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29 May 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

At this time each year, I seem to have to remind students and families about the importance of school attendance. Data collected for Term One indicates that across the school we had an average of 80% attendance. In general, most students attend most days, but at a time when we are pushing hard for better outcomes, any time away from school is starting to have an impact. The average attendance at each year level deteriorates the further we go up the school, with Year 7 students here nearly 89% of the time while Year 11 students are attending on average, only 78%. Please make every effort to attend school. If it is becoming difficult to meet this commitment for one reason or another, please contact a member of the staff as we are often able to assist in solving this issue.

A couple of newsletters back I wrote about students and staff communicating about their teaching and learning through the use of Learning Logs. More students are able to talk about how they are using these now as they become more embedded in to classroom practice. One of the keys to the success of these is the quality of feedback that transitions between the parties involved and it is also important that parents/caregivers share in the process too. I was reminded of the value of feedback when flicking through a reading of Grant Wiggins on the '7 Things to remember about Feedback':

1. Feedback is not advice, praise or evaluation. Feedback is information about how we are doing in our efforts to reach a goal.
2. If students know the classroom is a safe place to make mistakes, they are more likely to use feedback for learning.
3. The feedback students give teachers can be more powerful than the feedback teachers give students.
4. When we give a grade as part of our feedback, students routinely read only as far as the grade.
5. Effective feedback occurs during the learning while there is still time to act on it.
6. Most of the feedback that students receive about their classroom work is from other students – and much of that feedback is wrong.
7. Students need to know their learning target – the specific skill they're supposed to learn – or else 'feedback' is just someone telling them what to do.

Someone noted, that about the only time they are applied in this manner, is when teaching your teenager how to drive the family car.

A reminder that tomorrow the school will be closed for a 'Teacher Only Day' as staff are attending a combined rural secondary school's workshop at Northern Southland College. This is not counted as one of the days we are open for instruction. Buses will run as normal for the primary schools in the area.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Careers

The careers room will be open at lunch times every Tuesday and Thursday if students wish to carry out career research or seek some guidance. Mr Clark will be available to assist. Please take advantage of this. Check out the school Careers Page at <https://www.facebook.com/menziescollegcareers> for updates on University Liaison visits, Scholarships, STAR Courses, Work Experience, Gateway and Hokonui Tertiary High School.

CPIT are having their Open Day on 19 June. For further information contact either Stuart Clark or Katie Hall.

Liaison Officer Visits

P.I.H.M.S. - 30 July at 2:15pm (Hotel Management) in the Library.

Following the Tertiary Information Day in Dunedin two weeks ago, any students and parents/caregivers that were unable to go and would like the opportunity to engage with key staff from the Polytechnic and the University academic divisions, you are invited to attend presentations followed by 'open-floor' question and answer sessions at Stadium Southland on Wednesday 30 July.

CareerFest

CareerFest will be held in the new ILT Stadium Southland from Thursday 31 July to Friday 1 August. Menzies will be taking Year 12-13 students at 11am on Thursday 31 July. There is also a community session on the Thursday night from 5- 8pm if parents/caregivers are wanting to take their students along.

Liaison Officer Visits

Frank from Te Huka Matauraka/Maori Centre at the University of Otago will be visiting our school to talk to senior Maori students regarding potential course options, scholarships and support services available to assist Maori students who are perhaps thinking about going to University or even to have a korero about the possibility of going. He will be here on Monday 23 June from 10-10.45am in the careers room.

Health Careers Expo – Year 10 and 11

Jan Tait, the Nurse Educator, Surgical & Co-ordinator of the Incubator Programme from Southern District Health Board has invited any senior students who might be interested in a career in health, to a Health Careers Expo on Tuesday 24 June. This is 3/4 hour session with a range of health professionals at Southland Hospital. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

Incubator

Year 13 Work Experience applications need to be in by 1 June. This is for work experience for a day in the school holidays with a health professional of their choice. One of the criteria is that they have to have had good attendance on the Incubator programme.

2015 MESNZ Engineering Scholarship

A MESNZ (Maintenance Engineering Society of New Zealand) Engineering Scholarship worth up to \$5,000 is being offered for the specific purpose of covering tuition fees in 2015. This scholarship is available to assist students commencing study towards an IPENZ accredited engineering degree, diploma or certificate from any year level through a New Zealand University, Polytechnic or Industry Training Organisation. Applications close on 30 August 2014. Further details are available on the MESNZ website <http://www.mesnz.org.nz/scholarship/>

*Miss Katie Hall
Careers Advisor*

Technology Department

Year 10 Hard Materials (Metal/Wood Technology)



Last term the Year 10 technology class spent a lot of the term researching, planning, modelling and designing a metal based project. This term students have been immersing themselves in the practical application of constructing their designs. They are doing this in a safe and constructive way often opting to continue through lunchtimes.



