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17 March 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

During the first part of this week there was quite a focus on those difficult issues that our students face from time to time. We had the company of the Theatre Health Education Trust (THETA) from Monday evening through to Wednesday and through their innovative acting and challenging workshops, students were able to discuss those behaviours that impact on sexual health and wellbeing. The group were particularly pleased with how well our students were able to raise and consider the difficult issues that many wonder about.

On Tuesday afternoon Year 11 and 13 students had a presentation from former comedian Mike King, with a focus on the mental health issues that students may grapple with and the strategies they may learn to 'break down the masks' and help each other out. Both Mike King and Sexwise were professionally presented in a safe environment but the content of their work may trigger unresolved issues for some of our students. It would be a good step if parents/caregivers had a chat with their teenage students about what they heard this week and how support can be found if these matters were to become a future problem.



Last night we had a successful social organised by our senior students and the school community committee. The theme 'Dress to Impress' was a great choice and students certainly met that standard with their classy attire. This was the beginning of a few activities to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation and next Friday 24 March in the afternoon, Michael Moncur in Year 13 is showing what it means to be committed, by having his head shaved for the cause. This is also Mufti Day and students are to make a gold coin donation which will also go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Currently there are a lot of sport practices and events happening as the seasons cross over. Students still have summer sports to complete such as cricket, volleyball and athletics, while netball, soccer and rugby are about to start pre-season training. Summer codes still have the right-of-way at the moment as students look to manage themselves through this busy period and I'm confident that codes understand the need for a working agreement.

Teacher Only Day

The school will be closed on Monday 27 March for a Teacher Only Day. The St Edmunds rugby team from Queensland are visiting and will have a game of rugby against the U15 Menzies team at 3.45pm that day. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

PB4L

Congratulations to Chloe Laurie, Josiah Ashman, Cherish Warren, Sar Latanafrancia and Mrs Cowley for winning the achievement draw this week. Josiah received his for 'Striving for Excellence' by completing excellent work in spelling. Well done, your canteen vouchers can be picked up from the office.

Gerry Ward
Principal

TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

Outdoor Education Department

Paddles Up

At lunch time on Friday 10 March an intrepid bunch of Menzies people headed to Mavora Lakes for the annual Paddles Up competition. Luke Humphries, Luke Goatley and Alex Guthrie competed in the 'Down River' race and both the team and individual slalom. They were entered in the senior boys team slalom event and finished second with a very credible performance, when you consider they had a junior girl as the third member of the team – well done Alex! Alex also won the 'Individual Junior Girls Slalom'.

Highlights of the weekend included plenty of archery practice, dodgy Southland weather and 'every man and their dog' who camped next door. Many thanks to John and Christine Brown for their support as camp parents, Sean Humphries as transport manager, Tim Landreth as technical adviser, Jonny Brown as the front man and Kath Luoni as camp mother, who all gave up their weekends to support this adventure.

Paddles Up is a terrific event for kayakers to accumulate experience on the water and practice their skills. I encourage anyone to learn this sport and it is great fun on school camps. This year's adventure was a huge success. Thankyou.

Luke Goatley - Year 11

Science Department

Students with a passion for astronomy (SWAPA)

The Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand (RASNZ) is interested in promoting astronomy to young students in New Zealand schools who have an interest and passion for this science.

The Society is holding its annual conference in 2017 at the Otago Museum in Dunedin from Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May 2017. The normal registration for non-members of the Society is \$195 to attend the conference, but the Society is waiving this cost for up to 10 young astronomers who are keen to go and find out more about their science. They are also offering to these young astronomers, participation in the conference banquet and planetarium show (normally \$80) on the evening of 13 May, making a total prize package of \$275 each.

Astronomers from throughout New Zealand and some from overseas will participate in this year's conference. Many of these will be amateur astronomers and RASNZ is pleased that amateurs in New Zealand contribute so much to the strength of the Society, together with a core of professionals, mainly in our Universities. To find out more about the RASNZ annual conference, the Society's website at www.rasnz.org.nz should be consulted.

