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20 February 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

On Wednesday we held our first major House event of the school year with our athletics day. Overall, we had very good participation numbers and field events and finals were tightly contested. Many thanks to the parents/caregivers who attended on the day and to staff and parents/caregivers who helped run events. We still have a couple of field events and the 3000m to finish before House points can be announced.

Our 2015 roll looks like it will settle at 302 students on Monday and this number should allow us to employ additional staff once our 1st March return is complete. I would like to apply some of this additional staffing to the larger numbers we have in our two Year 9 classes for core subjects.

Congratulations to our 2014 Dux, Abigail Visser (pictured right) who this week, was notified that she gained a scholarship in English. This is a fantastic achievement by Abigail, one she and the school can be very proud of. Our thanks to her teacher Mrs McKelvie for making this happen. Abigail is working currently in the school as a volunteer helping our Year 7 and 8 students for 15 hours a week while she waits for her residency to come through.



The draft report of our NCEA exam results looks interesting. On a roll based system, our Year 12 students have done extremely well where as our Year 11 and 13 students are less than the national average. A roll base system includes students who leave our school after the 1st July, students with special needs and students who didn't sit exams for various reasons. Based on the better indicator of participation, each year group has done very well with our best overall return for many years. Our Year 12 and 13 students are way above the national average. Early indicators have our Year 11's at 74%, Year 12's at 96% and Year 13's at a 90% pass rate. Our Year 13's are also comfortably ahead of the national average for University Entrance based on participation. What is pleasing is the number of students who got across the line through their own hard work and devoted extra hours from the staff.

Today we had six students start at the Hokonui Tertiary High School in Gore. This is an opportunity for students to work towards credits in their chosen vocational pathway and is a great step forward to gaining meaningful employment.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Student Profiles

Name: Caleb Young

Position Held: Head Boy

Year: 13

Subjects Studying: Chemistry, Physics, History, Maths with Statistics, Physical Education

Academic Achievements: Excellence Level 2 Chemistry Endorsement, Merit Level 2 English Endorsement

Sports: Rugby, Tennis, Cricket

Interests/Hobbies: Gym, Golf, chilling with the lads

Currently Reading: My notes

Ambition: To find something I want to study further and be the best I can at sport

Best About Menzies: The endless opportunities offered and how we punch well above our weight



Name: Holly Smith

Position Held: Head Girl

Year: 13

Subjects Studying: English, Chemistry, Maths with Statistics, Biology, History, Geography

Academic Achievements: Merit Endorsement Level 1 and 2

Sports: Soccer, Netball

Interests/Hobbies: Sports

Currently Reading: 'Looking for Alaska'

Ambition: To find the perfect career path for me this year

Best About Menzies: Student/Teacher relationships



Name: Tyrone Braven

Position Held: Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Year: 13

Subjects Studying: Physics, Geography, Physical Education, Maths with Statistics, Building

Academic Achievements: NCEA Level 1, General Excellence in Geography

Sports: Rugby, Touch, Cricket, Netball

Interests/Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Training, Working, Gym

Ambition: Go on to tertiary studies and have a successful career

Best About Menzies: The people - the size - the attitude!



Name: Samuel Moncur

Position Held: Matai House Leader

Year: 12

Subjects Studying: English, Maths, History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Academic Achievements: Excellence Endorsement Level 1 History, Merit subject endorsement in English, Maths, Science, ICT

Sports: Archery, Soccer

Interests/Hobbies: Music

Currently Reading: 'A Game of Thrones' by Gorge RR Martin

Ambition: To go to Otago University and become a Psychiatrist

Best About Menzies: The awesome people and great camps.



Name: Sean Wallis

Position Held: Rimu House Leader

Year: 12

Subjects Studying: Graphics, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English, Adventure Experience

Academic Achievements: Merit Endorsement Level 1, Merit subject endorsement English, Maths, Science, Physical Education

Sports: Rugby, Basketball

Interests/Hobbies: Music, Camping, Tramping, casual sports

Ambition: To become a Civil Engineer and to travel the world

Best About Menzies: The friendly atmosphere



Name: Jamie Ranstead

Position Held: Totara House Leader

Year: 13

Subjects Studying: Outdoor Experience, English, Maths with Statistics, Geography, Physics

Academic Achievements: Level 2 English Endorsement, First in Music

Sports: Rugby

Interests/Hobbies: Guitar, Music

Currently Reading: Metal Hammer Magazine



Name: Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich

Position Held: Rata House Leader

Year: 13

Subjects Studying: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Physical Education, Maths with Statistics

