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**13 March 2015**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

Now that the term is well underway a number of reports on data can be finalised. This week we forwarded to the Ministry our 1st March return. Student numbers of 303 are the highest we have been at this time of year for several years and we had a final 2015 intake of 61 new students, 40 of whom are in Year 7 and the other 21 spread across the school. Of this, 71 of our students identify as Maori, we have 176 males and 127 females. There are 60 students in Year 9 and now that the return is complete, I have been able to place an advert for an additional part-time teacher to assist these classes in core subjects.

On Thursday night 19 March from 3.45 to 6.15pm we will be holding parent/teacher interviews. Because of building alterations, these will be held in rooms 1 to 6 and the technology block. These interviews are to gain an early indication of how your child has started the year and to raise any issues that may support their learning. To make an online booking go to [www.school.interviews.co.nz](http://www.school.interviews.co.nz) and use the code SLLRR. If you are unable to access this please ring the school office on (03) 2064979. Already 39 families have booked online with 190 interview slots reserved.

I have written previously about the 2014 NCEA results and the difference between roll and participation based data. I take the latter as being the true indicator as these are the students who actually stay the year and sit the exam. The table below is a summary of our past five years of NCEA exams and shows the steady improvement made by our students and effort from staff and parent/caregivers to ensure students do well. Personally, I'm over the moon with the improvement and our community should be also.

	<b>Year 11 Level One</b>	<b>Year 12 Level Two</b>	<b>Year 13 Level Three</b>	<b>University Entrance</b>
<b>2010</b>	60.5	71.0	54.8	48.4
<b>2011</b>	68.3	65.1	56.3	43.8
<b>2012</b>	71.4	75.8	75.0	62.5
<b>2013</b>	74.3	87.0	70.8	54.2
<b>2014</b>	80.5	97.0	92.3	61.5

All the best to our athletics team heading in to the Southland Secondary Sports today. It has been pleasing to see students training for this over the lunch period and I'm sure there will be some impressive performances. Next week, the Otago/Southland athletics will be held in Invercargill.

### Final house points from athletics

903    862    503    692  
TOTARA RATA    RIMU    MATAI

### Congratulations Totara

### PB4L

Congratulations to Ethan Read, Michael Moncur, Brianna Ferguson, Kailey Yeoman and Miss Burgess-Heald for winning the achievement draw for this week. Brianna earned her slip for showing respect by using her manners in whanau time.

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

## 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/caregivers to view on **Monday 16 March at 7pm in the school library** before being introduced to our students. We encourage all parents/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.

Unfortunately due to numbers in the senior school we are unable to offer a workshop to the Year 13 students given the tight time frame that the THETA group are operating on. We have decided to still offer this excellent opportunity by inviting Year 13 students along with their parents/caregivers to preview this performance. We will be holding a barbeque at 6pm to help encourage numbers and all staff who teach or have pastoral care for the Year 13's have been invited along to meet parents. Please take this opportunity to touch base with the staff and also enjoy an excellent performance.

*Mark Kerslake*  
*Head of Department - Physical Education & Health*

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## Careers Department

Our Maori students have been invited to an On Campus Experience at University of Otago and the city of Dunedin. Students will have the opportunity to attend lectures in their areas of interest, as well as meet academic staff and current students. They will experience life in a residential college and will meet the Maori Centre staff who provide great academic support and pastoral care for Maori students when they arrive at the University of Otago.

**Date:** 27-30 April 2015

**Applications close:** 27 March 2015 (5pm)

For more information please consult the following link - <http://www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/maori/otago086752.html>

If you have further queries please contact me at school.

### Important Dates

Thursday 19 March – Lincoln University 9am in Careers room

Thursday 19 March – New Zealand Defence Force 10am in Room 5

Friday 20 March – Otago University 9am in Careers room

Tuesday 28 April – Tertiary information day (see information below)

Wednesday 29 April – C.P.I.T 1pm in Careers room

All Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend and support their son/daughter at these liaison visits. Decisions are quite big for some students and your guidance is strongly recommended.

### Tertiary Information Day

The Dunedin tertiary institutions will be holding their Information Day on Tuesday 28 April 2015. As this is term time, it allows visiting school students the opportunity to experience the uniqueness of the Otago campuses, to attend special presentations and tours and to visit the Residential Colleges.

Menzies College will be taking a bus of Year 12 and 13 students interested in studying in Otago. I have allowed plenty of time advertising this as it gives parents/caregivers the opportunity to get the day off work to go along with their son/daughter. A permission slip will be issued closer to the time and you can indicate if you wish to travel on the bus. There is plenty of space and we encourage you to attend as the whole experience can be quite daunting. I look forward to seeing you all there. For more information go to: [http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open\\_days.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open_days.html)

### Defence Careers Experience (DCE) (13 April -17 April)

This is a five day residential course involving NZDF trade skills, leadership exercises and displays. The Defence Careers Experience (DCE) lets you experience what it is like to be in the NZDF. It will give you a taste of the Navy, Army and Air Force. The Defence Careers Experience is open to secondary school students throughout the South Island. However, it is targeted at Year 12 secondary school students.

