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**3 July 2015**

## **From the Principal's Desk**

### **Kia Ora**

Many thanks to the parents/caregivers who attended last night's parent/teacher evening. These conversations are important as we all work together on the learning of our students and shape a pathway for future academic success during the remainder of the school year. It is important that these plans are now adhered to and we share in monitoring the progress of students. Today we had our Kapa Haka-Waiata House Competition and although at the time of printing we do not know the results, observations from practices would indicate that it will be very tight for the judges to select a winner. This competition has seen a number of our students step up as leaders and in the end this is a most important aspect in the purpose of these House competitions. The more "student led" we can have these competitions the better the engagement we see from the other students. We also see the huge benefits of the work undertaken by Bex Brown with our Kapa Haka group coming through at this time.

Over the month of July we had our Year 7 & 8 students away at Deep Cove, our Year 9's at Tautuku and our special needs students up in Queenstown. Despite the weather we had here, most groups had great conditions to undertake set activities in and all parties have come back enthused by the attitude of the students and the challenges they completed. Many thanks to the staff, parents and senior students who made these camps so enjoyable.

This seems to have been a long term and certainly there have been signs of students feeling the pinch as more illness and tiredness sets in. It is crucial that students take time to refresh but also manage the assignments and study that must be completed during the break.

Menzies College and our four key contributing schools have been successful in establishing ourselves as a "Community of Schools" which is part of the Government's Invest in Education Programme. We are the only cluster of this nature south of Christchurch and are reasonably well set up due to the existing partnerships that were in place. We will be holding a consultation evening for about an hour on July 29th in the school hall starting at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome as we inform you of how a Community of Schools can operate and welcome your inputting of ideas to this. All the jobs have been allocated, there is no committee....it's just your vision and ideas we want to be consulted about. Information regarding this is further on in the newsletter.

G Ward  
Principal

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## English Department

### English 101 Assessment dates

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

*Ms Sonja Swale  
Head of Department - English*

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## NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance for 2015

### Fees for Domestic Candidates

Entry for all NZQA standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects

Additional Scholarship entries

All fees need to be paid in to the school office by 21 August.

### Fee

\$76.70

\$30.00 per subject

Forms for financial assistance are available at the office, they reduce the fee to \$20 for one candidate or \$30 for two or more.

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## Daily Notices

The Daily Notices (used to get day-to-day information out to students) has moved to an on-line system. This means that we are now able to have these available on the school website for anyone to read. This has huge advantages: staff are able to edit the notices from anywhere at any time, students are able to read/check them at any time, the community is able to read them and (probably most importantly) parents are able to access them. Go to [www.menzies.school.nz](http://www.menzies.school.nz) and click on the "Daily Notices" button to check it out. As with in the past, if you have a notice that you want added, please contact the school office.

We are using Google to do this – if anyone uses Google Apps on their devices (phone, iPad, tablet etc) and wants to have the file shared with them, please e-mail [brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz](mailto:brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz). This will allow you to read them on your device without having to go to the school website.

## Skiing

The first Ski trip is planned for Sunday 26th July (first Sunday back next term). This trip is to The Remarkables and (as with all our trips) is open to all students in all year levels. Information and permission forms have been available from the office for the past two weeks and are to be returned with payment by the first Wednesday back (22 July). The cost is \$120 which includes travel, ski/board rental, a lesson and lift pass. We meet at school at 5:20am and aim to return at around 7pm. We are hoping to have enough interest to travel by bus. If any parents and/or siblings are interested in coming on this trip, please contact [brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz](mailto:brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz). We will accommodate you if possible!

If you do not have an information sheet or permission form, you can download these from the school website – go to [www.menzies.school.nz](http://www.menzies.school.nz) and scroll down to the "Hot Links and Downloads" section on the front page.

If you have any other questions, please contact either Mr Wallace or Mrs Cade at school, 2064979.

Brendon Wallace  
Alice Cade

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## Ball Gown Parade

The annual ball gown parade will be held on Monday 27 July at 7.30 pm. If any lovely ladies have ball or cocktail dresses hanging in the wardrobe we would love to borrow them for the evening. We would also really appreciate a variety of wedding dresses to model. All care will be given to any borrowed clothing. Please drop them in to the school office with the name, phone number and when your dress was worn.

Many thanks.

