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18 September 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

This week senior students received their second report for the school year. Having read each report, there are a couple of themes evident. A good number of students are doing extremely well and tracking nicely towards passing their respective NCEA levels. Many are in search of endorsements and students should aim to achieve either a subject or overall endorsement. Another group of students might get NCEA. These students have common comments running through their reports: to lift their effort in class, complete every task and opportunity provided by teachers and to manage their personal learning requirements. Everything is important at this time of year and attendance in class and at tutorials is amongst the most important. Parent/teacher interviews are on Monday 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. It is important that triangulated discussions do take place between teachers, parents and students so plans and support can be put in place before the holidays to assist students in getting the best possible results.



A huge congratulations to Brock Stuart who won the Venture Southland Year 7 and 8 Speech Competition at Aurora College on Wednesday night. Brock's speech titled 'My Love of Food' highlighted Brock's passion for food which is also his hobby. He spoke about the importance of healthy eating and maintaining a balanced plate so that we can give our bodies the fuel we need. Brock made clever use of expression, humour and research to create and present his winning speech. Brock is the first student from an Eastern Southland school to win this competition and is the final step of a string of successes for Brock after he won the Menzies College Speech Competition, the Eastern Area Final and Central Speech Finals held at St Peter's College and Makarewa.

As previously mentioned, all senior students will wear uniform next year. Information will be sent home early next term showing the changes and costings. These are not dramatic and hopefully no more expensive than the current uniform. We will look to source a supply of blazers that can be hired from the school for those who choose to wear one.

Last week we had a picture in the newsletter of our Year 9 girl's band 'The Menzies Angels' - group of lovely young ladies well engaged in school and high achievers in everything they undertake. I was sent an email from a good supporter of the school telling me there had been 68 'Likes' on our Facebook page and how awesome this was. I totally agree! On the same day a carpark fight between school girls in South Auckland had 700,000 viewings on Facebook and 15,000 'Likes'. It worries me what is happening with our social network tools like Facebook. Our Deans and Deputy Principals too frequently deal with issues that should never have appeared as photos, video or text, let alone interfere with the wellbeing and learning of others. Quite clearly, content like the girl fight, emotional comments and general filth interest a number of our students. I ask that families again check on how they are using the tools we have been given to communicate and discuss the dangers and consequences of making poor choices around what content is passed on.

It would be appreciated if the families in our community that intend to enrol their child here for 2016 please make an effort to complete this process during the week. Over the break we want to organise staffing and timetable options for next year but rely on knowing our numbers more accurately in order to complete this process.

I wish all the students and staff involved with our production 'Henry' the very best for Wednesday and Thursday evening. I appreciate the effort that students put into making this happen and hope they gain all the benefits that performing on stage allows. Many thanks to Mrs Cowley and staff for their energy and encouragement towards making this exciting production happen.

Gerry Ward Principal

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Congratulations to Sarah Andrews, Taylor Stewart, Daina Stevenson, Brock Stuart and Mrs Dale in the office for winning the achievement draw this week. Brock received his for 'Showing Respect' as office messenger and Daina for 'Striving for Excellence' when completing all work.

School Buses

Currently there is a roll taken every afternoon as students get on their bus to go home. We have found this system to be inaccurate as bus students often do not travel home on their bus (eg. sports practices, tutorials, parents picking up). From next week we will no longer take a bus roll. Instead all school buses will remain at Menzies College until 3.25pm. This gives students 10 minutes after the bell to get to their bus and based on current trends, this gives students ample time to do this. Mrs Cowley (bus co-ordinator) or another staff member will be responsible for 'waving' the buses off no earlier than 3.25pm each day. Bus drivers will still have a roll to refer to so that they have a record of students who are entitled to travel on their bus run.

School Uniform

We have noticed that there are a few 'non uniform' items being worn to school such as hoodies and puffer jackets. Can you please check that your child is wearing the correct uniform. If there is a reason why correct uniform cannot be worn, please write a note explaining the situation so that their Dean or Senior Management can provide a uniform pass. Uniform items are available for purchase at the school office.

