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31 March 2017

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora

Well done to our students last week who were able to raise approximately \$1,600 for the Leukaemia Foundation through the disco, mufti day and hair shaving exercise. This is a particularly good response to this cause and special mention must go to Michael Moncur, his father Craig and staff member Jonny Brown who were prepared to get a 'number 0' for the sake of this fundraiser. Also our

senior students, Mr Kerslake and hairdresser Amy Milligan, deserve a big thank you for making the event so enjoyable.



Also on Friday, Year 11 student Sam Smith, along with his friends, put a free sausage sizzle on for every student in the school. Sam approached me a few weeks back with this idea and encouraged by his faith, wanted to make sure all students had something to eat for lunch so was happy to join in with the spirit of the day. Thanks Sam, this was awesome!

On Monday, staff were engaged in a professional learning opportunity looking at the Spirals of Learning, how we can collaborate with each other or make good use of tools such as the google suite. The content fitted nicely with where we have been heading in our inquiry approach with students, the conferencing together over learning and setting of learning goals. This was a Community of Learning activity shared with all five schools in the CoL and professionally delivered by CORE Education.

Thanks to the organisers, coaches and families that hosted the players from St Edmund's College Under 15 rugby team on Monday. This is an annual tour by the Queensland school and the second time they have played against us. Despite the 50-34 score, the game was actually good to watch and served well as a pre-season game for our boys.

On Saturday we have eight students participating in the South Island Athletic Championships in Dunedin and Mrs Keil has written more, further on in this newsletter. Well done to all our students who participated last week at the Otago/Southlands, particularly those who broke personal best times and distances. I wish you all well on Saturday in Dunedin.

On Monday our senior adventure experience students head off to Wanaka for four days as part of their annual outdoors programme where they work on applying skills they have learnt, in a practical situation. This is no holiday and is important for assessment purposes. I hope the weather holds out and you enjoy the four days.

PB4L

Congratulations to Bryn Gorman, Aaron Ross, Brooke Loveridge, Anna Sinclair and Mr Joyce for winning the achievement draw this week. Aaron received his for 100% attendance and Brooke received hers for the use of stated vocabulary in 'quick write'. Well done, your canteen vouchers can be collected from the office.

Gerry Ward
Principal

TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

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*

2017 Great Kiwi Science, English & Mathematics Competitions

The annual CEM Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics competitions are skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. They are run for students in Year 7-10. The competitions cater for students of all abilities and measure the performance of students in each curriculum area. Each test is 45 minutes long, is completed on-line and consists of 40 short answer questions. The competitions will run during the last two weeks of Term Two and we envisage that results will be returned to us at the start of Term Three. The cost for each test is \$8.50 and students can enter one, two or three tests (at their discretion). To enter, students can collect a permission letter from the school office. Permission slips (and entry fees) should be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 13 April**. If you have any further questions regarding this competition, please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

*Lucy McKelvie on behalf of
English, Science & Mathematics Department*

Dunedin Tertiary Information Day

On Monday 8 May 2017 (Term 2, week 2) Year 12 and 13 students are invited to the Tertiary information day in Dunedin. The purpose of this programme is to enable students to observe first-hand what the tertiary environment is like. Students are invited to visit special displays and presentations and explore the various facilities students use (e.g. the University Union, Polytechnic and University of Otago student centres, the libraries, Unipol recreation centre, Recreation Services and the clubs and societies building). Transport will be by mini vans. There will be a cost of \$10 that will need to be paid to the office before we leave. The programme runs from 9.30am until 3.30pm in Dunedin. Students will need to assemble at school at 6.15am as we will be leaving at 6.30am sharp. I am expecting that we will be back at school by 6.30pm where students will need to be picked up. This is not covered by your blanket consent form so students need to collect and complete the EOTC Permission form from the office and return it by Thursday 13 April (before the holidays).

We encourage parents/caregivers to come along to support their child. There is no cost for you to come in the van. Please indicate on the permission slip if you will be attending. For more information go to the websites below and search Tertiary information day. www.otago.ac.nz www.facebook.com/otagouniversity

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 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 31st July
Music Level 2 starting 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

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*

PGG Wrightson - Cash for Communities

Thank you to the families who nominated Menzies College to receive funds from this programme. Donations like this are very much appreciated and allow us to support our students.

