

Menai High School



Parent Newsletter Issue 4—2023

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Welcome to Menai High School.

We are a proud comprehensive high school with a tradition of outstanding academic results. Our school values are based around **Care and Commitment** where we create a learning environment driven by student wellbeing. Our school vision encompasses the development of **Skilled Learners, Skilled Citizens** who are **Skilled for Life**. Our wide ranging curriculum caters for the diverse learning needs of all students, with opportunities to succeed academically, creatively, socially and emotionally. We develop students who are equipped to thrive living in the twenty first century, willing and able to make valuable contributions to our society.

Coming Up

Staff Development Day 17th July

CHS Cross Country 21st July

Hot Potato Music Incursion 21st July

HSC Trial Exams 24th July –4th Aug

Education Week 31st July-4th Aug

Syd East Athletics Carnival 1st-2nd Aug

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Relieving Principal's Message



The importance of school culture

An experienced educator once told me school culture can be defined as “the sum total of all the factors which define the nature and quality of the learning environment within a school. It includes the capacity and attitude of the staff, students and community towards the school, the strength and effectiveness of leadership within the school and the ongoing quality of activity within the school”. When I thought about this definition, I asked myself this question – Is Menai HS a happy, safe and productive place for all to work and learn? My answer is yes but with some room for improvement. School Culture is vital to the success of a school and needs to be constantly worked on. Menai HS

takes great pride in developing a very positive school culture. Our uniform/behaviour standards, physical environment, extra-curricular activities and engaging teaching and learning programs are key foundations of our positive school culture. I am sure parents and students share this view. As a school we will continue to develop our school culture through our motto ‘Care and Commitment’ thus ensuring ‘Menai is the place to be’. The recent ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey completed by over 85% of students will provide information for which the school can continue to develop a positive a school culture.

Staff Farewells

At the end of the term, we said goodbye to Ms Hanna and Mr Riorden. Both have been long term members of our school community. Ms Hanna started at Menai as a class teacher before gaining the head teacher role through merit selection. The impact she has made in leading and delivering teaching and learning within the Science faculty and across the school has been outstanding. Her positive and insightful contribution to the executive team has been highly valued. Mr Riorden’s tireless work and energy in the CAPA faculty teaching Drama and Entertainment Industries has been excellent. His professional and committed contributions as Relieving HT Wellbeing, Year Adviser and Entertainment Crew Master have all been very much appreciated across the school. Both Ms Hanna and Mr Riorden have made a difference in the lives of so many students and, on behalf of the school, I wish them all the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their educational careers.

School Improvement and Project Update

- Kitchen upgrade – Food Lab1 was upgraded over the last few weeks of Term 2. The lab now has been fitted with updated food prep and cooking appliances designed to meet Food Technology and Hospitality course standards.
- Front Bus Shelter – we are currently working with the Assets Unit of the Department of Education to gain approval for the construction of a bus shelter to cover the student waiting bays at the front of the school. This project has been in the pipeline for some time so we are encouraged to see progress being made.
- School Bus Shelter – we are in the early stages of the planning to construct a cover over the school mini-buses. This cover will expand out from the existing shelter on the school hall at the end of the carpark. As these buses are relatively new, protecting them from the weather elements will extend their service life which results in longer use for students and staff.

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External Validation (EV)

Throughout this year the school has been preparing a submission package of information which provides a 'report card' of how the school is progressing. On Thursday 27th July, members of the school leadership team will meet with the EV panel (DoE staff) to review our submission. The team has been working tirelessly to put together the final submission by the end of the term. The focus of the EV is to gather, annotate and analyse evidence across five themes linked to our School Improvement Plan (SIP- which was communicated in newsletter issue 1 this year). The analysis allowed us to make an on balanced judgement (Self-Assessment) against Learning, Teaching and Leading areas of the school. Collaborative discussion will continue to determine recommendations for further directions and next steps for the school. The EV process occurs every four years and is part of The School Excellence Cycle. I would like to thank the operational leaders and teams for the leading the management of this submission.

Operational leaders – Ms Carson, Ms Mazoudier, Ms Vickery

Theme 1: Literacy in focus – explicit teaching of Literacy (Ms Haag, Ms Carson, Mr Monger, Ms Gardiner)

Theme 2: Student Growth –where data informs practice (Ms Ferraro, Ms Cooper, Ms Hanna, Ms LaRosa, Ms Garden).

Theme 3: Collaborative Practice –success of working together(Ms Sayed-Rich, Mr Robinson, Ms Rae)

Theme 4: Wellbeing and Engagement Culture – the perfect partnership (Ms Stone, Ms Ryan, Mr Riorden, Ms Masi)

Theme 5: Differentiation – unearthing potential and developing the talent (Mr Meagher, Mr Middleton, Ms Fenemore, Mr Carpenter)

Winter Uniform Expectations and Standards

As we head into the colder months, I remind our school community that students must wear full school and sport uniform correctly and follow procedures if not wearing a correct item. That is, a note is provided from home to give to the roll call teacher. Sport track suits are not to be worn with school uniform and we are a no hoodie school. Deputy Principals will communicate with families if there are ongoing uniform issues. I am please to report that our new jumpers have arrived (see flyer in newsletter) and are available for purchase.