To be considered for free registration at the RASNZ conference, students should email a short statement of no more than 300 words explaining why they would like to attend the conference and why they are interested in astronomy. This statement should be sent to RASNZ President, John Drummond (email: john_drummond@xtra.co.nz – that is john underscore drummond @ xtra.co.nz) by Friday 7 April at 5 pm. Please also include your name, school, city, age, year of study at school in 2017, email address, telephone contact and science teacher's name. The winners of the competition will be selected for a clear enthusiasm for astronomy, their seniority and good English in their submitted statement. Alternatively, a printed version can be posted to John Drummond, PO Box 113, Patutahi 4045. The RASNZ Students with a Passion for Astronomy competition is most suited for students who are in years 11, 12 or 13 in 2017.

Those who win the free registration will be notified around mid April 2017. Winners are expected to be able to go to Dunedin and take part in the conference. The free registration includes lunches and other refreshments on the 13 and 14 May and a reception on the evening of 12 May. The cost of travel to Dunedin and accommodation are not covered in this offer.

This is a great opportunity to expose students to the exciting world of astronomy and the various sciences that are linked to it.

Margaret Dale

Acting Head of Department - Science

Musac Edge - Accessing the parent and student portals

Parent Portal

Detailed instructions on accessing the Parent Portal to view attendance data and assessment information are available on the school website.

Student Portal

Students are now able to access their attendance and achievement data online. The web address is student.musac.school.nz. Student uses their school email to login (eg. joe.smith@menzies.school.nz). The first time to login select 'I don't know my edge password'. An email with a temporary password will be emailed to the student. Use that to log in.

Congratulations

All students who enrolled at Menzies College this year went into a draw to win a school jacket. Congratulations to Emily Laurenson of 7LL who was the lucky winner.

Careers Department

Defence Careers Experience (DCE)

This year Southern Recruiting will be offering a Defence Careers Experience specifically for young women interested in a career in the New Zealand Defence Force. Details for this event are yet to be confirmed, however it is likely to occur mid-year and be conducted at Woodbourne Air Force Base in Blenheim. The DCE will be a great opportunity to gain an insight into life within the services, gain valuable teamwork and leadership skills, learn about career opportunities, and interact with other women currently serving in the Defence Force.

We are also intending to conduct a second DCE later in the year which will be offered to Year 11-13 students. This will most likely occur in September and be conducted at Burnham Military Camp in Christchurch. Further details and information regarding the application process for both DCE's will be released once we have confirmed these events. Those students who may be interested in attending a DCE should 'like' our Christchurch Defence Careers Facebook page in order to receive updates, information and the link to the online application form. If you would like further information about these two opportunities please see Mr Clark in the careers office.

STAR Courses

In conjunction with the Government, secondary schools, polytechnics and other training providers are helping young people identify their vocational pathway by offering STAR courses which allow students to study programmes not available through their secondary school. This offers an opportunity for students to have a clear pathway into tertiary programmes or to achieve vocational credits alongside their school qualifications.

What is STAR?

A Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource (STAR) course introduces secondary school students to training for a specific career or study at tertiary level. STAR courses are short and are only available through polytechnics and private training organisations. Students participate in short-term programmes or 'taster courses' for a few days at a time, or one day per week for several weeks.

The following STAR courses are available at the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT)

Fashion Level 3 starting 5th May and 28th July
Film Making Level 3 and 2 starting 27th March and 24th July
Carpentry level 2 starting March and July (dates to be confirmed)
Electrical and Electronic Principles Level 2 (dates to be confirmed)
Engineering Welding Level 2 starting March and July (dates to be confirmed)
Introduction to Nursing Level 2 and 3 starting 24th July
Nanny (Childcare) Level 2 starting 24th July
Audio Production Level 2 starting 5th May and 28th July
Barista Level 2 (dates to be confirmed)
Hospitality Level 2 starting 20th March and 31st July
Music Level 2 starting 10th March and 16th June
Floristry Level 2 (dates to be confirmed)

The following STAR courses are available at the New Zealand Institute of Sport (NZIS)

Sports, Fitness and Recreation Level 2 (20 credits) first week of each term holiday break
Sports Coaching and Officiating Level 3 (20 credits) second week of each term holiday break
There will be a selection of STAR courses available through Tatatahi Agriculture in Schools, these will be advertised as they come in. There are other providers and these together with the above will be advertised during the year. If you see a course that you might be interested in please call into the careers office and see either Mrs Williams or Mr Clark.