Academic Achievements: Level 1 with Merit Endorsement

Sports: Soccer, Netball

Interests/Hobbies: Swimming

Currently Reading: 'Valley of the Dolls' by Jacqueline Susan

Ambition: Do well in future studies and travel

Best About Menzies: Small enough to care, big enough to match the best



New Staff - Profiles

Name: Pete Wilkinson

Position: Assistant Principal

Subjects Teaching this Year: Year 9 & 10 Maths and Maths 102

Interests/Hobbies: Ironman Triathlon, Winton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Rugby refereeing, Kepler Challenge, Mountain biking, hanging with my family (wife Kelly and dogs and cats), all sport

Recommended Books: 'Ultra Marathon Man' by Dean Karnazes



I am a hard working person who is passionate about life. I give my all to my professional and personal life. After teaching at Central Southland College for 15 years I was ready to take on the challenge of a Senior Management position. I have a Bachelor of Physical Education, and two Diplomas, Secondary Teaching and Te Ara Reo Maori. I mainly taught Health and Physical Education at Central Southland College, but also loved teaching Mathematics and Year 9 Maori. My educational philosophy is based around relationships. If we have positive relationships with staff, students and our community then we will always get the best outcomes. I believe that no matter the result, we should always give our best effort.

This year my goal is to try and go under ten hours for the ironman event. The dream goal is to qualify for the World Ironman Championships in Kona, Hawaii. I am in my fifteenth year refereeing rugby in Southland and am a member of the Winton Volunteer Fire Brigade. I think I will be on loan to the Wyndham Fire Brigade during school hours.

Name: Eamon Dakin

Position: Head of Technology Department

Subjects Teaching this Year: Digital Technology/Graphics

Interests/Hobbies: Mountain Biking, Kayaking, beer making

Recommended Books: 'War of the Roses' by Conn Iggulden



Board of Trustees

The AGM will be held in the transition room at 7pm Thursday 26 February followed by a general meeting.

*Mrs Carole Bee
Chairperson*

HPV Immunisation in Schools 2015

A reminder that the permission slip for the HPV vaccine for Year 8 girls should have been returned to the office last week. The first vaccination will take place on 9 March. If you have not returned this form please hand in to the office urgently. **These need to be returned even if your daughter is not having this vaccination.** For more information please view the following websites:

- www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz
- watch 'The story of HPV' on YouTube to find out more about HPV and its prevention.
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at (03)214 6436 or 0800 800 249

Important Dates

February	25	School photos
March	2	SIT visit 12 noon
	7-8	Paddles Up
	9	HPV Vaccination
		Canterbury University visit
	11	Otago Polytech visit 2.30pm
	12	Aoraki Polytech visit 9am
	13	Year 12 First Aid
	16	Incubator visit 1.20pm
		Sexwise Parents evening - time to be advised
	17	Sexwise Year 9 & 10
	18	Sexwise - Seniors
	19	Defence Force visit 10am
		Lincoln University visit 9am
	20	Otago University visit 9am
	24-27	ERO at school
	25	Incubator hospital visit No. 1
	26	Art exhibition
	30 - April 2	Wanaka Camp Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience
April	2	Last day of Term 1
	3	Good Friday
	20	First day back of Term 2

Menzies College Australian Sports Tour 2015

The next meeting is Wednesday 25 February in the school library at 7.30pm. **Note there is a travelling parents meeting at 6.45pm before the main meeting.**



Menzies College Rugby

Welcome to all players, parents/caregivers and supporters of Menzies Rugby. The committee is busy putting things in place so we can enjoy another great season of rugby. We have a couple of requests to help us:

- Could all managers from the 2014 season, please return their managers folder to the school office?
- Expressions of interest for coaches and managers, for the U16, U14 and Year 7 and 8 teams are still open. Please contact Ross McLeod on 027 4904729. Coaching/managing is a rewarding job and we will support anyone with this task.
- The 1st XV have started training and we invite any players wishing to join to attend. They train each Tuesday and Thursday at 4 pm.
- Registration day is Thursday 5 March at 3.15pm in the school hall. We ask all players to attend. All players will receive an information sheet for parents/caregivers with all relevant details for the upcoming season.

We have a busy season ahead of us and anyone interested in helping is most welcome. The next committee meeting is 11 March at 7.30pm in the school library. Thank you.

Bob Wallis
Secretary - Menzies Rugby

Sexwise Performance at Menzies

We are extremely excited to once again host the acclaimed THETA – Sexwise Performance. This riveting and thought challenging performance and associated workshop will be made available to parents and caregivers to view on Monday 16 March at a time to be advised, (but will be in the evening) before being introduced to our students. We encourage all parents and caregivers to be involved with the sexuality education of their sons and daughters and there is no other education tool at present that will provide you with an excellent starting point, than what this programme will offer.