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Covid Update – a message from the Department of Education

At the commencement of the COVID-19 pandemic, the department scaled up our regular school cleaning program as part of a suite of temporary measures implemented to keep our schools clean and safe places for students and staff. The specialist and enhanced cleaning measures were guided by expert advice at the time from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, the National Health and Medical Research Council, and NSW Health. The department has been advised that there is no longer a benefit to undertaking the additional, enhanced cleaning of schools, employed to enable the safe return to school during the height of the pandemic. From Term 3 this year, the temporary enhanced cleaning measures will be discontinued. Schools will revert to receiving the regular, comprehensive day cleaning program, which also continued during the pandemic. The day cleaning program will see professional cleaners, under a whole-of-government cleaning contract, continue to maintain our schools as clean and safe spaces to learn and teach. While COVID-19 is no longer a global health emergency, it is important that collectively we work together to help prevent exposure to and the spread of germs and diseases by maintaining good hygiene practices at home and school. The willingness of our school communities to adapt and support the additional health, safety and wellbeing measures put in place over the last 3 years has been instrumental in ensuring continuity of quality education in safe learning and teaching environments.

Murat Dizdar, Secretary

Despite cleaning measures being scaled back, RAT kits are still available for families from our front office. Department of Education are still following NSW health advice and encouraging students to stay home if they are experiencing any cold/flu/covid symptoms.

Term 2 Academic Effort Assembly - this was held on Friday 23rd June and saw up to 2 students per subject per year group receive a certificate. Congratulations to all students (certificate or not) who have started the year very well with consistent work habits. The number of students in each cohort who received an award was:

Year 7 -17

Year 8 -15

Year 9 -33

Year 10 - 41

Year 11 - 47

Year 12 -51

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Stuck in a Tacky High School Musical

After a covid-forced layoff, Menai staged a wonderful Musical to round off the term. It was fantastic to see the Menai spirit alive and well with so many staff and students volunteering to support this full school event. Thank you to the talented cast and crew who performed brilliantly and the outstanding leadership of the CAPA faculty.

Cast and Crew

Teacher – Mateo Vanovac

Alexandra – Dalia Libman

Galinda – Abigail Hennessy

Elphaba – Ella Phillip-Clarke

Frank – Josh Riches

Mary – Kallie Thompson

Bert – Christian Klianis

Toni - Tia Myring

Zeke – Eve Lewis

Martha – Amber Soo

Sharpay – Tahlia Catts

Ripper – Donovan Porter

Aladdin – Liam Elwing

Jasmine – Lily Thompson

Featured Soloists

Revolting Children – Vanessa Favelle; Natalie Lui; Abigail Pachuau; Alicia Stojcevski

You Can't Stop The Beat – Maria Malaxos; Tia Myring; Hayley Thomason

Alexander Hamilton – Alicia Stojcevski; Kaitlyn Millman

You Haven't Seen The Last Of Me - Takali Hoogendyk

Ensemble

Jessica Arnold; Olivia Daley; Emmanuel Daramola; Jasmine Derwent; Keila Do; Jayne Favelle; Chloe Flood; Paige Holmes; Kaesha Lane; Tolani Oni; Channary Royal; Beth Ryan; Olivia Sofios; Kate Stalgis; Serene Tan; Eliza Van den Dolder

Band

Ellie Aros; Sam Brugmans; Zoe Brugmans; Lachlan Cameron; Charli Carter; Gabby Helwani; Eamon Hennessy; Myra Oehlman; Emily Sofios; Tamzin Sturt; Kaine Verus

We thank Lauren Faulks (concert band director), Joshua McKeown and Tim Roberts (both MHS Alumni 2022) for their support in the pits.

Backstage Crew

Summer Bates; Anya Berry; Sara Chisholm; Hayden Ferguson; Oliver Hayes; Anastasia James; Dayna Marshall; Hannah O'Dwyer; Briony Phan; Maya Cox; Angela Skoric; Charli Sly; Ava Spiro; Lucy Tang, Mr Riorden and Mr Warner.

Sound and Lighting- Eliza Brantman, Amelia Domrow, Christian Gouveia, Ayushi Sharma Kharel, Polly Smith, Isabella Urrutia and Mr Riorden.

Make-up– Sarah Chisholm, Bonnie Meffan, Hannah O'Dwyer and Ms Kasper

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Set Design and Construction

Emily Boyd; Charlotte Buckley; Abbey Chapman; Rachel Chen; Mischa Davies; Summer Dexter; Charlie Fernandez; Nevaeh Foresheew; Paige Holmes; Jemma Kingsnorth; Zein Malas; Bonnie Meffan Griffyn Mottram; Hannah O'Dywer; Maria-Zoe Panagis; Jemma Richardson; Zoe Young; Joanna Yu Christian Gouveia; Matthew Bertolissio; Nathaniel Byron; James Harlow; Luca McAndrew; Christopher Sebalj; Jonty Van De Poll, Mr Monger, Mr Johnson, Mr Middleton, Ms Colliss and Ms Almond.

