



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**6 November 2015**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

At assembly on Wednesday we wished our senior students all the very best for their upcoming external exams. These need to be taken seriously and for a number of students it will decide whether or not their targeted NCEA level is achieved while for others, it will determine the endorsement they have so eagerly sought. Many students have nearly or already passed NCEA but it is important that they still challenge themselves in externals and to have their performance measured against a much wider national cohort. I wish all our students well for the exams. Look after yourself during the next few weeks and use the time wisely to improve your grades.

Today is the last formal school day for our Year 13 students. It has been a wonderful seven years having them as part of our school and observing the personal growth that they have all undertaken. The future won't be as clean cut as they all plan. I hope they have the courage to branch out and follow their true passion, to be prepared to change from one course of learning to follow another and to serve others well. Likewise I hope we have served them well while under our care and we look forward to having a long relationship with them all in the years ahead.

Last Friday, along with a few other staff, I celebrated the presentation of Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary certificates to two of our current and two former students. These were presented by the Governor General Sir Jerry Mateparae in the Dunedin Town Hall to Jeffrey Robinson, Gabby McCall, James Golden and Hannah Schipper. The warmest applause of the afternoon was given to the latter two where the audience truly understood the challenge these students had put themselves through and I must thank Toni Halliday and her staff, along with all the parents that have supported them on their journey. The lasting impression and key learning for us all, is what can be achieved when a school embraces students like Hannah and James and they will both be sorely missed next year.



Congratulations to Tyler Cameron, Holly Smith, Stephanie Wilson, Sam Moncur and Mr Wallace for winning the achievement draw this week. Sam received his for fantastic work in Maths. It was great to see the packets full and remember, there's still plenty of time to be in for the big draw at the end of the year.

*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](http://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](mailto:glenda@glendagraham.co.nz) or text 027 228 3919. Applications close on 1 February 2016.

### FMG Scholarships

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*Stuart Clark  
Careers Advisor*

## Science Department

### Agriculture



On Wednesday and Thursday this week both Level 1 and Level 2 Agriculture classes put their skills to the test in order to gain credits for their motorcycle and ATV Unit Standards. The focus for the day was demonstrating basic pre-safety and maintenance checks and also displaying proper active riding techniques (shifting body weight in order to balance and manoeuvre the bikes effectively). Many



thanks to Ross McLeod for organising an area for us to ride, Allan and Linea Winter for the use of their quad bikes and also Hugh Diack and Pete and Karina Hedges for the use of their motorbikes.

*Tim Landreth  
Teacher in Charge*

## Student Representative on Board of Trustees

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who don't know me. My name is Sam Moncur and I am the Menzies College Board of Trustees Student Representative for the remainder of 2015 and 2016.

I have attended Menzies since Year 7 in 2010 and throughout this time I have held various leadership roles, with house leader of Matai this year being the most significant. I see my student representative position as being a continuation of these leadership roles. My position enables me to be a voice and a representative of the student body of Menzies during Board meetings which means that during these meetings I am able to communicate student ideas and opinions to the other members of the Board. I look forward to fulfilling this role and being part of the Board of Trustees for 2015 and 2016.



## Rotary Young Achievers Awards



On Monday 2 November two of our Year 8 students were recognised for their overall achievements at the Rotary Young Achievers Awards at the Heartland Hotel in Gore. Sophie Kingdon was recognised for excellence in her academic subjects as well contributions to netball, a finalist in the school speech competition and her involvement in one of the school bands. Students interviewed commented on Sophie's determination and motivation to succeed and her inclusion of others.

Rhylee McGregor was recognised for excellence in academic subjects, her leadership skills and her outstanding success on the soccer field. She is a motivated student who gains success engaging thoroughly in all her learning. Her outstanding talent on the soccer field has culminated in Rhylee's selection for the Westham United (English Premier League) Oceania Academy which she attended in Auckland.

Congratulations to both girls. We at Menzies take pride in our motto 'Big enough to match the best, small enough to care.' You are two of our best!

*Mrs Barb Cowley  
Junior Dean*

## **Menzies College MLT Summer Socca**

### **MLT Summer Socca Adults League to have extra night**

On Wednesday 25 November there will be an extra night so we can fit in all league games to enable us to have the grand-final and play-off games on Monday 30 November. The draw for the rest of the games will be available on Monday 9 November and will be posted on line on the Facebook page 'Menzies College Soccer'.

### **Results - Monday 2 November**

#### **Kids league**

**Round 4:** Gladiators 1-1 Edendale Magpies, Wyndham 2 - 0 Crusaders

**Round 5:** Gladiators 3 - 0 Wyndham , Crusaders 0 - 6 Edendale Magpies, Classified 7-0 Edendale Bulldogs, Galanetis Dinosaurs 0 - 1 DILLIGAF

#### **Adults League**

**Division Two:** ILumaniti 0-2 Avengers, The Offcuts 2-0 The Monster Minions, Expendables 1-5 Avengers

#### **Division One:**

**Round 1:** The Wolf Pack 2-1 Completely Stuffed, Level One Barbarians 0-2 SRB, LOL 4-0 Over the Hill

**Round 2:** The Wolf Pack 0-1 Level One Barbarians, Completely Stuffed 1-0 Over the Hill, SRB 1-3 LOL

### **Draw - Monday 9 November**

#### **Kids League**

**Round 6:** DILLIGAF vs Gladiators 4.00pm, Wyndham vs Galanetis Dinosaurs 4.00pm, Edendale Bulldogs vs Crusaders 4.30pm, Edendale Magpies vs Classified 4.30pm