*Miss Katie Hall or Stuart Clark*  
*Career Advisors*

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## Special Needs Department

### Easter Raffle

A reminder that the Special Needs Department have an Easter raffle with the proceeds going towards the students' sports programme. Tickets are available at the Menzies College office for \$1 each. The draw will take place on Wednesday 1 April. Thank you in advance for your support.

*Mrs Toni Halliday*  
*Teacher in Charge - Special Needs*

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## Photos

Class and whanau photos are on display in the office foyer. These are named and laminated and cost \$20 each. Fun photos including house photos, house leaders and head students etc cost \$12 each and are a print only. Orders with money included, can be placed in the envelope provided at the office. Orders close on Friday 27 March. Please note there is no eftpos available for these orders as the money goes direct to Mr Horrell.

## Menzies College Rugby

All teams are now training. A reminder to players, it is important to get to practises where possible as the coaches are developing their teams and patterns etc. We have an awesome team of coaches and managers for the upcoming season. They are:

**1st XV** – Mike Cunningham, Jimmy Braven, Steven Stuart

**Under 16** – Matt & Corrina Medley, Casey McEwan, Casey Robertson

**Under 14** – Jamie Johnstone, Bex Brown, Josh Moir

**Year 7 & 8** – James North, Clark and Nardine Rhind

The committee is delighted to have such a great team on board this season. Please remember subs are due and a reminder that players going on the Australian sports trip must pay their subs before departure. Managers have the forms and can access shorts, socks and ties if needed. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, 14 April at 7.30pm in the school Library.

### Subs

Team	Sub	Sub After 31/5/15
Year 7 and 8	\$50	\$65 (jersey supplied for the season)
U14/U16	\$50	\$65 (jersey supplied for the season)
First XV	\$150	\$175 (jersey and socks supplied)

### Gear

Red rugby shorts - \$27.50; rugby socks - \$15.50; green tie - \$18. (Under 14 teams and above, to be worn with a white dress shirt and blue jeans to all games). This offer is only available until 28 March, as bulk buying has given us the opportunity to purchase at these prices. Order forms and subscriptions payment forms are available from your managers. Payment options are also listed on the order form which was sent home with the boys.

*Bob Wallis*  
Secretary

## Menzies College Australian Sports Tour 2015

The travel insurance has now been paid and you have 14 days (from 9 March) to follow up the medical assessment for any pre-existing conditions. Please see the hand out you have been given for the policy wording information referred to below. Thanks to those that have tidied up the financial side of things this week, things are nearly completed now. Travelling parents, a reminder to email me your activity selections so I can try and give you your choices.

### Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

The definition and information on how to obtain cover for a pre-existing medical condition is outlined in your 'Policy Wording'. Please ensure you read through this information carefully to ascertain whether you have a pre-existing medical condition and to determine whether you require additional cover for the condition/s. Please be aware that if you want additional cover you must follow the process outlined in the policy wording. Please contact your House of Travel consultant (Jo Beddard) for assistance. For a medical assessment please call 0800 420 248.

Also, a reminder that rugby and netball registrations and subs need to be completed as soon as possible please.

*Carole Bee*

### Netball

Netball players who don't play for the Menzies Netball Club will pay a reduced \$50 sub to the club. If they subsequently play for the club for three games, they must pay the balance of the full sub. All subs including Menzies Netball Club players must be paid before the girls receive their dresses, bibs and gear. Invoices will be sent to players.

*Mrs Sue Shaw*  
Secretary, Menzies College Netball

## Winter Uniform

A reminder to parents/caregivers that girls are to wear their kilts from the beginning of Term 2. We have a few second hand ones for sale or new ones can be purchased from the office. If we need to place more orders they will take 10 weeks so it is advisable to get this sorted now.

## Community Notices

### Wyndham Squash Club

The AGM will be held on Friday 20 March, 7pm at the Menzies Squash Courts followed by social squash games. If you wish to play interclub please attend this meeting or contact Carlyn on (03) 2064373.

### Wyndham Netball Club

Registration/Ball Skills day will be held on Thursday 19 March at the Netball Courts, Raglan Street at 3.30pm for all players from Year 3 to secondary age who wish to play this season. Trials will take place over the following two weeks, dates to be confirmed. Any apologies/enquiries to Trudie Wilson (03) 2064078 or Nicky Wallace (03) 2064127.