Photography– Gabriella Derrett, Laualis Faulks, Shayla Gomul, Hollie Christopher and Ms Colliss

Roles

Producer Mr Middleton

Director Mr Riorden

Assistant Directors Amber Soo (Yr 12) and Kallie Thompson (Yr11)

Musical Director Mr Bradney

Vocal Director Ms Masi

Choreographers Jayne Favelle and Natalie Lui (Yr 10)

Playwright Mr Riorden

Set Design Mr Middleton

Set Construction Mr Monger and Mr Johnson

Costume Ms Colliss

Stage Manager Mr Warner

Marketing and Artwork Mr Middleton, Ms Almond, Ms Colliss and Visual Arts students

Crew Mr Riorden and 12 Entertainment Industry students

School Canteen Transition

Over the holiday break 'Total Canteen Solutions' will be replaced by 'Made Fresh'. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Total Canteen Solutions for being apart of our school community for the past few years and providing an invaluable service to the students and staff. We now look forward to forging a strong, professional relationship with Made Fresh to ensure the food on offer is high quality, affordable and supports healthy canteen policy.

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School Highlights term 2 part 2

- Yr9 'Free the Funk' mental health awareness program (Ms Liley and Mr Carpenter).
- Open Girls Netball Sydney East Regional semi-finalist. (Ms Kasper).
u/15 Girls Netball Sydney East round 2. (Ms Kasper).
- Sutherland Dance Festival Stage Rehearsals with Junior and Senior ensembles (Ms Hunter).
- Sydney South Oztag Gala Day (Ms Lehane).
- Menai's Got Talent – well done to all involved from performers, hosts, staff and student support crews. (Ms Ayad and Ms Perkins).
- White Card Courses (Ms Rae).
- Yr 7 Reptiles Alive incursion (Ms Liley).
- Ambassador's Showcase Project with selected Yr 10 students. (Mr Laris and Mr Ensor).
- Sydney East Cross County (Ms Lehane) 30 competitors with eight top 10 finishers who now move onto the NSW All Schools Championships.
- Open Girls Basketball final 8 series result – finished 6th in the state (Mr Stewart). Highlight was the Rd16 of state v Glenmore Park HS (Syd West) 36-35 victory with the winning 3pt basket being made in the final 10 seconds of the game.
- Feelgood Friday school fun and circus games hosted by year 7 and 8 students and year advisers. (Ms Fenemore, Mr Rioden, Ms Gardiner and Mr El Masri).
- Girls Open Hockey regional finalist. (Ms Lehane)
- Girls tackle Rugby League Gala Day (Mr Carpenter).
- NRL wellbeing program gala day involving year 10 students. (Mr Laris and Mr Meagher)
- Mixed Opens Netball Carnival Undefeated in state carnival gala day in their division. (Ms Kasper).
- Year 11 and 12 student skills sessions.
- Music incursion for vocalist training (Ms Masi).
- In The Spotlight Dance Festival (Ms Hunter).
- Open Girls Softball progress through to CHS final 16 series (22-23 August)
- Zone Athletics Carnival with over 80 students competing.
- Yr7 Morning Teas (Ms Fenemore, Ms Masi and Mr Meagher)
- AgVision excursion for Yr9-11 agriculture students (Ms Ready)
- Parent Teacher night for Yrs 8/10/11 (Ms Ryan, Ms Masi and Mr Sanders)

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- Another Tacky High School Musical (led by CAPA with full school support)

Individual Student Achievements

Kaidee Creeke Yr10 – Captained the Sutherland U/15 Netball who won the state champions undefeated over the long weekend.

Ella Barnett and Lilian Williams Yr12 – competed for Sydney East at the NSWCHS Girls Basketball Championships in Albury.

Ryan O'Connor Yr12 completed for Sydney East Boys Touch Football team who contested the NSWCHS Championships in Sydney.

Abigail Korcekova Yr12- recently participated in the National Gymnastics Championships with her team coming 4th overall.

What's coming up in the coming weeks...

- Senior Geography excursion to Great Barrier Reef (School Holidays)
- Junior Boys Netball State Championships (School Holidays)
- Yr 12 Legal Studies Skills Day (School Holidays)
- Years 7/9 parent teacher Evening – 1st August
- Hot Potato Music incursion – 21st July
- HSC Trial exams – Monday 24th July to Friday 4th August
- Year 11 Visual Arts Camp – Monday 24th to Tuesday 25th July
- UTurn the Wheel Year 11 Road safety Program – Wednesday 26th July
- Big Fish, Little Fish Year 7 incursion – Friday 11th August
- Ski Trip – 13th to 16th August
- Bstreetsmart Year 11 excursion – Tuesday 22nd August
- Open Girls Softball CHS final 16 series – Tuesday 22nd to Wednesday 23rd August

In closing, what makes Menai the place to be wonderful staff, fantastic students, supportive parents and community.

