Principal's Message

Once again parent-teacher night was a huge success. The buzz around the hall was vibrant and positive. The broad involvement of parents and staff is greatly appreciated as is Ms Lewry’s organization and management of this highly valued event.

Menai High School received excellent results in the 2014 Science Competition, competing against top performing students from schools in Asia/Pacific. Notable results include:

- All years (7-10) demonstrated a strong ability to solve problems, predict outcomes and interpret meaning, well above state average (approximately 10% above).
- The top performers in each year were Matthew Chandler, Reece Dean Year 7 (top 10% in the state); Luke Phillips, Kaitlyn Seretis Year 8 (top 6% in the state); James Walker Year 9 (top 7%) and Cameron Burgess Year 10 (top 3%).

Congratulations have been extended to Iman Codmani, Richard Chen and Kwun Hei (Jacky) Tsang for their outstanding achievements in Mathematics. Mathematics is a computer program used in all years to enrich and expand all students capacity in Maths through practice, or acceleration or through backtracking and remedial work designed to address a particular skills shortage. Every student needs to pay for the license to use it and then use it everyday to maximize the benefits. Numeracy is one of the core skills used throughout life and this opportunity within the normal Maths curriculum can do nothing but benefit learners and support parents and teachers as they try to support our shared children. Please take an interest by monitoring your child’s involvement and commitment to Mathematics in the hope that they can do what Iman, Richard and Jacky have done.

Our Quicksmart leadership team including Ms Vickery, Ms Hennessy, Mr Robinson, Ms Ghosh and Ms Hamilton were congratulated on the progress Menai High School has made in implementing this program designed to enhance targeted students foundation numeracy skills. Of particular interest to all the other school teams attending this ongoing training was our Peer Numeracy program where trained peer mentors support the development of other students needing a bit of help to continue growing. Our peer numeracy model is being seen as a model with great potential to serve others in other schools. I congratulate our school team for their effort, energy, foresight and goodwill toward students.

We thoroughly enjoyed ex student Ashleigh Huntley’s presentation at last weeks school assembly. She shared her journey from school, through TAFE and on toward being TAFE Australian Fashion Design student of the year which resulted in her coming fifth in the World Skills Olympics. She is now running her own design label and producing the most stunning garments. She came onto my radar following a call from a “Skills Australia” TV director who expressed amazement that two Menai High students have very high profiles in the National Skills Week Gala in August this year. The other is Jess Martin who is going to co-host a major event with well known media personality Dicko. Jess won a silver medal in the World Skills Olympics and is the current Australian Skills Ambassador representing the Australian Government at home and abroad. Jess will join our next awards assembly and we are thrilled and honoured by her past and present successes. Menai High School graduates have bright futures without limits.

Deputy Principal’s Message

Years 8 & 10 Subject Selections—both year groups should have completed and handed in a signed copy of the subjects sheet. Students will be provided feedback concerning their selections later this term.

A reminder to all families concerning compliant footwear for school. Each day all students are to wear non porous, black shoes. On Thursdays, sports uniform can be worn and non compliant shoes will be called to make arrangements for the correct shoes to be brought to the school.

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**Welfare News!**

Many students continue to perform well in all areas. Congratulations to the following students for their hard work.

**Good News**

Ms Wearing would like to acknowledge Angelique Hernando, Nathan Hewitt and Stephanie Hunt from 7S for their great Roman Newspaper assignment and congratulate Stephanie Hunt, Jessica Jones, Kyra Jones and Robert Townsend for exemplary classwork.

A big round of acknowledgements from the Science Department this week. Well done to Fergus Bell, Alistair Bell, Yashiv Dookie and Jasmin Grey for their commitment to the high performance Science strategy and to their work. Mr Colella would like to congratulate Manus Senn of 7G for his excellent work ethic. Miss Bessell, Miss Safarik and Miss Loh would like to say well done and thank you to the Year 11 Biology students for a fantastic excursion to the Australian Museum.

Mrs Liley and Ms Lewry would like to congratulate Year 10 Food Technology for their outstanding organization and independent approach to the ‘Super Foods’ assessment task.

Well done to all students mentioned this week.

