Acting Principal’s Message

Last week I had another phone call from a concerned motorist. Again the conversion was concerning Menai High school students putting their safety and the safety of the local motorists at risk. The students were at the M92 bus stop near the Rural Fire station at Illawong waiting to catch a bus home via Padstow. The motorist indicated drivers had to slam their breaks on due to the students playing “chicken on the road”. This behaviour is not acceptable. I am asking parents to discuss with their children who travel on the M92 bus to Padstow in the afternoon the importance of road safety and the impact of risky behaviour. I would also suggest that parents encourage their children to catch the bus at the supervised bus bay on Gerald Road. Another issue concerning road safety is the dangerous and risk taking driving of some of the senior students. Police have contacted the school and spoken to students. Again I will ask parents of Year 12 students who drive to school to discuss with their children the attitudes needed when driving car. The staff at Menai wants all students to be safe when it comes to using the roads. We also want motorists to remain safe at the busy times of before and after school.

We have had another busy week here at Menai High. Last Thursday night the CAPA faculty presented the 2014 Concert Night. The concert showcased some many wonderful performances by our very talented students who are mentioned on page 3 of this newsletter. The students were lead and directed by very competent and dedicated staff of Mr Kelly Head Teacher CAPA, Mr Bradney, Mr Milic, Mrs Millington, Mr McCuaig, Ms Osborne, Mr Skues and Ms Woodcock. In the area of sport 25 students competed at the Regional Cross Country Carnival. The boy’s U15 Soccer coached by Mr Robinson played Kirrawee in the regional semi-final, but unfortunately were beaten.

On Friday all students had the opportunity to review their report results and to support their educational pathways. The Learning Support Team (LST) Review Day for Year 7 students was held last week and I thank the LST team headed by Ms Cooper and Mrs Hackett, Ms Mazoudier, Mrs Hennessy, Mrs Dounas, Mrs La Rosa and Mrs Allen. The day provides essential support for students needing to access Learning Support services at the school and to support their educational pathways. The Medieval Day Incursion organised by the HSIE Faculty was a great educational experience for the students who participated. These learning experiences enable authentic learning to occur. Thanks to Ms L Kerr, Head Teacher HSIE and Ms Scovety for their coordination of this event.

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School reports will be issued shortly and Parent Teacher Evening for Years 7, 10 & 12 is on the last week of school Tuesday 24th June in the school hall. This is a good opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and to discuss their progress and any other issues you may wish to raise.

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Deputy Principal’s Message

The stage is a magic circle where only the most real things happen, a neutral territory outside the jurisdiction of fate where stars may be crossed with impunity. A truer and more real place does not exist in the entire universe.” – P.S Baber, Cassie Draws the Universe. This quote captures the excitement of stage performance.

The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) concert night was a fabulous event with a wonderful turn out. Thank you to all of the teachers, parents, family and friends who came to see and to celebrate the student talent showcased on the night.

Congratulations to all of the Menai High School who performed on the night and students from Alford’s Point and Tharawal Primary Schools. The CAPA faculty headed by Mr Kelly, Mr Bradney, Mr Milic, Mrs Millington, Mr McCuaig, Ms Osborne, Mr Skues and Ms Woodcock are to be commended for their coordination and hard work with the students which culminated in such a successful and enjoyable evening. Sarah Willetts and Joshua Mendez did a wonderful job as compares and the background work by the Entertainment Industry students (also listed on page 3) was excellent and contributed greatly to a sleek production.

The Year 12 production was held in the school hall on Friday 6th June. Period 5 and the cohort shared a series of performance items and entertained the school by sharing their humour and spreading some fun and across the school. The students and staff enjoyed the production and I thank the Coordinators Mrs Allen, Mrs Vickery, Mr Bourke and Mrs Sarafik for the planning that went into another successful school event.

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Welfare News!