Regards,

Mr J Stanley
Relieving Principal

Deputy Principals



Ms E Sayed-Rich—Years 8 and 11

Academic Effort Awards

It has been an extremely busy and rewarding term with great student achievements recognised. Congratulations to the students in Year 8 and 11 who received awards for academic effort.

| First Name | Surname | Year |
|------------|-------------|--------|
| Kaden | Britter | Year 8 |
| Sarah | Cannon | Year 8 |
| Zaid | El Koudmani | Year 8 |
| Ella | Fitzgerald | Year 8 |
| Lily | Khuu | Year 8 |
| Jemma | Klinkert | Year 8 |
| Stefan | Kotevski | Year 8 |
| Marcus | Monte | Year 8 |
| Kye | Saumaitoga | Year 8 |
| Levi | Soper | Year 8 |
| Jessica | Webster | Year 8 |
| Sophie | Woolley | Year 8 |
| Anna | Tian | Year 8 |
| Elisha | Wong | Year 8 |
| Zoe | Brugmans | Year 8 |

| First Name | Surname | Year |
|-------------|--------------|---------|
| Emily | Boyd | Year 11 |
| Eric | Broekhuis | Year 11 |
| Taylah | Cale | Year 11 |
| Aliyah | Caltabiano | Year 11 |
| Mia | Cannon | Year 11 |
| Sara | Chisholm | Year 11 |
| Mischa | Davies | Year 11 |
| Sebastian | Duke | Year 11 |
| Charlie | Fernandez | Year 11 |
| Nevaeh | Foreshew | Year 11 |
| James | Harlow | Year 11 |
| Oliver | Hayes | Year 11 |
| William | Hinton | Year 11 |
| Paige | Holmes | Year 11 |
| Cooper | Jones | Year 11 |
| Meriema | Kavazovic | Year 11 |
| Hana | Kheder | Year 11 |
| Dalia | Libman | Year 11 |
| Ruby | Lindsay | Year 11 |
| Nathan | Maddock | Year 11 |
| Maeghan | McGrath | Year 11 |
| Kaitlyn | Millman | Year 11 |
| Liliana | Monte | Year 11 |
| Pearce | O'Grady | Year 11 |
| Maria-Zoe | Panagis | Year 11 |
| Bonnie | Porter | Year 11 |
| Linus | Rathbone | Year 11 |
| Jemma | Richardson | Year 11 |
| Zali | Rossiter | Year 11 |
| Timothy | Rudnitskiy | Year 11 |
| Tash | Santos | Year 11 |
| Christopher | Sebalj | Year 11 |
| Maya | Shrestha | Year 11 |
| Emily | Sofios | Year 11 |
| Stephanie | Taylor-Tyler | Year 11 |
| Hayley | Thomason | Year 11 |
| Kallie | Thompson | Year 11 |
| Lachlan | Tkalec | Year 11 |
| Eliza | Van Dolder | Year 11 |
| Savannah | White | Year 11 |
| Ella-Rose | Wight | Year 11 |
| Skye | Wildermoth | Year 11 |
| Rhiana | Zreik | Year 11 |

Deputy Principals Ms E Sayed-Rich—Years 8 and 11

Subject Selection Evening Year 8 & 10

A letter and subject selection booklet for both years will be sent home with your child before the end of term. The booklet and information night are very important in guiding students in the subject selection process. The information night for Year 8 parents and students is planned for Wednesday 19th July in the school hall from 6pm. On arrival, Year 8 will move to Library for the subject selection information. Head teachers will be available from 7.30pm in the hall to answer questions for both Year 8 and 10 students. This is a very important night as it provides opportunities for both students and parents to discuss questions concerning courses and requirements. The careers advisor will also be available to discuss any questions concerning transition from school to work/ apprenticeship/ TAFE or university.

Reports-Semester 1 Reports for Year 8 and 10 have been published through Sentral for parents to access. If you have not registered for the parent portal on Sentral please contact the school and we will be able to help in this process.

Winter Uniform Thank you to parents for your support with your child's uniform. With the colder weather, we do have more issues with students out of uniform. See the images below for our uniform options in both seasons.



Deputy Principals

Ms E Sayed-Rich—Years 8 and 11

A reminder the uniform shop is open on Tuesdays 8am to 12 noon and Fridays 12.30pm to 4.30pm. For the extra layers of warmth include the green or red school jumper. We also have a new black jumper that can be worn as a layer underneath the jacket with the school logo embedded.

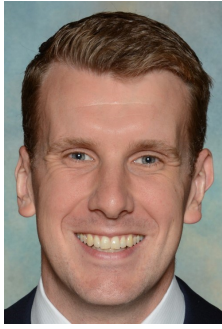
Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. As the Winter weather sets in, it is important that students are wearing the correct layers and correct uniform items.

Second Hand uniform Shop

Please consider donating any uniform item which your child has outgrown. We are running low on some items and would warmly welcome any donations.

Have a great break.

Deputy Principals



Mr L Meagher—Years 7 and 10

Year 7 and Year 10, you are half way there (and so are you parents)! It has been an exhausting and entirely rewarding first half of the year, and I really want to commend so many of our students on achieving their best in the past 20 weeks and embracing a growth mindset when it comes to their learning.

Year 7, I cannot understate how proud I have been of the way that you have taken to the first year of high school. It is an incredibly challenging task to make new friends at the best of times, but to have to do it in new classes and subjects with new friends coming from over 30 different primary schools, then it is all the more commendable. Your greatest strength is your kindness to those in your grade, so play to that strength and make sure that students in your classes feel connected with you and your peers. I also want to commend Year 7 for their work in their Morning/Afternoon Teas where every student has presented very engaging and entertaining work to large audiences. (Photos to be published next newsletter).

