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## 30 October 2015

# From the Principal's Desk

#### Kia Ora

### Congratulations

In Dunedin this afternoon, we have four Menzies students receiving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards from the Governor General, Sir Jerry Mateparae. James Golden, Hannah Schipper and ex students Gabby McCall and Jeffrey Robinson have all achieved this very worth while award through years of good work and service and as part of the Menzies community, we too feel proud of their achievement.

On Monday night, Sophie Kingdon and Rhylee McGregor will receive awards for their contribution to the school and community when we celebrate the Rotary Young Achievers Awards with a dinner at the Heartland Hotel in Gore. Both girls have had an outstanding year and these prestigious awards are given to students who have shown high levels of achievement across academic, sports/cultural, social or community involvement. Well done girls!

#### **Senior Exams**

Next week we go in to the final week of organised classes before our Year 11 to 13 students leave for NCEA exams. These exams mark the culmination of the year's work and require the students to adopt a serious and committed approach towards doing their best. They owe it to themselves and their teachers to accept the challenge of being 'tested' and measuring themselves in the national environment. We wish all these students well.

Our Year 13 students along with their parents and some staff, attended a dinner last night as the leaving process begins. Staff have spoken this morning about how impressed they were with the manner in which the students thanked them and the school. On Wednesday we will talk more about their leaving in assembly and share a morning tea with them on Friday.

#### **Senior Uniform**

As previously mentioned, **all seniors** will wear uniform from next year. A display will be in the school foyer from next week with a price guideline and tie options. The uniform will be available to purchase from the end of the school holidays at The Warehouse in Gore (Schooltex). The uniform changes from the waist up, with boys in a white shirt and tie and girls in a white blouse and tie. Bottle green woollen vests and jerseys with the school logo embroidered will be available along with blazers. These items will be available from mid January. Blazers will also be available to hire from the school.

#### **Science Roadshow**

This outstanding 'hands-on' workshop is visiting our school on Thursday 5 November. There is a charge of \$7 per student payable to the office.

#### **Option Booklets**

A reminder to Year 10 to 12 students to get their option forms in on Monday please.

#### **Fireworks**

Students are reminded that no fireworks are to be brought to school and any student that breaches this ruling will face the appropriate consequences.

Gerry Ward Principal

## **Careers Department**

#### **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. Applications close 31 March 2016.

#### **Southland FGW Trust Study Grants**

Grants up to \$2000 are available to female students undertaking full-time degree or post-graduate level study in 2016. Applicants will have the potential to succeed and be able to demonstrate financial need. For an application form email glenda@glendagraham.co.nz or text 027 228 3919. Applications close on 1 February 2016.

#### **FMG Scholarships**

New Zealand's leading rural insurer FMG is offering two scholarships to students wanting to study agriculture or agribusiness degrees at Lincoln, Waikato or Massey Universities in 2016. The scholarship pays \$5000 towards fees for each year of the recipient's undergraduate degree. For more information or to apply online – go to www.fmg.co.nz/scholarships. Applications close 5 December 2015.

Stuart Clark Careers Advisor

## **English Department**

## 'The Best Schools Come in Small Packages' Oral Presentation Championship for Year 9 & 10 students

On Wednesday 21 October, Menzies College hosted the first ever 'The Best Schools Come in Small Packages' Oral Presentation Championship for Year 9 and 10 students. The calibre of the presentations was extremely high and ten contestants vied for the title. Mary Burt, from Invercargill, was the judge and no one envied her task of deciding who was the best public speaker. Our very own Rhiannon Gorman came second equal by half a point behind Jenesis Petallana from Central Southland College.

The feedback from the visitors was exceptional – huge kudos to Whaea Bex and Nga Awa Toru for their welcome, the visitors were stunned!



