 Glenham

Menzies Cup Final (championship final) - The Geeks 2-0 Titans

Cup Final (Menzies Cup)

In the long awaited replay of their league meeting when The Geeks had won a very close game 2-1, these two talent filled teams were set for a titanic battle again to see who would be the Champions for 2014. In the first half, The Geeks settled quickly and scored within the first two minutes and held that lead through to halftime. In the 2nd half, the Titans team took the game to The Geeks and a lot of great play by Luke Humphries, Ryan Smith and Ben Gauldie combining with their team mates, created some opportunities but sadly, could not finish their chances. The Geeks soaked up the pressure and were able to launch a number of counter-attacks and were able to score a second goal when Ted Dodd found some space and was able to rifle his shot into the top corner of the net. So, The Geeks were crowned Champions for 2014 after a titanic final. Well done to both teams for such a great final.

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.

Carl Lambert
Organiser

Community Notices

SDC Holiday Programme

The programme runs from 10am - 3pm at Menzies College, Wyndham on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January and caters for children from the age of five and above. If you are under five you can join in the fun too if a parent or caregiver stays with you. We have games, activities, arts and crafts and so much more! We promise to bring our parachute along too! Only \$6.00 per child for a fun filled day of excitement. Registration forms are available from your Southland District Council Area Office or the Invercargill i-SITE. For all inquiries and information please phone Sally Hayes at Venture Southland 03 211 1800 or 027 420 2831.

Otago Southland Regional ANZ Young Farmer Contest

This is on 7 February. Practical Venue: Queenstown Primary School, 20 Robins Road, Queenstown. Evening Show: Queenstown Memorial Hall, 1 Memorial Street, Queenstown. Part of the Young Farmer Contest is AgriKids. Teams of 3 children aged 8-13 years, complete a variety of 6 minute modules. The top seven teams from the morning go through to a Race-Off after lunch and the top 3 teams go to the National Grand Final. Spots fill up fast, so enter your team soon. Parents can enter teams or schools. Students, are you agriculturally minded and love to give things a go? Take a look at the website for more details on this fun event.

Go to <http://www.agrikidsnz.co.nz/welcome-to-agrikids-new-zealand/> to register your team. It's free to be an AgriKid.

Stewart Island Adventures

Year 11-13 adventurers - 14-20 December 2014; Year 6-8 children - 19-23 January 2015; Upcoming Year 8 Leaders - 26-30 January 2015. For Other Stewart Island Holiday Adventure Cruises also Youth groups/Adults/Schools. www.elwing.co.nz Elwing Discoveries Email: elwingdiscoveries@gmail.com Phone: 027 2768817 or (03) 4811040.

Christmas Party Children's Rotary Club of Invercargill

WHERE: Enwood House, 15 Enwood Lane DATE: Sunday, 14 December TIME: 11.00am to 2.00pm RSVP: to D'Arcy on either darcy@ibal.co.nz or Phone (03) 2113018 • Visit from Santa Claus • Face Painting • Games and entertainment • Light BBQ Lunch. Undercover area will be available if required due to weather.

Glenham Trainwreck Trail - Fundraiser for Glenham School

Mountain Bike, Run or Walk - Saturday 17 January, 2015. Register on line at www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz or on the day from 11am at Glenham Hall.

Senior Uniform

You might remember reading this from a recent newsletter:

Bob Dylan's classic 'The Times They Are A'Changin'' seems to summarise quite nicely our recent and long conversations around the introduction of a senior school uniform (for those students in Years 11-13). We've approached the cohorts who are potentially impacted by this and sought to gauge their interest and opinion on this matter. Be of no doubt that this has been driven by the students and as we live in a democracy, will come to fruition only if the majority wishes it to change. Part of the process will of course include further consultation with you (our school community), the staff of the school and the Board of Trustees. As Deans we have been pleased to facilitate the conversations our students have had around being a senior student and representative of Menzies College.

Last week, at the monthly Board of trustees meeting, we forwarded a proposal which has been driven by the students of the senior school regarding a revised senior uniform. The Board were unanimous in their support of a revised senior uniform, and we now move to a 'community consultation' phase. During this we ask that you discuss in your homes the implications of a revised senior uniform, your thoughts and ideas around it and whether or not you are in favour of a revision.

Alongside these conversations, we will provide an outline of what a revised senior uniform might look like and an indication of costings around it. We will also provide choice in terms of various items which might be included or changed in a revised Senior uniform.

The largest change is the addition of a senior blazer.

Here are some FAQ's around the 'new' uniform:

- **Who is going to wear it?**

Students who are currently in Year 12 voted against the introduction of a revised senior uniform. Therefore, in 2015 Year 13 students will still be allowed to wear 'mufti' if they so choose. Those who wish to wear the revised uniform are encouraged to do so.

Students currently in Year 10 and 11 voted overwhelmingly to introduce the revised senior uniform. Therefore, in 2015 Year 11 and 12 students will be required to wear the revised senior uniform.

- **When is a change going to be introduced?**

We hope to introduce the revised senior uniform in Term Two, 2015 (in-line with the change-over to winter uniform)

- **How much will the uniform cost?**

We are still waiting for final costings, and this will depend on which items are chosen following out community consultation process. However, we estimate that Menzies College blazers will cost between \$170 - \$200. This is the 'big ticket' item and we are looking at using two suppliers for this (Schooltex and H & J Smiths)

Other new items to be purchased include: shirt / blouse, jersey / sleeveless vest and tie.

- **I'm in Year 13 and want to wear a blazer but don't want to spend that much money on an item for one year – what are my options?**

The school is looking to purchase a supply of blazers in a variety of sizes. We would like to 'hire' these to students on a term-by-term basis at a minimal cost. Blazers would need to be returned to the school office with a dry-cleaning receipt and in their original condition. Blazers would probably be offered to the most senior students first.

- **How do I get my say and where can I see the revised Senior Uniform?**

At Menzies College

The revised senior uniform is on display in the Menzies College interview room, just off the foyer. There will also be a ballot box asking for your thoughts on the uniform and the various options (colourways / styles etc) that are available. We will consider these responses before submitting again to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

It will also be on display at prize giving (both senior and junior).

Within our community

We will also ask our contributing schools and key businesses within the district to display information around a revised senior uniform so that our prospective students and their Whanau might be included in this conversation.

Can you tell me briefly what my son / daughter will be required to wear?

Senior Uniform: Girl

Menzies Blazer – bottle green (\$170- \$200)

Winter: Menzies kilt

Summer: Menzies skirt

Bottle green jersey / sleeve-less vest (woollen) (\$60 approx)

White blouse – short / long sleeve (\$25-\$30 approx)

OR **green blouse** – long sleeve (\$30 + approx.)

White shirt (\$25-\$30 approx)

Menzies School Tie (formal occasions – school assemblies, school trips etc) (\$20 - \$25 approx)

We would really like to have your opinion on whether we should introduce a green or white shirt and also your thoughts around a design of a Menzies school tie.

Senior Uniform: Boy

Menzies Blazer – bottle green (\$170-\$200)

Grey trousers or shorts

Bottle green jersey/sleeve-less vest (woollen) (\$60 approx)

White shirt (\$25-\$30 approx)

OR **green shirt** – long sleeve (\$30 + approx.)

Menzies School Tie (formal occasions - school assemblies school trips etc) (\$20-\$25 approx)



The photo shows this year's current head students Carrie Ann McEwan and Jeffrey Robinson wearing the formal uniform. Please note the sleeveless vest will be green. See Mrs McKelvie if you have any questions.

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