NZQA Credits

All senior students can check Internal and External credits at www.nzqa.govt.nz All they need is their username or NSN number and password. NZQA can be contacted on 0800 697296 to reset a username or password. Mr Peter Wilkinson updates school credits every fortnight. Keep an eye on your credits so that you know what you need to achieve Level 1/2/3 or to gain a Merit or Excellence subject or level Endorsement.

Careers Department

Student Loan and Student Allowance Session

A session to assist students applying for a student loan or student allowance is being held on Wednesday 14 October from 4pm-5.30pm in the careers room. 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.
- Approximate course start and end dates.

Dr Victor Harris Memorial Trust Scholarship

These awards for 2015 will be two bursaries for tertiary students intending a career in medicine or an associated health field e.g. nursing, pharmacy, audiology, radiography, dentistry, dental hygiene, dietician, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, midwife etc. Only applications consisting of the two page application form available from the school office and a copy of the latest school report will be considered. **Applications close on Wednesday 21 October.**

Community Trust of Southland - School Leaver Scholarships

If you are committed to achieving an overall excellence endorsement in NCEA Level 3 for the 2015 academic year, then our School Leaver Scholarship valued at \$2,000 could be for you. To be eligible you will need to have achieved NCEA Level 3 with an overall excellence endorsement, be a NZ Citizen or permanent resident, be residing in the CTOS area and have done so for three years or more. For detailed information, including eligibility visit www.ctos.org.nz or call 0800 500 185. Closing date is 31 March 2016.

Stuart Clark Careers Advisor

Tutorials

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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.

English Department

103 Numeracy/Literacy Field Trip

On Thursday 10 September, the combined Numeracy and Literacy 103 classes went to Invercargill for a day of fun and learning. The students were heavily involved in the organisation of the day, from deciding on activities, to contacting different companies and budgeting both our time and money. Our timetable for the day went like this:

Activity one: Supermarket Shop. Using their numeracy skills, the students separated into four groups and were given a target price to meet (\$9.60). Each group had to buy four items, with one being an obligatory 'pic and mix' weighed item. The groups all worked really hard to weigh and calculate costs and then find three other items in the supermarket to total as close to \$9.60 as possible. Thanks to Mr Wallace and the Maths Department for giving us the money to do this activity. The closest group managed \$9.47.



From there we moved to a more light-hearted activity: Paintball. We were really impressed with the organisation shown by Sam Halsey. Sam was in charge of this activity, he made numerous calls to the business and organised us all beautifully once there.



He also gave a very nice 'thank you' speech at the end. We were really impressed by the encouragement each student gave to their peers and by the fact that everyone participated in a safe and light-hearted manner.

Following that we moved to Splash Palace for a quick dip and time on the hydro-slide. It was great fun and the students (again) conducted themselves in a polite and friendly manner to all those they spoke to

After a quick lunch at McDonalds, our final activity was at the Southland Museum where we had an interactive lesson on World War One and looked at the new exhibition. This was really good revision for us on our theme for the year (war) and learning about life in the trenches was interesting. Saxton McGregor delivered a lovely 'thank you' speech, and then it was time to return to Menzies College. What an awesome day we had with a group of fabulous students! We can't wait to do it again!

Mrs Sharee Knapp & Mrs Lucy McKelvie (Numeracy/Literacy Teachers)



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Science Department Rural Studies - Mufti Day

The Year 10 Rural Studies class recently visited the SPCA in Gore and learned that they want to upgrade the area around their buildings. This class will be organising a mufti day to raise funds to help the SPCA. This will be held on **Friday 25 September**. A gold coin donation to the SPCA will be collected at 9am.



Mrs Toni Halliday Teacher

Important September	Dates 21 22 23-24 25	Parent/Teacher interviews (Senior students only) 3.45-6pm Board of Trustees meeting (note change of date) School Production - 7.30pm in school hall Last day of term 3 Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation
October	12 14 15-20 22 26	First day of term 4 University of Otago Enrolment meeting Student Loan and Student Allowance Session 4-5.30pm in Careers Room Life Education Bus (Year 7 & 8 students) Option Night Labour Day Observance (school closed)
November		Pet Day (Year 7-8) Last day of school for senior students NZQA Examinations Year 10 Camp at Mavora
December	4 9 10	New Entrants Day Senior Prizegiving Junior Prizegiving Last day of school

Teacher Only Day

Menzies College Sports Tour 2018 needs you!



