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4 September 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Tournament Week

Many thanks to staff and members of our school community who have given their time to coach or manage these teams during the week and to the parents/caregivers who have shown support over the past four days to approximately 60 students.

The Under 15 rugby team won Division 3 at the South Island co-ed Tournament in Nelson. Given the numerical size of some of the schools they played, this was an amazing effort. It is a good way to finish the season by playing at such a high level of competition.

The girl's soccer team played extremely hard games at the South Island Tournament in Invercargill and finished in the top eight of the competition. There is a report on this team further on in the newsletter.

The netball was held in Timaru and finished mid-field in Division 2 and we look forward to reading a report at a later stage.

Parent/Teacher Interviews (Senior students)

Our senior parent/teacher interviews are fast approaching and we encourage you all to make appointments to speak to your child's teachers. The interviews will be on Monday 21 September from 3.45pm to 6pm and each appointment will be five minutes in duration. To book your appointments on line go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the password **6BNNA** or call the office staff on (03) 206 4979 and they will make the bookings for you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Enrolments for 2016

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have sent in their child's enrolment form for next year. It would be appreciated if these could be sent to us as soon as possible so we can work on details for next year.

PB4L

Congratulations to Shayla Hill, Stuart Gourlie, William Ranstead, Jonas Lindsay and Ms Swale for winning the achievement draw this week. Jonas received his for 'Showing Respect' by being a reliable and pleasant messenger.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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Board of Trustees Report

The Board held a general meeting last Thursday night. We began with a walk through the completed upgrade of 'C' Block and while there are several minor adjustments to be made, we are delighted with the overall look of the fresh and bright new learning spaces that have been created in the foods, fabric and art rooms. The Board has decided to hold its next meeting in the fabrics room.

The Board acknowledged the sad passing of Jayne Diack and wish to express our sympathy and offer our support to Hugh and his family as they travel through this difficult time.

We welcomed Ms Bianca Burgess-Heald as the new staff representative to the Board and said farewell to Nigel Scarth as he leaves us to take on the role of Chairperson of the Wyndham Primary School Board. I wish to thank Nigel very much for his input and open and honest contributions to discussions around the table.

The Board received the data from the uniform survey and as Mr Ward indicated in the newsletter last week, we have voted that the senior uniform be introduced over the remainder of this year and next. All students (including Year 13) will wear uniform next year with the new senior uniform being compulsory from the beginning of 2017. We were mindful that we did not want to force parents/caregivers to outlay for a senior uniform for one year but we look forward to seeing many students take up the option and wear the senior uniform with pride. There is still the final decision on the school tie colours to be made and the Board has decided to allow the senior student body to make that decision. The Senior Management will take responsibility for drafting the rules around the wearing of the uniform, for example, when students are required to wear their ties. It has been a while in the making but we wanted to allow time for consultation and to get an end product that we were all happy with and that allowed our students flexibility and warmth for the winter months. Thank you to the students who have initiated this discussion. This is democracy in action.

The Principal reported on a number of matters including:

- Progress of the Lower Mataura Valley Community of Learning (formerly Community of Schools) which has arrived at an agreed Achievement Plan which has now to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.
- A positive roll prediction for 2016.
- Staff Professional Development that has been undertaken in the last quarter.
- Student Ghosting data (when students need to be removed from their classroom to another because of behaviour that is disruptive) which has been steadily trending down over the last four years.
- Senior students progress towards NCEA levels 1 and 2 and that staff are now actively identifying students at risk of not achieving to provide extra support to get them over the line.

The Board also ratified a number of approvals for tournament teams to travel away and also approved the placement of a school house on the open market.

We regretfully received two staff resignations. Miss Nicola Speakman is moving further north to be nearer her partner and we thank her for her huge contribution to Menzies and for agreeing to see the year out to give our students stability as they move towards exams. Thank you Nicola. We also received the resignation of a true 'Menzies Way' proponent, Mrs Toni Halliday as she retires and begins another phase of her life on Arapawa Island (you may need to Google that one). Toni has been a tremendous supporter of all things Menzies over the years but most recently her development and implementation of the programme for our students with special needs has been a real focus. We will miss both these hard working staff members and I am sure Mr Ward will have a lot more to say towards the end of the year. We wish them both all the best in their future endeavours.

*Mrs Carole Bee
Chairperson*

Careers Department

Student Loan and Student Allowance Session

Applying for a Student Loan or Student Allowance can seem quite daunting. To help our senior students get this process underway we will be offering a session for students and their parents/caregivers. During this session we will seek to inform you to the best of our knowledge, how the process works and what entitlement you might expect and then we will be available to assist you with the online application process. What you need to bring with you is listed below. If you are able to create your RealMe login before the session it will save some time. You can find the information at this web address: <http://www.studylink.govt.nz/>

To apply online you will need:

1. RealMe login or RealMe Verified Identity. To access this service you need a RealMe login. This will give you access to a range of services with a single username and password, and much more. You only need one RealMe login and it's designed to protect your privacy and security.
2. Your IRD number.
3. Your bank account details.
4. Your email address.
5. The name of education provider(s) you will be studying at.
6. Approximate course start and end dates.