Important Dates

Otago Polytechnic liaison visit – 21/03/2017 (2pm)
Ara Institute of Canterbury liaison visit – 22/03/2017 (2pm)
University of Otago liaison visit – 29/03/2017 (1pm)
University of Auckland liaison visit – 05/05/2017 (8:50am)
Otago Tertiary Open Day Dunedin – 08/05/2017 (all day)
Ara Institute of Canterbury Open Day – 15/06/2017
IPU New Zealand Tertiary Institute liaison visit 23/03/2017 (1:20pm)

*Stuart Clark & Barbara Williams
Career Advisors/Transition Department*

Advertising on School Newsletter Page

We are about to have another batch of pages printed for our school newsletter. If any person/business is interested in advertising on the back page of our newsletter, please contact Mike Stenton at mike@i-cue.co.nz

Menzies College Class Photo Timetable Wednesday 22 March

Leave class 10 minutes before your photo time

Meet at the main hall doors nearest to the carpark

Line up from tallest to shortest

Tidy and correct uniform - no jerseys, jackets, polar fleeces or non-regulation shirts

	TIME	PHOTO	STAFF IN PHOTO
PERIOD 3	11.00	STAFF	STAFF
	11.20	9LM	LM
	11.25	Year 11	SR ED
	11.30	Year 12	SR ED
	11.40	Year 13	SR ED
	11.45	7LL	LL
	11.50	7VW	VW
	11.55	8CL	CL
	12.00	8BY	BY
PERIOD 4	12.20	9SK	SK
	12.25	10AP	AP
	12.30	10MK	MK
	12.35	Head Students Committee Leaders	
LUNCH	1.00 - 1.40	Family Photos	
WHANAU	2.00	TBG	BG ML PH
	2.05	TLL	JJ LL
	2.10	TSW	KL MD SW
PERIOD 5	2.15	RBW	BW TL
	2.20	RJB	JB LM SK
	2.25	RED	ED SR
	2.30	MBA	BA KK
	2.35	MCL	AC CL MM
	2.40	MMC	MC LJ
	2.45	AVW	PW VW
	2.50	AMK	BY MK
	2.55	ALY	AP LY

Family Photos

If anyone requires individual or family photos taken please notify the school office. These will be taken between 1pm and 1.40pm.

Students are to wear the correct uniform.

Important Dates

March	21	Otago Polytechnic visit - 2pm
	22	ARA Insitute of Canterbury visit - 2pm
	22	School Photos
	23	IPU New Zealand Tertiary Institute visit -1.20pm
	24-25	Otago/Southland Athletics
	24	Mufti Day - 'Shave for a Cure'
	27-31	Green Week
	27	Teacher Only Day
	27	St Edmunds v Menzies U15 rugby game 3.45pm
	29	Otago University visit - 1pm
	30	Board of Trustees meeting
April	1-2	South Island Athletics
	3-6	Adventure Experience Wanaka Camp (Year 12 & 13)
	8	Southland Primary Athletics (Year 7 & 8)
	13	Last day of Term 1 (day before Good Friday)
May	1	First day back Term 2

Sports Department

Southland Athletics Results 2017

Well done to all athletes that competed last Friday 10 March at Surrey Park. A team of 44 Menzies students turned up to compete at the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics championships. Students that placed in the top six for their events have qualified for the Otago/Southland Athletic championships at Surrey Park in Invercargill on Saturday 25 March. Congratulations to Gabby Knapp who has set a Southland record for the U16 girls Hammer Throw.

