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31 October 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

This coming week is the last five days of formal schooling this year for our senior students and I wish them all the best as they prepare for the NCEA external examinations which begin on Monday, 10 November. These exams mark the culmination of the year's work and require the students to adopt a serious and committed approach towards doing their best. Even if students have achieved the necessary credits for NCEA, they owe it to themselves and their teachers to accept the challenge of national exams and to reap the satisfaction that a pass grade brings. Staff have continued to make themselves available to assist with revision tutorials and it is expected that students take up this offer while on study leave.

In the last week of term our Year 7 to 10 students will join together for our Integrated Curriculum programme. An exciting range of options are available to all students including a tramp at Stewart Island, surfing at Colac Bay and mountain biking in Naseby to name just a few. Costs for some of these expeditions can range from a minimal amount through to over \$150 so it is important that students discuss their plan with their parents/caregivers to assure that it is affordable before committing.

The school prizegivings are scheduled for Wednesday 10th (senior) and Thursday 11th (junior) December. All students are expected to attend these.

The school will be closed at 12.20pm on Monday 17 November (buses run at 3.15pm) to enable staff to attend a paid union stop work meeting. Parents/caregivers are asked to collect their child at that time. A non-union staff member will supervise any students unable to be collected. NCEA exams will continue as scheduled as NZQA control these, not the school.

A teacher only day will be held on Friday 28 November and the school will be closed for instruction on that day.

The Education Review Office (ERO) has confirmed this week that they will be visiting the school from Tuesday 24 March next year. ERO were last in the school in August 2011 and we look forward to working alongside them as we review the progress we have made since that time.

Congratulations to Beth Scott who was named in the New Zealand Under 18 Women's Ice Hockey team to play in an international tournament in Melbourne from 13 to 18 December. What makes this particularly special, is Beth is only 12 years old and has many more years ahead of her in this team. This is exceptionally exciting and we wish Beth all the best for this tournament.

Our 2015 new entrant's day is planned for Friday, 5 December. If families still wish to enrol their child for next year we would appreciate receiving your forms as soon as possible so we can prepare for this day and formalise class plans for the new year. These can be collected and/or dropped off at the school office.

All the best to four members of the 'Menzies Family' - staff Mrs Susan Leggett, Tim Landreth and Year 13 students Jeffrey Robinson and Kava Likiafu, who are taking part in 'Stars in your Eyes' tomorrow night. This is sure to be an entertaining and fun evening.

PB4L

Congratulations to Breana Harvey, Becky McEwan, William Ranstead, Kerry Poole and Mrs Leggett for winning the achievement draw for the week. William received his for making people 'Feel Safe' by helping them when they were unsure what to do.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

English Department

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 Carrie Ann McEwan has produced a thoughtful piece based on her thoughts on the way the media manipulates our ideas and constitutes the enemy for us. We will publish several of these over the remaining weeks to showcase the talents of this class. Happy reading!

Editorial

I am going to write an editorial which focuses on the way the media manipulates our ideas and constitutes the enemy for us. My article will educate my audience on the biased journalism they see every day. This in turn will help them to determine who the real enemy is.

One Man's Terrorist is Another Man's Freedom Fighter

It's hard to imagine a world without suffering. As John Lennon challenges us, there's "no need for greed or hunger, a brother hood of man". It seems that every time we turn on the news we see extensive media coverage of people dying. These haunting stories don't make it "easy if you try" to imagine that one day our world will be at peace – sorry John. It is often unbelievable to western world viewers the horrific conditions people overseas are living with. But what may be even more horrifying is the fact we do not question what the media tells us.

This realisation came to my attention a few weeks back while I was watching the TV3 news reporting of the Palestine and Israel conflict. I was ashamed at the pathetic and biased journalism. For those who are misinformed, let me fill you in. Israel and Palestine have been at war for around three thousand years. In recent times the Palestine people have elected the Muslim extremist group Hamas into government. Hamas has tunnelled under Israel and planted bombs under the feet of their Jewish neighbours. This is Hamas' revenge for a cause tracing back to biblical times. Their goal? Mass destruction of Israel. This is in no way shape or form reported by any New Zealand media. In fear for their people's lives the Israel government has begun bombing Palestine. Now I am not saying that either country's actions are right – because they aren't. What isn't right is that our trusty New Zealand media is trying to tell you who is right and who is wrong by showing you a picture through a key hole. They won't let you see the whole room. It is undeniable that in the western world the media influences our opinions. They lead us to criminalise and 'hate' a group of people or a person. Their job is to inform us on the entire situation. Instead they tell us who the enemy is by not giving us the whole story. And it's not only our trusty news stations deceiving us.