*Jonny Brown
Year 10 Teacher*

Year 13 Outdoor Leadership

This term, students are working towards gaining credits in 3 areas - Peer and Personal Leadership, Mountain Biking and Adventure Based Learning. The peer leadership requires them to reflect on their own leadership style, identify weaknesses and then apply them in a team or group setting while under pressure. The Mountain Biking unit provides them the opportunity to work towards improving and developing their mountain bike skills, while managing risk and developing personal leadership.

The Leaders are also training to run the Year 9 camp at Tautuku at the end of this term. Last Tuesday we tried out the new indoor climbing wall and 'Clip n Climb' at Stadium Southland which provided challenges for all.

*Jonny Brown
Outdoor Leadership Teacher*

English Department

Level One English Assessment Dates

Assessment dates for AS90854 (Personal Response): ENG101 and ENG102

Response #4: Monday 30 June, period 2

Response #5: Monday 11 August, period 2

Response #6: Monday 15 September, period 2 (final cut-off date for all submissions)

Assessment date for AS90852 (Connections): ENG102

Thursday 12 June, Term Two, Week Six

Assessment dates for AS90052 (Creative Writing): ENG101

3rd portfolio submission – Thursday 5 June, Term Two, Week Five, period 5

Final assessment – Thursday 26 June, Term Two, Week Eight, period 5

Assessment dates for AS90857 (Oral Text): ENG101 and ENG102

Thursday 7 August, Term Three, Week Three

ENG101 will be out of timetabled classes all day

ENG102 will have their assessment during periods 4 and 5, normal timetabled periods for ENG102

Assessment date for AS90855 (Visual text): ENG101

Thursday 18 September, Term Three, Week Nine, period 5

Assessment date for AS90855 (Visual text): ENG102

Thursday 25 September, Term Three, Week Ten, period 5

Assessment date for AS90053 (Formal Writing): ENG101 (an optional standard)

Thursday 30 October, Term Four, Week Three, period 5

Assessment date for US1273 (Story Writing): ENG102 (a discretionary standard)

Thursday 30 October, Term Four, Week Three, period 5

*Ms Sonja Swale
Head of Department - English*

Mathematics Department

SUDOKU puzzles do not involve maths! They are excellent for practicing logic skills, and for making sure you can count to 9! KenKen puzzles look similar, and have some things in common but DO require some basic maths. They are a good way to practice basic facts and improve understanding of maths functions, fractions and logic skills.

Here is an example of one with the answers. These puzzles have one thing in common with Sudoku – you can only have each number appear ONCE in each row and column. The size of the grid tells you which numbers you can use – a 3x3 uses 1-3, a 4x4 uses 1-4, etc etc. The numbers inside a BOLD BOX also need to equal the amount in the corner using the operation beside it. Sometimes you might know the numbers inside a bold area but not the order they appear e.g. in the middle row, the only way to add to 3 is 1+2. Even though we might not know which way round they go, we know that the OTHER number in that row must be a 3. Using a combination of maths and logic, you fill in the squares – there is only one solution and every puzzle can be solved.

5+		1
3+		8+
1		

5+		1
3	2	1
3+		8+
2	1	3
1		
1	3	2

Try this one yourself: It has been started for you.

3+		3
4+		5+
3		

These puzzles are very addictive. There is an excellent website for doing these on-line at www.kenken.com and it is also available as an app on iTunes and Android – just search 'kenken'. The website includes more detailed instructions on how to solve these puzzles. We will put one in each newsletter for a start and then put in 3 each week of varying size and difficulty. Have fun!

*Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics*

Magazine Writing Competition

We are looking for the best Short Stories & Poems your students have to offer!

Market South is offering the chance for Southland students to have their writing published in front of an estimated readership of 200,000 in Southland's annual Culture & Lifestyle magazine *The Life*.

The Life is all about what Southland and Southlanders have to offer and we want to showcase the best writing from our talented high school students. Their short story or poem can be about any topic, as long as we deem it suitable for publication.

Entries must be received before Friday, July 4th 2014 (end of term 2) and include the authors name, age, year level and school.

Please email entries to andie@marketsouth.co.nz.

Winners will be notified by email and their work will be published in Edition 2 of *The Life*, due out November 2014.