Date: Wednesday 14th October **Time:** 4pm to 5:30pm **Where:** Careers Room

*Stuart Clark
Careers Advisor*

Menzies College Soccer

MLT Menzies finish in top 8 at tournament

MLT Menzies have returned from tournament week with their best finish ever at a Tournament, by finishing in eighth place. The girls were amazing during the week being organised and committed to do as well as they could, with four of our seniors playing their last tournament. Our first games on the Monday were against Kavanagh and Buller and finished with a win and a draw from our first two games. The next day (Tuesday) the girls faced our friends at James Hargest and went down in a close game 1-2, but in the afternoon took on one of the favourites for the tournament, Mt Aspiring College and came away with a creditable draw 3-3. On Wednesday the girls faced Papanui (who finished in second place) and a very good Papanui team who played one touch and two touch football and ran away with a convincing win. On Thursday the girls faced South Otago in the seventh and eighth play-off and played right to the end of the game and went down only 1-2 to finish in eighth place for the Tournament. A big thank you to Carmen Andrews and Leah McGregor for their help and also to the parents and teacher that came to support and watch the games.



Congratulations to Holly Smith for being selected as our MVP from the teams we played against at the tournament. This follows on from Holly being selected for the Southland 17th Grade Representative team for 2015. Also a big thank you to Holly Smith, Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich, Victoria Clark and Pania Rayner for their commitment and help with the team over the last six years, you are going to be missed.

Results

Monday - Kavanagh 2-1 win (Harlee Symes 2)

Tuesday - James Hargest 1 - 2 loss (Summer Smith 1)

Wednesday - Papanui 1 - 14 loss (Harlee Symes 1)

Thursday - 7th & 8th Play-off

Buller 2-2 draw (Summer Smith 1, Rhylee McGregor 1)

Mt Aspiring 3 - 3 draw (Harlee Symes 3)

South Otago 1 - 2 loss (Harlee Symes 1)

Draw - Boys team

Wednesday 9 September

Kelly Irwin First National Real Estate Menzies vs

Waiaru Area School 4pm (at Tuatapere)

MLT Summer Socca 2015 is coming soon!

Summer Socca is back for 2015 with kids and adults leagues. Look for the flyers out and about and collect your team registration forms from the office or contact me through the email below. The cost this year is junior team (mixed) \$8 per player or \$40 per team. Adult teams (mixed) \$10 per player or \$100 per team. This works out to around \$1 a week to play a fun social sport. Last year we had a total of 18 teams taking part and we look forward to seeing you all again. This is part of the girls fundraising for the 2016 National Tournament to help with travel costs.

Soccer subs are now due

All students are asked to make sure their subs are paid as soon as possible please. Also, if you owe for any gear purchased (hoodies, etc) can you make sure these are paid as well, as these need to be finalised.

Important Up coming dates

9 September (Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Menzies vs Wakatipu at Menzies

16 September (Boys) Kelly Irwin First National Menzies vs SBHS at Menzies

TBC Soccer Awards evening

Carl Lambert
Organiser



Forms available from
Menzies College
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for great fun!!

Entries Close

3pm
Friday
25th September
2015
(Payment &
registration form)

Playing dates:

Term 4
October:
12th, 19th, 26th

November:
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,
30th
December:
7th

Menzies

Summer Socca
2015



Works out to
about **\$1.00**
a week for
great social
fun!!!!

Mixed Junior Teams: \$40.00
(5 a side: 5 members)

Mixed Adult Teams: \$100.00
(7 a side: 10 members)

- 9-13 years: 10-15 mins each way
- 14 years & up: 15-20 mins each half.
- Kids can enrol and be placed in a team (\$8 per player).

Funds raised by this event will go towards helping the Menzies College Girls 1st XI to travel to Tournament in 2016.

Entry forms are available from Menzies College Office or email below.

Enquiries: email clambert@menzies.school.nz

Phone: 03 2064979 or 027 8174081

Mathematics Department

Level One Algebra

Over the next two weeks, the 101 Maths class will be sitting the two versions (on-line and traditional) of the Algebra assessment. As this is a trial this year, the student's FINAL NCEA GRADE for Algebra will be the higher grade of the two versions. This makes both these assessments extremely important and it is essential that students are present for both. As with all NCEA exams, absences require a medical certificate. The e-MCAT (on-line version) is next **TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**. The traditional version is on the following **THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**.