Our two partipcating students are Marina Ferguson (back row, far left and Rhiannon Gorman front row, second from left)

**1st place:** Jenesis Petallana (Central Southland College) - What you do as a teenager .....

**2nd= place:** Kayden Jackson (Central Southland College) - The flag debate

**2nd= place:** Rhiannon Gorman (Menzies) - 1080

4th place: Esther Murphy (Fiordland College) - ISIS and their devastating effect on humanity

Participants (in no particular order) were Tayla Elder (Northern Southland College) - Identity, Marina Ferguson (Menzies College) - Being a professional tennis player, Jarod Murphy (Aparima College) - The butterfly effect, Olivia Duthie (Northern Southland College) - Fairytales, Kimberley Murphy (Aparima College) - Why we should not have to do speeches, Makenzie Wilson (Fiordland College) - Euthanasia.

Ms Sonja Swale Head of Department - English

## The Positive Effects of PB4L

Congratulations to Caeden McGregor, John Moir, Luke Goatley, Maria Lindsay and Mrs Kennedy for winning the achievement draw this week. It is great to see the packets full of slips and remember there is still plenty of time to be in for the big draw.

These are the thoughts of Year 11 student Ally Gutsell on what PB4L means to her:

"Since the PB4L team has been put in place I have noticed a significant change in the attitudes of Menzies students. I have personally enjoyed watching this transformation as I now see students working extra hard to earn achievement slips, stopping to make sure others are safe and simply treating everyone with equal respect. Achievement slips have become a large part of Menzies College culture, successfully promoting the attributes of Showing Respect, Striving for Excellence and Feeling Safe. We need to encourage and enhance these values."

A huge thanks to Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich and Jamie Ranstead for being on the PB4L team. Their input has been great and they have been excellent representatives for the students bringing fresh ideas to the team.

Congratulations to Ally Gutsell and Kelsi McLellan who will be the new student representatives for next year. We look forward to hearing their ideas and working with them both.

## **Representative Sports Players**

Congratulations to the following students who played representative sport during the holidays:

**Sarah Andrews** was a member of the Southland 14th Grade football team who played in the South Island tournament for five days in Christchurch. They played five games and won two. Overall, they came eighth out of nine teams.

**William Dickey** attended the U15 Hockey National tournament in Wellington for eight days. They played six games and were placed 11th out of 16 teams. He attended the Southland Academy in February for Eastern Red club hockey and they were placed second in their division.

**Summer Smith** competed in the South Island soccer tournament in Methven for three days. She played in the 17th grade girls team where they won three of their six games. They were placed fourth out of nine teams and they achieved the best results in 13 years.

## **Menzies College Rugby**

#### Reminder

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 November at 7:30pm in the school Library. New parents/caregivers, guardians and helpers are warmly invited, everyone is welcome.

### **MLT Summer Socca**

### **MLT Summer Socca Adults League Finish Qualifying Games**

With the qualifying games finished the teams have now been put into their divisions.

These six teams will play for the MLT Cup in Division One - LOL, Completely Stuffed, Level One Barbarians SRB, The Wolf Pack and Over the Hill.

In Division Two these five teams will play-off for the Three Rivers Hotel Cup - ILumaniti, Expendables, The Monster Minions, Avengers, The Offcuts.

Both Divisions will play two rounds of games and then the top two will play-off in the Grand-final.

#### **Draw - Monday 2 November**

#### **Kids League**

**Round 5** - Gladiators vs Wyndham 4pm, Crusaders vs Edendale Magpies 4pm, Classified vs Edendale Bulldogs 4.30pm, Galanetis Dinosaurs vs Dilligaf 4.30pm

Round 4 - (Split-round)

Gladiators vs Edendale Magpies 5pm, Wyndham vs Crusaders 5pm

#### **Adults League**

### **Monday 2 November**

(**Division Two**) Round 1 & 2 - ILumaniti vs Avengers 5.30pm, The Offcuts vs The Monster Minions 5.30pm, Expendables vs Avengers 6.30pm

#### (Division One) Round 1 & 2

The Wolf Pack vs Completely Stuffed 6pm, Level One Barbarians vs SRB 6pm, LOL vs Over the Hill 6.30pm

The Wolf Pack vs Level One Barbarians 6.30pm, Completely Stuffed vs Over the Hill 7pm, SRB vs LOL 7pm

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

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

## Important upcoming dates

2 November
 9 November
 16 November
 23 November
 MLT Summer Socca adults and kids leagues
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30 November MLT Summer Socca adults and kids leagues - grand finals

Carl Lambert Organiser

## **Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day 2015**

Some last reminders before Pet Day next Tuesday 3rd November - judging starts at 10am.

