Principal’s Message

So many great things have been achieved this week. It is hard to believe, but the new “Shave for a Cure” Year 10 fund raising has reached the "epic heights" of $17,629. Never has a Year 10 group led by one of their amazing Year Advisers, Ms Blaylock, raised so much energy, enthusiasm and money. I stand in awe of what they have done to help others. While I hope the record will be broken quickly next year, it is hard to imagine how any group could top what Year 10 2015 has achieved. Well done and thank you. Ms Blaylock also wants to acknowledge the amazing support generously given by the front office team for every part of this often messy and complex process. She especially appreciated the great team efforts of Sue Moore, Kylie Beck, Ruth Brewster, Jenna McNally, Penny Farquhar and Michelle Mostyn.

Kyra Van Winden in Year 9 is going to compete at the NSW State Pony Club sporting championships in Coonamble during the school holidays. She will be competing against some of the fastest young horse riders in the country, in a variety of sporting events including barrel racing. It is a huge accomplishment to qualify for the event and we wish her all the best.

Congratulations go to Sarah Siqueira, Kyla Daley, Matthew Chandler, Olivia Cooper and Mia Winchester for being selected to represent Sydney East in the NSWCHSSA Swimming Carnival next week. We wish them all well.

The HSIE faculty are offering a great opportunity for all students and staff to recognise relatives that may have served in the Defence Forces in any era. They wish to celebrate the Spirit of ANZAC which extends beyond Gallipoli into all campaigns and wars seeking to protect Australians and Australian values. Recognition and involvement can be triggered by logging onto MOODLE and then going to HSIE, ANZAC 2015 and recording their details. Parent support will go a long way to connecting students with the ANZAC Spirit on April 24th when Menai High School commemorates this great event in our history. Remember April 27th is NOT a public holiday in NSW.

Jeff Sutton owns Wattle Farm Border Leicester Stud in country Temora. He has donated 6 stud sheep to the Menai High School farm. We are now the only Border Leicester Stud in Sydney Region. One of our stud became the grand overall winner of the Castle Hill Show. This is an amazing success. “Supreme Sheep of the Show” is something all breeders aspire to win and we are grateful to both Jeff Sutton and Sheree Bourke for the opportunities they have given our students. Ms Bourke is still supporting our students as we seek a replacement for her. She recently reported they have given our students. Ms Bourke is still supporting our students.

Deputy Principal’s Message

On Friday Year 10 presented their teams project on “Design Something of value”. This project involved the year working in teams of 5 to create a digital presentation that was a sales pitch of something the team designed to add value to a person or group of people in society. The ideas teams had were amazing and displayed the empathy our students have for groups in society that need this “something” to assist them with their lives.

Year 10 will showcase their sales pitch at a Showcase evening in early term 3. This night will be a combination of Year 8 and Year 10 project based learning projects. I need to give a huge thankyou to Mr Kelly and Ms Almond for the organisation of the project and to the Year Advisers Mrs Ferrero and Ms Blaylock for assisting on the project and marking days. This project helps students develop skills of collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking and provides an opportunity to be creative. All skills that are linked to our schools exit outcomes.

School Development Day Term 2

Menai High are having a combined school development day with our community of schools. The date of our School Development will be the 4th May. This means the first day back of Term 2 20th April is a normal school day. Both teachers and students return to school for a normal day of learning.

I will finish off my report with a big thank you to all the staff and students at Menai High who make this place an amazing place of learning to come to each day. I hope everyone has a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. If you going to the Easter Show ensure you find our school displays and chat to the students who are competing at the show.

R Allen
**Welfare News!**

**Good News**
Another great week of student good news this week.

Ms Lewry, Mrs Shales and Mrs Liley would like to congratulate the Year 12 Community and Family students for completing their Independent Research Projects, especially Taylah Cryer, Bridgette Gielissen, Sarah Barker, Isabella Rofe and Jenny Chen who achieved outstanding results.

Well done from Mrs Kendrick to Olivia Holmewood and Georgia Luckman from Year 10 Textiles for their excellent Cultural Study assessment tasks.

Ms Lewry would like to acknowledge Alysha Haines, Sehel Mahmood and Stephanie Pfrengle from Year 11 Exploring Childhood class for great results in their first assessment task.