Authors of published entries will receive two copies of *The Life*, and 10 copies for their school.



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poetry corner

The fruit of the spirit

Joshua Thomas, 11
Southland Boys' High School

True LOVE comes from the heart and never fails,
Pure JOY overcomes all sad and stormy gales,
Peace and PEACE will bring calm when assailed,
LONG SUFFERING was seen in him whose hands were
pierced with nails,
Dove THE GENTLENESS will flow though evil prevails,
Amazing GRACE is shown by him, who the
atmosphere of heaven inhabits,
True LOVE has many attributes, or life's trail,
PATIENCE and humility covers the life whether in a
minute or a life,
TEMPERANCE and self-control will prevent all sin,
May the fruit of the spirit fill you and all else pale.

Anzac

Paige Ogilvy, 16
Core High School

Sinews arising from the battle ground,
not one needs not one sound,
heads are missing,
people lost,
hard decisions,
worth the cost?

Agony shatters like broken glass,
hidden behind the country's mask,
fighting for one's right to stay,
hoping the war might go away.

... and their prey.

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Late Summer Trout

Cirque Gammelin, 15
Core High School

My feet swiftly carry me through the
tall golden summer grasses. I reach
the quiet grove of cottonwoods. It's
not far now, and the evening chill
which has already begun. I can see
the shimmering creek and I drop to
my knees. I silently stroke the pool,
wrangling through the sunset lit
undergrowth. When I reach the eroded
bank, I sit up behind the cover of the
old willow. I exhale slowly, absorbing
the cool air evening. The forest lit
through the canopy, tossing down its
shadows, through the low light,
I quietly slip the line through the
shiny, plastic ...

Beggs Bush



On Wednesday 21 May, Bobbi Nicholson, Rebekah Kingdon and Bree Pickett travelled down to Beggs Bush to plant some trees from the school. We planted 120 little trees into bags after putting sticks and leaves on the top of them so they will adjust to the environment. We then headed up for lunch, which Marie-Ellen Beggs had made us which consisted of pizza and cake which was yummy. After lunch we went back down and planted more trees. Denis Warburton was helping us plant the trees and he showed us some really awesome ones. We had so much fun and we would like to say a big thankyou to Marie-Ellen and Denis for taking us down there for the day.



L to R: Rebekah Kingdon, Bree Pickett & Bobbi Nicholson

Bree Pickett, Bobbi Nicholson & Rebekah Kingdon

Ballroom Dancing Lessons

It's time to start our dancing lessons for the school Ball. These will be held on the following dates and times in the school hall:

	Monday	Tuesday
Week 5	No practice	6pm
Week 6	Lunchtime	6pm
Week 7	No practice	6pm
Week 8	Lunchtime	No practice
Week 9	Lunchtime	6pm

Everyone is welcome. Further times will be available if necessary.

Pete Holden
Dancer Extraordinaire

Menzies College Rugby

Subs for 2014 - A Reminder this is the last week for the payment of subs at the discounted rate.

Year 7 & 8, U14, U16 - \$30 (if not paid by 31 May, increases to \$45)

First XV - \$150 (if not paid by 31 May, increases to \$175) this includes jersey and socks.

Money for subs and gear (may be paid together) is to be paid to Lois Heads, left at the school office, given to the team manager or paid by internet banking to account No. 03 0962 0066078 000 with your name as a reference.

Results - 24 May

Menzies Preston-Russell Law 1st XV	v	South Otago High - lost 15-8
Titiroa Transport U16/17	v	Te Anau - Draw
Tisbury Wool U14	v	SBHS Red - Loss 74-12
Advance Ag Year 7 & 8	v	Pirates Old Boys - Lost

Draw - 31 May

Menzies Preston-Russell Law 1st XV	v	John McGlashan College at John McGlashan - 1pm
Titiroa Transport U16/17	v	SBHS Red at Menzies Ground 2 - 1.15pm
Tisbury Wool U14	v	James Hargest College at Menzies - 12 noon
Advance Ag Year 7 & 8	v	No game

To our supporters - Text 1XVHLD to 3080 and you will receive one text message at the end of your game with all your regions 1ST XV results for the duration of the Highlanders Competition.

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Peter Bee
Chairperson

Menzies College Australian Sports Tour 2015

The next meeting date is Wednesday 11 June at 7.30pm in the school Library. We will be supporting the team organising the casino night as well as getting the latest updates. I am still chasing a large number of contracts that were to be signed and handed in by Thursday 8 May. I need these if you want us to book you a seat! There are spare copies at the office if you can't lay your hands on one or let me know and I will email it through.



