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24 October 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Another week down, in what is already shaping up to be a very busy term and our seniors are doing great trying to fit in extra study and tutorials. It is often a scary time for our seniors with everyone wanting something handed in on a certain date. This can be very overwhelming and often a lot of advice is offered. Take what works for you, but more importantly put it into action and complete the work with no regrets.

For our juniors, it too is a busy part of the year. Year 10 students are away to Mavora in December and in the last week of school our Integrated Curriculum programme is running. This is where learning is offered in a contextualised way, aiming to make learning as much fun as possible. We try hard to keep the costs down with these programmes and offer a huge range of activities over this time. Please ask your child which activity they have chosen and if there is any cost involved. Some groups are offering fundraising ventures to help keep the cost down. Students have been given a booklet with all the information. If you have not received this, they are available from the school office or can be downloaded from our website www.menzies.school.nz

It is great to see the competitive nature that the school house competition has taken on over the last few years. No longer do teams or individuals just rock up to a house competition and hope to win. Students are out there practising and holding meetings to further improve their chances of gaining that hard fought first place. Over the last few years there have only been a few points between first and second place for the House shield. This year it looks to be a three horse race, which is fantastic. It would be great to announce a new winner at the end of the term, but as this is my last year it would be brilliant for mighty Rata to win an eleventh straight year! Just being honest! House points as they currently sit are Totoro 197.3; Rata 195.2; Matai 168.4; Rimu 75.1

On Tuesday evening Tia Tuhakaraina was presented with a Youthmark Award for her outstanding academic and sporting achievements. Tia has represented her province and country in both softball and basketball. She is willing to give her time back to her codes through coaching, umpiring and administration. We wish Tia all the best with her future sporting commitments and her plans to study towards a Bachelor of Veterinary Science at Massey University next year.

Last night we held the option evening for our Year 10, 11, and 12 students and their parents/caregivers. The purpose of this evening is to help with senior subject choices for 2015. Thank you to all those who attended and hopefully, any questions you had were answered. The option sheets are due in by next Friday, 30th October.

PB4L

Congratulations to Makayla Hapuku, Megan Ward, Lachie King, Shikaan Hedges and Mrs Williams for winning the achievement draw this week. Makayla received hers for 'Striving for Excellence' by completing assignments on time and accurately.

It has been a pleasure to have taught at Menzies and I will take with me so many wonderful memories. The students and community here are truly fantastic and I look forward to following the progress our students make in the years to come. Hei kona.

*Brian Coyle
Assistant Principal*

Integrated Studies

Calling all Crafters!

At the end of this term we will be offering an integrated craft unit for a group of students. They will have three days to complete projects of their choice along with some compulsory crafts. In an effort to keep costs down we are looking for donations of any buttons, ribbon, lace, wool, fabric, scrapbooking embellishments, stamps etc that could be used for cardmaking, altered art gift tags or canvases. It would be appreciated if you could send them to school or drop them into the office. All donations will be greatly appreciated and used. If you have any spare time to help us over Monday to Wednesday, 8-10 December, we would love to have you join us. Please contact the school office if you wish to attend. Many thanks.

*Mrs Barb Cowley & Ms Louise Youngson
Teachers*

Careers & STAR Courses

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/menziescollegecareers> for updates on University Liaison visits, Scholarships, STAR Courses, Work Experience, Gateway and Hokonui Tertiary High School.

*Miss Katie Hall
Careers Advisor*

Library News

Senior students must return **ALL** library books by next Tuesday 28 October please.

*Mrs Barbara Williams
Teacher in Charge - Library*

J R McKenzie Youth Education Trust

This trust supports families in need of financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform. Applications will be accepted from those students who are entering high school for the first time specifically:

- * Year 9 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 9 level onwards
- * Year 7 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 7 level onwards and also provides high school education at the Year 9 level.

This includes basic school clothing and footwear (excluding roadshoes/runners). Further information and application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for applications is Friday, 28 November.

English Department

Year 7-10 Spelling/Language House competition

The first ever Year 7-10 Spelling/Language House competition shall be held during whanau times across Week 6 of this term. House points shall be awarded. Teams from each whanau will be required.