Well done and good luck to Kyra Van Winden in Year 9 who is going to compete at the NSW State Pony Club sporting championships in Coonamble during the school holidays.

Mrs Hanna and Miss Loh would like to thank the following students for helping in Science on Open Night—Nicholas Raptis, Athena Soulantzos, Sophie Ergos, Sehel Mahmood, Lyla Kilkic and Stephanie Acevski.

Well done to Joshua Hudson in Year 8 for great participation in class from Ms Hanna.

Ms La Rosa would like to thank Year 8 for their donations to the Year 7 Dinner.

**Motivational Media**

The Motivational Media group will be back at Menai High School Wednesday Week 2 Term 2. The presentation has students engage in social issues relevant to their age groups through a media presentation with a discussion held after each session. Students from Years 7-10 will see the performance which will run during a lesson on the day. If you have any questions please contact me to discuss.

**Eye Testing Weeks 9 and 10**

Thanks to all the Year 7 students that returned notes regarding the eye tests. Students will receive appointment times soon. If you have not yet returned the note but would like your child to participate you can still send the notes in.

Have a great week.

Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher Welfare

**Technology Wizards Program Applications Open**

See program details, permission note and application process details at the end of this newsletter. If your child is interested in applying in this Technology Leadership position please encourage them to submit an application form by April 1st, 2015 to Mrs Sayed-Rich, Deputy Principal or Ms Blanche, Technology Wizards Coordinator.

**Year 10 Your Future … Your Choice**

Students will attend a full day of workshops at school on Tuesday 31st March. The aim of the day is to assist students to develop good study habits and research skills that will assist their learning and educational outcomes. Students will also be shown some valuable resources that will enable them to make informed subject selection choices early next term. This day is mandatory.

J Brown, Head Teacher V.E.T./Careers Adviser

**Term 2—Staff Development Day**

Term 2 School Development Day will be changed to Monday 4th May, 2015 to support a special day of professional learning for all schools in the COSBTR. Menai High School students will commence Term 2 on Monday 20th April, 2015—WEEK A

**Wellbeing and Wisdom Study environment**

With the Year 12 half yearly exams starting last week and with other grades to follow in Term 2, it is important that your child has a place in your home that is conducive to study to maximise learning. It should be a place that is organised and free of distractions and clutter, always available to them, have adequate furniture and lighting, storage for their books and notes and have a comfortable temperature. For more information about helping students maximise their study time and refine study skills, go to [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study)

L Ferraro and the Wellbeing Wisdom Team

**Thanks for Earth Hour**

The SEC participated in the 2015 Schools Earth hour competition and with the help of the Menai High School community we came 2nd in this national competition.

The SEC would like to thank everyone who voted and thank everyone who turned off their lights for Earth Hour on Saturday.

We have been mentioned in The Leader and The Torch; you can see an online article using the link below.


Remember, you don’t have to be in the SEC to be...

**Payment of Fees**

In the next couple of weeks we will be mailing out the Student Statement of Account.

Please note that you may have made payments for items that appear on the Statement of Account in the period between the day the letters are mailed out and you receiving them at home. You will need to delete these items from the total amount owing.

Please also note that when paying for multiple items, excursions etc you do not need to send in separate cheques or separate credit card details for each item. Please just send in ONE cheque or credit card payment to cover the total amount owing for all items and list the items that the payment covers on the envelope.

Separate payments are also not required for each individual student you are financially responsible for. Payments due for multiple children can be bundled up into one payment as long as each item being paid for is listed on the envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

J Partridge, School Administration Management

**Senior Seminar Program Schedule— Week 10, Term 1, 2015**

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New Menai High School Initiative

Technology Wizards Program 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you about an exciting new initiative, which we wish to trial in 2015, called the Technology Wizards Program. This is a program that encourages students from years 7 to 11, who have a passion and interest in technology, to be a part of a group of like-minded students who will lead the school across a range of technology initiatives in 2015.

The Technology Wizards Program 2015 is a group of highly motivated and technically minded students who are interested in all aspects of technology. Wizards will be working with Technology Wizards Co-ordinator, Mrs Lisa Blanche, IT Support Staff - Jarred Chiswell and Even Rofe, to learn about new technologies, devise tutorials on technology use across the school community and deliver support as a leading team with key staff at Menai High School.

