**Relieving Principal’s Message**

We have had another wonderful week here at Menai High. Year 7 have done an outstanding job presenting their interesting, informative and entertaining morning teas. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for attending and participating in the morning tea activities. The following students were MC’s for their class and all performed the role to a very high standard. Ethan Power, Alyse Caldwell (7N), Amy Allsop-Guest, Tushan Chandra (7E), Samantha Budniak, Jarred Murarotto (7M), William Daley, Annelise Faust (7I), Robert Townsend, Dominique Williamson, Candice Durkin (7S), Taylani Ireland, Jacob Naden, Pernilla Watson (7H), Isabella Hockey, Noah Kelly (7G), Jessica Head and Blake Obey (7A). Jack Boyling, Iman Codmani, Jacob Dol and Adalynn Cole (Year 8 SRC Representatives) did a brilliant job as helpers for these Morning Teas.

Thank you to Mr Meagher for his organisation of this program, to all class teachers for your contribution and support of your students. Year advisors Mrs Hennessey and Mrs La Rosa are very proud of Year 7.

Well done to all students on your class presentations. Menai High School’s future is in good hands with our current Year 7. The SRC are to be congratulated for their current fund raising activity. The SRC ran fun activities during lunchtime to raise money to support the funding of a school in a third world country. This will help provide the children of the third world country with the access to an education they deserve.

Miss Blaylock’s Year 10 History debating team Prudence Wilkins-Wheat, Caitlin Tullis, Elizabeth Faust and Clare Anne Glover competed this week against Sydney Boys High. Unfortunately Menai did not win but the team were great representatives for our school.

The Secretary of Education Dr Michele Bruniges visited Menai High last Tuesday. The visit involved staff discussing the implementation process of the new LMBR system that Menai is trialling and Dr Bruniges was very supportive of the school and in particular the SASS staff. The new system is a very complex system and it was very good for our hard working SASS staff to be given this recognition.

Student invoices have been posted this week to families. This has been a huge learning process for the SASS staff as the invoicing has been performed through LMBR for the first time. Thank you to families for your patience. If you could please address the subject contributions and other voluntary contributions on the invoice as the funds help to provide resources for your child’s learning.

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**IMPORTANT DATES & COMING EVENTS**

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Welfare News!

Good News

Mrs Lilye would like to commend Lachlan Pollock in Year 7 for all the extra effort he has put into the powerpoint presentation for the Year 7 Morning Tea, and Siobhan Halstead in Year 7 for her excellent work in ICT. Well done to Kyla Daley in Ms Scevity’s Year 8 Geography class for her excellent explanation of the impact that the extinction of animals will have on the food chain. Mrs Kerr would like to thank Mackenzie Chegwidden in Year 7 for stepping into a speaking role for the 7M morning tea at the last moment. You did a brilliant job. Mr Proctor would like to say well done to Cody Gale for demonstrating his passion for environmental issues and care and commitment that all Menai High School students strive towards. Miss Blaylock would like to acknowledge Vitoria Camporeale for her excellent contribution to class discussion and outstanding work.

Year 9 Risk Taking Performance Payment Due

The ‘Risk Taking’ performance is a compulsory activity for students in Year 9. It deals with how students can place themselves into situations of harm and how to recognise these situations and make decisions that will help them from becoming involved in situations that could lead to harm. The cost for the performance is $7 and the payment due date was last week. If you have not paid please do so as soon as possible. A note has been sent home with all students. If you have not yet received a note your child can collect one from Mrs Ferraro. It can also be located on the school website under Year 9.

The Inaugural Heads Up Mental Health Forum

On Wednesday 21st May The Sutherland BEN (Business Education Network) hosted the first student forum to discuss the issue of Mental Health. Representatives from 15 schools in the Sutherland Shire area, including Government, Private and Catholic sectors of education attended the forum and heard presentations from The Black Dog Institute, Batry Australia and Headspace. The students worked in groups with other schools to develop an initiative to help promote good mental health within their school environment, as well as look at ways to take away the negative stigma that many young people still associate with being linked to a mental health issue.

I would like to recognise Noah Iverach, Mikalee Clark, James Wintner and Sarah Wilson who were our school representatives at the forum. They worked well together and with the other schools to design initiatives that could be implemented with the school. They were excellent ambassadors for Menai High School and I thank them for their active participation during the day.

Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher, Welfare

Sports News

We have had some amazing achievements in sport so far this term. Many students have represented the school in Sydney East Knockout competitions and in doing so have been selected in regional representative teams. The following students are to be congratulated on their selection—Andrew Stewart, Kristen Agius and Jackson Downer (Hockey), Maddison Boyling (Netball), Ben Jorgenson and Blake McWhiter (AFL), Tyrah Pritchard (Rugby Union) and James Markovic (Soccer). James Markovic is to be congratulated as he represented Sydney East in the recent CHS Soccer Championships in which he helped his team to victory in the Grand final and in doing so become State Champions. James was also selected in the NSW CHS team to compete at the National Championships. An excellent effort.

James Walker (Silver), Cody Gale (Bronze), Alex Airoldi (Bronze) and Daniel Crookshank competed at the School and University Championships in Karate earlier this year and did Menai High School proud winning a number of medals in the Kumite (Combat) section of the tournament. James and Daniel also competed at the Australian Open where they won gold and bronze medals respectively.

In swimming news, Sarah Siqueira and Jon Ryan both competed to a high level in the NSW CHS swimming carnival earlier this year. Both competitors achieved great results with Sarah being selected to compete for NSW at the Australian All Schools Titles in a number of events. A fantastic result.

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K Newman, Sports Organiser

CAPA News

Last Monday I had the privilege to accompany an incredibly talented group of Years 7-10 students to perform at the 2014 Secondary Combined Choral Concert (InConcert) at the Sydney Town Hall. Ryan Queenin, Natalie Panov, Bradley Jarvis, Tarek Zahabe, Lara Van Den Dolder, Maya Stempin, Bernadette Wong, Natasha Harvey and Lucia Castle performed alongside 900 students from public schools across New South Wales. The students attended three rehearsals with the combined choir and have been practising the items over the past 10 weeks. In addition to performing as a combined choir, students performed with the internationally acclaimed quartet The Idea of North. The Idea of North provided skills development and enabled the 900 vocalists to deliver an amazing sell-out concert. This is the first time Menai High School has participated in this event and the students are looking forward to the next concert. Many of these students, who performed at InConcert, will be performing as the Menai High School Choir at 2014 Creative and Performing Arts night on the 12/6. Please put this date in your calendar for your chance to view the newly formed Menai High Choir, conducted by Natalie Woodcock. The performance night will highlight a variety of outstanding Music and Dance items, stay tuned for further details.

M Kelly, Relieving Head Teacher CAPA

Senior Seminar Program Schedule — 29th May, 2014

Year 11 Exams
E-Diary News!

Things have been moving along with the eDiary and we are close to having every student in the school signed up. We will be working over the coming weeks to finalise the implementation process and sort through any more emerging technological issues. However, there are still so many parents who have yet to sign up. We encourage you to get involved with this program, which offers such a valuable opportunity to be more engaged with your child’s education. If you haven’t already done so email us at the school on menai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the following information:

Email, First Name, Last Name, Child’s Email(s)

You will be sent an invitation; just follow the prompts to join! Please contact Mr Chiswell on the school email if you have registered but have not received your email invitation. Also feel free to contact Mrs Hatzi or Mr Kelly if your eDiary is not working properly or you have any questions/concerns.

We are also in the process of fine tuning the parent-teacher communication function of the eDiary. Most aspects of this are operational and we are working closely with the company to get it up and running properly. A letter will be sent home early Week 5 detailing the guidelines for using the eDiary messaging system. Please check it thoroughly and contact us if you have any questions/concerns.

Thank you to all those parents who have already registered. We look forward to finalising our eDiary!

Mrs Hatzi, Mr Kelly and Mr Chiswell
The E-Diary Team

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CHS Open Girls Football (Soccer)

Congratulations to Kristen Agius, Nicole Besz, Alessandra Camporeale, Theodora Charalambous, Nicole Enriquez, Georgia Foran, Jasmin Grey, Brianna Griffin, Jessica Kissur, Nicki Lampropoulos, Adrianna Prodromou, Millie Richards, Makayla Vandenberg, Scarlett Wynn and Alex Xirocostas on the 3-2 extra time win against Newtown Performing Arts High School. Thank you to helpers Anthony Gajtanovski and Michael Figueira.

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