Now is the time to start organising the next Menzies Sports Tour which will take place in 2018 but only if we have a team of dedicated people that are willing to make it happen. The Annual General Meeting of the Menzies Sports Tour will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 October in the school library.

Please attend and remember that all positions of office are elected at this meeting and if you have any interest in taking on the role of President, Secretary or Treasurer please express this to Greg McLellan, Megan King or Carole Bee prior to the meeting. It is a very rewarding task and with everyone pulling together it is not too much work for any one person.

This tour will be for students who are currently in Years 8 to 10 at Menzies College and is open to any sport that has sufficient interest and is played by students representing the school. Please give it some thought and come along, even if you are not prepared to take an administration role

and lend your support to the tour proposal.

The AGM will be followed by a brief general meeting to tidy up a couple of financial matters from the 2015 tour.

Greg McLellan, Megan King & Carole Bee

MLT Summer Socca

MLT Summer Socca entries are due 25 September

Just a reminder that the entries for teams and individuals are due by Friday 25 September. Please get your team and individual entries into the office. Any questions please contact me on clambert@menzies.school.nz

Menzies College Soccer Awards Night - Saturday 17 October

This event will take place on Saturday 17 October with a start time of around 7pm to 7.30pm. The awards are sponsored by the Mataura Licensing Trust, Walker Mowers and Kelly Irwin First National Real Estate. 1st XI Boys and Girls teams, Development team, Three Rivers Tournament, College Football League and National Tournament awards will be presented as well as awards for Most Valuable, Most Improved, Most Supportive and Player of the Match. Skills Badges and certificates will also be presented. These are the awards where you, the players, have voted on them with the 3's, 2's, 1's, etc. This will be a formal dress occasion, with the awards ceremony first and then dance and supper to follow. Refreshments will be available to be purchased at the event. Tickets will be on sale from the Menzies College Office from Monday 21 September and are \$5.00 a ticket. All Menzies College soccer players, boys and girls, are asked to attend as there is something for everyone. We are inviting sponsors and hoping to make this an annual event. The funds raised from ticket sales will go towards costs for Menzies College Soccer in 2016.

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.

Check out our Facebook page 'MENZIES COLLEGE SOCCER' put it in to the search engine on internet and it will appear. If you need any more information please contact me here at Menzies College - Carl Lambert (03) 2064979 or clambert@menzies.school.nz

Important up-coming dates

25 September MLT Summer Socca entries due
 12 October MLT Summer Socca starts for all teams
 17 October Menzies College Soccer Awards Night

19 October MLT Summer Socca

Carl Lambert Organiser

Sports News

Volleyball

Next Wednesday (23 September) is the next round of Volleyball in the Southland Wide Competition held at Stadium Southland. Games are scheduled for:

- Menzies White (Senior Team): 5:30pm and 6:30pm
- Menzies Green (Junior Competitive): 4:45pm and 5:30pm
- Menzies Red (Junior Social): 4:45pm and 5:30pm

Students are to organise themselves to be at the stadium 15 minutes before their first game. Anyone needing a ride, please see Mr Wallace as soon as possible. Also, if you are able to help with transport please contact Mr Wallace.

Board of Trustees

We have changed our meeting date and venue to avoid a clash with the school production 'Henry' so we will now be meeting on Tuesday 22 September in the Transition Room at 7pm. Apologies for the late notice.

Mrs Carole Bee Chairperson

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.

Pet Day

The Vetco Wyndham and Districts Pet Day Committee held their AGM on Wednesday, 9 September and we are pleased to welcome our new President Bathan Muir along with two new secretaries, Katrine Smith and Leanne Johnston. This is also a good time to take the opportunity to thank Marc Robertson and AJ McKelvie, who have stepped down from their roles as President and Secretary respectively. We really appreciate all the time and effort they have put in during their involvement with the Pet Show Committee.

This year's Pet Show will be held on Tuesday, 3 November at the Wyndham A & P Showgrounds and the theme for 2015 is 'Sheep'. Now is a good time to start thinking about entries and further information will go out in the first week of term 4.

Mrs Barb Cowley Teacher in Charge

Community Notices

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.

