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**4 December 2015**

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

### **Kia ora**

This is the last newsletter for the year. I wish to pass on my thanks to everyone who assisted in allowing the school to operate in the manner it does. From the Board of Trustees and staff, to the parents/caregivers and our community, my sincere thanks for everything you do for our school. The people we come in contact with makes it a most enjoyable place to work and we always feel so supported in what we do.

To the students, likewise our heartfelt thanks for your efforts during the year. School is what you make it and there is a wonderful atmosphere around this place due to positive attitudes, good humour and a caring approach to everyone in the learning environment. To you all, have a most enjoyable break and we will see you again in late January. To all our leavers, I wish you the best and may Menzies be just the beginning of your lifelong learning.

We close the year with two prize givings this coming week. It is a significant event on the school calendar and an opportunity to celebrate together the success of our students. It is expected that all students attend either the senior or junior evening. We also have a less formal assembly on Thursday afternoon to farewell staff and present PB4L prizes and the house shield.

Today we had our 'New Entrants' day where 55 students visited from the contributing schools. An early impression would indicate that we have a lovely group coming in to the school next year. My thanks to the contributing schools for supporting this day and to our Deans, Mrs Cowley and Mr Wilkinson for arranging the programme. Next year we are looking to have 63 new students enrolled across the school and a starting role of around 315.

Yesterday afternoon our Year 10 students were pulled out of their camp at Mavora a day earlier than planned due to exceptional rainfall overnight and throughout the morning. Though this is unfortunate for all involved, as part of our Risk Management Plan, these decisions have to be taken as the safety of everyone is paramount. Thanks to the staff and parents/caregivers who attended this camp at this busy time.

Next week our Year 7 to 10 students are involved in the Integrated Curriculum programme for three days. We have students spread from Twizel to Stewart Island and this is a fantastic way to finish the school year. Thanks in advance to all the parent helpers who have also signed up for the programme.

Congratulations to the 20 students who will go to Queenstown on the first Monday of the holidays as part of their reward for having 100% in LLP. This will be a super day out and all of them are deserving of this reward.

Finally, I wish you all the very best for the holiday season and enjoy some valued and relaxing family time over the break.

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

## Farewells

Next week we will farewell a number of staff who have contributed much to our school. Some have been with us for just a couple of terms or more, another, a lifetime.

To Jan Goulding, our part time counsellor, our grateful thanks for your regular Friday visits and work with our students. This role is so important in assisting with student's wellbeing and the relationships formed will live forever with our students.

Last year's Dux, Abigail Visser has worked as part of our support staff this year and we are indebted to the expertise she has brought to tutoring our students and assisting in our Year 7 and 8 classrooms. Good luck for next year Abigail.

Nicola Speakman leaves us after two years to take up a position at Amuri Area School in Culverden. Nicola has contributed so much in a short time and will no doubt be a lifelong friend to many of our students and staff. We wish Nicola and Patrick all the best in the farming venture in North Canterbury. We welcome Nicola's replacement, Mrs Sally Robertson to our Social Science Department and her depth of teaching experience will be an asset to the school.

After 43 years teaching, Toni Halliday is finally calling it a day and we could fill a dozen newsletters with accolades on the contribution that Toni has made to students in this area. I won't start here, but I do want Toni to be acknowledged for her outstanding contribution to education and in particular the 40 years she has been associated with our school. Toni has covered most roles in the profession but my experience of Toni has been the work undertaken with environmental projects and our special needs students. If there is a better example of how these learners can be mainstreamed I would like to see it and everyone associated with our school has been privy to this. On Tuesday, James Golden presented me with a pictorial book on the journey these students undertook as they worked towards their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. This basically summed up the belief of 'success for all' that Toni kept at the forefront of her practice. Enjoy the Sounds, Toni and Adrian.



