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**8 May 2015**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

On Monday the draft copy of our recent Education Review Office visit was provided to the Board and Staff to seek comment before a final confirmed copy is presented. This is an exceptionally good report and all members of our school and school community should feel very proud of their input towards achieving this. It recognises the very good work that has occurred over the last few years and rightly points us towards the next steps in these developments. I could include a lot of comments from the report but a confirmed report will eventually be available on our website. I will just quote their brief conclusion:

*"Students interact positively across the age ranges. They engage well in their learning. They appreciate the way staff work to make learning interesting and challenging. Teachers are planning how to lift levels of achievement where accelerated improvement is needed. Senior students achieve well and actively plan for success beyond school".*

On Monday we will take nine Year 7 and 8 students through to The National Young Leaders Days at the Dunedin Town Hall. This presentation is for Year 7 and 8 students only and is a great opportunity to hear some of our modern day leaders and personalities talk about being a leader. The intention of the presentation is to inspire and motivate our young people with positive life stories and personal values.

If you want a most inspiring presentation attend THE TEENAGE BRAIN with Nathan Mikaere-Wallis evening in Gore on 10 June. Details are in this newsletter but you will need to book. If you are unsure if this is for you and your teenage child, google it and listen to his content. Our staff will attend one of his workshops on our Teacher Only Day on 29 May, along with the other rural secondary schools. I understand some of our contributing schools are also having professional development days on the Friday of Queen's Birthday weekend.

About the time you read this newsletter our Head of Maths, Mr Brendon Wallace will have just completed the 250km bike ride from Queenstown to Invercargill to assist in raising funds for the local Chopper Appeal. Brendon collected more than \$800 through the school and another \$300 from friends and family for this very valuable service. We have had to use this service in the past with school camps and it is essential that it can be maintained as an affordable service.

### PB4L

Congratulations to Luke Goatley, Renee McLellan, Nic Nunez, John Moir and Mrs Stirling for winning the achievement draw this week. Renee received hers for Striving for Excellence in Maths. It has been fantastic to see the number of achievement slips entered in the draw each week. Next week we will be splitting into seniors and juniors.

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

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## Board of Trustees Report

A general meeting of the Menzies College Board of Trustees was held on Thursday 28 March and as usual it was a full agenda. Among the strategic discussions we held, the proposed introduction of a senior uniform was discussed. The Board are very thankful to Mrs Lucy McKelvie and Mr Carl Lambert for the time they have taken to consult with the student body and also to Mrs McKelvie for her time in putting a proposal and possible costs together for public consultation. Due to what the Board felt was a very low response to the previous community consultation (we would like to have confidence that any decision we make has the backing of the majority of families in the school), it was decided that we will mail the consultation document again to all families and we strongly urge you to have your say so we can make an informed decision. These papers will be numbered to insure only one return per family.

Mr Ward reported that the Lower Mataura Valley Community of Schools application (part of the Investing in Educational Success government initiative) has been accepted and we are joined by Wyndham, Edendale, Glenham and Tuturau Primary Schools to work collaboratively to improve the communication and the sharing of professional skills between schools. The aim is to improve our students' experience as they move between these schools and also to ensure transitions are smooth and that we are making the most of the skills and practises that our schools already have in place. This group has held its first meeting and is already identifying ways in which we can benefit each other and our students.

At our last meeting the Board voted to spend a sum of money on upgrading Computer room 2 and also the computers in it. This work was carried out during the school holidays and the result is a much more pleasant and functional learning space and two rooms of functioning computers. Thank you to Mr Eamon Dakin and Mr Matt Cook for their extra effort over the holidays to make this happen for our students. We also noted that we have been able to move back into the Foods room with some minor finishing work to happen in there.

Mr Ward also reported that a large group of senior students attended an open day at Otago University and Polytechnic and it is pleasing that such a large number are considering tertiary education as an option to begin their path to become 'Life Long Learners'.

