Principal’s Message
We are embarking on a very exciting journey where by we will be welcoming a new trans gender student in term 3. I am 100% confident that this will be another success story in the history of our school. My confidence stems from the fact that we all aspire to be a totally inclusive school in which every form of student/staff diversity is understood, accepted, respected and cherished. Our history suggests that this is not only what we strive for but that it is our day to day reality as we share life in this wonderful school community. We have completely embraced diversities such as race, wealth or lack of it, gender, intellectual capacity, religion and physical/mental disabilities and health. Trans gender is just another point of difference where a person changes their gender in order to feel more comfortable about who they are in the world. We have in place a comprehensive plan to make sure that everyone’s needs are considered including those of the student, the broader student community, friends, staff and parents. The Gender Center have been our partners in the development and implementation of the plan. I am confident that this new Menai High School experience will work well for everyone and that if problems or concerns do arise they will be managed on a “case by case” basis.

I am delighted to report that last weeks unannounced anaphylaxis audit was 100% successful and everyone was compliant. As required by our school policy every student identified as having the potential for a severe allergic anaphylactic reaction to bees, latex, fish, nuts or anything else must carry their “in date” epipen on their person and both the student and parent must be marked on the roll at roll call. My delight stems from the fact that anaphylaxis is a life threatening condition that we work to avoid in all situations. Well done students, parents and their teachers.

Our girls Football team have once again qualified as finalists in the Sydney East Zone. They will compete for the championships on June 1. We wish them well including the Sydney East Zone. They will compete for the championships on June 1. We wish them well including Michael Figueira, Cameron Murden and Coach Xirocostas.

Congratulations also go to Andrew Stewart and Jackson Downer who were both selected in the Sydney East Boys Hockey team that completed in Bathurst last week.

Congratulations also go to Cameron Murden who has accepted a very prestigious invitation to be a presenter for the School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships on June 9 (7-9pm) in the Marcus Clark Building, Level 8 Room 1 (W8-01). Cameron is successful and happily managing his HSC/Apprenticeship program which is proving to be totally perfect for him. It will take him on a journey that matches his life goals. Cameron has been selected because he is an outstanding student and we are all very proud of him and the way he is managing the challenges of learning at school, learning at TAFE as well as learning on the job one day per week. Interested families can discuss this option with our Careers Adviser Mrs Brown.

Deputy Principal’s Message
During the week 6 assembly our school commemorated National Reconciliation Week (NRW). National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

I draw your attention to the Department of Education’s (DE) The Wellbeing Framework (WBF) launched on April 2015. I share a few key highlights with you as the Wellbeing of students and young people is an important focus area for educators, parents, carers, the community and governments alike.

The WBF equips schools and their communities to support students at each stage of their development and to do this through quality teaching, learning and engagement. The DE has articulated that “Our commitment to our students and their parents and members of the community is that public schools will be teaching and learning environments that enable the development of healthy, happy, successful and productive individuals.”

Furthermore, “The concept of wellbeing and its close links with learning are not new. In recent years however, there have been changes to how children and young people learn and how teachers teach. The school environment, and the world in which our children and young people will grow and function, continue to change. We need to be responsive to numerous influences as we deliver public education now and into the future.

An individual’s wellbeing is constantly changing. How students feel about themselves and their own wellbeing changes over time, in different situations and circumstances, and in response to community and environmental factors.

In turn, our students will be expected to contribute to their own wellbeing, the wellbeing of their peers and the collective wellbeing of their communities. In this way schools in partnership with parents and carers will equip children and young people to be active and positive contributors to the society in which they live.

Education will work with government and non-government agencies to develop partnerships to enhance the collective wellbeing of schools and their communities.

The Wellbeing Framework for Schools enables schools to build on the individual strengths of students and positions them to succeed and thrive throughout life.” Parents can find more information via the following link: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing

The framework compliments a range of education reforms across NSW public schools such as the School Excellence Framework.


We are well into the assessment and reporting cycle for semester 1. Please ensure that your child is engaging in regular revision and home work.

Parents and Carers will receive more information about Parent Teacher Evenings for Year 7, 10 and 12 will be held on the 23rd June, 2015. Parents and Carers will receive more information about booking an interview for their child.

E McAnally
Welfare News!

Good News
Another fantastic week of good news
Mrs Souris would like to commend Athina Soulantzos, Theodora Charalambous and Caitlin Auciello from Year 11 for their consistent application in class.

Ms Lewry and Mrs Shales would like to congratulate their Year 12 family and Community for their excellent results in their individual and Work Unit Assessment task, especially Jenny Chen, Jordan Dunn, Isabella Rolfe, Bridget Gielissen, Samantha Bermingham, Taylah Cryer, Keeley Hickey, Sarah Stathis, Rachel Tomlins and Emily William.

Well done to Tara Ardwin, Katy Armson-Graham and Adrian Stufeno of Year 12 for excellent work in class from Ms ready.

Congratulations to Sarah Wilson and Caitlin Sherwin of Year 10 from Mrs Kendrick for their outstanding Textiles item in Textiles Technology.

Well done to all of the students listed above.

Year 8 Gender Day
Year 8 will be participating in their welfare Gender day on Wednesday 3 June. If you have any inquiries regarding the day please do not hesitate to contact Mrs La Rosa or Mrs Hennessy.