*James Golden presenting Gerry Ward with the book*

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## Board of Trustees Report

At the November Board of Trustees meeting, the final one for 2015, several aspects of the school were discussed at length:

- \* Plans to upgrade the school music room in 2016 were talked about and approved.
- \* Proposals for integrated studies excursions due to take place at the end of this term, to places such as Dunedin and Stewart Island were put forward to the Board and approved.
- \* The Mavora camp was approved.
- \* Plans to carry out maintenance in the Wyndham school houses, such as recarpeting and repainting have been approved.
- \* The Board would like to thank Mrs Alice Cade for her time as Assistant Principal in the place of Mrs Kath Luoni, who has finished her year's leave.
- \* Finally, the Board would like to wish all the best to Mrs Toni Halliday and Miss Nicola Speakman who are both leaving us at the end of the year. We wish them every success for their future.

If anyone has queries regarding any aspect of the Board of Trustees, such as being a part of the Board, what the role of a Board member entails or any other questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact a current Board member through the school office.

*Sam Moncur  
Student Representative - Board of Trustees*

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## Menzies College PTA

### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have supported the PTA by selling our raffle tickets and donating non-perishable grocery items for the Christmas hamper. We have a wonderful assortment of goodies for the hampers and there is still time to drop off donations. The raffle will be drawn at the Menzies junior prizegiving on 10 December. Thank you for your support.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

The uniform sale will be on Tuesday 15 December from 3.30-5.30pm in the school office. Clothing to be sold 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. We appreciate your support of the uniform shop. Another sale will take place on Tuesday 19 January from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Enquiries to Carlyn Stewart on (03) 2064373.

## Menzies College Rugby

### Coaches/Managers Wanted

Expressions of interests for coaches and managers of our rugby teams are being sought for 2016. These include Year 7 and 8, U14, U16 and the U15 tournament team. For further information or to apply, contact Ross McLeod on 027 4904729 or email [ferryvale@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ferryvale@xtra.co.nz) Applications close 12 February, 2016.

### Firewood for Sale

Macrocarpa firewood - \$70 a metre. This is a fundraiser for the Menzies College U18 rugby team to help pay for their new uniforms. The lads will deliver and stack the wood for you. Contact Logan Howe on (03) 2064947.

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## NCEA Result Notices ([www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz))

Results notices can be ordered through the 'order documents' link in the learner login up until 31 December 2015. It is intended that these will be issued shortly after result publication occurs in January 2016.

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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).

### 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. 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)

### Wyndham Rest Home

The Catlins Soap Company will be at the Wyndham & Districts Community Rest Home on Monday 7 December from 10am. This is a great opportunity to stock up on gifts for Christmas. All welcome.

**Wanted** – The Rest Home is looking for a mannequin to use in their displays.

**Wanted** – Is anyone interested in volunteering at the Home during the holidays to assist with activities and help in the garden?

Please contact the Home on 2064901 if you are able to help us in any way.

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## Cash for Schools Programme - Affco NZ Ltd

A big thank you to the families who nominated our school to receive the proceeds from the AFFCO's Bobby Calf Cash for Schools Programme. The funds have now been received and we are very grateful for the continued support.

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## Important Dates

<b>December</b>	7-9	Integrated Curriculum
	9	Senior Prizegiving
	10	Junior Prizegiving
		Last day of school
	11	Teacher Only Day
	14	LLP Reward Day
<b>2016 January</b>	25-26	Year 11-13 attend option interviews
	28	Year 12 -13 camp preparation
<b>February</b>	1	Teacher Only Day
	2	All students attend - Powhiri in the hall at 8.50am
	5	G F Walker Awards
	8	Waitangi Day observance - school closed
	9-12	Year 12 & 13 camps

## Lost/Found Property

There is a huge amount of lost and found articles in the lost property at the office. We urge parents/caregivers to call in and check it out before the end of the term (11 December). Any unclaimed mufti clothes will be taken to the Salvation Army and school uniform will be given to the PTA to be sold and the proceeds donated back to the school. Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

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## Menzies College MLT Summer Socca

### Extra time needed to find Division winners!

Both grand finals needed extra time to find the respective winners of each division on Wednesday night. In a first for the league, grand finals were held in both divisions to find the respective champions for 2015.