#### **Adults League**

**(Division Two) Round 2, 3 & 4** (NOTE EARLY START 5PM)

Expendables vs The Monster Minions 5.00pm, The Offcuts vs ILumaniti 5.00pm, Avengers vs The Monster Minions 5.30pm

ILumaniti vs Expendables 5.30pm, The Offcuts vs Avengers 6.00pm

**(Division One) Round 3 & 4**

Level One Barbarians vs Completely Stuffed 6.00pm, LOL vs The Wolf Pack 6.30pm, Over the Hill vs SRB 6.30pm

Completely Stuffed vs SRB 7.00pm, The Wolf Pack vs Over the Hill 7.00pm, LOL vs Level One Barbarians 7.30pm

#### **Facebook Page**

Keep up to date with our Facebook Page. Put 'MENZIES COLLEGE SOCCER' in to search engine 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**

9 November	MLT Summer Socca adults & kids leagues
16 November	MLT Summer Socca adults & kids leagues
23 November	MLT Summer Socca adults & kids leagues
25 November	MLT Summer Socca adults league (WEDNESDAY)
30 November	MLT Summer Socca adults & kids leagues - grand-finals

*Carl Lambert  
Organiser*



**Fireworks Extravaganza - Wyndham Racecourse**  
**Friday 13 November, cancellation Saturday 14 November**  
**Gates Open 7pm**  
**Entertainment starts at 7.30pm**  
**\$5 per person entry; Preschoolers Free**  
**Entertainment including Jenny Mitchell & Steph Goatley**

**Food for Sale**

## Outward Bound, Anakiwa



Twenty one days. You know nobody. No cell phone. No internet. No television. No newspaper. NO outside world connections, accept snail mail. Placed in a group with 12 other strangers from throughout New Zealand. I can not underestimate how mentally and physically challenging this was.

Daily routines included a 5.55am wake up call, followed by a morning warm up, 3.2km run, a jump in the ocean and a cold shower. I spent three days sailing amongst dolphins, seals and other spectacular wildlife. Two days 'practice' tramping before our big expedition, two days volunteering on the Link Water Pathway that is currently being made, two days kayaking on the most amazing rivers, three days alone in the bush solo, completing high rope courses, rock climbing and completing a half marathon. Our last expedition was a three day tramp lead and run by my group. We had to climb three mountains within the

allocated time or else we had to spend another night in the bush until we were finished. On the second day of this trip we reached the summit of Mount Baldy (our third mountain) at around 5pm. This literally had to be the highlight of my trip - 1,315m up, 27degrees and the clearest of skies. We had made it! Our instructor suggested that we could sleep on top of the mountain for the night with just our sleeping bags - wicked! I watched the sun go down as I lay in bed and counted one by one as the stars appeared. I woke again in time for the sun rise and I can't even put into words how truly magnificent it was! The places I have seen, the things I have achieved, the people I have met and the experiences I have endured will stick with me forever.

A special thanks to The Community Trust of Southland and Mr Ward for granting me the scholarship. If you EVER get the opportunity to attend Outward Bound I strongly urge you to grab it with both hands, it will give you a new perspective on life.

***"There is more in you than you think" - Kurt Hahn***

*Victoria Clark - Year 13*

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## J R McKenzie Youth Education Trust - Financial Assistance

This trust supports families in need of financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform. Applications will be accepted from those students who are entering high school for the first time specifically:

- \* Year 9 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 9 level onwards
- \* Year 7 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 7 level onwards and also provides High School education at the Year 9 level.

This includes basic school clothing and footwear (excluding roadshoes/runners). Further information and application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 4 December**.

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## Menzies College PTA

### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have already sold the PTA raffle tickets. 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.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

The uniform sale will be on Tuesday 15 December from 3.30-5.30pm in the school hall. Clothing may be left at the office with your contact details, price etc. where you will need to complete the appropriate paper work. The PTA will sell good clean uniforms on behalf of or we gratefully accept donations. The uniform commission of 20% forms a small part of the PTA income, which in turn benefits the school. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or Eft Pos which is available at the school office. We appreciate your support of the uniform shop. A date for the sale in January will be confirmed later. Any enquiries to Carlyn Stewart on (03) 2064373.

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## 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.



## Important Dates

<b>November</b>	6	Last day of school for senior students
	9-3 December	NZQA Examinations
	13	Fireworks Extravaganza
<b>December</b>	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
<b>2016 January</b>	25-26	Year 11-13 attend option interviews
	28	Year 12 -13 camp preparation
<b>February</b>	2	All students attend
	5	G F Walker Awards
	8	Waitangi Day - school closed
	12	Year 12 Hope Arm camp

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## 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](http://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](http://www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz) or on the day from 11am at the Glenham Hall.

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## Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day

The Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day committee would like to thank all the judges, sponsors, parents/caregivers and teachers who helped to make this year's Pet Day a success. Your commitment is really appreciated. The committee will be holding a follow-up meeting on Monday 16 November at 7:30pm at the Wyndham Primary School staff room and we invite anyone with feedback from this year's Pet Day to come along to the meeting or to contact Bathan Muir at [bathanmuir@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bathanmuir@xtra.co.nz).

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## Menzies College Rugby

A reminder that the AGM is on Tuesday 17 November at 7:30pm in the school Library. All parents/caregivers, friends and supporters are most welcome. Any enquiries to Bob Wallis on (03) 2066346 or [b-m-wallis@clear.net.nz](mailto:b-m-wallis@clear.net.nz)

*Bob Wallis  
Secretary/Rugby Administrator*

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