Year 10, I don't have space to list all the opportunities you've taken and personal and group achievements that you have achieved this term, but I do want to briefly acknowledge three groups I recently had the good fortune of witnessing. The first is our Ambassador Group who worked with Mr Laris, our SSO, to develop meaningful programs around combating racism and promoting diversity; Mr Stanley and I were fortunate enough to be present at the final presentation of their project in Hurstville last week and it was humbling to see our Menai students excelling. The second group is our NRL Ambassador program that have worked over the past months on their own leadership and confidence; the Gala Day was a fun and meaningful way to round out the program. Finally, a huge congratulations to our Under 16 Girls' Tackle Rugby League team who competed in a gala day last week. Coached by Mr Carpenter, the girls played incredibly well and with such incredible tenacity. Each and every girl on that team was absolutely pummelled at least once during the day, but each of them got up again and ran straight back into the action. I'm sure they learned more about themselves on the field than they ever will in the classroom, and the whole school is proud them, just as we are of all sports and performing groups.

Finally for Year 10, subject selection takes place on Wednesday evening Week 1 next term, with all information also emailed home.

Have a good holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone in a fortnight.



Deputy Principals

Mr L Meagher—Years 7 and 10

I would like to commend the Year 7 and Year 10 students who received Academic Effort Awards at our Formal assembly in week 9. Their dedication to their studies is outstanding and it made me proud to see their efforts acknowledged and celebrated at this assembly.

| First Name | Surname | Year |
|------------|----------|--------|
| Riahna | Archer | Year 7 |
| Dennis | Astakhov | Year 7 |
| Charlie | Butt | Year 7 |
| Charlotte | Cale | Year 7 |
| Elise | Chau | Year 7 |
| Hannah | Chen | Year 7 |
| Chloe | Fuller | Year 7 |
| Koby | Hellyer | Year 7 |
| Emma | Hill | Year 7 |
| Luke | Petersen | Year 7 |
| Patrick | Richards | Year 7 |
| Michael | Snigurov | Year 7 |
| Billy | Sullivan | Year 7 |
| Zac | Linguist | Year 7 |
| Anisa | Nanic | Year 7 |
| Serene | Tan | Year 7 |
| Zeke | Loh | Year 7 |

| First Name | Surname | Year |
|------------|------------|---------|
| Jessica | Arnold | Year 10 |
| Summer | Bates | Year 10 |
| Amielle | Bolina | Year 10 |
| Montana | Cannon | Year 10 |
| Charli | Carter | Year 10 |
| Tahlia | Catts | Year 10 |
| Dione | Condoleon | Year 10 |
| Isabel | Dunne | Year 10 |
| Mark | Feltous | Year 10 |
| Hayden | Ferguson | Year 10 |
| Lucy | Green | Year 10 |
| Lucas | Guy | Year 10 |
| Ebony | Hatton | Year 10 |
| Kai | Hinoura | Year 10 |
| Issac | James | Year 10 |
| Eden | Julian | Year 10 |
| Mataya | Lopez | Year 10 |
| Natalie | Lui | Year 10 |
| Ramsey | Mahafza | Year 10 |
| Regan | Mair | Year 10 |
| David | Markosyan | Year 10 |
| Charlie | McCollin | Year 10 |
| Tahlia | McGregor | Year 10 |
| Kalie | Notaras | Year 10 |
| Amber | O'Brien | Year 10 |
| Liam | Ovington | Year 10 |
| Jessica | Parsons | Year 10 |
| Josh | Peters | Year 10 |
| Kerim Mak | Pilavdzic | Year 10 |
| Lucette | Raynor | Year 10 |
| Channary | Royal | Year 10 |
| Verena | Sahertian | Year 10 |
| Michael | Sapardanov | Year 10 |
| Samuel | Soper | Year 10 |
| Aryan | Suvarna | Year 10 |
| Max | Tilley | Year 10 |
| Amelia | Vandy | Year 10 |
| Mateo | Vanovac | Year 10 |
| Sofie | Verus | Year 10 |
| Joshua | Webster | Year 10 |
| Oliver | Wiltshire | Year 10 |



Deputy Principals

Mrs L Ferraro—Years 9 and 12

I would like to congratulate all of the effort award winners at last week's assembly. Effort is a key component to students excelling and succeeding in their learning. Continuous effort can help unlock a student's true potential. It was pleasing to see so many Year 9 and 12 students recognised at this assembly.

| First Name | Surname | Year |
|------------|-------------|--------|
| Lachlan | Marshall | Year 9 |
| Hayley | Adioski | Year 9 |
| Kynan | Barber | Year 9 |
| Graeme | Butcher | Year 9 |
| Ethan | Camp | Year 9 |
| Ellyse | Cole | Year 9 |
| Olivia | Daley | Year 9 |
| Tyra | Dennis | Year 9 |
| Bethany | Domrow | Year 9 |
| Elise | Elkins | Year 9 |
| Mikayla | Fitz-Gibbon | Year 9 |
| Jessica | Goldsmith | Year 9 |
| Tyler | Goldsmith | Year 9 |
| Danielle | Goosemann | Year 9 |
| Kai | Hastie | Year 9 |
| Amir | Jabouri | Year 9 |
| Leila | Kavazovic | Year 9 |
| Kaesha | Lane | Year 9 |
| Lachlan | Leung | Year 9 |
| Charlie | McCollin | Year 9 |
| Lucy | McCredie | Year 9 |
| Sienna | McGrath | Year 9 |
| Tia | Myring | Year 9 |
| Josh | Peters | Year 9 |
| Emily | Phillips | Year 9 |
| Martin | Preistly | Year 9 |
| Gemma | Raven | Year 9 |
| Jana | Roude | Year 9 |
| Ryan | Skinner | Year 9 |
| Katelyn | Winter | Year 9 |
| Alex | Wright | Year 9 |
| Aleyah | Zriek | Year 9 |