The Theatre in Health Education Trust (THETA) is a Dunedin based organisation that works nationally. They specialise in delivering applied theatre-based programmes on health related issues to rangatahi/youth in mainstream schools. The Trust's work is informed by the health promotion model – that is in providing information to people to help empower them to take charge of their own health behaviours. Applied Theatre is an umbrella term to describe theatre where the purpose is not simply performance, but engagement of the audience.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me at school on (03) 206 4979 or to research this exciting opportunity further, go to www.theta.org.nz

Mark Kerslake
Head of Department - Physical Education & Health

Super Seniors

It's great getting back into routine after such an amazing holiday break. We're sure that many of you enjoyed (as we did) the glorious weather and long outside days that the summer holidays allowed us. Mr Landreth and I have been impressed by the willingness to set such a good example in being organised for class, prompt to class itself and giving each lesson their best attention. This is excellent role-modelling for our younger students.

It goes without saying that we're really pleased by the number of students who have either met their own personal goals regarding completing a Level course or perhaps gaining Endorsements in the external examinations. We're also thrilled to hear of other success stories, of which we have so many. Students who set a goal, knowing it was going to be a 'hard ask' and who gained success through determination and hard-work. These are not necessarily our top scholars, they are the students who may have struggled in class but who knew, with a little 'extra' (help, time, study) they could get across the line. We congratulate them too.

Congratulations to Samuel Moncur (Year 12 pictured right) who participated in the RSA Speechmaker Competition which was held in Gore last weekend. To memorise a seven minute speech (with the required gestures etc), after a week at Hope Arm, was no easy task and Samuel acquitted himself and our school very well. Whilst he didn't win the regional Otago-Southland competition (there were 14 entrants in total) he did a superb job. Well done Samuel!



Year 13 Retreat

Last week, we held our annual Year 13 Leadership Retreat at Edenview. The weather-gods smiled once more and we were treated to bright and warm days, though the mornings were a little nippy! In the Menzies College office, there's a display of photos of memories – please take a few moments to take a look. Our students were amazing. They showed great leadership potential and were attentive and polite listeners to our invited guests. The activities ranged from Peer Support training to yoga and public speaking to psycho-analysing our personalities for career pathways. Our days were full and varied, but the students remained energetic and positive. A huge thanks to those staff members who were personally involved (either leading an activity or staying at the retreat) – the event can't run without your support. Thanks also to local sportswoman Casey Robertson who spoke to us about the challenges she's faced in her sporting and professional life. It was awesome to hear of her determination and work ethic – it was very inspiring for us.



Year 13 students at Edenview Camp

The Year 13's were also asked to present a speech about what they considered 'success' to be, here are some of their thoughts:



"Success can be defined as many different things... If you are living a healthy lifestyle and a positive life, that's success within itself. The definition for 'success' itself changes as you grow ... At this stage of my life I would define success as doing well at school..."

"When I think about success, I think of people who have accomplished within their lives what they set-out to. People like Barack Obama, Mike Shinoda and Emma Watson..... so success to me would have to be when you do something and then later on be known for what you've done and accomplished. Even though people have different views of 'success' this is what success means to me"

"Some people see succeeding as getting full-on Excellences all year, while other people are successful when they complete a task"



Torin Hartley & Te Rua Fellows : Beautiful Brides



Caitlin de Haas and Victoria Clark trying out Casey's rugby jerseys

Year 12 Camp: Hope Arm

We extend our grateful thanks to all those who helped with the recent Hope Arm Camp which was very successful. There will be a full report in the next newsletter.

Senior Uniform

Thanks to all those of you who have taken the time to complete the survey forms regarding the senior uniform, it's great to hear so many positive comments! In the next newsletter, we'll have more information about time-lines etc, in the meantime could you please consider the colourway you'd like to see in our senior tie. At present there's a 'tie' between: red-green-white diagonal stripe and red-green-diagonal stripe.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Carl Lambert who has worked beside me as Senior Dean over the last few years. The students and I have appreciated his integrity, humour and kindness. We wish him well in his new role as Junior School Co-ordinator. Therefore, it's awesome to welcome Tim Landreth into our 'Super Seniors' fold – we know he will be amazing!