U14 Girls

Aaliyah Wilson - 2nd Discus
Rhylee McGregor - 4th 200m

U14 Boys

Coebie Symes - 3rd Discus

U15 Girls

Bethany Loveridge - 5th Javelin
5th High Jump

U15 Boys

Micaiah Johnston-Brown - 1st Javelin
4th Discus
5th Shot put

Ahliyah Paderanga - 3rd Javelin
Marina Ferguson - 6th Discus
6th 400m

U16 Girls

Gabby Knapp - 1st Hammer Throw
3rd Discus
Tyla Adams - 2nd 100m
2nd 200m
Kailey Yeoman - 3rd Javelin

U16 Boys

Caeden McGregor - 3rd Triple Jump
3rd 100m
3rd 200m
Luke Goatley - 5th 400m
Hayden Stuart - 4th 800m
6th 1500m

Senior Girls

Summer Smith - 5th Long Jump
Rebekah Kingdon - 4th Shot put

Senior Boys

Joseph Ferguson - 4th 400m
6th 800m
Michael Moncur - 5th Triple Jump

- * Relays for age groups U15 girls, U16 girls and boys and senior boys all qualified for Otago/Southland as well. The U16 boys placed the best, coming in 3rd place.
- * 24 students in total qualified for the Otago/Southland athletics in two weeks.
- * In the past two years the Menzies athletics team for the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics has doubled. This has meant also the number that qualified for the Otago/Southland championships has doubled. In 2015 only 11 students qualified and prior to that there were only a very small number of students going to the Southlands. It has been good to see the interest and the students backing themselves. Students make comments like 'they don't want to embarrass themselves', when in fact they can compete with the rest of the schools in Southland and be very proud of themselves for their efforts. Whether they placed in their competition or not, it is a big deal to put themselves out there. Some students broke their own personal best records on the day and we can't ask for much better than that. I am very proud of our whole athletics team and they should be proud of themselves too. Students know what it is about now, so they need to set their goals and be ready for next year. I am looking forward to it already!

At Otago/Southland athletics our duty is on Shot put and we need to have two Menzies people there at all times. If you are available to help please tell Mrs Keil. This will count towards Duke of Edinburgh community service if there are students there watching siblings that could be helping. Students competing may be required to help if we don't have enough volunteers.

Katie Keil
Sports Co-ordinator



Success at Speedway

Nathan Rhind of Year 9 won the Otago Youth Saloon Championship on 11 February and then took out the Southland Youth Saloon Championship the following weekend on 18 February. Last weekend on 11 March, he again raced at Beachlands in Dunedin and took a clean sweep winning all three of his races. Nathan competes in a class against drivers aged 16 years. Congratulations and well done Nathan!



Menzies College Soccer

Kelly Irwin First National Menzies College Boys 1st XI Soccer team

On Monday I will be talking with the coach, Shane Elliot, to organise trials/training dates and times. With the number of boys wanting to play we may be able to enter two teams as long as we have the commitment of all players. Forms for volunteer helpers are now available and are due back by Wednesday 5 April.

Coaches appointed

Coaches appointed to date are as follows:

Boys 1st XI – Shane Elliot

Boys 2nd XI – Carl Lambert

Girls 1st XI – Carl Lambert

Girls 2nd XI – Pania Rayner and Laura Hill

Girls 7 & 8 Futsal team – TBC

Soccer Registrations - nearly 70 players for 2017

Thank you to all the students that have put their names down to play football this season. At the moment we have 38 girls (could have three teams at our tournament) and 28 boys (a couple more and we could have two teams).

Volunteer helper forms

These have been given out to the boys this week and the girls will receive theirs early next week. If you are able to help with transport at any time during the season can you please fill one of these out and return by 5 April.

Three Rivers Girls Soccer tournament dates

These have been set for Sunday 20 August and Monday 21 August with postponement dates of 27 and 28 August. This year with the number of girls, we could field three teams at the tournament for the first time.

