Acting Principal’s Message

Last Friday we had a wonderful day farewelling Mrs McNally and the great day continued into the evening where Menai students participated in the Menai Art show at Western Sydney University Bankstown Campus. This involved students from Year 7 to Year 11 who study Art, Visual Arts, Media, Photography. Parents were proud of their child’s work and a big thank you to the Visual Arts staff.

We have had a very productive education week here at Menai High. Our Robotics team Daniel Ferlazzo, Lachie Jones, Caeryn Bartley, Alex Burrell, Jonah Bunyon, Tushan Chandra, Bernadette Wong, Sam Heckett, Luke Phillips, Zac Curtis, Xavier Rolton, Eden McSheffrey, Cameron Gordon, Mitchell Irvine, Jordan Morimcevski and Rochelle Phan led by Ms Hanna. Mr Bean and Ms Loh, competed in the University of Wollongong Illawarra and South East Engineering Challenge competition gaining fifth place. Year 7 participated in an Aboriginal cultural performance to enhance their learning in HSIE. Year 10 and Year 8 presented their Project Showcase to their parents. Year 10’s project topic was Design Something of Value and Year 8 was A Call to Action with a focus on sustainability. The outstanding award winners for Year 10 - First Place Olivia Lipowski, Georgia Luckman, Brittany Southern, Elena Tsakalas and Sarah Wilson; Second Place Alessandra Camporeale, Olivia Cooper, Renee Milhaere, Maggie Meagher, Abigail Saurine and Third Place Hannah Banks, Simona Bosma, Vittoria Camporeale, Olivia Gaskell, Hayley Mottram and Olivia Neskovski. Year 8 winners were First Place Zachary Armatage, Daniel Ferlazzo, Mitchell Brand, Lachie Jones, Thomas Llogos; Second Place Marika Belsan, Genevieve Van Yzendorn, Amy Allsop-Guest Lauren Hornsell, Monica Keech, Lauren Bisset, Zuriah Krautz, Taegan Charles and Kristina Gzetic.

We also held a very successful and informative Parent Teacher night for Years 8, 9 and 11. This night allows the partnership between the teacher, parents and students to strengthen and ultimately results in improved learning outcomes for your child. Thank you to all the parents who attended and participated in the evening. Well done to our Technology Wizard team Caeryn Bartley, Oliver Crowther-Miller, Tushan Chandra, Nicola Barrett and Lavinia Meyers who ran the parent survey which will supply us with extremely valuable data. Also to the Agriculture Team who ran the BBQ and the animal display.

We finished the week off with Year 7 participating in their final team meeting for their Project Based Learning task to create a digital narrative with the theme ‘Make the World a Better Place’, the COSSYR Year 5 to 8 Space Camp meeting and Menai High students representing at the regional athletics carnival. This may have been Education Week but this was a typical week at Menai High where teachers have planned rich learning activities which occur every day and assist our students to develop their skills to become skilled learners, skilled citizens and skilled for life.

I want take this opportunity to talk about technology. I wish to remind parents we are a BYOD Dell school and this means that all students are required to bring their laptop to school each day. Teachers are planning ICT learning activities which supports one of our school goals of each teacher planning up to 60% of lessons using technology to facilitate collaborative learning and research. If your child’s laptop or device is being repaired they must see their teachers so arrangements can be made to book a laptop for the period. If your child continues to not bring the device to class, teachers will be issuing detentions. Also I need to mention how students are using social media. Young people need to be guided by parents and teachers to ensure they are responsible users of social media. Parents need to be aware of what their child is doing on line and that parents have regular conversations with their child about their digital footprint. Technology is a very powerful learning tool but not using social media in a responsible way can lead to issues that impact on a young person’s social/emotional wellbeing.

On Wednesday 19th August we will be running a Greek Orthodox scripture seminar for Year 7 and 8 and then Year 9. Students who have not opted out of this program will be participating in the seminar. The seminar will be a one period duration. Students will be given more information about the next couple of weeks.

I will finish by saying a warm welcome to our new International and exchange students from Switzerland and Italy. The students from Switzerland are the first to be involved in the NSW Department of Educational International students program and we are very honoured that their families have selected Menai High. Welcome Year 11 Helena Niedermann, Helene Bettschart, Fabien Gollard, Benedetta La Barbera, Malthe Tus Fontes, Sophia Mayer and Milena Rota and we hope you have a wonderful time here at Menai. Good luck Year 12 for your trial examinations and to our HSC Dance students who do their HSC performance exam early this week.