Vaccinations
The next round of vaccinations will be held on Monday 15th June. Year 7 students will continue with their vaccinations and any student who was absent for the first round of vaccinations will be able to catch up. It is still possible for year 7 students to opt into the vaccination program. They can pick up a consent package from me (Ms Mazoudier) in the welfare office.

Year 8 students still missing a HPV vaccination will have the last opportunity to receive their dose at school on this visit.

Students from years 11 and 12 who opted to have the booster shot for measles/mumps/ruebella will also be called on the day. Students still have the opportunity to participate they just need to pick up the consent form from the welfare office.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher Welfare

Wellbeing Wisdom
Student Health
Whilst parents have the prime responsibility for the health of their children, school staff have a duty to keep students safe while they are at school or are involved in school activities.

Menai High School welcomes information from parents about their children’s health and encourages parents to provide information about their children's health both on enrolment and on an ongoing basis. If there are changes to your child’s health care plan, please send a note to notify the school so we can keep our records up to date.

For more information on this topic please go to http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth

R Hatzi and the Wellbeing Wisdom Team

Gifted & Talented
The STANSW Young Scientist Awards is a prestigious state-wide competition that offers students the opportunity to conduct independent, original research into an area of interest. For details please see Mrs Hanna.

‘High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectations’ - Jack Kinder

A Hanna

Sports News
Congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer team 3 for their recent wins and great sportsmanship they show each week. A big yell out to our top goal scorer Kane Belani and to Dion Garifalakis who scored a winning goal this week.

D Moore

Gifted and Talented Sports Seminar Program
The first Gifted and Talented Sports Seminar for the year was held recently for Menai High School students. Eloise Wellings who is an Australian and Olympic distance runner, spoke to the students about her experiences as an elite athlete life at the Olympics, highs and lows of sport, the importance of goal setting, nutrition and mental preparation.

This program is set up for any MHS student who competes at a high level in sport and continues to provide students with invaluable knowledge to enhance their sporting pursuits. Any enquires please see Mr Robinson. Refer photo page 5.

M Robinson

Student Statements of Account
Over the next few weeks we will be mailing out Student Statements of Account. We have been notified by many families that they did not receive a Statement earlier in the year and have found there are still some glitches in the new finance system. If you do not receive a Statement in this mail out and you believe you still have outstanding amounts could you please make contact with the school by phone on 9543 7000 or email menai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au so we can investigate. Thank you.

J Partridge, School Admin Manager

Senior Seminar Program Schedule—Week 7, Term 2, 2015

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Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:
Menai High School's Space Camp Excursion
&
The Menai High School Farm

6:30pm - June 27
Menai High School Hall
40 Gerald Rd Illawong, NSW 2234
Tickets: Adults $30 / Students $20
www.trybooking.com/HXEU
comedycause@gmail.com - 0421 244 288
CAREERS TALK – FREE EVENT

Are you working your way towards an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2015? Are you finishing school in 2015 and need career ideas?

Come and hear Chad Smith from 1300apprentice. Let him show you how to get your dream apprenticeship or traineeship!

Representatives from Gymea TAFE Construction and Plumbing courses will also be discussing your pathways into trades and answering your questions!

Find out about:
- Choosing your career pathway
- Researching your career
- Applying for jobs
- Interview techniques
- And much more!

Port Hacking High School
637 Kingsway, Miranda
Monday 1 June 2015 @ 7pm

Parents and guardians/caregivers are highly encouraged to attend! Send your registration of interest to resumes@1300apprentice.com.au and mention this advertisement.
School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships
Years 9 & 10 Students & Parents

Get an early start on your career

Attend an information night to find out how you can combine paid part-time work with formal training (TAFE or other RTO) whilst you are still at school! You gain valuable work skills and experience which can only be achieved by this fabulous ‘hands on’ option!

Wednesday 10th June 2015 - 6:30pm for 7pm to 9pm
Tradies, Gymea - 57 Manchester Rd, Gymea, NSW, 2227

Light Supper will be provided! For catering purposes please register your intent to attend online through this link https://register.eventarc.com/30001/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships-information-evening-gymea-tradies OR Phone: 9582 2826
Parents As Career Transition Support

Careers and Transition Workshop for Parents of Young People with a Disability

Learn about the career options for your teenager
Help them choose subjects for Year 9 and beyond
Learn how to help them if they —
- Decide not to stay at school, TAFE, University or in employment
- Have difficulty getting a job
- Don’t get into University or TAFE
- Want to learn about Apprenticeships, traineeships, the Job Services Australia system, Disability Employment Services, VET, TAFE, University and employment pathways.

Learning Without Limits, in partnership with NDCO, Sutherland Dyslexia Support Group and Southern Sydney BEN is running a workshop for parents called PACTS (Parents as Career Transition Support). This PACTS workshop is specifically developed for parents of secondary school students with disabilities (Years 7 – 12) to bring them up to date with current career transition information.

Monday 15th June 2015 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Venue: Southern Sydney Business Education Network
Sutherland Public School Cnr of President Ave and Eton St, Sutherland
Cost: FREE

Workshop is limited to 15 parents so registration is essential
To register contact Paula Gaulden, Sutherland Dyslexia Support Group on 9528 4638 or by email psgoulden@tpg.com.au

‘The PACTS workshops have really helped us to learn about all the other options and to keep exploring, don’t just give up’, Parents of Year 9 student

‘It’s just blown my mind how much information there is. Things are so different to when I left school’. Parent of Year 8 and Year 10 students

“The workshops were very relaxed and lots of fun, and we learnt so much”. Parents of Year 8 student