Barb Cowley

## Important

July	3	Haka and Waiata competition
		Last day Term 2
	20	First day Term 3
	24	<b>School Ball - Teacher Only Day</b>
August	6-7	Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Dunedin
	6-8	Year 13 Adventure Development Alpine Trip
	11-13	Year 9-10 Science camp
	21	Last day for payment of NZQA fees
	24	HPV Vaccination
	24-28	School examinations - Year 11-13
	26	Incubator Visit No. 3
	27	BOT meeting (note change of date)
	28	EXCELL Dance Group
	31-4 September	Tournament week
September	4	<b>Teacher Only Day - Workday</b>

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## Board of Trustees Report

The Board held a general meeting last Thursday night. It has been a busy first half of the year with the Education Review Office (ERO) visit and most of the school camps occurring in the first half of the year.

The main topics of discussion at Thursday's meeting were:

- The sale of a school house has released some funds we are able to add to our 5YA (funds that we can spend on building projects such as the recent remodel of the technical block in the next 5 years).
  - Mr Ward presented some data he is beginning to collate around the progress of our year 7 & 8 students as measured by the National Standards. These will be finalised and presented in their final form at the August meeting.
  - A review of the Head of Department reporting process that has been recently completed. The heads report on student achievement and department goals progress for the prior year to the Board and this year we chose to hear these in a group format. Everyone seemed to enjoy the change and further alterations to what we require to be reported and how, was signalled at these meetings following the ERO review.
  - The C Block upgrade is very nearly completed and the overall result is very pleasing with students enjoying the fresher more modern environment in the foods room.
  - The Lower Maitua Valley Community of Schools (formed under the governments Investing in Educational Success programme) is functioning very well and is being held up to other regions as a model that is to be aspired to.
  - The school's finances continue to track well with expenditure within the budget levels expected at this time of the year.
  - Approval was given for a number of EOTC events including a number of sports teams travelling to tournament. We wish these groups well. It is perhaps timely to mention that the school now requires (as part of the Vulnerable Children's Act compliance) all adults that may be in a position to have unsupervised (by a staff member who is a registered teacher) access to students in any capacity in the school, or as part of school activities outside of the classroom or school day, to be Police vetted. This is a simple procedure but it does require some forward planning as the process is currently taking about 8 weeks to complete due to the large number of organisations now required to comply with this.
- We wish the Menzies staff and our school families a safe and restful holiday and hope that students come back refreshed for what is the "business" end of the year, especially for the senior students.

Carole Bee  
Chairperson

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## House points to date

All house points to date not including Kapa Haka Waiata Points.

Rata	232
Totara	215
Matai	206
Rimu	167

## Menzies Rugby

### Results from last week

Preston Russell Law 1st XV lost to South Port NZ/SBS Bank JHHS 1st XV 19-22.

Preston Russell Law 1st XV lost to St. Peters in the under 18 Co-ed schools competition 18-19 on Wednesday night at Edendale.

Titiroa Transport Under 16s drew with South Port NZ/SBS Bank JHHS 28-28. The boys were so close, but let the opposition back in. "It's a 70 minute game"

Tisbury Wools Under 14s lost to Fuji Xerox SBHS Blue 31-34 on Wednesday night. The boys played a great game and should reach the top 4 play offs.

Vetco Menzies A grade game against Otautau has been postponed due to the clash with school camps.

### Draw for this week:

Preston Russell Law 1st XV	v	Laser Electrical Gore High 1st XV at Gore High 1 @1:15pm
Titiroa Transport Under 16s	v	Elders Primary Wool St. Peters at Menzies 1 @1:15pm
Tisbury Wools Under 14s	v	Vet South St. Peters at St. Peters no 2 @12:00pm
Vetco Menzies A grade Under 13s	v	Riverton at Riverton 2 @10:30am

### Reminder

If there are cancellations, the Vetco Menzies A grade Under 13s (sometimes called the year 7 & 8's) play in the Junior Country Wide A grade competition.

Menzies Under 15 Tournament team-Fundraiser Event.

### Please note change of date:

The auction night is now **8th August**, at the Wyndham hall. There are great guest speakers, continuous supper, courtesy coach and heaps of fun. Get a group of friends together, come on down for a great night and support our Under 15 Team. Tickets available at PGG Wrightson Wyndham.