On the passport front, we will clarify the absolute latest you need to have your passport with the travel consultant and give you the latest date possible, but we do not want to be chasing these at the last minute. In the meantime if you have a passport that is still going to be valid, could you please copy it for me now as that will be one less job for us both to do later. Thank you. The passport needs to be valid only until the end of travel so until the end of April 2015 should cover any unforeseen changes to our itinerary.

Carolee Bee

We are holding a Casino Night on Saturday 28 June at the Wyndham Memorial Hall. As this is one of the major fundraisers for the year we need your support. This can be helping with the supper catering, helping on the night or providing goods and/or services for the auctions that will run throughout the evening. If you know of a business that would be happy to donate goods or services please contact Kevin Heads on (03) 2066057. If you can donate food items for supper please contact Rachel Hillis on (03) 2066588. We expect each family to sell 4 tickets for this fundraiser and are asked to donate an item to the value of \$10 for raffles, which we will sell on the night, for a share of the profit.

Any queries please contact either:

Greg McLellan (03) 2064520

Allan Woodrow (03) 2036030

Murray Howe (03) 2064979

Kevin Heads (03) 2066057

Rachel Hillis (03) 2066588

Racquel Kingdon (03) 2064472

Racquel Kingdon

Menzies College Netball

* The next committee meeting is on Monday 9 June at 6pm in the school staff room. All welcome.

* There will be a defence session on Wednesday 18 June at 3.30pm in the gym (this can be for anyone even if they don't play defence. Players are to let their coaches know if they intend to go.

* There will be a final trial for the Eastern U17 team. This will be held on Wednesday 4 June from 7.15 to 8.45pm at the Stadium. We would love to see you all there! Any enquiries please contact Dianne Dickens on 0276431573.

Kath Luoni
Teacher in Charge - Netball

Cross Country

Mrs Sue Dynes took several students to the cross country recently in Te Anau. The weather conditions were perfect and there were no casualties. The students supported each other well and they achieved good placings. Results are as follows:

Summer Smith 13th Hayden Michaels 9th Marina Ferguson 16th Joseph Ferguson 33rd
Flynn Hartley 36th Brittany Tiller 18th



Joseph Ferguson & Flynn Hartley



Summer Smith & Brittany Tiller



Summer Smith

Ski Trips

Have you noticed the weather? Not much fun, but there is one positive – big dumps of snow on the mountains!

We will again be offering ski trips next term (or maybe earlier if the conditions become too good to ignore). The local ski fields give schools an excellent package deal - especially for beginners, people who do not have their own gear and people who don't want to ruin their car driving up the mountain! Costs are still to be finalised, but it looks like it will be around \$110. This includes transport there and back, ski/board hire, lessons and lift passes. Despite this great deal, we understand that these trips are costly – if it is a viable option for parents and/or students to start paying in advance, then our office staff are able to help with this.

We plan to run at least four trips this year – if there is sufficient demand, we may be able to offer more. Trips will run on Sundays and will be shared between The Remarkables and Coronet Peak. All year levels are welcome on these trips and we usually have room for a few parents as well! Students need to keep an eye on the notices for meetings later in the term. We know there are heaps of students keen to get amongst it – let's hope the snow keeps arriving and that the ski fields have a bumper season!

If anyone has any questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Alice Cade - alice.cade@menzies.school.nz

Brendon Wallace - brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz

Teachers in Charge - Skiing



Important Dates

May	30	Teacher Only Day - School closed
June	2	Queen's Birthday Observance - school closed
	13	Primary Schools Cross Country
	15-17	Year 13 Adventure Class - Tautuku Pre-camp
	19-20	Year 13 Chemistry Trip
	24-27	Year 9 - Tautuku Camp & Year 13 Adventure Experience
	27	School Reports posted
July	3	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	4	Last day of Term 2
	21	First day of Term 3
	25	School Ball

