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28 May 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

I mentioned last month that the draft copy of our ERO report had arrived. This is now a confirmed copy and will shortly be available on our school website. We have a report that we can feel exceptionally proud of and for the students, staff and community a reflection of the hard work that collectively has gone in to making our school better. Of course there are some work-ons which is the good thing about ERO, they assist in giving ideas to sustain and improve school practice. In brief here is a summary of their key findings:

'Over the last three years the school's culture has been strengthened and improved. Students benefit from a positive, settled and caring school environment. They show pride in their school. Students know each other well and interact positively across the age ranges. They show very high levels of participation in sporting and other school activities. This contributes to the way they engage positively in their learning. ERO noted a strong focus on the school's values of being safe, showing respect and striving for excellence.

Teachers' curriculum development has included a strong focus on strengthening teaching. This has been done by targeted professional learning and development. It has been well linked to teachers' appraisal and the way they inquire into their practice. Students benefit from a wide range of interesting, engaging, relevant experiences to support and enrich their learning.

Students know what they need to learn and what they need to do to achieve their goals. Students benefit from regular written feedback from teachers about their progress towards their goals. They can confidently talk about what they enjoy in their learning, what helps them learn including what teachers do to help. Students feel that if they are having challenges with their learning they will get help. They appreciate the way teachers gather their opinions about the aspects of teaching that work for them and how teachers respond to make learning better. Senior students' achievement is improving significantly in NCEA. A greater proportion of students are leaving school with Level 2 NCEA.

Students who have higher needs are well supported in their learning and wellbeing. They are well integrated into the life of the school. Staff members prioritise the importance of positive relationships to support the wellbeing of students and to build a sound foundation for learning.

The curriculum for individual senior students is highly personalised and flexible. They plan for their future beyond school by selecting course options that link well with their vocational pathways of interest and choice. Students receive useful support as they transition out of the school.

Māori students are increasingly positively engaged in learning and the wider life of the school The opinions and ideas of Māori students are sought, valued and responded to. Māori students at Menzies College know their culture is valued and respected in the life of the school. The core concepts of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, tuakana-teina and rangatiratanga are a natural part of the way things are done at the school.

The school has improved its performance in a number of areas since the last ERO report and is now better placed to sustain what is working well and continue to improve its performance.

Trustees have useful and well documented processes for governance.'

Gerry Ward Principal

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Congratulations to Annalie Woodrow, Rayden Todd, Kailey Yeoman, Richard Ranstead and Mr Scarth for winning the achievement draw this week. Richard got his for 'Showing Respect' by being helpful in class and going the extra mile.

Careers Department

Ex-student Jeffrey Robinson will be at school on Wednesday 3 June at lunchtime in the Library to talk to students about his Lincoln studies and scholarship. This is open to all year levels and anyone interested in studying at Lincoln.

Russell McVeagh School Leavers' Scholarship

Applications will be available via our website www.summerclerk.co.nz Application forms are also available from the school office but online applications are preferred.

For online applications, students will need to submit electronic copies of:

- a 500 word cover letter outlining why they want to become a lawyer
- a school testimonial
- a reference
- their CV
- their academic records to date
- a passport sized photo (optional)

Applications for this scholarship are open from Tuesday 2 June 2015 until 5pm on Friday 3 July 2015.

Miss Katie Hall Careers Advisor

Importa	ant Dates			
June	1	Queen's Birthday observance - school closed		
	14-16	Tautuku Pre-camp		
	15-18	8BY & some of 8CL - Deep Cove camp (NB Change of dates - parents have been advised)		
	17-18	Year 12 Chemistry - Titration Day		
	18-21	8VW & some of 8CL - Deep Cove camp (NB Change of dates - parents have been advised)		
	21-24	8KH & rest of 8CL - Deep Cove camp (NB Change of dates - parents have been advised)		
	25	Incubator visit to hospital		
	23-26	Year 9 Tautuku camp		
July	2	Parent Teacher Interviews		
	3	Haka and Waiata competition		
		Last day Term 2		
	20	First day Term 3		
	24	School Ball - Teacher Only Day		

Menzies College Rugby

Results - 23 May

Preston Russell Law 1st XV v Gore High School lost 15-16. Unlucky but a good improvement on the previous week. (My application for putting the wrong game and ground in last week's newsletter).

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Titiroa Transport U16	V	Gore High School 2nd XV lost 5-45. Commitment and confidence needed.			
Tisbury Wools U14	V	James Hargest High School won 51-0. Great team attitude and commitment.			
Vetco Menzies A Grade U13	V	Ohai/Nightcaps A Grade lost 10-35. These guys are improving and the scores do not reflect how good they are.			