Physical Education Department

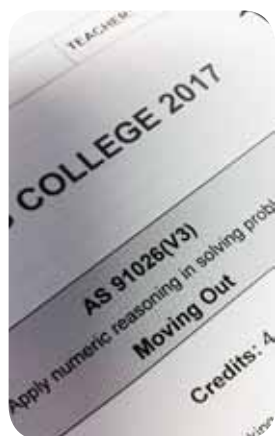
Year 11 Physical Education

Students have been working hard investigating technique and other factors that contribute to performance in athletics. Every student has to write, complete and review six training sessions focusing on specific factors to improve their performance. The remainder of term one will be spent final testing their five athletics events and then completing a written test explaining the impact their training had on their final performances. Pictured are the boys working on block starts.



*Pete Wilkinson
Teacher*

Mathematics Department



101 Maths

Today we completed reassessments for the Number unit. Congratulations to the students who attended tutorials (we have had five in the last two weeks) to give themselves the best shot to improve their grades. We have lunchtime tutorials on Mondays in room 8 for anyone who wants support or extension (at any year level). Leading up to every assessment we are more than happy to have extra tutorials.

*Pete Wilkinson
Teacher*

Community Notices

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

Wanaka Trail Ride 2017: Sunday 23 April

Make it a family weekend at the 3rd Annual Wanaka Trail Ride - a unique trailbike ride that caters for all ages and abilities and attracts over 500 enthusiasts from across the South Island. The course covers the stunning hill-country of Deep Creek, Long Gully and Lindis Peak Stations, near Tarras. This joint fundraiser for Wanaka Primary School and Montessori Children's House Wanaka raised \$28,000 last year, benefitting many young families in the community. Pre-register online now for discounted entry fees and a chance to win fantastic prizes! Visit www.wanakatrailride.org or contact Nicolle on 022 139 3021 for general enquiries.

Edendale Netball Club

We welcome any players keen to give netball a go, male or female.

Year 1 to 4 will need to register with chosen club; Year 5 and up will need to register and trial; Year 9 and up will need to register, and can trial, or can organise their own team with an adult point of contact. These can be mixed teams.

To register go to www.sporty.co.nz/Edendalenetball and click on 'online registrations'. Edendale Netball Club has their own, closed Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please request to join. This will be updated with information and draws as they come available.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing roles please talk to Nicole or Megan at the trials.

Remember that there are trials on Sunday 2 April - 3pm for primary students; 4pm for secondary students; 4.45pm senior/social players. These are at the Edendale netball courts, across from the Edendale Primary School and part of the Edendale recreation area. Keep Tuesday 4th April free - if needed. Contact Megan on 021 0395 628.

Menzies College Soccer

Kelly Irwin First National Boys 1st XI

On Friday 31 March, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm the boys will hold their first training for the season. Please meet on the soccer field. Coaches will be present to introduce themselves and outline the coming season.

Coaches Appointed

Coaches have been appointed for some of our teams:

Boys 1st XI team – Shane Elliot

Boys 2nd XI team - Carl Lambert

Girls 1st XI team – Carl Lambert

Girls 2nd XI team - Pania Rayner and Laura Hill

Girls 7 & 8 Futsal team - TBC

Soccer Registrations

Any students still interested in playing soccer for the coming season please see Mr Lambert or collect an (EOTC) permission form from the school office.

Volunteer Helper Forms

These were given to the boys this week and the girls will receive theirs next week. If you are able to help with transport at any time during the season can you please fill out this form and return by 5 April. If you still need one please see Mr Lambert.

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 have, we could field three teams for the first time.

Upcoming Dates 2017

Friday 31 March - Boys training 3.30pm to 4.30pm (more dates to be added)

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

Wednesday 5 April – Girls training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 12 April – Girls soccer – Menzies 1st XI vs Menzies 2nd XI

Tuesday 2 May - Girls soccer training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 3 May - Girls soccer – Menzies 1st XI vs Menzies 2nd XI

Tuesday 9 May – Girls soccer training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 10 May – All college football leagues competitions begin

Carl Lambert
Organiser

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.

St Edmund's College Visit

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who helped host the St Edmund's rugby players who came to play our Menzies U15 rugby team from providing and serving afternoon tea to setting up and cleaning the hall. Also, a big thank you to the families who hosted players for the night. I've heard the boys enjoyed their stay.

To the rugby players, well done on your first game of the season. Everyone played a great game and you worked well together as a team. It was a great game to watch and you all represented Menzies well. Congratulations to Micaiah Johnstone-Brown for being named player of the match. Any questions please contact me.

Katrina Read

1st XV Rugby Firewood Fundraiser

Macrocarpa wood for sale, split ready to go. \$70 per metre, happy to deliver locally. Please contact Corrina Medley 021 024 81642 or Devon McLeod 027 870 0128.