Items on the competition agenda shall be (as examples):

- Homonyms - words that sound the same but which are spelt the same and have different meanings, e.g., peer and peer
- Homophones - words that sound the same but are spelt differently, e.g., see and sea
- Antonyms – words that are opposite to the original word
- Synonyms – words that have the same meaning
- Spelling of words heard orally
- Definitions of abbreviations
- Spelling crosswords
- Jumbled words
- Boggle
- Root words

Year 10 Shakespearean Drama

Across Term Four, Year 10 students shall be studying a work from the quill of William Shakespeare. In groups, students will research one of Shakespeare's plays, learn about life during Elizabethan times, discover the magic and richness of Shakespeare's writing, create an advertisement for a specific Shakespearean play and learn, rehearse, develop costuming, props and make up, and produce and perform a scene from a specific play. The students are studying either Romeo and Juliet, MacBeth or Hamlet. The performance day, where students will perform their chosen scenes on the stage (from memory) is Wednesday 26 November. Students will be out of their regular classes for periods 2, 3 and 4. So if your Year 10 child is sounding rather grand, it's Shakespeare's influence! Please support them as they learn their lines, movements, fight scenes, romantic scenes and death scenes. It's all in the name of the theatre!

Level One English Assessment Dates

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

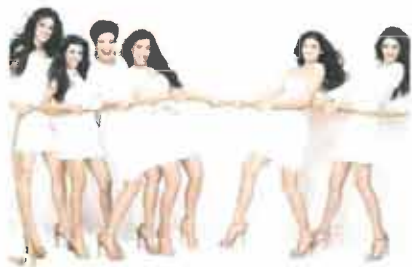
*Ms Sonja Swale
Head of Department - English*

Senior English

The Level Three English class have been studying the manipulation of society by the media and the impact the media, social-networking and pop culture has on us as individuals. This study has included the writing of a newspaper editorial and Gabby McCall has produced a thoughtful and entertaining piece based on her thoughts around the competition many young women find themselves in today. We will publish several of these over the remaining weeks to showcase the talents of this class. Happy reading!

Girlfriend

What have we become



19th September 2014

I find the Kardashians ridiculous. They exemplify the ridiculous competitive nature of young woman today who are, fame seeking, materialised, dramatic and only worry about themselves and their outward appearance. But many young females today wish that they could be part of the Jenner/Kardashian clan. For the fame, beauty, money and overall the lifestyle. The Kardashians appear to have it 'all'.

Today's teenage girls always seem to be in competition with each other over social media; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat. The competition from these social media sites can be shown in many ways, 'likes', 'friends', 'comments' etc.

Let's travel back to 19th September 1893, when Governor Glasgow signed the first electoral bill. New Zealand became the first self-governing nation in the world, where women won the right to vote.

In 1893, new opportunities were opening up for women and girls (especially those from wealthy or middle-class families) as attention soon turned to women's legal and political rights. Women fought and suffered for so long to compete for equality. Even so, New Zealand women still had a long way to go to achieve political equality and overall equality with men. Women did not gain the right to stand for Parliament until 1919, and the first female Member of Parliament (Elizabeth McCombs) was not elected until 1933 – 40 years after the introduction of women's suffrage. The number of female MPs did not reach double figures until the mid-1980s and women are still under-represented in Parliament. I find the dedication in these women inspiring.

But now it is as if we don't care about political or gender equality because of the way we are so easily influenced by social media. We're being manipulated. It seems that females now want to be judged and have 'men's approval'; we do this by posting near nude or nude pictures on the internet. We do this by involving ourselves in petty competitions such as; who can get the most 'likes'? Who

has the most 'friends'? And other unimportant and insignificant things. Yet still we moan about not being equal to men. How can we be seen as equal when all we try to do is please?

Young women in today's society are so consumed by self-image they engage themselves in ridiculous competitions between and within themselves. Young women today are forgetting what the real battle is. Did our great-great grandparents really fight for our equality just so we could judge and rank other females based on looks and outward appearance alone?

Let's take another look at the Kardashian /Jenner clan. We have all heard of sibling rivalry but these sisters are now taking it to a new level. Kim Kardashian, the most 'popular' sister is beginning to 'age' and now has some fierce competition in the face of up and coming younger half-sisters Kendall and Kylie Jenner. Kendall and Kylie are the future, they're young stylish and have crazy antics and reports are showing that the older sisters are fuming. Kourtney, Kim and Khloe Kardashian are not willing to give up their limelight for their younger sisters and are putting up a stiff fight about it such as; posting bikini photos straight after the Jenner sisters, criticising their hair, makeup, and fashion choices.

Suffragettes competed with society for the betterment and mankind. Young woman today are competing with each other via social media so they can fulfil 'societal expectations.

The Kardashians fall for this ridiculous competition and because of their fame the competition is has having a wider impact on younger woman.

Is there point in judging someone when they are happy? I think not. It seems like you need to take a look at yourself and make yourself happy, instead of trying to stoop others to your level.

Luckily in New Zealand we were given the chance to vote and redeem self-respect in a way that we could better the future for upcoming New Zealand woman. But we are throwing it away for many pity things..

Self-image has become a competition and the media is to blame. Not only is it driving families or sisters but it is turning girls against each other, making competition out of nothing. Women today need to reconnect and focus on real issues, like our great-great grandmothers who fought hard for our equality.