Struggling to stay warm?? The Preston Russell Law 1st XV has dry firewood for sale. Please call Jimmy Braven 0272286354

Check us out on the Menzies rugby face book page, and the Preston Russell Law Website. Each week there are a couple of 1st XV player profiles. [www.PRLaw.co.nz](http://www.PRLaw.co.nz) and follow the following links; COMMUNITY > PR LAW IN THE COMMUNITY >

PRLAW MENZIES COLLEGE FIRST XV

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

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Bob Wallis  
Menzies Rugby

## Menzies College Netball

Results 27th June

Menzies A	36	v	St Marys B	17
Menzies B	19	v	St Peters C	27
Development	20	v	Gore High 10A	25
Menzies Green	17	v	Gore High 9B	33

Draw 4th July

Menzies A vs Blue Mountain A	Ct 1 at 9.40
Menzies B vs Menzies Development	Ct 1 at 2.15
Menzies Green vs Gore High 10C	Ct 4 at 11.30

Good luck to our Development Team who are off to the South Island Junior Tournament in the holidays. Thank you in advance to coach Lois, manager Nicky and umpire Belinda.

Have a fantastic time.!

### Netball Camp

We have 85 very excited campers coming so all hands on deck!

Thanks for all time and food offered so far.

To parents and players of A and B Teams who have not contacted Sue with offers for camp, please do so asap.

Remember A and B team members to provide 6 packets of raro, 50 home baked biscuits, cakes or muffins. 3 small gifts for goody bags.

Please bring these to Pre camp setup Monday 13th at 1pm. All A+B players will help set up sleeping rooms, go over coaching drills and camp programme.

Check your emails for your gear list and any further instructions.

All food to be at kitchen Tues in plenty of time for tea.

Sue Shaw  
Ph: 2064606

## **Menzies College Soccer**

### **New Sponsor for Development Team and Three Rivers Tournament**

Our Three Rivers Soccer Tournament now has a naming sponsor. Walker Mowers have agreed to sponsor the tournament and it will be known as the 'Walker Mowers Three Rivers Soccer Tournament'.

We thank Walker Mowers for their support and looking forward to an ongoing arrangement.

Also the Menzies Development Team will be known as 'Walker Mowers Menzies Development' for the rest of the 2015 season. The Walker Mowers Three Rivers Soccer Tournament will be held at Menzies College on the 2nd & 3rd of August with teams from around Southland and hopefully Otago.

### **Keep up to date with our Facebook Page**

Please make sure you check out the Menzies College Soccer Facebook during the holidays for notices to do with games and trainings that first week.

Walker Mowers Menzies Development Team will need cars for their first game back next term as it is in Invercargill against SGHS Red on Wednesday 22nd July.

MLT Menzies will play James Hargest hopefully on Tuesday 21st July but that is to be confirmed.

Kelly Irwin First National Menzies (Boys) will travel to Wakatipu on Wednesday 22nd July.

### **Soccer Subs are now Due**

All Girls & Boys playing soccer are asked to make sure their subs are paid as soon as practical please. Also if you owe for any gear purchased (hoodies, etc) can you make sure that is paid as well, as we would like to get all outstanding amounts fixed up thanks.

### **Girls Soccer**

Cars needed for the 22nd July Games.

Please can you check with your parents as we need transport for games on the 22nd July, need to transport 16 players to SGHS.

Can you let Mr Lambert or Pania Rayner know thanks.

### **Draw - Wednesday 21st / 22nd July**

(Girls) MLT Menzies 1st XI vs James Hargest 1st XI 4pm (at Menzies )

(Girls) Walker Mowers Menzies "B" vs SGHS Red 4pm (At Invers)

(Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Real Estate Menzies vs Wakatipu 4pm (at Queenstown)

### **Training**

This year Training will be on a Tuesday for the girls and Thursdays for the Boys from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Girls will train on a Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5pm

Boys will train on a Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm

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

If you need any more information please contact me here at Menzies College - Carl Lambert 03 2064979

clambert@menzies.school.nz

### **Important up -coming dates**

Term 3 – first week back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

21st July Girls Training / Game; (Girls) Menzies vs James Hargest TBC

22nd July League Games

- (Girls) MLT Menzies vs James Hargest 4pm (at Menzies) TBC

- (Girls) Menzies Dev vs SGHS Red 4pm (at SGHS)

- (Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Menzies vs Wakatipu 4pm (at Queenstown)

23rd July Boys Training

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