Draw - 30 May

Preston Russell 1st XV	V	Southland Boys High School Blue at Centrepoint park 11 - 1.15pm
Titiroa Transport U16	V	Southland Boys High School Blue at Centrepoint park 12 - 1.15pm
Tisbury Wools U14	V	Tru-test Gore High School at Gore High 2 - 12pm

Vetco Menzies A Grade U13 v Central Pirates at Central Pirates on **Thursday night 28 May - 5.30pm**

We are seeing skill levels rising and there was some real commitment in terrible weather last Saturday. It's a team game, so all the squad must contribute.

- * A reminder to all supporters that they must stay behind designated barriers erected at grounds. There are strict rules and your team can and will, be penalised if we do not stay behind these barriers. Please keep back.
- * A reminder that subs are due. Please check with your manager and get any outstanding subs paid.
- * The club is planning a club day on Saturday 13 June. It will be our chance to thank our sponsors and give our community a chance to see all our guys play. Details will follow, but it will be a great day to watch all our players.

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

English 101 Assessment dates

AS90854 – Form personal response to independently read texts, supported by evidence - Response # 5 –Wednesday 3 June, period 4 Response # 6 –Wednesday 1 July, period 4

Ms Sonja Swale Head of Department - English

Science Department - Year 12 Chemistry

Year 12 titration day - Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 June, all day based in Lab one - 4 internal credits. This will not be offered at another time so attendance is a must! Any questions or concerns see Mrs Dale as soon as possible.

Menzies College Soccer

New Sponsors for Boys 1st XI & Girls 1st XI

I would like to announce our boys 1st XI soccer team has a team sponsor. Kelly Irwin of First National Real Estate has agreed to sponsor this team for the coming season and we look forward to a continued partnership growing in the future. The boys team will be named **KELLY IRWIN FIRST NATIONAL REAL ESTATE MENZIES.** Thank you to Kelly Irwin and First National, we are proud to be associated with their company. Also a big thank you to the MLT for their continued support with soccer at Menzies College.

The girls 1st XI will be known as MLT Menzies for the coming season. Thank you again to our new sponsors we appreciate your ongoing support.

Boys Team gain first points for season

Kelly Irwin First National Real Estate Menzies travelled to Invercargill to play Aurora College. They needed to improve from their last game. At the beginning of the game Menzies started strong and scored first through Lachie King. After that Menzies relaxed a little and let Aurora back into the game with two goals to be down 2-1. Menzies gained ascendency once again and scored to level the score with another well taken goal by Lachie King. This was a great result boys and much improved on last week's performance.

MLT Menzies starts league campaign with win

MLT Menzies started their first league game with a 3-0 win over Central Southland. In the first half Menzies dominated the game and had about 85% of the ball but could not finish any chances they made. In the second half MLT Menzies stepped up the pressure in terms of the Centrals defence on their touches and was able to score three well taken goals through Harlee (2 goals) and Holly.

Players of the match

(Girls 1st XI) Holly Smith and Rhylee McGregor

Menzies (Dev Girls) Becky McEwan Menzies (Boys 1st XI) Lachie King

Game Results

Menzies (Girls 1st XI) 3 – 0 Central Southland College 1st XI (Div 1) scorers - Harlee 2, Holly 1

Menzies (Dev Girls) 0 – 13 Verdon College 1st XI (Div 2)

Menzies (Boys 1st XI) 2 – 2 Aurora College 1st XI (Div 2) scorer - Lachie King 2

Draw - Wednesday 3 June

(Girls) MLT Menzies 1st XI vs James Hargest "A" 4pm (in Invercargill)

(Girls) Menzies "B" vs SGHS Red (At Menzies)

(Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Real Estate Menzies - No Game

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.

Check out our Facebook page; "MENZIES COLLEGE SOCCER" put it into search engine on internet and it will appear. If you need any more information please contact me here at Menzies College- Carl Lambert 032064979 or clambert@menzies.school.nz

Important up coming dates

2 June Girls Training
3 June League Games

- (Girls) 1st XI vs James Hargest "A" 4pm (in Invercargill)

- (Girls) Menzies "B" vs SGHS Red (at Menzies)

- (Boys)
4 June
9 June
10 June
No Game
Boys Training
Girls Training
League Games

- (Girls)1st XI
 - (Girls) Menzies "B"
 - (Boys) 1st XI
 vs SGHS "A" 4pm (Menzies)
 vs SGHS Blue 4pm (at Menzies)
 vs SBHS - T.B.C (at Menzies)

11 June Boys Training

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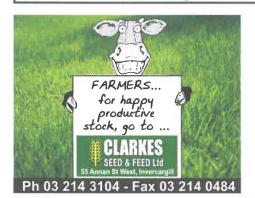
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