Tutorials

To prepare for the Algebra assessment, there will be a tutorial this **SUNDAY** in Room 8. This will run between 10am and 4pm. Students are encouraged to attend if possible, and to bring specific problems/issues so we can make the most of this time. Students are expected to be spending a substantial amount of their own time preparing for this assessment. This can be completed on-line through Education Perfect where students can complete tasks, try old exam questions and sit mock exams.

Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics

Science Department

Year 10 Rural Studies

The Year 10 Rural Studies students visited the Wyndham Primary School on Tuesday. They helped the three junior classes plant seeds for their gardens.

Mrs Toni Halliday
Rural Studies Teacher

Menzies students Lucy Elers (left) and Lauren Story (right) helping the primary children



Important Dates

September	13	Ski trip to Coronet Peak
	15	Senior reports posted
	16	Photos: Sports/Committee etc
	21	Parent/Teacher interviews (Senior students only) 3.45-6pm
	24-25	School Production
	24	Board of Trustees meeting
25	Last day of term 3	
October	12	First day of term 4
		University of Otago Enrolment meeting
	14	Student Loan and Student Allowance Session 4-5.30pm in Careers Room
	15-20	Life Education Bus (Year 7 & 8 students)
26	Labour Day Observance (school closed)	
November	6	Last day of school for senior students
	9-3 December	NZQA Examinations
	30 -3 December	Year 10 Camp at Mavora
December	9	Senior Prizegiving
	10	Junior Prizegiving
	11	Last day of school Teacher Only Day

Tutorials

English 01

There are no set tutorial times but students can see Ms Swale at interval and/or lunchtime each day. There will be NO afterschool tutorials. When students go on exam leave in November, they will be able to come for a tutorial when they would normally have their ENG101 class.

Art

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 5.30pm.

Host Family Required

From the beginning of 2016 we have the company of a Year 12 male Japanese exchange student for three terms. We are seeking interest from potential host families for the duration of his stay. All expenses are covered including a hosting allowance. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on some of our own culture. They might even become a friend for life! This student is part of a project where his school are sending their entire Year 12 cohort to New Zealand for 12 months to experience another culture.

For further information please contact the school.

End of Year Prizegiving Trophies

As we start heading towards the end of year and prizegivings it would be appreciated if families could return any trophies that students received last year. Thank you.

Learning to Sail

The Yachting New Zealand Volvo Sailing .. Have a Go! programme is designed to give students between the ages of 8 and 12 the opportunity to experience the thrills of sailing in a safe and convenient environment. The programme engages students in the marine environment, promotes water safety, builds confidence and independence, encourages teamwork and mostly important, fun! They cater for 12 children each day (or 24 if you opt for the half day sessions). Included in the programme are 6 Optimists, 2 Toppers, 1 Weta Trimaran Rescue Board and all necessary safety equipment. Please note the current cost of the programme is \$18 for half a day and \$28 for the full day.

It would be great if Menzies College could take part in this programme. It may be possible for this to take place during the week of 14-18 December. Alternatively, they will be in our region around weeks 4 and 5 of Term 1 next year. If you are interested in this programme please contact Toni Halliday at school.

Wyndham Community Pool

The Wyndham Community Pool will re-open on 12 October 2015. Subscriptions can be purchased from Lees Dairy and Menzies College Office. A season membership costs \$80 plus \$10 bond for those that don't already have a key.

Upcoming events

There is an open day for the public on Sunday 11 October from 10am to 2pm. Come along for a free swim. A sausage sizzle will also be operating.

Our Fireworks Extravaganza is on at the Wyndham Racecourse, on Friday 13 November.

Sports Notices

Volleyball

The mighty Menzies volleyballers travelled to Invercargill after school on Wednesday to compete in the Southland Wide competition. This competition runs over the end of Term 3 and the start of Term 4. Our three teams did very well – one Year 9/10 team lost both their games (each one sent to three sets), the other Year 9/10 team had a win and a loss (the loss went to three sets) and the Senior team won their game. A huge congratulations to the students who played exceptionally well and represented the school superbly. Special mention to Keegan Knapp (Year 7) who played in both a Year 9/10 team and for the senior team. Also, a thank you to parents/caregivers who helped out with transport and Mrs Matthews who did not get home until 10.30pm!

The next round is on 16 September. There will be a practice on Monday at lunchtime in the gym.

Skiing

The next (and final) ski trip will be on Sunday 13 September at Coronet Peak. The cost of this trip is \$110. Permission slips and information about ski trips in general, are available from the office or can be downloaded from the school website. The conditions for skiing this winter are very good – great for all abilities and ages. If anyone has any questions about these trips, please contact Brendon Wallace at school or email brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz

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