Good News
Congratulations to Caitlin Sherwin, Olivia Lipowski, Georgia Luckman and Emilia Danek from Mrs Kendrick’s Year 9 Textiles class for outstanding portfolio work in textiles technology. Ms Lewry and Mrs Shales would like to commend Jenny Chen, Bridget Gielissen Holly McCaw and Samantha Birmingham in Year 11 Community and Family Studies for excellent results in the half yearly examination. Miss Blaylock would like to acknowledge the following Year 9 students for excellent results in their History examination Tori Mitchell, William Wong, Megan Milekovic, Kanwar Grewal, Catrina Barbuto, Claudia Kubic, Xenia Polemitis, Sarah Wilson, Katherine Hensler, Emily Chen, Emilia Danek and Rachael Ho.

Mrs Monir would like to congratulate Ashley Behari, Scarlett Wynn, Ashleigh Sarcsmo, Holly McCaw and Lachlan Draper for excellent results in their Business Studies examination. Ms Prince and Mr O’Toole would like to acknowledge Scarlett Wynn, Jackson Downer, Angelina Cassaniti and James Toogood for excellent results in Legal Studies.

Well done to all the students and staff involved in the Year 12 Performance on Friday 6th June. It was a fabulous event enjoyed by all.

Vaccinations Round 2
The second round of vaccinations is due to occur on Monday 28th July 2014 Week 3 Term 3. All Year 7 students who are having vaccinations will be having their second round which included the varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccination and the second HPV dose and all Year 9 boys that elected to have the HPV vaccination will have their second dose.

Catch Ups – All year 7 students, Year 8 (male and female students until the end of June 2014 will receive HPV only) and Year 9 male students who missed any vaccination in visit 1 will receive a catch up on this visit.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher, Welfare

Wellbeing Wisdom

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially if that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E.

Wellbeing Wisdom Team

Parent/Teacher Night
Our first Parent/Teacher Night this year will be for Years 7, 10 and 12. It will be held on Tuesday 24th June in the School Hall from 4pm to 7pm. Appointments will be booked online and students have received information regarding booking procedures.

We encourage all parents/caregivers to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to meet their child’s teachers to discuss any issues of concern or to discuss processes which will further enhance learning.

L Meagher/N Lewry, Head Teachers Admin

Mathematics Competition
The Mathematics Competition will be held on Tuesday 12th August, 2013 for Years 7 to 12. Entry is $9.00 payable (in an envelope) at the Front Office by 20th June, 2013.

G Low/C O’Donnell, ICAS Coordinators

Senior Seminar Program Schedule— 19th June, 2014

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Concert Night—Participating Students

**Year 7 Dance Ensemble**
- Annelise Faust
- Taylani Ireland
- Maddi Stone
- Kristina Grzetic
- Dominique Williamson
- Monica Keech
- Brodie Jones
- Aannah Lee
- Taegan Charles
- Ally Mollica
- Amy Allsop-Guest
- Jessica Head
- Perrilla Watson
- Morgan Dove
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- Eve Xirocostas
- Eloise Kieler
- Sarah Burrows
- Emma Lonsdale

**School Dance Company**
- Year 12 Dance Ensemble
- Year 11 Dance Ensemble
- Year 10 Dance Ensemble
- Year 9 Dance Ensemble
- Year 8 Dance Ensemble
- Year 7 Dance Ensemble

**Year 8 Dance Ensemble**
- Annelise Faust
- Taylani Ireland
- Maddi Stone
- Kristina Grzetic
- Dominique Williamson
- Monica Keech
- Brodie Jones
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- Jessica Head
- Perrilla Watson
- Morgan Dove
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- Eve Xirocostas
- Eloise Kieler
- Sarah Burrows
- Emma Lonsdale

**Primary School students**
- Lucy Karadonovski
- Camille Marchisone
- Mackenzie Cole
- Erin Stuart
- Natasha Bakopoulos
- Erica Carlin
- Ellen Mars
- Kiani Robinson
- Capri Ireland
- Hannah Jorgenson
- Hollie Brown
- Emily Kremmer
- Hayley Frith
- Daisi Karrage
- Brattina Langley
- Paris Anderson
- Abi Sheperd