Tyrone Braven, the student representative, reported briefly on the successful Menzies College Sports Tour to Australia that took place recently. The sporting experiences were positive and worthwhile and the theme parks and shopping were pretty good too.

There were also a large number of school camp proposals approved for this term indicating term 2 is also going to be a busy one. The Board are always very thankful to the staff who take responsibility for organising and running these camps as it is a tremendous responsibility we place on their shoulders with some of these camps taking place in very unique and challenging environments.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28 May 2015 at 7pm in the transition room.

*Carole Bee*  
*Chairperson Menzies College Board of Trustees*

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## Special Needs Department

### Entertainment Book 2015-16

This book is now available from our office at a cost of \$60 and entitles the purchaser to hundreds of valuable offers for restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more, in the Otago and Southland region. This year there is also a digital membership option for use on Smartphones. This is a fundraising venture for Special Needs students and your support would be greatly appreciated. These books can be used from now until June, 2016. Email enquiries are welcome.

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

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## English Department

### English 101 Assessment dates

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

Response # 4 –Wednesday 13 May, period 4

Response # 5 –Wednesday 3 June, period 4

Response # 6 –Wednesday 1 July, period 4

*Ms Sonja Swale*  
*Head of Department - English*

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***Want to stay in the loop? Forgot it was mufti day?***  
***Sick of not knowing what time your trip leaves?***

To keep in touch with what is happening at Menzies College, simply text 'follow themenziesway' to 8987. This will allow you to receive updates by text message on your phone. You do not need to be a user of Twitter to receive these texts. Messages will be limited to things like: informing you of practice cancellations, reminders of upcoming events, meeting changes etc. If you are a Twitter user follow us! @themenziesway

## Science Department

### Year 9 Rural Studies

The Year 9 Rural Studies students carved the American Patti Pumpkins in a Halloween theme. The students lit a candle inside to see the effect of the light. The carved pumpkins were taken to the primary school where their students had grown the same kind of pumpkins.



Mrs Toni Halliday  
Rural Studies Teacher

Left to Right: Breana Harvey, Sarah Andrews, Shaz Harvey and Allynah Paderanga

## Camps



At the end of Term 2 (23 to 26 June) Year 9 students will be going on camp to the Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre. This camp is a good opportunity for students to experience and practise what they have learnt in class over the course of this term. The activities are undertaken in small groups and are an ideal way for them to practise working co-operatively in a small group. Some of the activities are kayaking, abseiling, confidence course, bush navigation, nature walk and a flying fox.

The cost of the camp is \$140. If you would like to come along as a parent/caregiver help could you please contact the school and leave your name and contact details and if you are able to take a vehicle or not. If you would like to set up an automatic payment to pay for the camp the details are: 03 0962 0044848 000 (Wespac Bank). Please enter the student's surname followed by their initial or first name. Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly or monthly depending on your circumstances. Thank you for your continued support, without which camps would not be able to go ahead. If you have any questions, please contact either Matt Cook or Nicola Speakman (Year 9 and 10 Deans) at school on (03) 206 4979.

### Deep Cove Camp - 23 June-2 July

An information letter including costs (estimated approximately \$200) will be sent home to parents/caregivers soon. Parents attending camp will have the opportunity to meet with Deep Cove staff. Details will be outlined in the letter.

## **'BLUGURU'**

**Friday 15th May - 9am**

**Menzies College School Hall**

*Menzies College has the exciting opportunity for our Year 7-10 students to experience a fantastic Indian and Bollywood musical presentation.*

*BluGuru gives students a fascinating insight into Indian music, dance and culture.*

*During the performance, students will be taught a full Bollywood routine; students, parents and teachers alike can participate!*

*The cost will be \$4.50 for students. Parents and members of the community are very welcome for the same price. Bring your best swivelling hips!*

**WHEN: Friday 15th May**

**TIME: 9am**

**WHERE: Menzies School Hall**

## Absent Students

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who notify the school by leaving a message when their students are absent from school. Please be aware that our text message system for absences is still not working but hopefully will be in the next few weeks.