**Vaccinations—Round 2**

Well done to all students who had their vaccinations on Monday, the day ran well and all students were very cooperative. A big thank you also to my Year 8 helpers Mikaeli Clark, Emily Hunter, Ashley Vrtkovski and Jackson Fletcher who helped keep the day running smoothly. This round of vaccinations was the last opportunity for Year 8 students to catch up on any missed vaccinations. The final round of vaccinations for the year will occur in early December.

Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher Welfare

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**SRE News**

Parent-teacher night last Tuesday was another opportunity for Audacity to continue collecting funds to support our Operation Christmas Child initiative.

Mr Wakely, a staff member, kindly donated three beautiful Bonsai Trees which he had cultivated, for us to raffle on the night. With generous parents supporting the cause we raised a further $275 towards the postage of our boxes. We have raised around $900 so far. A big thank you to Alison Willetts of Year 10 for staying back during the night to sell tickets. The winners of the raffle were: 1st Georgia Luckman, 2nd Tony Smith father of Keira in Year 11 and 3rd place was Andrew Stewart of Year 11. Congratulations!

This week Audacity unpacked and discussed ‘How can we have faith’. Small groups were able to share their thoughts and our leaders brought truth to our focus question. As Year 12 enter into their trial HSC, we held them all up in prayer. We hope this time sees them achieve the results they are aiming for. With time to improve or sustain their efforts for the HSC proper, we at Audacity will be keeping them and their families in prayer throughout these three weeks. Clarity of mind, great time management, good sleep, family support and a clear focus—one exam at a time!

M Bennett, SRE Coordinator

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**Wellbeing Wisdom School Uniform**

The Menai High School community has decided that MHS is a full uniform school. Students are expected to wear the Menai High School uniform each day. However, at times, students question the reasons why a school uniform is necessary. The wearing of school uniforms by students not only addresses legislative requirements surrounding Health and Safety but also Equality and Anti-discrimination laws. For students this means that by wearing a school uniform they develop a sense of belonging to the school community and it provides opportunities for them to build school spirit. Wearing a uniform also promotes a sense of inclusiveness and non-discrimination among the student body. If there is an extenuating circumstance when a child is unable to wear all or part of their school uniform, a note with an explanation from a parent is required. For more information on the Menai High School uniform policy and Uniform Shop opening times and prices, click on http://www.menai-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/school-uniform

L. Ferraro and the wellbeing Wisdom Team

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**Ag News!**

The calves have arrived! We are very lucky to have four gorgeous calves for Cows Create Careers Project on loan from Leppington Pastural Company. The healthy calves will be staying at our school farm for the next three weeks and will be looked after and fed twice daily by our Ag students. We are very excited to have over 15 teams from Years 7-11 participating in the competition this year.

Ms Bourke

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**Careers News**

TAFE Open Day at Ultimo Campus Saturday 30th August 9am to 4pm. For more Sydney TAFE Open Day information http://www.sydneytafe.edu.au/openday

G Gregory

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**2014|2015 Entertainment™ Membership**

The 2013|2014 Sydney and Sydney North Entertainment™ Books have just expired. If you haven’t already purchased a new 2014|2015 Entertainment™ Membership, now is the time to do so. Use just a few of the hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and you’ll more than cover the cost of your Entertainment™ Membership. Plus, you can take advantage of additional, valuable Member-only benefits until 1 June 2015!

Plus, 20% from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell contributes towards our Agriculture fundraising! The more Entertainment™ Memberships we sell, the more we raise – so please contact school or Ms Bourke for more details.

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**Senior Seminar Program Schedule — 7th August, 2014**

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### SUMMER SPORTS OFFERED

**COMMENCES 4/9/2014**

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**YR 8 & 9 ONLY**

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*NOTE: SPORTS WITH AN * REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM THE TEACHER IN CHARGE*

### ALL YEARS GRADE SPORTS ($7) BUS COST

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**ADDITIONAL COSTS:**  
- BeachVolleyball – One off payment of $8  
- Hockey – One off payment of $40  
- Waterpolo - $4.60 each week  
- Basketball - $2 each week

Phence, Sports Organiser