R Allen

Deputy Principal’s Message

It has been a tremendous week with great highlights and exciting educational initiatives contributing to the ongoing commitment to develop all Menai High School students into Skilled Learners, Skilled Citizens and Students who are Skilled for Life. The skills taught in education need not only be relevant but be useful for the long term and in many cases transferable. Project Based Learning is one such significant whole school program that allows students from Year 7-12 to develop critical, collaborative, communicative and creative skills. These skills are highly sought after in the work place. I thank the parents and family members who attended the Project Based Learning showcase last week and the Year 8 students did a fantastic job in presenting their final product to their parents and teachers. Thanks to Mrs R Allen, Mr S Wakeley, Mr K Scott and the PBL Teaching staff for their leadership of this evening.

Another successful event was the MHS creative arts exhibition titled “Traversing Territories,” was held at the University of Western Sydney. It was an impressive showcase of students’ works from Year 7-11 and was very well attended by parents and family. The students, Jack Gersbach, Chloe Doran, Courtney Grimaldi, Kayla Morimcevski, Hayley Tkalec, Rachel Wynn, Dakota Bennett-Ward, Jake Park, Tiarna Sherlock, Camryn Carter, Megan Gilbody, Mina Ragheb, Abigail Morgan-Monk, Michael Christofis, Charlotte Kolic, Katrina Toohey, Yasminne Roude, Connie Tsonoulis, Caitlin Sherwin, Courtney Bryant, Georgia Bryant, Rachel Pauli, Jasmin Nunez, Georgia Foran, Shania Kahan, Alyssa Saurine, Maddison Boyling, Chelsea Cooper, Alison Willetts, Harrison Cary, Kate Johnston, Chantelle Cullen, Marla Papantoniou, Emily Boothma, Jessica Dransfield, Rebecca Simpson, Brydie Lacy, Lauren Jarrett, Taylah Stokes, Jesse Paice, Jessica Nicastro, Emily Hunter, Mia Winchester, Jordan Morimcevski, Aimee Lonsdale, Lauren Jarrett, Tiarn Holmwood, Kristy Kirovski, Julia Figueira, Kaela Shepherd, Hailey Hwang, Sam Holloway, Jyalle Horne, Eden McSheffrey, Natasha Papantoniou, Yegor Whitfield, Rachael Lee, Emily Lu, Sophia Ergos, Maya Kille, Lisa Johnston, Zachary Ow, Rochelle Phan, Gabi Grimson, Monique Ormsby, Blanca Simurina and Rylee Milham were so proud of their achievements as were the teachers, parents and family members.

This is a great link to university and the show will be on display until mid-August. The student art works are very strong and I would like to acknowledge the Visual Arts team who have done an amazing job with their students.

Menai High School Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background students met Aboriginal artist, performer and NAIDOC award nominee Daren Dunn. The students relished the opportunity to play the didgeridoo and talk about totems and connections with Daren. Students were even lucky enough to walk in the shoes of some sporting legends like David Beckham and Matt Moyland. Daren designs the indigenous shoes for many professional teams and
Deputy Principal’s Message (continued)

students were overjoyed to touch the boot of David Beckham and walk in the shoes of professional sports people, with the dream of maybe one day following in their footsteps. The students from left to right are Christian Fermanov, Ben Johnston, Robert Najdanovic, Dylan Janos and Jake Janos.

The Year 11 Leadership Team has launched a valuable education awareness program cleverly titled ERACISM. They have successfully not only raised awareness on how racism is not tolerated or acceptable at MHS but have insightfully presented strategies to the students at assembly for how to best deal with situations where racism may occur. The ERACISM initiative culminated at last Friday’s lunch activities where there was a celebration of students backgrounds and welcome messages from around the world in different languages as well as an interesting activity where students mapped where their ancestry lies. I thank the Year 11 Leadership Team - Zac Adamson, Cameron Burgess, Sarah Clark, Nicholas Diwell, Elizabeth Faust, Reece Holmwood, Lisa Johnston, Liam Jones, Josh Lee, Mikelia Luckman, Jordan Macbeth, Ethan Macky, Dale McGlynn, Joseph Messiter, Madeleine Norris, Megan Ship, Alexandra Shute, Maya S tempten, Caitlin Tuills, Prudence Wilkins-Wheat, Alica Willetts and Ms Mazoudier for their work in the ERACISM program. I look forward to the captaincy speeches later this term from members of the Year 11 leadership team. The SRC and the Year 11 Leadership team are a fantastic group of leaders within the school.