## Menzies College Rugby

### Results - 2 May

Preston Russell 1st XV	v	Waikiwi - 43-7 win – Solid result, good rugby
Titiroa Transport U16	v	Te Anau - 0-100 loss – Work to be done, but this team has heaps of potential
Tisbury Wools U14	v	Te Anau - 48-5 win – Watch this team, you won't be disappointed
U13		A bye last week

### Draw - 9 May

Preston Russell 1st XV	v	St Peters at St Peters No. 1 - 1.15pm
Titiroa Transport U16	v	St Peters at St Peters No. 2 - 1.15pm
Tisbury Wools U14	v	DLS Midlands Red at Menzies 1 - 12.00pm
A Grade U13	v	DLS at Menzies 1 - 10:30am

### Note for players

Now is the time to put in the hard work to achieve good results. Keep positive, work hard and listen to the coaches. A reminder that subs are due. Please check with your managers and get any outstanding subs paid.

The next committee meeting is 7.30pm, Thursday 14 May in the school Library.

***Menzies Rugby would like to acknowledge the generous support we receive from the following:***

***Preston Russell, Haakman Bulbs, Vetco, Titiroa Transport, Tisbury Wools,  
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***Please support the businesses who support our rugby.***

Bob Wallis

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## Menzies College Soccer

### Soccer Subs 2015

These will be \$40 per player which covers entry fee and administration costs. Other costs that could arise are transport if we do not have enough parents to help out. Students will then be asked to help with those costs.

### League Start dates

Girls 1st XI Team; Premier Competition starts 27 May  
Girls Development Team; Division Two Competition starts 13 May  
Boys 1st XI Team; (to be confirmed - waiting on Southland Football to get back to us)

### EOTC permission form (very important)

This form must be signed and returned to Mr Lambert as soon as possible. Payment can be made immediately with cheques payable to Menzies College. A letter has also been sent home regarding transport. If you can help out with this, please complete the details and return the form to Mr Lambert. This will help keep costs down for the players.

### 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.

### Training

Training will take place on Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 5pm for girls and Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm for boys. Girls can attend the boys' training if they cannot attend on Tuesday.

### Important up coming dates

11 May	Quiz Night 7pm, Three Rivers Hotel
12 May	Training 3.30pm to 5pm
13 May	Development Team, 1st league match
18 May	Quiz Night 7pm, Three Rivers Hotel
19 May	7 a-side Tournament in Lumsden
20 May	Development Team, 2nd league match
	1st XI vs CSC 4pm (to be confirmed)
26 May	Training 3.30pm to 5.00pm
27 May	1st XI, 1st league match
	Development Team 3rd league match

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)

Check out our Facebook page 'MENZIES COLLEGE SOCCER' - put it into search engine on internet and it will come up!

## Menzies College Netball

### Results - Grading Games 2 May

Menzies A - 23	Blue Mountain A - 24
Menzies B - 23	Gore High 10A - 26
Menzies Dvt - 26	St Peters Green - 16
Menzies Green - 16	Gore High 10C - 19

### Draw – Grading Games 9 May

Menzies A	v	Gore High B - Court 1 at 10.35am
Menzies B	v	St Peters B - Court 2 at 1.20pm
Menzies Dvt	v	Blue Mountain Dvt - Court 2 at 12.25pm
Menzies Green	v	Blue Mountain Silver - Court 3 at 10.35am

## Basketball

### Draw

Years 7, 8, 9 Team	v	Longford, Wednesday at 4.30pm
Senior Boys	v	St Peters, Wednesday at 5.20pm

# Quiz League!

When – Monday 4th, 11th and 18th of May

Where – Three Rivers Hotel

Time – 7pm start

Cost - \$5 per person. Teams of 4 (\$20) each night.

Entry – Please register your interest to Victoria Clark 0279619840 – [victoria.clark1997@icloud.com](mailto:victoria.clark1997@icloud.com) or Carl Lambert 0278174081- [clambert@menzies.school.nz](mailto:clambert@menzies.school.nz) .