| First Name | Surname | Year |
|------------|----------------|---------|
| Emily | Acevski | Year 12 |
| Brendan | Allport | Year 12 |
| Alia | Anderson-Malik | Year 12 |
| Savannah | Archer | Year 12 |
| Ella | Barnett | Year 12 |
| Alannah | Bartlett | Year 12 |
| Eliza | Brandtman | Year 12 |
| Harry | Bui | Year 12 |
| Ethan | Butcher | Year 12 |
| Ruby | Dao | Year 12 |
| Connor | Doran | Year 12 |
| Peta-Lee | Duchenne-Crow | Year 12 |
| Tegan | Dunn | Year 12 |
| Mia | Florance | Year 12 |
| Christian | Gouveia | Year 12 |
| Madeleine | Grant | Year 12 |
| Kayla | Graziano | Year 12 |
| Cameron | Harrison | Year 12 |
| Absaar | Hasan | Year 12 |
| Damon | Holmewood | Year 12 |
| Christian | Gouveia | Year 12 |
| Jessica | Jones | Year 12 |
| Anna | Kotlobayeva | Year 12 |
| Marcus | Lai | Year 12 |
| Halle | Lum | Year 12 |
| Andreas | Lygdas | Year 12 |
| Noah | Mariani | Year 12 |
| Karina | Markosyan | Year 12 |
| Arwen | McGloin | Year 12 |
| Demi | McLoughlin | Year 12 |
| Jack | Mitchell | Year 12 |
| Sophie | Morrison | Year 12 |
| Lily | Notley-Smith | Year 12 |
| John | Papworth | Year 12 |
| Kathleen | Polson | Year 12 |
| Ereni | Poulos | Year 12 |
| Louise | Priestly | Year 12 |
| Madison | Rutherford | Year 12 |
| Ayushi | Sharma-Kharel | Year 12 |
| Logan | Smith | Year 12 |
| Bella | Smith | Year 12 |
| Bailey | Stamos | Year 12 |
| Alicia | Stojcevski | Year 12 |
| Erin | Tkalic | Year 12 |
| Cooper | Tran | Year 12 |
| Joshua | Walters | Year 12 |
| Keira | White | Year 12 |
| Lillian | Williams | Year 12 |
| Brieanna | Yardley | Year 12 |
| Angel | Yeung | Year 12 |

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Mrs L Ferraro—Years 9 and 12

The uniform shop will stock the new MHS black jumper from Tues 27th June for \$40. Students are encouraged to wear this with their school jacket to stay warm in Term 3. There are also plenty of black pants in stock for students to wear as an alternative to the skirt. Students are reminded that black cargo pants and black tights are not to be worn to school.



Last week I had the pleasure of attending the graduation ceremony of the Top Blokes program. A group of Year 9 boys met with the Top Blokes facilitators each Friday for two terms where they discussed topics such as respectful relationships, drugs and alcohol and mental health. At the graduation ceremony the students expressed gratitude to the presenters saying how much they had got out of the program and demonstrated this knowledge in a fiercely contested game of Jeopardy.



Finally, I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best for their Trial Exams which take place in weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3. These holidays will be a crucial preparation time for those students. I encourage them to participate in any holiday classes being held on site by Year 12 teachers but also plan their time at home to ensure that they feel fully prepared for the trial exams next term.

Student News

Good News Reports

Our open girls netball team played Kirrawee in the Semi Finals of the knock out competition. All the girls played really well but unfortunately lost 47/54. The team has a week of recovery before they play in the Schools Cup carnival. We wish the team good luck as they head out to Liverpool to compete there.



State Champions! A massive congratulations to our Fast 5 mixed netball team who competed yesterday at the NSW Schools cup. The team were undefeated all day and ended up winning the grand final against South Strathfield High School. We are incredibly proud of this massive achievement made by the team.



Ms Rozga would like to commend her **Year 7 Technology class** on the brilliant meals they produced for their 'Agriculture & Food' Practical Assessment Task. They have certainly developed their food preparation and cooking skills throughout the term.

Student News

Sutherland Dance Festival

I am thrilled to share the exciting news of Menai High School's success at the Sutherland Dance Festival held on Tuesday 6th June. Our three talented ensembles showcased their skills, dedication and passion for dance delivering wonderful performances over two shows.

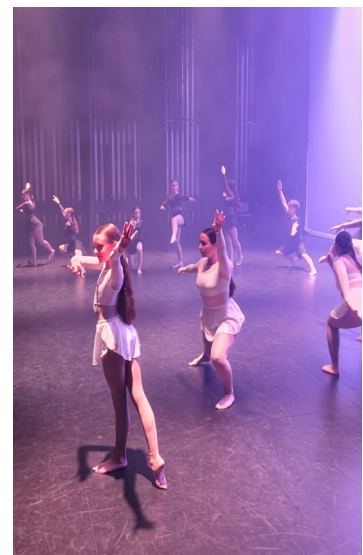
The Sutherland Dance Festival, known for its celebration of dance excellence in the region, provided an exceptional platform for our students to demonstrate their creativity and artistry in the newly opened Pavilion Performing Arts Centre.