Self-image to teenage girls has become entirety.

Important Dates

October	27	Labour Day
November	7	Last day of school for seniors MLT Fireworks Extravaganza (postponement date 8 November)
	10-2	December NCEA Exams
	28	Senior reports posted Teacher Only Day
December	1	Year 10 Mavora Pre-camp
	2-5	Year 10 Mavora Camp
	5	Next year's new entrants visit Menzies College
	8-10	Integrated Curriculum - Year 7-10
	10	Senior Prizegiving
	11	Last day for junior students Junior Prizegiving
	12	Junior reports posted Teacher only day
	15	LLP Reward Day

Tutorials

Level One Economics

Tuesdays - lunchtime in CR1

Thursdays - after school from 3.30-4.30pm in the Clothing Room. It is recommended that students make the most of these opportunities and attend.

Lincoln Joyce
Teacher

Art

Tutorials are being held every Tuesday and Wednesday after school until 5pm. Lunch time tutorials are also available.

Miss Bianca Burgess-Heald
Teacher

Mathematics

General Maths: Wednesday Lunchtimes in Room 8.

Senior Maths: Wednesday afterschool – 3:15-4:30pm in Room 8.

Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics

Senior English (Level 2 & 3)

Tuesday afternoons from 3.30 – 5pm approximately.

Mrs Lucy McKelvie
Teacher

Menzies College Website

Check out the great new page attached to our Facebook page, featuring the recent production 'Variety is the Spice of Life'. Type in 'Production 2014 Menzies College' or click from our main page to view. Lots of images and videos.



Life Education Bus

The Life Education bus has been at Menzies for the past week with the Year 7 and 8 classes covering the drugs and alcohol unit. Students were very attentive and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the bus. Thank you to Teresa and Harold the Giraffe! The photos show 8KH with Harold in the bus asking questions.



Katie Hall
8KH Classroom Teacher



Menzies College Soccer

MLT Summer Socca League Results

The second round of games were played in brilliant sunshine on Monday night yet again. Some teams are starting to display their talents with some slick moves and brilliant goals.

Kids League

(Round 3) Strikers 1 – 2 Glenham, Titans 5 – 0 Hories, The Geeks 1 – 0 Awesome Chuckers, Little Princess 1 – 1 Quicksilver Legends

Adults League

(Round 2) The Expendables 0 – 7 Allstars, Alcoholigans 0 – 5 LOL

(Round 3) Completely Staffed 0 – 2 LOL, The Wolf Pack 3 – 2 Levu Levu's, Double Trouble 8 -0 We're the Figawis, Allstars 3- 1 FUBAR, Alcoholigans 8 – 2 The Expendables

Reminder - There is no Summer Socca on Monday 27 October (Labour Day)

MLT Summer Socca League Draw

Monday 3 November

Kids League Round 4; Strikers vs Quicksilver Legends(4.00pm), Titans vs Glenham(4.00pm),The Geeks vs Hories(4.30pm), Little Princess's vs Awesome Chuckers(4.30pm)

Adults League Round 4; We're the Figawis vs The Expenables(5.30pm), Double Trouble vs Completely Staffed(5.30pm), Alcoholigans vs Allstars(6.05pm), LOL vs The Wolf Pack(6.05pm)

FUBAR vs Levu levu's(6.35pm)

Facebook Page

Menzies College Soccer have a facebook page which has match reports, important dates and other information. Just type in 'Menzies College Soccer' and then click on the 'LIKE' icon. You can also find the link on the Menzies College website in the sports section or do a search in google 'Menzies College Soccer'. All draws and results and photos from this terms summer socca will be there.

Important Dates

Monday 27 October	No games
Monday 3 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 10 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 17 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues

*Carl Lambert
Organiser*

Sports News

Congratulations to Year 8 student Beth Scott who was selected in the Under 13 Southern Knights ice hockey team. She will be playing in the NZIHF national championship series from 24-26 October in Dunedin representing Southland. Well done and good luck Beth.

Primary and Secondary Schools Zone Tennis Tournament

On Tuesday 21 October Kaitlen Yorke and Gabby Knapp competed in the Primary and Secondary Schools Zone tennis tournament in Gore. With high results, Gabby was placed 7th overall and Kaitlen was placed 5th overall. Kaitlen also won the plate by winning her pool. Well done girls!

*Katie Hall
Teacher 8KH*

Community Notices

De-budding at Triflor

Any students interested in working at Triflor are asked to contact Rudi Verplancke on 027 450 1744 (text only). Please supply name and phone number. A mini van will be provided for travel.

Swimming Lessons with Fiona Dooley - Edendale Pool

17 - 28 November (Monday to Friday). Ages 4 years and up.