## English Department

### ENG101 assessment dates

AS90854 – Form personal response to independently read texts, supported by evidence -

Response # 2 –Wednesday 18 March, period 4

Response # 3 –Wednesday 22 April, period 4

Response # 4 –Wednesday 13 May, period 4

Response # 5 –Wednesday 3 June, period 4

Response # 6 –Wednesday 1 July, period 4

AS90857 – Construct and deliver an oral text -

Monday 30 March: periods 1 – 5. Please note that students will be required for the whole day.

*Ms Sonja Swale*

*Head of Department - English*

## Science Department

### Rural Studies

Last Thursday Marie-Ellen Beggs took Sarah Andrews, Allynah Paderanga, Brittany Tiller and Naam Whan Panto to Kamahi to collect wild seedlings from along the roadside. The aim is to transplant the seedlings in Beggs Bush where gorse has been removed. The students enjoyed the morning tea provided by Marie- Allen.



*L to R: Naam Whan Panto, Brittany Tiller, Allynah Paderanga, & Sarah Andrews*



*Sarah Andrews*

*Mrs Toni Halliday*

*Rural Studies Teacher*

## Mark's Mission

Thank you to the students who attended the recent social to raise funds for Mark Mandeno and his long journey to recovery after his devastating accident. With donations from staff included, a total of \$430 was raised and this has been forwarded to him. We wish Mark and his family all the best for their long journey.

## Important Dates

<b>March</b>	16	Incubator visit 1.20pm Sexwise Parents evening - 7pm in the school library (BBQ at 6pm) LMV Athletics
	17	Sexwise Year 9 & 10
	18	Sexwise - Seniors
	19	Defence Force visit 10am Lincoln University visit 9am Parent/Teacher interviews
	20	Otago University visit 9am
	24-27	ERO at school
	25	Incubator hospital visit No. 1
	26	Art exhibition
	27	Literacy Day
	30 - <b>April 2</b>	Wanaka Camp Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience
<b>April</b>	2	Last day of Term 1
	3	Good Friday
	20	First day back of Term 2

## Blanket Consent Forms

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events/activities that occur outside the classroom, both on and off the school site. This includes sport. Here at Menzies College we use a range of environments and experiences to enhance our students' learning. We feel that our students need to learn how to be safe and value the concept of providing students with a range of opportunities. Thus, some of the learning for students occurs beyond the school site and this document is seeking your consent for your child/ren to participate in such learning.

**All new students to Menzies College have been given a blanket consent form to fill out and return to the school office.** It would be appreciated if these could be returned urgently if you have not already done so. This is used to cover students participating in activities on school grounds and off-site short visits in the local community within school hours (horticulture, agriculture, adventure based learning, measuring in maths, museum, art gallery, sport events, cross-country training).

If you have any queries around this, please don't hesitate to give me a call at school for further discussion.

*Mrs Alice Cade  
EOTC Co-ordinator*

## Menzies College Soccer

### Soccer Subs 2015

These are \$40 per player which covers entry fee and administration costs. Payment can be made immediately and cheques are to be made payable to Menzies College. Other costs that could occur are transport if we do not have enough parents to help out and in these instances, students will be asked to make a contribution towards travel. A letter has been sent home about helping with transport and if you can assist, please fill out the details and return this to Mr Lambert. This will help keep costs down.

### Soccer Playing Equipment

Players will need soccer boots and shin-pads (\$5 to \$6 at The Warehouse) for the coming season. If you need boots we do have some second hand ones for sale at very cheap prices. Players will be provided with a playing shirt and they will also need black shorts and socks which can be ordered if needed.

### EOTC Permission Form (Very Important)

This form must be signed and returned to Mr Lambert as soon as possible.

### Ordering Menzies College Soccer Gear

Players can order hoodies (black and green) and we also have a polo shirt that can be worn to games. There is also a warm-up jacket, black shorts and socks available. **Any orders must be given to Mr Lambert not the office.** Please remember orders must have the money attached before they will be placed.

### Trainings

This year training for girls will be on a Wednesday during Term 1 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. In Term 2 the following changes will occur:

1st XI Girls	Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5pm (Term 2)
Development Team	Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm (Term 2)
1st XI Boys	Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm (Term 2)

### Team Officials

1st XI Girls	Mr Lambert (Coach), manager TBA
Development Team	Mr Lambert (Coach), manager TBA
1st XI Boys	Mr Landreth (Manager), coach TBA

### Up Coming Dates

18 March	Girls Training 3.30pm to 5pm
25 March	Pre-Season friendly 1st XI vs Development Team

### 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'. If you need any more information please contact me here at Menzies College - Carl Lambert (03) 2064979 or email [clambert@menzies.school.nz](mailto:clambert@menzies.school.nz)

## Well done Pete!

Pete Wilkinson went to Taupo last weekend to compete in Ironman New Zealand. The event is a 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride and a 42.2km run. He completed it in 10 hours, 1 minute and 3 seconds. He was placed 12th in his age group out of 180 and 62nd out of 1,250 competitors overall. Training begins in a week for Ironman NZ 2016.



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