Touch Southland Holiday Programme

Touch Southland, along with League Tag, will be hosting a fun programme during the holidays at the SIT Velodrome between Monday 28 September and Tuesday 6 October. To register or for further information please contact Paul at paul@touchsouthland.co.nz

Connecting Coaches Workshop - Learn from Southland's Best

Hear from some of Southland's best coaches who have been involved with the Performance Coach programme, including championship winners Clarke Dermody and Mark Bell. This is being held on Monday 28 September in the Sarah Ulmer Lounge, SIT Zero Fees Velodrome from 8 to 9am. A light breakfast will be provided. Register now at www.sportsouthland.co.nz

Southern Spartans Wrestling Club Open Day

Wrestling Demonstration, Saturday 26 September 12pm – 3pm, MLT Events Centre, Gore, free entry. Wrestling demonstration followed by a 1 hour training camp with a chance to get out on the mat and give it a go. All ages welcome.

Southern REAP - P.D. for SWIMMING with H2O Dreams' Jeremy Duncan & Lisa Pankhurst

This is a Professional Development Day including theory and practical sessions looking at: body position, breathing and the basic kicking and arm movements in each of the different strokes. Lisa and Jeremy will demonstrate how to teach and improve these fundamental skills in the water to get the most out of your school swimming lessons. Participants are encouraged to bring their togs to help with demonstrations in the water. This is on Thursday 29 October from 9:30am to 2:30pm at Splash Palace (Southland Aquatic Centre, Invercargill) and this is free. For more information or to enrol please phone Tracey or Lynley at Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or (03) 236 6008.

Camp Columba Pukerau - Labour Weekend (23-26 October, Year 7-8 students)

Labour Weekend Camp always promises to be a good time where Year 7-8 students from all over the Otago/Southland region come together for a fun filled camp. There will be awesome games, awesome food and awesome God times. For more information and to register head to: pukeraucamps.co.nz or contact Sarah Currie on (03) 208 8389. The cost is \$90 per person.







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Day	Date/Time		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Day 1	Fri 6 Nov	9.30am				Drama
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Day 2	Mon 9 Nov	9.30am	Mathematics			Te Reo Māori
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Day 3 Tues	Tues 10 Nov	9.30am	Science	Earth and Space Science	Making Music	Biology
		2.00pm		Mathematics		
Day 4	Wed 11 Nov	9.30am	Music			English
		2.00pm	Te Reo Māori	Home Economics	Chemistry	Samoan
Day 5	Thurs 12 Nov	9.30am	Geography	Te Reo Māori	Home Economics	Statistics
		2.00pm	Social Studies	Economics	English	
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Day 7	Tues 47 Ne	9.30am	Japanese	Physics	Classical Studies	
Day 7	Tues 17 Nov	2.00pm	Media Studies	,	Drama	Calculus
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Day 8	Wed 18 Nov	2.00pm		Spanish	Economics	Spanish
		9.30am	Physics	Samoan	Leonomics	Geography
Day 9	Thurs 19 Nov	2.00pm	Health	French	Statistics	
		9.30am	Dance	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
Day 10	Fri 20 Nov	2.00pm	Biology	Accounting		French
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Day 11 Mor		9.30am		Chemistry	Te Reo Rangatira	Classical Chudina
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Day 12 Tue	Tues 24 Nov	9.30am	Chemistry	Classical Studies	Earth and Space Science	Music
		2.00pm	History		Business Studies	History
Day 13	Wed 25 Nov	9.30am	Drama	Japanese	Geography	, notory
		2.00pm	Economics	Drama	Calculus	
Day 14	Thurs 26 Nov	9.30am		Geography	Japanese	Economics
		2.00pm	German	Latin	Art History	Loononinos
Day 45	Fri 27 Nov	9.30am	Business Studies		Media Studies	Chemistry
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Day 16	Mon 30 Nov	9.30am	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Music	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Chinese
		2.00pm	Chinese	Health	Accounting	Art History
Day 17	Tues 1 Dec	9.30am	Accounting	1100,01	German	Japanese
		2.00pm	Classical Studies	Business Studies	Te Reo Māori	Earth and Space Science
Day 18	Wed 2 Dec	9.30am		Chinese	Spanish	Science
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Library News

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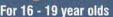


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