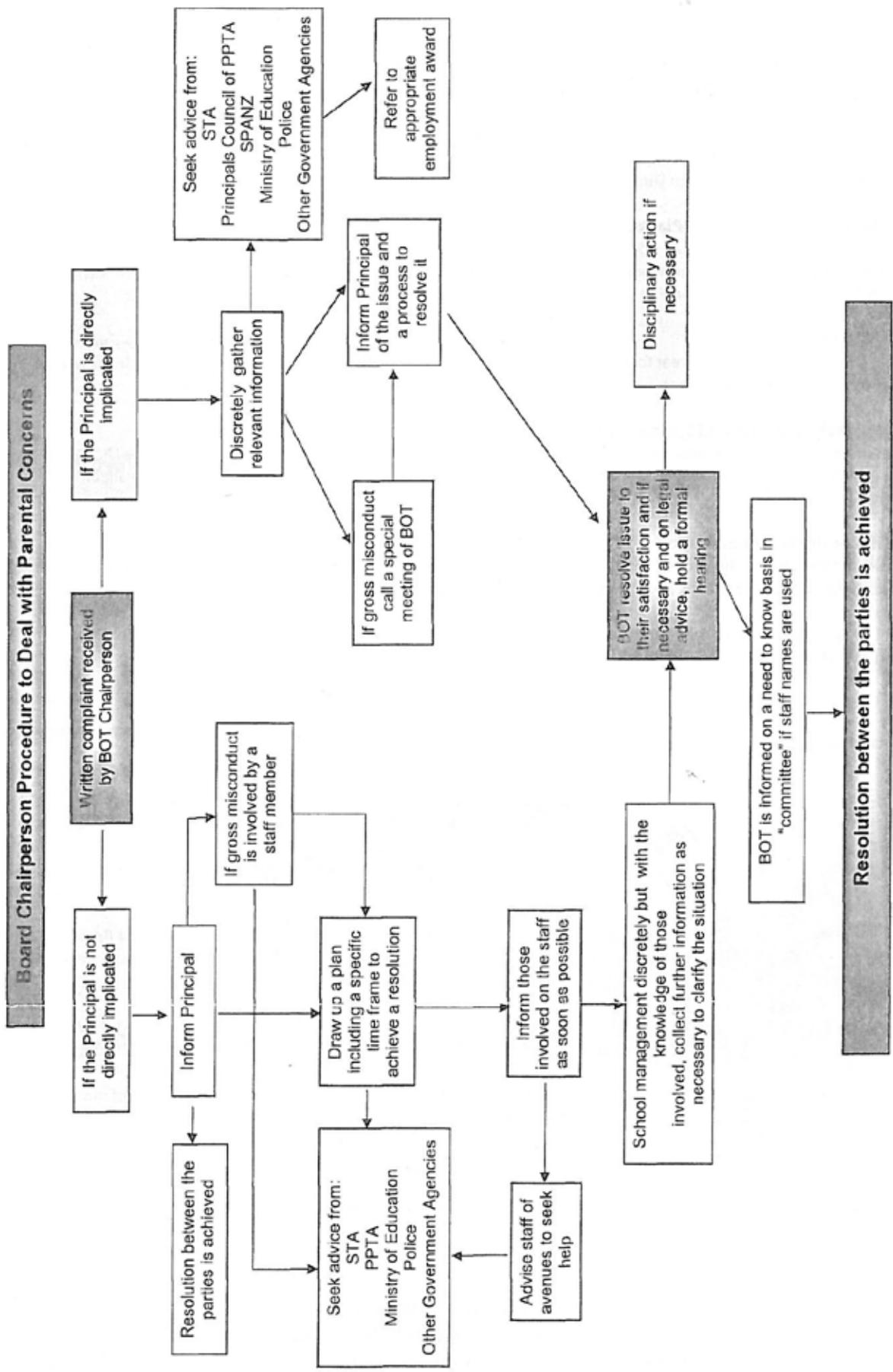
Community Notices

Southland Ski Club - Ski Week Applications 2014

Applications are now being taken for Ski Week camps in the July school holidays (Week 1 Sunday 6 - Saturday 12 July and Week 2, Sunday 13 - Friday 18 July) staying at the Southland Ski Club Lodge on Coronet Peak, Queenstown. Ski camp packages include a 5 day lift pass, lessons for the week, accommodation and food (excluding lunches), suitable for ages 11-18 years. Choose to ski or snow board - awesome opportunity to learn or upskill. Applications are taken on a first in first served basis so apply now to avoid disappointment. Contact Vicki Murphy 03 236 1059 or svmurphy@velocitynet.co.nz

Wyndham District Community Pool - Meeting

A meeting is being held on Tuesday 3 June at 7.30pm in the Menzies College staffroom. Remember donations can be left at the Menzies office. Thank you for your support. Apologies to Carlyn on (03) 2064373.



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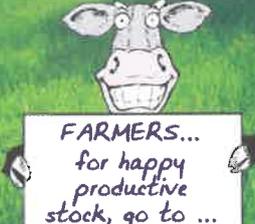
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