Sports Department

Summer & Winter Codes

As you would have read in our school newsletter we are very proud to acknowledge that we have a very high number of students participating in organised sports when compared against the national averages. This is truly a result of the effort and commitment to our students chosen organised sport. We thank you for this amazing effort to our school community.

As we begin to see the end of the summer sports, the winter codes are beginning to get underway. In order for us to continue with this proud achievement we would like to remind all teachers, parents/caregivers who are involved in both summer and winter codes that we must hold the interest and passion of our students at the forefront of our mind. Those students who wish to represent Menzies College in more than one sporting code can do so and indeed are encouraged to do so. Care must be taken when this happens and consideration given to the other teachers, parents/caregivers involved with the second sporting code.

To make things easier we see that attendance at games is compulsory and we are lucky in that many of the sporting codes operate on different week days when playing official games. Attendance at training however, we feel cannot be compulsory. This allows the opportunity for the student to play a second code for Menzies College. Participation in tournaments require longer commitment from students and coaches/managers so we encourage discussions between the student and parents/caregivers as well as the coaches/managers of the second sporting code. More than often a solution can be found. We are more than happy to facilitate such a meeting or conversation between codes. Please contact us if you would like this to occur. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Mark Kerslake

Head of Department - Physical Education & Health

Otago/Southland Athletics Championship Results

Students who placed in the top five of their events have qualified for the South Island championships in Dunedin this weekend, 31 March to 2 April. Eight Menzies students qualified.

The results below:

- * Gabby Knapp competed in the Hammer throw. She placed 4th in the U16 girls and threw a personal best of 28.77m. On Saturday Gabby competed in Discus.
- * Micaiah Johnston-Brown competed in three throwing events and placed 6th in Shot put, 5th in Discus and 2nd in Javelin.
- * Ahliyah Paderanga competed in U15 Girls Javelin and placed 5th with a throw of 19.24m
- * Kailey Yeoman competed in the U16 Girls Javelin and placed 5th with a throw of 22.46m.
- * Aliyah Wilson placed 9th in the U14 Discus.
- * Rebekah Kingdon placed 7th in the senior girl's Discus.
- * Marina Ferguson made the final for her 400m and finished in 8th place. She also competed in the Discus for the U15 girls and placed 9th.
- * Tyla Adams competed in the girls U16 100m placing 3rd and ran an impressive 200m heat and final placing 2nd in both races with a time of 28.09s.
- * Joseph Ferguson placed 6th in the senior boys 400m and 7th in the 800m.
- * Luke Goatley competed in the U16 boys 400m and placed 4th.
- * Caeden McGregor ran a quick 200m final and after a photo finish for 2nd and 3rd, placed 3rd with a time of 24.62s. In the 100m final he placed 7th.
- * Hayden Stuart ran a great 800m race coming down to a sprint and photo finish for 2nd and 3rd place. He came off in third place only separated by .03 of a second. He ran a personal best time of 2.11.06.

Our U16 boys entered a relay consisting of Luke Goatley, Micaiah Johnston-Brown, Hayden Stuart and Caeden McGregor. The relay was exciting to watch and from a full heat the boys finished 5th.

We wish the students all the best for this coming weekend and look forward to seeing some good results.



Marina Ferguson



Tyla Adams



Joseph Ferguson



Gabby Knapp



Micaiah Johnston-Brown



Caedyn McGregor 4th from left



Kailey Yeoman



Ahliya Paderanga

Hockey

We are looking at entering a mixed team in the school competitions this year on a Tuesday night. We will start with an 8-a-side team for the first three weeks to get everyone sorted and brushed up on their skills and then will move on to a full round of 11 a-side competition through to the tournaments at the end of the season.

- Games will be played on the Invercargill turf, Tuesday nights starting at 4.30pm
- Games are 30 minute halves
- Players need shin pads and mouth guards at all times while on the turf
- Fees are approximately \$100 but yet to be confirmed
- Available from Year 7-13
- A coach is needed and a team umpire (support and training available here)
- We will need assistance with transport on game nights and practices
- Return permission slips to the office by Monday 3 April
- Any enquiries please phone Cathy on 021 2549244

Katie Keil
Sports co-ordinator

Important Dates

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
	5	Auckland University Liaison visit
	8	Dunedin Tertiary Open Day
	8-12	Green Week
	20	School Ball
June	2	Teacher Only Day
	5	Queen's Birthday Observance
	13-16	Green Week
	15	Ara Institute of Canterbury Open Day
	18-20	Tautuku Pre Camp (Year 13 Adventure Experience)
	22	Incubator
	23-3 July	Deep Cove Year 7 & 8 camp
July	26-29	Tautuku Year 9 camp
	7	Last day of Term 2
	24	First day back Term 3

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