Last Sunday on Weekend Sunrise MHS was featured in an educational and uplifting story about the Refugee Challenge in my school experience. This was a significant project involving six high schools from across the Woororna Network and I thank all of the students who led and participated in this rich learning experience and the outstanding efforts of the Refugee Challenge Team who were instrumental in driving the project ahead and to fruition. https://au.tv.yahoo.com/sunrise/video/watch/2180053/a-lesson-in-living-like-a-refugee/

Our Technology Wizards Leaders did a fantastic job at last week’s Parent Teacher Night as they commenced another initiative to survey parents about technology. They collected 150 responses and we look forward to sharing the summary with the school community at the P&C Meeting on Monday 15th August. Maddie Lawrence continues to excel at a National level in the sport of Ice Dancing. Maddie was the only NSW competitor to win medals at the Australian Championships. Her two silver medals saw her selected to represent Australia at an international competition held earlier this year. Congratulations Maddie on these outstanding achievements.

Year 12 is in the midst of their trial examinations and I wish them well as they move closer to the Higher School Certificate examinations in term 4. As all students have now received their reports for semester one, it is a pivotal time to review the feedback provided with your child on their reports and to discuss with your child their new goals for improvement and in particular how these will be achieved. We will be revisiting Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) this semester at school and your child will have the opportunity to review their PLP’s from semester one and form a new PLP for semester two with the guidance of a teacher. Setting goals and working towards them is a recipe for success for your child’s education and at MHS we encourage parents to continue to be involved in the PLP and pedagogy programs to ensure optimum success in academic achievement at school.

E Sayed-Rich

WHY NOT HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

We have been invited again to host a group of co-ed Indonesian high school students for just 12 days in early September. These students are learning English in their home country and will be coming to Australia with their English teacher, to improve their conversational English and to experience our Australian culture and our beautiful natural environment.

We are seeking expression of interest from school families who might be interested in hosting a student during their time at Menai.

During their stay, the group will integrate with Menai High School students and also have several excursions to experience Australian culture, animals and our beautiful scenery.

Home stay hosts will be paid a tax free allowance for each student which will more than defray the costs of hosting.

All that is required is to provide a clean and tidy bedroom, and to provide all meals, (packed lunch on school days), and to provide transport to and from school each day. This can include travelling with your child to and from school, by school bus.

As well as the stimulation of having a foreign student share your home for a few days, this will be a rewarding and memorable experience for Host families and students alike.

Why not consider hosting a student in your home & enjoy this positive and rewarding experience?

Please contact Bill Clark on 0418 215 990 or bill.clark@exedaaustralia.com.au or Julie Taylor/ Leonie Ferraro at Menai High on 9543 7000

YR 11 ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP

U-TURN THE WHEEL

All Year 11 students at Menai H.S will be involved in a road safety awareness program called “U-Turn the Wheel”, to be held at Menai High School this Wednesday 5th August.

U-Turn the Wheel is a series of road safety and awareness workshops presented by Rotary, the police, ambulance and other road safety professionals. This one-day program is aimed at young, beginning and developing drivers, and is designed to specifically address the attitudes and awareness of driver related issues such as speed, fatigue, alcohol, drugs and the wearing of seat belts.

All students must pay $10 to the office ASAP as this is a compulsory program for all Year 11 Menai High School students.

M Robinson, Head Teacher PDHPE

IMPORTANT DATES & COMING EVENTS

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Welfare News!

Good News
Ms Loh would like to thank the following students for their efforts in fundraising for the Robotics program, Tushan Chandra, Caerwyn Bartley, Luke Phillips, Rachelle Phan, Jonah Bunyon, Alexander Burrell, Zachary Curtis, Xavier Rolton and Bernadette Wong.

