Principal’s Message
Welcome back to Term 4 with all of its challenge and potential for success. I encourage every parent and student to review their personal learning plan and refresh their personal goals and aspirations. A clear goal makes the chase much, much easier. I am not physically at school for the first two weeks in that I am currently in Korea and then Japan promoting opportunities for international students to study abroad, in Australia and at Menai if they fancy. “AUSTRADE” has orchestrated 3-4 agency per day presentations and Trade Fairs at weekends so we will have wide coverage and excellent opportunities.

September 17th was Citizenship Day. This celebration was introduced in 2001. It provides an opportunity for all Australian’s to celebrate and value Australian citizenship, the peaceful, prosperous and inclusive society we share and to reflect on the role we play in building our nation and shaping our country’s future as proud Australian citizens.

I never cease to be amazed at the wonderful citizenship shown by so many of our students. For example Babak Zahrouni served his Year 9 PASS class well when he sought out Kings basketball player Tom Garlepp to come and talk to year 9 students about his experiences as an elite sportsman. They had been focusing on coaching throughout the term and it lent a genuine sense of reality and wisdom to have this wonderful man talk about his team, their coaching and working together to achieve their best. Babak has been a great citizen by serving his class well.

Congratulations and thanks also go to other top Year 9 citizens who very ably and graciously assisted Samantha Vella in the completion of her Yearly exams: Christina Tsafis, Hannah Banks, Olivia Cooper, Taylor Nisbet and Rylee Jones. Our citizenship is seen not only at school but in the community as well. Last term, Bec Collins completed in the BJF Physical Culture Southern Zone competition and came 3rd in the 13 Year section. She will now be competing in the National Competition in November. We wish her well.

We had an amazing and intimate performance night in the common room last term. It was so warmly received and supported that music teachers Mr Bradley and Mr Millic will look for more opportunities for enthusiastic performers and audiences to get together. Solo performances included Alistair Bell, Fergus Bell and Riley Karssemeyer. The fabulous Rock Ensemble included Alistair Bell, Fergus Bell, Reuben Campbell, Timothy Crismale, Joshua Mendez, Rowan Puckridge, Joel Roberts, Natasha Tsafis, Jacob Wilkes, Mitchell Kelly, plus other members of Menai High School Stage Band Aidan Brown, Caitlin Brown, Jack Carroll, Jazmin Everett, Riley Karssemeyer, Benjamin Kelly and Loreena Wells. The magic Stage Band saw Alistair Bell, Fergus Bell, Aidan Brown, Caitlin Brown, Vittoria Camporeale, Jack Carroll, Matthew Chandler, Tushan Chandra, Cameron Gordon, Sian Griffiths, Jordan Harper, Bradley Jarvis, Joshua Johnson, Riley Kasssemeeyer, Ben Kelly, Ethan Macky, Madeleine Norris, Alexandra Shute, Lara Van Den Dolder and Loreena Wells.

Nothing gets much better than performers being nominated for one of the “Best of the HSC” performances. I would like to extend congratulations to Ilesha McCrae, Louisa Polson and Keya McGeown who have been nominated for selection in the 2015 Onstage performance at the Seymour Centre. Onstage is a showcase of outstanding Drama performances from the 2014 HSC Drama Practical examination. The girls were nominated by the BOS examiners for their group performance entitled “Like, Share, Comment, Update” which is an exploration of the hold that the internet and particularly Facebook has had upon young people.