- Due to an error, the category for 'Biscuits' was not on the children's entry form this year. If your child would like to change an entry (not add an entry) to now include biscuits, please let your school office know as soon as possible. We apologise for the mix-up.
- The Vetco trophies will be awarded at the end of the day, after the Grand Parade (approximately 1:30-1:45pm). Please note: if the child is not present to accept the trophy it will be forfeited and given to the next child in that category, decided by the Vetco judge. All decisions are final.
- You will receive a programme and map at the gate when you arrive.

## **Important Dates**

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November	2	Gore Rotary Club. Young Achievers Awards – Year 8 students
	3	Pet Day (Year 7-8)
	5	Science Road Show - school hall
	6	Last day of school for senior students
	9-3 December	NZQA Examinations
December	1-4	Year 10 Camp at Mavora
	4	New Entrants Day
	7-9	Integrated Curriculum
	9	Senior Prizegiving
	10	Junior Prizegiving
		Last day of school
	11	Teacher Only Day
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### **Tutorials**

## English 101

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.

#### Maths

Every lunchtime in Room 8 (except for Mondays) until the end of Week 4.

#### **NZQA Information**

If you require information about NCEA exams, study tips, past papers etc. visit http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/students/ It also has a help section for students to refer to.

## **Menzies College PTA**

### **Christmas Raffle**

The eldest child in every family should have brought home a sheet of raffle tickets for the Menzies College PTA Christmas raffle. We are asking each family to sell 5 tickets at \$2 each or make a cash donation. We also ask that you donate non-perishable grocery items for the Christmas hamper. Please return all ticket butts/money and grocery items to the school office. If you feel you are able to sell more raffles please pick up extra cards from the school office. Any unsold tickets need to be returned to the office please. The raffle will be drawn at the Menzies junior prizegiving on 10 December.

Thank you for your support. Any inquiries to Lois Heads on (03) 2066057.

## **Mavora Camp - Year 10**

Expressions of interest are invited from parents/caregivers of Year 10 students who are interested in attending the Year 10 camp at Mavora from 1 to 4 December. We also need four-wheel drive vehicles for this camp so if any parents/caregivers who attend have one that we could use, we would be very grateful. Camp information has now been sent home and spare copies are available at the office. Please return the permission slips by 1 November. If there are any queries concerning payment, please speak to Mrs Gould in the office.

Matt Cook & Miss Nicola Speakman Year 9-10 Deans

## **Outdoor Education Department**

Have you got any wet suits you no longer require? The outdoor department are looking for 'retired' wetsuits to use on school camps. If you have one hidden away and would like to donate it to the school it would be much appreciated. Please hand in to the school office. Thank you.

## **End of Year Prizegiving Trophies**

Thank you to the families who have returned their trophies. There are still several to be returned and your assistance in this matter would be appreciated. Thank you.

## **Community Notices**

#### **Wyndham Community Pool**

The pool is now open and season keys are available from Lee's Dairy and the Menzies College office at \$80 (plus \$10 bond for those without a key). Make a note in your diary of our Fireworks Extravaganza being held at the Wyndham Racecourse on Friday 13 November.

#### **2016 Southland District Council Holiday Programme**

The Southland District Council will be holding their annual holiday programme at Menzies College on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 January 2016. The programme runs from 10:00am - 3:00pm and caters for children from the age of five and above. Children under the age of five can join in the fun too if a parent or caregiver stays with them. There are games, activities, arts and crafts and so much more! They promise to bring their parachute along too! Only \$6.00 per child for a fun filled day of excitement! This year they have introduced an online registration option. Registration forms are still available from your Southland District Council Area Office, the Invercargill i-SITE or register online at www.sdcholidayprogramme.co.nz

#### Glenham Trainwreck Trail Saturday 16 January 2016

Mountain Bike, Run Or Walk. For more information and to register online visit www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz or on the day from 11am at the Glenham Hall.



# **Menzies College**

Fireworks Extravaganza - Wyndham Racecourse Friday 13 November, cancellation Saturday 14 November

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