Ms Liley and Ms Souris would like to give recognition and a big thank you to all of the Year 11 Hospitality students Jermain Betham, Jodie Bigeni, Jessica Tibbetts, Alisha Haines, Emily Farquharson, Sarah Ettia, Taneisha Pritchard, Kayla Nyberg, Kristi-Lyn Piccolo, Lisa Johnston, Erin Doo, Gania Dib, Rahmeli Ibrahim, Cassandra Korsman, Mohammed Anas, Caitlin Ausiello, Emma Bailey, Heidi Baird, Theodora Charalambous, Sean Condely, Kasrey Nguyen, George Papaetthimiou, Arij Peremanputra, Nicholas Raptis, Athina Soulantzos, Jordan Tavita, Themis Tsigkaris, Dylan Vlahos, Elle Whitfield and Alexandra Xiropostas who cooked, served and cleaned for Mrs McNally’s biggest BBQ morning Tea. All students were efficient, well dressed and professional.

Mrs Lewry, Ms Shales and Ms Liley would like to acknowledge the Year 12 Community and Family Studies classes for their excellent overall attitude and application throughout the semester.

Students with Asthma in School
The department of Education mandates that all students with Asthma who carry a puffer or any student that carries an asthma puffer must present an Asthma plan to the school each year. The Asthma plans are available online from the Asthma Australia site www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/asthma_action_plan.aspx and also from your doctor. The form indicates that your child has been diagnosed and is being treated for asthma and the required medication. It must be signed by a doctor.

If your child carries a puffer please ensure you have sent a plan to the school. If you would like to discuss this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher Welfare

Wellbeing Wisdom
Coping with the Trial Exams
Year 12 Trial exams have begun and it can be a stressful time for not only students but for the parents and families of HSC students. Parents of HSC students will find the Parents Pages on the HSC Online website very valuable. There are hints on making life with an HSC student more bearable for both parents and students! If this sounds like a resource that might be valuable to your family, click on the following link: http://hsc.csu.edu.au/for/parents/. This information is also available in Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese.

L Ferraro and the Wellbeing Wisdom Team

Gifted & Talented Corner
Wednesday 29th July saw Menai High’s inaugural entry into the Illawarra & SE Science and Engineering Challenge.

Our team of 16 Year 8-10 students displayed outstanding problem-solving and collaborative skills and wonderful sportsmanship to place 5th out of 8 teams. This was a brilliant achievement for our first time but also because our team was composed of younger and fewer students than our competitors.

A Hanna

Creative and Performing Arts
The exhibition opening at the Margot Hardy Gallery, University of Western Sydney Bankstown Campus, was immensely successful with very excited students and their families who took great delight in viewing the sustained commitment and innovative art making methodologies investigated by the young artists. Teachers selected works from Photographic and Digital Media, Visual Arts and Visual Design subjects across Years 7-11. The exhibition, Traversing Territories, is a very exciting opportunity for the students at Menai High School as it enables these young artists to gain experience in publically exhibiting their works. The curatorial program at the Margot Hardy Gallery is innovative and thought provoking and it aims to deliver opportunities for university students, alumni and the broader community to engage and establish a dialogue within the Visual Arts. The MHS Visual Arts team is thrilled for the students who have participated in this outstanding opportunity. The exhibition will be on display until August 7th and further details can be found at the following website: http://virtualtours.uws.edu.au/margothardygallery/Menai-High-School

The Visual Arts team will hold the annual MHS Art Exhibition in Term 4, Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November. We look forward to seeing you at this exhibition.

M Kelly Head Teacher, Creative & Performing Arts

CAPA Tour Fundraiser
This term we are running a fundraiser through Loftus Pies for the CAPA Tour in Term 4. Attached to the newsletter is an order form, with all of the information. The due date for orders will close on Friday 14th August with payments to go to the front office and order forms returned to the Music Staffroom. Pies will be delivered Tuesday 25th August. We would really appreciate your support with this fundraising opportunity for the students attending the CAPA tour.

E Osborne

Senior Seminar Program Schedule— Week 4, Term 3, 2015

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Dear Parents,

This year we will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. Thanks for your help.

Mrs Cooper and the Menai High Library staff

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Come along and discover ways to strengthen relationships with your children

Mondays
14th, 21st, 28th September
10am—12pm
(Childcare can be arranged if required)

Menai Community Centre
34-40 Allison Cres, Menai
PH: (02) 9543 5115
E: admin.menai@3bridges.org.au

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Sensory Screening for Families with Special Needs

Inside Out
Sunday 16th August @ 11am

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, fidget or sing, talk and generally be themselves. This is a non-judgmental 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: $8 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 10 cards accepted.

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

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3 Bridges Community
# Menai High School
## CAPA Tour - Pie Drive

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