At the conclusion of the quiz league an overall prize will be given to the team with the most points from the 3 nights combined generously sponsored by The Three Rivers Hotel.

Raffles will be drawn throughout the evening in between rounds and we will also have a grocery raffle for sale over the three nights as well.



**Please come along and support our  
1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls soccer team so we can  
go to the National Tournament in  
Ashburton**





## Important Dates

<b>May</b>	13	Southland Cross Country HPV Vaccination No. 2
	19	7-a-side Health Careers Expo Year 10-11
	29	Teacher Only Day - School closed for students
<b>June</b>	1	Queen's Birthday observance - school closed
	3	Junior Tabloid sports
	14-16	Tautuku Pre-camp
	25	Incubator visit to hospital
	23-26	Year 9 Tautuku camp
	23-2 <b>July</b>	Year 7 & 8 Deep Cove camp
<b>July</b>	3	Haka and Waiata competition Last day Term 2
	20	First day Term 3

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## 'The Teenage Brain' with Nathan Mikaere-Wallis

(Teenagers are invited to attend with their parents at no additional cost!)

Nathan explains the massive changes the teenage brain undergoes and covers

- "brain based" tips to help you understand the Teenage Brain
- "brain based" tips for successful parenting

This workshop explores and explains the latest understandings of the adolescent brain and the changes that are taking place. An understanding of these changes allows us to be innovative in our approach to young people. It is an interactive programme that encourages discussion. Topics covered include:

- risk taking
- decision making
- alcohol and drugs
- technology
- sleep patterns
- peer pressure
- plus much, much more

TIME: 7pm - 9:30pm

DATE: Wednesday 10 June

VENUE: James Cumming Wing, Gore

COST: \$25

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## Community Notices

### Wyndham Community Pool

A reminder that pool keys can be returned to the Menzies College office for a \$10 refund until 22 May. You also have the option of keeping your key until next season. The pool is now closed. A very big thank you to everyone that supported the pool this season.

### Elwing Discoveries

The next holiday adventure voyage aboard Elwing will take place from the 5-9 October this year. Our holiday adventure programmes cater to Years 6, 7 and 8. They are wonderful opportunities for the kids to gain a bit of confidence, meet new people and have a lot of fun. We have ten berths available. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries. Our annual combined schools voyage that caters to Year 9 and 10 students is coming up in November. For further information visit [elwingdiscoveries.com](http://elwingdiscoveries.com) or email [elwingdiscoveries@gmail.com](mailto:elwingdiscoveries@gmail.com)

### Free Dental Day

Do you suffer from dental problems but can't seek care due to cost? Do you have a current Community Service Card? Here is an opportunity to get one dental problem sorted. The New Zealand Dental Association and the Southern Cross Health Trust are offering a free dental day on Friday 15 May 2015. Lumino the Dentist Gore Dental Care are providing their dental practice at 5 Irk Street, Gore for use during this day. Appointments are limited – so book your place now. Call 0800 FREE SMILE/0800 373 376. Please Note: We are expecting high demand for this service so you must have an appointment. Some delays are likely on that day, so please be prepared to wait.

### Hip Hop Classes

The Gore and District Community Youth Worker Trust is running a FREE beginner Hip Hop class this term for ages 10-15years (8 spots available). Classes run on Mondays 3.30-4.45pm with afternoon tea provided. If you are interested please contact Kylie, [youthactivities@cnt.org.nz](mailto:youthactivities@cnt.org.nz), 0221355198.

# Help raise money for our local chopper



including  
Mr. Wallace

On Friday 8th May, 60 Southerners will cycle 250km from Queenstown to Invercargill (via Nightcaps) to raise funds for our local Chopper trusts. Please support our riders by pledging or donating at [fundraiseonline.co.nz/WestpacSouthlandBikeRide/](http://fundraiseonline.co.nz/WestpacSouthlandBikeRide/)

All funds raised by **MENZIES COLLEGE** will benefit our local rescue chopper services.





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