Students will be a member of a new roll call named “Technology Wizards” and this will provide an opportunity for the group to meet regularly and engage in substantive conversation and planning in the various technology across the school.

Students will have the opportunity to identify areas in which they wish to excel, develop their own skills and access support from expert staff, to attain these goals.

Students will have the opportunity to share their own expertise with the group and with other students, staff and parents at various venues such as assemblies, staff meetings, parent information nights and in the classroom.

Students who are interested must submit a written application for a placement in this program. Those applying will need to demonstrate their interests and capabilities in this area, by addressing the following criteria:

- Passionate about technology
- Interpersonal skills
- Can communicate with teachers, parents, other adults and students
- Can communicate with respect, be supportive and helpful when working with others
- Ability to produce IT tutorials, how to guides for Menai High School and YouTube Channel
- Sharing IT knowledge and skills with students, staff and parents
- Capacity to learn new technologies and skills
- Willingness to participate in lunchtime technology workshops

Involvement in the Technology Wizards Program will create great opportunities for students to gain valuable hands-on technology experience in a “real world” environment.

As places are limited, students need to be aware that a selection process will apply.

Yours sincerely

Edith McNally
Principal

Eikbal Sayed-Rich
Deputy Principal

Lisa Blanche
Technology Wizards Co-ordinator

26 March 2015
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TECHNOLOGY WIZARDS PROGRAM 2015

APPLICATION

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You are to complete the online Application Form for the Technology Wizards, addressing each of the criteria above. You will also be required to include the following information:

- Your name
- Your school year
- Your skills and experiences in technology
- Your skills and experience in mentoring others on the use of technology
- An example of your work may be provided if you wish (not compulsory)

Applications will close Wednesday 1 April and will be uploaded to Moodle. This application and submission area can be found at http://web2.menai-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/course/view.php?id=2595 or follow the link on the front page of Moodle.

Your work in the Technology Wizards Program 2015 can contribute toward the Menai High School Awards System, including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards.
CAMPER TRAILER RAFFLE

How about one of these awesome camper trailers for your next family holiday?
Steven Walter Children’s Cancer Foundation has one up for grabs with tickets just $5 each. All funds raised will go directly to support vital research into a cure for childhood cancer.

Raffle tickets are $5.00 each can be purchased online at www.stevenwalterfoundation.org.au
Or by phone or fax Phone: (02) 9542 5885 Fax: (02) 9542 5562

This Adventure Week Up Camper Trailer is valued at $19,000 and was generously donated by Jandakot Custom Caravans. It comes with a kitchen, full ensuite wash, 40 hr fridge, 200 watt solar panel, plus a cash rock. Price drawn at the Albion Caravan & Camping Show on Sunday 27 May 2015.

SENSORY SCREENING
FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL
@ 9am
(Entertainment in the foyer from 10am)

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive monthly event for families with special needs or sensory processing disorders.

Children are free to roam around the cinema, flag or slim, talk and generally be themselves. This is a non-judgemental session and there is no need for families to feel uncomfortable. Lighting stays on dim (not dark) and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists.

Tickets: $5 each (You will need a membership card to purchase tickets at the cinema, but these are available in the foyer on the day)
Children 2 years and under are free.
Companion cards accepted.

Cronulla Cinemas 2 - 6 Cronulla St, Cronulla NSW 2230
sensorymovieday_cronulla@hotmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayCronulla

2014-2015
Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 18 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:
• Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.
• Up to $100 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
• Be a NSW resident, and;
• Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) or for at least one time before 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility, and;
• Be an account holder of an electricity account or a tenant of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:
• Lived in your property for

HOW TO APPLY
ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.


FOR MORE INFORMATION 
CONTACT: 13 77 98
EMAIL: ftb.programs@finance.nsw.gov.au

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All classes taught by professional tutors

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Ages 7-14 years
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• Cupcakes for Mums & Kids
• Healthy Snacks for Children & Teens
• Sushi & Rice Paper Rolls for Children & Teens

Ages 11-18 years
• Sewing Classes for Children and Teens

For more details please ring
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