### MLT Cup Final

LOL played against a determined SRB team who provided tough opposition in the final. Both teams played a very defensive game and both had sweepers in place to cover any fast breaks. At the end of the game the score was 0 - 0 so extra time was needed. In the first period of extra time, LOL were able to get the ball into the SRB box and a snap shot from Frank de Jong across the face of the goal ended up in the inside of the right hand upright to give LOL the lead 1 - 0. SRB came back at them and pushed numbers forward, but a very determined LOL defence were able to hold them out and win the MLT Cup for 2015. In the 3rd and 4th place game, last year's champions Completely Stuffed played The Wolf Pack and won 2 - 0 to finish in 3rd place. Over the Hill finished in 5th place and played a friendly game which they won 3 - 0.

### Three Rivers Hotel Cup

Avengers and The Offcuts have been the leading teams in Division Two and both teams faced each other in the final to decide Division Two champions for 2015. The only other game they played this year was a 0 - 0 draw, so the final was going to be tough. In the end, again, this game went into extra time and it took a goal by Tyla Adams in the last few minutes to decide the outcome. Avengers 1 - 0 winners and champions for Division Two for 2015. In the play-off games for 3rd to 5th places, ILumaniti finished ahead of Expendables on goals difference. This resulted in ILumaniti finishing 3rd, Expendables 4th and The Monster Minions 5th.

### Classified win Kids League title for 2015

Classified are the Kids League Winners for 2015 after a 4-0 win over Edendale Magpies. Ryan Smith led the way with 3 goals in the final. The last time these teams met it was all square with a 2-2 draw. This time unfortunately Edendale Magpies had taken part in their schools triathlon that afternoon, so Classified are the Menzies Cup winners for this year. In the Plate Final (3rd and 4th play-off), Gladiators were too good for DILLS winning 2 - 0 to take out 3rd place. In the Bowl Final (5th and 6th play-off) Galanetis Dino's proved too strong for Edendale Bulldogs and won 4 - 0 to finish in 5th Place. In the Spoon Final (7th and 8th play-off) two very even teams ended 1 - 1 at fulltime so they went to penalties with Crusaders coming out on top 1- 0 to finish in 7th place with Wyndham the Wooden Spoon winners for 2015.

### Results - Grand Finals - 30 November

#### Kids League

**Spoon Final** - Crusaders 2 - 1 Wyndham

**Bowl Final** - Galanetis Dino's 4 - 0 Edendale Bulldogs

**Plate Final** - DILLS 0 - 2 Gladiators

**Cup Final** - Classified 4 - 0 Edendale Magpies

#### Adults League

(D2) ILumaniti 4 - 0 The Monster Minions

(D2)The Monster Minions 2 - 4 Expendables

(D2)Expendables 0 - 0 ILumaniti

(D1) Over the Hill 3 - 0 Invitation VII

(D1) Completely Stuffed 2 - 0 The Wolf Pack (3rd & 4th)

### Division Two Grand-final (Three Rivers Hotel Cup)

The Offcuts 0 - 1 Avengers

Division One Grand-final (MLT Cup)

LOL 1 - 0 SRB

### Keep up to date with our 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 at Menzies College - Carl Lambert (03) 2064979, clambert@menzies.school.nz

### Important upcoming dates

30 & 31 January 2016 Crank Up Weekend

Carl Lambert  
Organiser

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Students simply shop with Paper Plus, identify themselves as Menzies College pupils, make their purchases and receive their receipt in the usual way. Paper Plus will record all purchases made and at the end of the promotion provide reconciliation back to Menzies College for the rebate funds you have earned for the school.

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