Girls training dates

Thursday 23 March – 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 29 March – 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 5 April – 3.30pm to 5.00pm

In Term 2 training will be every Tuesday and games every Wednesday starting on 10 May.

Upcoming Dates 2017

Thursday 23 March – Girls training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 29 March – Girls training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 5 April – Volunteers forms due back (transport, etc)

Wednesday 5 April – Girls training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 10 May – All College football Leagues (competitions) begin

*Carl Lambert
Organiser*

Menzies College Netball

- * There is a meeting on Tuesday 21 March at 7pm in the Menzies College staffroom. All welcome especially parents/caregivers new to Menzies Netball
- * We are seeking coaches to apply for this season. Please contact Sue Shaw rb.sishaw@velocitynet.co.nz or 0272924412
- * The third netball trial will be held on Wednesday 22 March at 3.30pm
- * Please let me know if you are not receiving netball emails and I will include you in the email list

*Sue Shaw
Secretary Menzies College Netball Club*

Menzies College Rugby

Rugby Registrations – Notice for parents and players

All previous players/parents have been sent an email to re-register with Menzies Rugby via the Sporty Website for the 2017 season. Please complete this email request if you wish to play rugby this year. If you have NOT received an email or are a NEW PLAYER for the Menzies Rugby Club please go to the below link and register through this process.

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/menzies/Rugby-Registrations/Online-Registration-Form-1>

All players must register with their parents as they require parental consent. A reminder: If you are not registered to play rugby you cannot take the field! If you do not have access to a computer please discuss this with your coaches/managers to assist you. Please try to get your registrations completed by 31 March 2017.

Rugby Subs

Subs for 2017 have been confirmed. The fee is \$50 per player except for the 1st XV players whose sub is \$150. We would appreciate it if these subs could be paid by 1 April 2017.

To pay subs there are the following options:

- **Cash** in a named envelope, handed into the school office, tagged for 'Rugby' or give to Lois Heads
- **Cheque** made out to Menzies Rugby (**NOT** Menzies College) handed into the school office, tagged for 'Rugby' or give to Lois Heads
- **Internet banking:** Menzies Rugby account 03 0962 0066078 000. Please put players name and 'Sub' as reference/details.

Visiting School: St Edmunds College: Host families required to billet players

On 27 March, St Edmunds College are visiting Menzies and will be playing against a made up U15 rugby team. They will be arriving at approximately 3pm and will be playing rugby at 3.45pm. We are seeking families to host these boys for the night of 27 March 2017. You will only need to supply dinner and breakfast... oh and a bed for the night. If you can help please contact Katrina Read via 021464932 or email cody.katrina@vodafone.co.nz

Katrina Read

Menzies College Australian Sports Tour

Unfortunately the 2018 Australian Sports Tour will not proceed due to lack of numbers. As stated in the constitution all personal money paid in will be refunded. All fundraising in the tour name will be transferred to either a sports team of your choosing or your school account. Please contact Pam Yorke with your information to arrange this.

We are hoping to have a tour in 2019. This will involve children who are currently in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11. Please look out for information regarding this early in Term 2.

Sue Poole

Community Notices

Wyndham Netball Club

Wyndham Netball Club will be holding a General Meeting on Wednesday 22 March 2017, 7.30pm at the Three Rivers Hotel. If you want your child to play netball this year, your attendance is required please. Any apologies or enquiries to Leanne Scobie or Mel Geary.



Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme High School Students Wanted

Rotary Clubs are now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of this long established, successful educational and cultural exchange. This year, we have added Taiwan as an exchange partner, giving one student the opportunity to become fluent in Mandarin.

- Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2018.
- Exchange partners for 2018 are Sweden, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Austria, Chile and Taiwan

- No family Rotary affiliation required.
- Applications close 30 April 2017.

Contact: Merv Clearwater HM: 03 4894234, 107 Gladstone Road, South Mosgiel M: 0274339689 Email: mervclearwater@xtra.co.nz



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