If you have any questions or concerns about students in Year 11-13, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Lucy McKelvie and Tim Landreth
Senior Deans

MENZIES COLLEGE - CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2015

Sandwich	2.50
BLT - Bacon/Lettuce/Tomato sandwich (half)	2.50
Spaghetti Toastie	2.00
Cheese Toastie/Mousetrap	2.00
Dads Pies	4.00
American Hot Dog	3.00
Apricot/Chicken Wrap	4.50
Cordon Bleu	3.00
Pork Riblet Wrap (Hot)	4.00
Bacon & Egg Wrap (Hot)	4.00
Chicken Burger - with/without free salad	4.00
Burgers - Lamb, Beef, B & E, Hawaiian Chicken & Bacon	4.50
Chicken Rolls	2.00
Cheese Roll	1.00
Garlic Bread	1.50
Hash Brown	1.00
Wedges	2.50
Sour cream/relish/chilli sauce (each)	0.50
Doritos/Corn Chips	2.00
Waffles	1.00
Cookie Time	2.00
Drinks / Icecreams	
Water - Pump	3.50
Slurpas	1.50
Milkshake	3.50
Milkshake with Icecream	4.50
Calci strong milkshake - Carton	2.00
Mill Orchard - 400ml	3.00
Coke Zero	3.50
E2	4.00
A range of ice creams/ice blocks available from \$1.20 - \$3.50	
Iced Tea	3.00
Chocolate Brownie	2.50



DAILY SPECIALS

Tomato Pasta Bake	\$3.50
Bolognese Bake	\$4.50
Cottage Pie	\$4.50
Butter Chicken	\$4.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$3.50
Chicken Fettucine	\$4.50
Enchilladas/Taccos	\$3.50
Nachos - (Mince/Corn Chips/Cheese)	\$4.50



EFT-POS is available at the canteen

Senior Uniform (Year 11-13)

Over the last few years, we've had numerous conversations with students around the uniform at Menzies College and how the senior students feel about wearing (or not wearing) uniform at school. Last year, a group of students gathered with one goal: to introduce a revised senior uniform. In essence, our students feel that there is nothing (in terms of uniform) that distinguishes our senior students from those in Year 7. Therefore, with the support of the Board, we began a process of investigation and revision of the current senior uniform. Thanks to those of you who took the time at our prizegiving ceremonies last year to complete our survey. Your responses were generally positive and amongst them were some sound practical solutions around the question of uniform. If you haven't yet completed a survey, they (and samples of the clothing items) are available at our school office. In essence, the uniform is being refined rather than changed. The most exciting refinement is the introduction of a Menzies College blazer, which would be worn throughout the year by our senior students.

To clarify, as this is student led the changes around uniform do not impact on our current Year 13 group. This group voted in favour of remaining in uniform during their last year of high school. If there are students within that cohort who wish to embrace the revised uniform, then we support their desire to do just that. The changes will impact the current Year 11 and Year 12 groups. Senior uniform will (probably) be worn by all Year 13 students next year. You will see below an outline of costs relating to the revised senior uniform. Please be aware that these are tentative costings. We are working with Schooltex as our main supplier as they can offer the most competitive pricings for us.

The revised winter uniform will consist of:

Boys

Green Blazer (with school logo) approx. \$190
Shirt* (white = \$27, green = approx. \$40)
Green Jersey or Vest \$60
School Tie (With school logo or stripes. Design yet to be determined) (\$25)
Grey trousers
Black shoes

Girls

Green Blazer (with school logo) approx. \$190
Blouse* (white = \$27, green = approx. \$40)
Green Jersey or Vest (\$60)
Menzies Tartan kilt
School Tie (With school logo or stripes. Design yet to be determined) (\$25)
Black shoes

*We are investigating both a white and sage green option for the shirt / blouse. The traditional white shirt / blouse is the most cost effective option as it is a 'stock' item. The sage green shirt / blouse is more expensive as it has to be made specifically for us. Please see additional information below.

Some F.A.Q's around Uniform

- ***I'm in favour of the revised Senior Uniform, however I am put-off by the costs involved. Can the school help at all?***
Mr Ward and the Board have indicated that the school will purchase a number of Menzies College Blazers. These will be available for hire to students, at a nominal cost per term. Blazers would need to be returned in good order and with a dry-cleaning receipt. We hope that this will help alleviate some of the financial pressures faced by families.
- ***Why is there a choice of shirt / blouse colours?***
Light green 'v' white shirt / blouse. The students consulted (so far) were overwhelmingly in favour of a white shirt / blouse. However, bearing in mind the nature of our students (active play during break times) would it be sensible to investigate a light green fabric for the shirt / blouse? If we pursued this further we need to be aware that this item will be more expensive than the generic white equivalent.
- ***Will students now wear a tie?***
The small group of students who met with the Schooltex representative were in favour of a green and red striped tie. They also wished to wear the tie each day. However, we would ask our community to consider whether they are in favour of the tie being a permanent item of clothing (i.e. worn throughout the year) or a part of the uniform which is worn only during the winter terms, or on special occasions.

Thanks for taking the time to read and process this information. We value your feedback, so please don't hesitate to contact us at school if you have any queries or questions. Alternatively, we encourage you to view the uniform samples and complete the survey at the school office.

Mrs Lucy McKelvie & Tim Landreth
Senior Deans

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