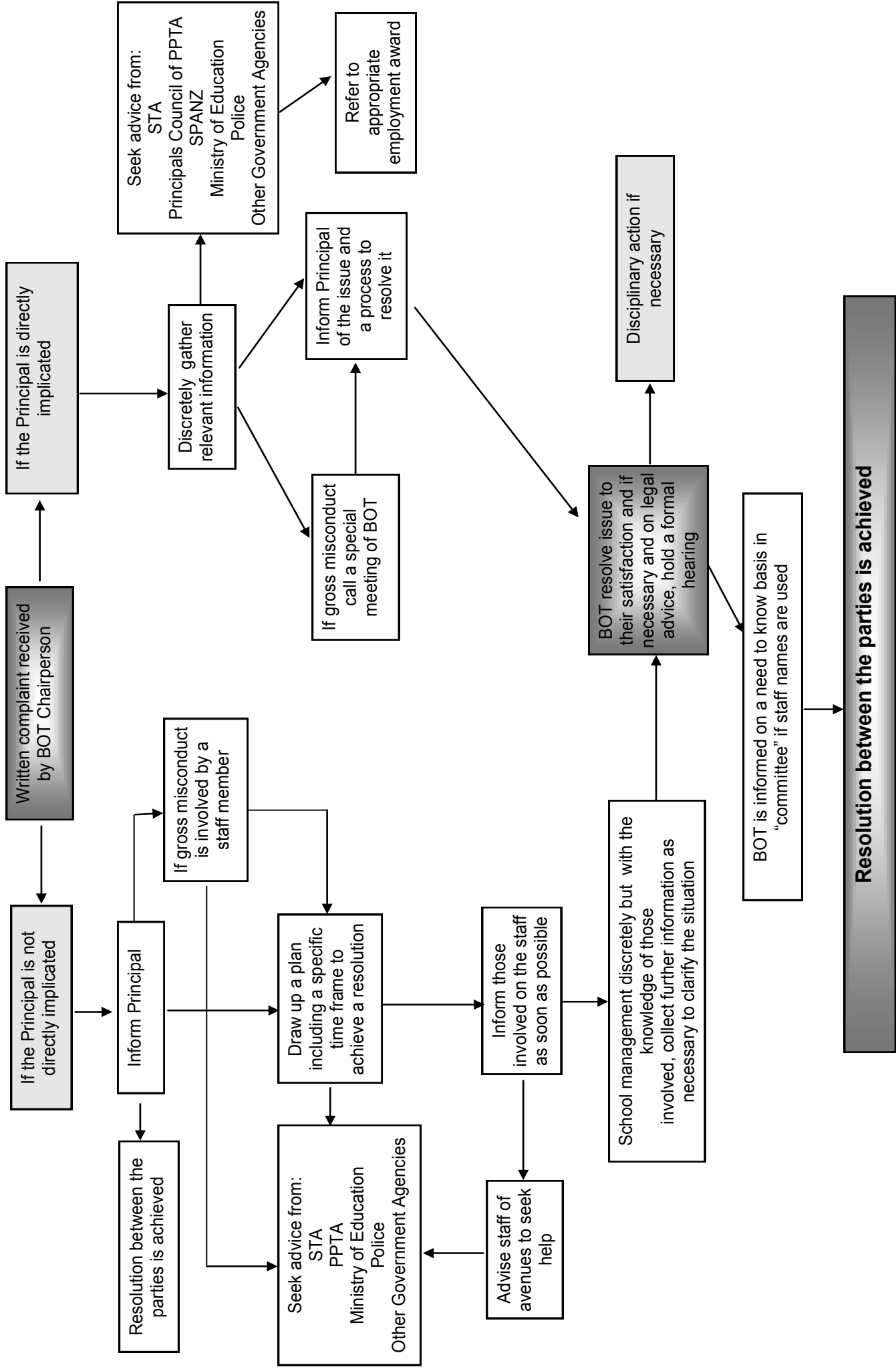
Cost - 4 years - 6 1/2 hour lessons -\$35.00; 5 years plus -10 1/2 hour lessons - \$50; Family of 3 or more - \$120

Contact Fiona on (03) 2064660 or pete.dooley@xtra.co.nz

Wyndham District Community Pool is Now Open

Season keys \$90 available from Menzies College office or Carlyn Stewart, 206 4373. A very big thank you to all of those involved in achieving this goal. We look forward to a successful swimming season.

Board Chairperson Procedure to Deal with Parental Concerns



October 2014

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29 Sep - 5 Oct

6 - 12 Oct

13 - 19 Oct

20 - 26 Oct

27 Oct - 2 Nov

LI Ag assessment
Y11 Economics Trip

Option Evening

Life Education Trust Bus

Youth Mark Awards

Y11 PE Trip

Y12PE Assessment

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