The first show featured our Year 7 Dance Ensemble. Through the integration of partner work they explored the theme of connections and the sense of being stronger when connected to others.

The second show showcased our Senior Dance Company performing Chess, an energetic contemporary work that dazzled spectators with their depiction of the warfare and strategy of the game. And last but not least, our Sport Ensemble captivated the audience with their fluidity and emotional depth in a lyrical work, I Guess I'm In Love, in which they collaborated together to choreograph.

Menai High School's participation in the Sutherland Dance Festival not only allowed our students to display their skills but also provided them with valuable performance experience, fostering their growth as dancers. The festival also offered an opportunity for our students to witness the creativity and talent of other schools, creating an inspiring collaborative environment. We are immensely proud of their performances at both the Sutherland Festival and In The Spotlight Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre in week 9.

Ms Hunter
CAPA Faculty



Student News

Sydney East Cross Country Championships were held at Miranda Park on Thursday the 15th of June. Menai had 30 students compete on the day, with Seven students moving forward onto the CHS State Championships at Eastern Creek next term. Well done to all our students that competed on the day.

A further congratulations and good luck to the following students:

Year 7 - Suriya Royal

Year 7 - Koby Hellyer

Year 9 - Maximos Papacostantinou

Year 11 - Akira Saliba

Year 12 - Savannah Archer

Year 12 - Bella Smith

Year 12 - Connor Doran



Student News

Student good news. Menai High came in a close second last week at the Zone Athletics Carnival. With 85 students competing on the day Menai was on fire. Congratulations to the following students who were named age champions:

12 Boys Koby Hellyer

13 Boys Max Farrugia

15 Girls Kwanita Olney

17-19 Boys Benjamin Pittman

A special shout out to Channary Royal for breaking the Girls 16 400m Zone record & Benjamin Pittman for breaking the Boys 17-19 Shot Put & Discus Zone record. Best of luck to our 47 competitors that are off to compete at the Sydney East Championships next term at Sylvania Athletics Track on the 2nd & 3rd of August.



Ms Wearing would like to congratulate the following students for their excellent work.

Society and Culture - Outstanding Popular Culture Assessment Task

Savannah Archer

Jessica Jones10H7

History Excellent Results in History Test

Amielle Bolina

Liam Ovington7H

History Excellent Results in History Test

Sienna O'Connor

Julian Lee

Byron Croft

Emilie Magee

Jamerson Byron

Olivia Schmidt

Ms Wearing

Student News

Our Year 12 Food Technology students have been learning about Production Lines as part of their Food Product Development Unit. They successfully carried out a Production Line activity on Tuesday 22nd June which involved preparation in the lead up to the day (such as planning and purchasing ingredients), followed by set up, allocation of roles and responsibilities, and finally the production line to create thirteen identical American Style Beef Burgers. Congratulations to all of the students involved.

Mrs Ryan



Extra Curricular Events

CAPA Faculty

On Tuesday 20th June, students from the music program engaged in workshops with Alex Siegers as part of the Minister's Arts Recovery Grant. Alex is a professional jazz singer who recently completed her Honours in Music Performance at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. She has worked with Musica Viva, The Song Company, The Choir of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Chamber Choir, Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, Luminescence Chamber Singers, Cantillation, Vocal Australia Singers, The Australian Voices and The Choir Lab.

The Menai Singers worked on sound production, singing balanced harmonies, and refining their performance repertoire ready for an assembly performance next term. The cast of the musical worked through their dance numbers, refined their harmonies, and developed their skills in projection and performance. Our students commented on Alex's powerful presence, positivity, and high levels of engagement.

Ms Masi



Wellbeing Team News:

Fun Friday

On Friday the 2nd of June Year 8 hosted games for the Menai High community to participate in during their lunch time.

The students had a great time enjoying the scavenger hunt and giant hopscotch, and were rewarded for their efforts with lollies and lollipops.

It was a great afternoon and had everyone feeling good as they headed into their weekend!

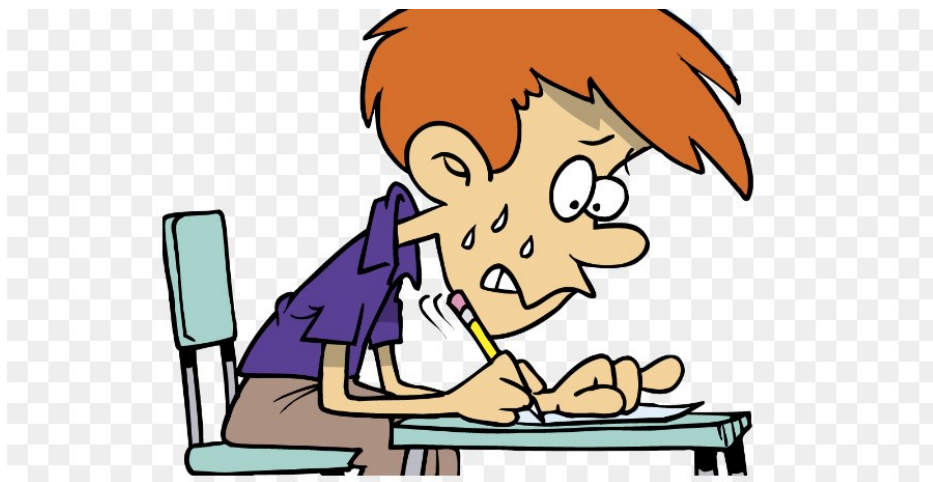


Extra Curricular Events

Thursday Senior Study in the Library

The library is open for **Year 11 and 12 students only** every Thursday afternoon from the start of lunch until 2.30pm. This is offered specifically for our senior students to access extra support, tuition and study time.