Year 12 Graduation ceremony in the last week of Term 3 was wonderful, momentous and a genuine reflection of the wonderful year group they have been. Parents, students, teachers and families were all enormously proud of them and their achievements. Congratulations and thank you: Captains and Vice Captain- Alexandra Boyling, Rachel Johnson, Jack Johnstone, Jacob Newton, Sarah Willetts and Joanne Benitez. Class of 2015: Bright Achirem, Madision Adam, Jayde Ainsworth, Mitchell Airey, Stephanie Airey, Koma Allieu, Salman Almeer, Raneem Alytis, Liam Anderson, Roray James Anderson, Luway Arabi, Rebecca Armstrong, Junior Bangura, Antonio Barbuto, Alistair Bell, Fergus Bell, Kayla Berry, Erin Birmingham, Ryan Blakeley, Mitchell Bowes, Christopher Boyce, Andrew Braz, Joshua Brett, Jerome Bua, Jessica Buchan, Frederick Bundu, Beverley Cadd, Reuben Campbell, Chen Yue Cao, Jacob Caterson, Jeremy Chau, Taylor Chee-Kelly, Alyssa Clark, Pierce Coles-Clair, Nicole Constable, Monique Costantini, Liam Cooper, Ashley Cottell, Catherine Cover, Tobi Jee Cremona, Timothy Crismale, Jake Cronly Marjorie Dacanay, Alessandra Davaram, Connor Davaram, Keats Davaram, Timothy Davis, Ryan Deighton, Tatiana Diaz Rodriguez, Oanh Diec, Thomas Dingley, Tram Dinh, Stephanie Dixon, Yashiv Dookie, Chloe Duncan, Alae El-Titi, Shane Elyett, Byron Ernst, Megan Faulder, Mark Faulks, Rebecca Fay, Jack Figuera, Corey Fortunato, Elizabeth Georgopoulos, Jasmin Grey, Blake Hammond, Md Mahedi Hasan, Jack Heskett, Sarah Horn, Louisa Humphrey, Kaya Huseyn, Nathan Ippolito, Wido Jasem, Kirsten Kane, Rania Kasir, Daniel Kenny, Lachlan Kerr, Ali Khan, Tegan Kiningham, Peter Lambropoulos, Shyleigh Larier, Samuel Lasu, Brandon Lawrence, Hieu Le, Andreas Lengkeek, Chelsea Lopez, Daniel Lui, Kieu Trang Luong, Eunaleen Macamay, Cassandra Mallos, Adam Marinovic, Patrick Marcos, Sarah Marsh, Scott Maurder, Jessica McDonald, Keys McGeown, Jade McGlenny, Ilesha McCrae, Sohid Md Atai, Belinda Milekovic, Jake Mills, Monique Minhinick, Kyle Morris, Sanaa Moussawel, Justin Mrmacovski, Daniel Murphy, Ha Nhau Nguyen, Quang Hai Nguyen, Thanh Nhan Nguyen, Caleb Nieuwendenyk, Bradley O’Connell, Carolyn Oberg, Ethan Packer, Paul Paraskevoullis, Zakir Parwarish, Gabrielle Paterson, Erin Peka, Giorgia Pengilis, Luke Poffeer, Nghi Minh Phan, Louisa Polson, Atika Puhr, Tahyl Pritchard, Rowan Puckridge, Daniella Quatropiani, Lia Ramsay, Kaylee Rankin, Taylah Recchi, Joel Roberts, Erin Rolander, Geford Rosaroso, Adam Ross, Atika Ruhilyati, Brooke Santos, Ben Saunders, Daniel Selmont, Natalie Seth, Timothy Sherwin, hayden Smith, Rhenee Southern, Liam Sparke, Nathan Spencer, Adam Stroud, Monique Sutevski, Katherine Tannous, Stacye Taplin, Jake Taylor, Ciana Toddorovski, Lachlan Towart, Quang Tuan Tran, Matthew Trantas, Natasha Tsafis, Alexander Tweed, Lauren Versi, Peter Vlahos, Linh Vo, Tran Vo, Hoai Anh Vu, Kyra Webb, Jacob Wilkes, Emma Willkins, Nanda Win Maung, Mitchell Wissby, Nathan Wursten and Dounya Zakaria.

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IMPORTANT DATES & COMING EVENTS

Monday 6/10  Public Holiday
Tuesday 7/10  Art Show
Wednesday 8/10  Art Show
Thursday 9/10  Art Show/Music Night
Friday 10/10  Yr 11 Dance Appreciation Workshop
Welfare News!

Ms Prince would like to congratulate Katherine Hensler, James Walker, Cody Gale, Kurt Haines, Melina Thompson, Christina Tsafis and Shannon Jenkin from year 9 Commerce for the excellent job they did in their “Promotion and Selling” assignment.

Well done to all students this term

Goodbye to Year 12

Best wishes to the class of 2014. May you have the best of luck in the HSC exams and for the future.

Student Eye Clinic

Student Eyecare is a mobile optometry service, providing high school students with eye examinations. The Student Eyecare Program was established to provide students the opportunity to get their eyes examined to minimize the effects of poor vision that may interfere with a student’s learning abilities and subsequently hinder their academic potential. The main visual issues that go undetected are inadequate focusing and eye teaming abilities that could lead to symptoms such as blurry vision, poor concentration, fatigue, headaches and unwillingness to read. The aim of Student Eyecare is to identify these symptoms and provide students with the appropriate treatment, which hopefully results in a more enriched learning experience.

Services are completely covered by Medicare Australia and they do not sell any items of eyewear.

Student Eyecare will be at Menai High School in term 4 to carry out eye tests on any student interested in the program, starting from week 4. Notes will be handed out to students in week 1 of term 4 in roll call and will need to be completed and handed in to roll call teachers by the end of week 2 term 4. Students will not be able to participate in the program if the note is not returned.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this program or alternatively you can go to www.studenteyecare.com.au to read about the program.

Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic will be running during Term 4 this year. Information and consent forms will be going out to students. Please look out for more information.

Gender Day for Year 8

Notes were distributed for the Year 8 gender day. On this day boys and girls will be separated and a specific program run to address the unique issues facing boys and girls at this time of adolescence. The cost for both groups will be $18. Payments are to be made to the office by Week 2 of Term 4 so final details can be confirmed. Notes are to be returned to Ms Hamilton (girls) in HSIE and Mr El Masri (boys) in Maths. If your child has not brought a note home please encourage them to see their Year Advisers to collect one.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher Welfare

Wellbeing Wisdom

AMDC

Have you received your consent form for the Mobile Dental Clinic? The AMDC van will be in our staff car park from Week 3 next term. If your child returns the completed consent form they will have the opportunity to visit the dentist during school hours. AMDC provides a variety of services including dental examinations, cleaning, fluoride treatments, x-rays, sealants and fillings. Most families qualify for the ‘grow up smiling’ program, which will mean that your child can visit the clinic for free. See the consent form for more information. The consent forms have been distributed, but your child can collect another one from Ms Hatzi or Ms Kavouras. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Ms Hatzi and Ms Kavouras