**Stage Band**
- Alistair Bell
- Fergus Bell
- Reuben Campbell
- Timothy Crisnale
- Natasha Tsafis
- Jacob Wilkes

**Year 12 Music Soloists**
- Alistair Bell
- Fergus Bell
- Reuben Campbell
- Timothy Crisnale
- Natasha Tsafis
- Jacob Wilkes

**Entertainment Crew**
- Hayden Burrows
- Katrina Fahd
- Bridget Gielisfen
- Velyzaveta Galioka
- Joel Harrison
- Andrew Licastro
- Lucy McKenna
- Jodi Morris
- Daniel Owens
- Panagiota Vlarmis
- Shanie Woods
- Mitchell Airey
- Stephanie Airey
- Mohammad Al Kafagi
- Davidson Allieu

**Senior Dance Ensemble**
- Caitlin Auciello
- Sarah Clark
- Lauren Constantine
- Katherine Georgopoulos
- Georgia Luckman
- Maggie Moran
- Tanya Ojala
- Brianna Shahin
- Christina Tsafis
- Sarah Wilson
- Katherine Henaler
- Emily Hunter
- Kaela Shepard
- Rachelle Cain
- Ashlynn Halavatzis
- Connor McMahon

**Choir**
- Samantha Budniak
- William Carey
- Lucia Castle
- Natasha Harvey
- Alyssa Oliver
- Ziah Periera
- Eloise Phillips
- Ryan Queenin
- Daisy Reid
- Caitlin Sloan
- Lara Van Den Dolder
- Bernadette Wong

**Combined Choir**
- The Menai High Choir
- and
- Biana Margetts
- Natalie Panov
- Megan Tang
- Maya Stempien

**Primary School students**
- Laura Acevski
- Amber Baillie
- Jasmine Burnard
- Lara Chandler
- Elena Cuenca
- Ebony Johnstone
- Lara Korcevka
- Tori Lambros
- Aidan McLeod
- Tamryn Watson

**Concert Band**
- Fergus Bell
- Alistair Bell
- Aidan Brown
- Caitlin Brown
- Vitoria Campora
- Jack Carroll
- Matthew Chandler
- Tushan Chandra
- Cameron Gordan
- Sian Griffiths
- Jordan Harper
- Bryce Hatton
- Sam Heskett
- Bradley Jarvis
- Joshua Johnson
- Riley Karssemeyer
- Ben Kelly
- Ethan Macky
- Madeleine Norris
- Alexa Shute
- Matthew Trantas
- Lara Van Den Dolder
- Loreena Wells

**MCs**
- Nick Dwiel
- Tiarna Eshman
- Sarah Ettia
- Jake Pinnock

**Helpers**
- Sarah Willetts
- Joshua Mendez
WEP Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for Life!
Choose from over 20 countries around the world to attend school, live with a welcoming host family and have the time of your life. Whether you wish to learn another language or choose English-speaking destinations like the USA, Canada or Ireland, students return with memories and skills for life.

"Up until now it really hasn't been real to any of us but now it's all official. Victoria is so excited and can't wait to leave. She has already begun emailing with her host mother and sister in Italy and will call on Skype on the weekend as the time difference makes it very hard during the week. She is being hosted by a family who have a daughter her age, so she is now saying that she will have another sister. To make it even better still, they live in northern Italy so she will get to experience her first "white" Christmas. Thank you so much for your assistance in making Victoria's Italy exchange a reality."

~ Michelle - Mother of Victoria, semester program to Italy

Early Bird Special – Save $500
WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12* a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in January - March 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Early Bird applications close 30 May '14.

*Offer not available to year 12 students in Victoria or in conjunction with any other offer or scholarship.

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"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from Family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."

~ Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

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