Don't let this be you the night before assessments are due or near exam time!



We are very fortunate to be able to offer the assistance of a number of teachers during this time such as **Mr. Redman**, a former MHS Maths head teacher; **Mrs Summerfield**, a Business Studies, Economics and Geography teacher; **Mrs Dounas**, an English, History and Learning Support teacher; and **Mr. Bean** to assist in Chemistry and other sciences.

So effectively, **FREE TUTORING!!**

We also offer help with organisational planning and summarising of your syllabus dot points.

To make the study time more welcoming, we offer **light refreshments** such as tea, coffee, Milo and biscuits.

We strongly urge all our Year 11 and 12 students to make use of this wonderful opportunity on **Thursday afternoons**.

P&C News

As the term draws to a close the P&C would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that Made Fresh, the new canteen provider will commence at the beginning of next term. The new black winter school jumper is now available at the uniform shop. Please see the school website for operating hours.

There is a second-hand school uniform shop for any donations you may have. All donations can be dropped to the office and will be warmly received. To purchase a second-hand school uniform item please contact the school office on 9543 7000.

We would like to encourage everyone to check if your school payments are up to date. All fees paid to the school go back into providing better facilities and programs for the Menai High School Community. Without these funds these projects and programs cannot be maintained. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office should you wish to discuss.

P&C meetings take place on the second Monday of each month during school term. The next meeting commences at 6.30pm on the 14th August, 2023 in the school library. All members of the school community are welcome. We would like to encourage you to come along for the chance to hear first-hand what is going on and be a part of the discussion regarding decisions concerning the Menai High School community.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Lisa Chapman
MHS P&C President

Email: mhs.pandc.president@gmail.com

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Captains

Kaia Dennis
Noah Mariani

Vice Captains

Savannah Archer
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We want to work with businesses within our school communities



Work is available maintaining our schools

School Infrastructure NSW manages a large maintenance program for more than 2,000 schools across all parts of NSW. To do this work, we are looking to engage local businesses, including Aboriginal owned businesses and people.

We want to go local

We are moving towards direct management of facilities maintenance, bringing in new facilities maintenance contractors and tradespeople to work directly under contract with us.

Why go local? We want to:

- be more responsive to maintenance issues reported by schools.
- ensure we are working with local trades and spending our money in our local communities.
- provide better working conditions for local tradespeople, including faster payment terms.

Opportunities for Aboriginal businesses

In addition to increasing our engagement of local contractors, we are also seeking to grow the number of local Aboriginal businesses we work with and increase employment opportunities for Aboriginal employees, apprentices and trainees.

We have Aboriginal Senior Program Officers who are able to help Aboriginal businesses, and local contractors who already employ or are looking to employ Aboriginal employees, apprentices, and trainees.

schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



The trades and services we are looking for include:

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| ■ Multi Tradespeople | ■ Brick layer |
| ■ Plumber (including roof and gas) | ■ Fire management |
| ■ Electrician | ■ Sheet metal |
| ■ Lift Technician | ■ Concreter |
| ■ Refrigeration mechanic | ■ Removalist |
| ■ Glazier | ■ Playground specialist |
| ■ Hazmat | ■ Pool technicians and cleaner |
| ■ Arborist AQ3/AQ5 | ■ Carpenters |
| ■ Locksmith | ■ Gasfitters |
| ■ Cleaner | ■ Test and tag |
| ■ Pest control | ■ Lighting |
| ■ Carpet/vinyl | ■ Construction |
| ■ Data technician | ■ Gutter cleaning |
| ■ Security technician | ■ Equipment construction and maintenance |
| ■ Painter | ■ Engineering |
| ■ Plasterer/renderers | ■ Fencing services building and repair |
| ■ Tiler | ■ Roofing |
| ■ Landscaper | |

How can I participate?

We're looking for a wide variety of maintenance services and trades to start with us from 1 July 2023 including electricians, plumbers, painters, and many others. It's easy to work with us!

Reach out to our team to find out more and access the documents to apply to work with us.

On approval you'll be setup in our systems and onboarded, with induction covering how to work with us and use our systems. Then start getting work orders allocated within 48 hours!

Contacts

To register your interest send an email to:

Sydney Office – syd.fmct@det.nsw.edu.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

Menai Roosters in conjunction with Moses Manu Training are offering school holiday clinics over two days. The clinics will be skills and agility based development training. ALL WELCOME!

MONDAY 3RD & TUESDAY 4TH JULY

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9 & 10'S : 10:30-12PM

13-15 : 12-1:30PM

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