Anything that is foreign. Anyone that is different. Any of these are (for our media) a threat to our way of life. Our beloved fictional James Bond has been around for 50 years. He is a media icon that beams everything that is great about Britain and the western world. Nearly every single one of his villains are people of colour and different religion to him. But then some would say "we do care about the people in third world countries, haven't you seen all the charities we have set up to help them?" - Yes I have. We all have. But have you seen the young Africans protesting about the delay for the cure for the Ebola virus? No you haven't? Why? Because many major news stations haven't reported it. Two weeks ago the Ebola virus was ravishing Africa with no cure. Now there is a small outbreak effecting less than half a dozen western world citizens and suddenly.....

Wow! What a catastrophe!

It has affected people from Australia, America and Britain!!

Presto! Much more money has been made available to find a cure quickly.

Every night our televisions have been bombarded by this. And what about the voices of those young African protesters? They have been silenced.

The media is an instrument which can teach, it can illuminate and it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that people are determined to use it to those ends. The media uses biased journalism to convince us who the enemy is. In reality they are enemy, creating nothing but fear and hatred among people.

If we look beyond our televisions, if we demand the truth, we will discover that the people we have held so much hatred for are not so different to us. If we can do this we may find ourselves in a world similar to that of John Lennon's melody.

As my sister used to say "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter."

Carrie Ann McEwan

Menzies College PTA

PTA Christmas Raffle

Soon you will receive in the mail our Menzies College Christmas raffle which we would love your support with. We are asking each family to sell 5 tickets at \$2 each or make a cash donation. We also ask that you donate non-perishable grocery items for the Christmas hamper. Please return all ticket butts/money and grocery items to the school office. If you feel you are able to sell more raffles please pick up extra from the school office. Any unsold tickets need to be returned to the office please. The raffle will be drawn at the Menzies junior prizegiving on 11 December. Thank you for your support. Any inquiries to Lois Heads on (03) 2066057.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding their annual second hand uniform sale at a date to be advised. Clothing may be left at the office with your contact details, price etc. Skirts and kilts are keenly sort after. The PTA will sell good clean uniforms on behalf of or we gratefully accept donations. The uniform commission of 20% forms a small part of the PTA income, which in turns benefits the school. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or Eft Pos which is available at the school office. We appreciate your support of the uniform shop. Any enquires to Lois Heads on (03) 2066057.

Year 11 Economics Trip to Cadbury World in Dunedin

Last Friday 24 October, our class travelled to Dunedin to visit Cadburys and took part in the Cadbury World Full Tour. This was part of our unit on Producers and Supply Decisions. The main aim of the visit was to see how the factory operates from an economic point of view; in particular its decisions on specialisation, division of labour, productivity and economies of scale. Prior to our visit the students fundraised for the trip by making and selling cheese rolls, illustrating the concepts of specialisation and division of labour. As usual our students were exemplary in their behaviour and upheld the 'Menzie's Way'. Well done team. I hope you all thoroughly enjoyed your trip away and the shopping and eating afterwards!



Many thanks to the staff at Cadburys in Dunedin and to Meredith Moncur for her assistance with travel and supervision.

Lincoln Joyce
Teacher

L to R: *Madison Durry, Rose Rhind, Hayley Caughey, Ritchie Paderanga, Kyran Rutter, James Phillips, Lachie King, Logan Howe, Doug Fotheringham, Jordan Stuart, Sean Wallis, Mr Joyce, Samuel Moncur*

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

Important Dates

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 Menzie's 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

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.

Integrated Studies

'Altered Art'

Thank you for the donations of lace and buttons that we have received for our 'Altered Art' unit. We are still needing donations of any lace, trim, braid, small pieces of chicken wire or square mesh, old zips, jewellery and scrapbooking paper. For us, this will be treasure to be transformed into creative canvases and gift tags so please bag up and send to school any of your trashy beads, odd earrings, leftover scrapbooking projects and long forgotten sewing projects. A bit of glue and a spray of paint is all they will need. Thank you.

Mrs Barb Cowley & Ms Louise Youngson
Teachers

Community Notices

Gore District Council Youth Awards 2014

Anyone from the community can nominate a person between the ages of 12-24 years who lives in Gore or the surrounding areas. You can nominate someone you know, a group or yourself. The criteria is listed below. Nomination forms can be picked up from the Community Connections Centre, Gore or contact Kayla McIntosh on (03) 2088480 or kayla.mcintosh@cnt.org.nz

Criteria for Specific Award Categories:

Good Sort Award Someone who has made a positive impact in our community

Inspirator Award Someone who demonstrates good leadership qualities and is an inspiration to others

U-Turn Awards Someone who has demonstrated change for themselves or others in the following categories

Health

Environmental

Academic

Top Gunn Award Someone who demonstrates good work ethic and holds high standards of responsibility. They complete any task to the best of their ability

Conqueror Award Someone with a can do attitude who has worked hard to achieve great things in the face of adversity

No.8 Wire Award Someone who is an upcoming entrepreneur, who sets goals and works hard to achieve their goals

Black Sheep Award Someone who has excelled or achieved in an area that is not typically recognized in the following categories

Sport

Culture



Gore Youth Awards Committee
Community Connections Centre
1 Charlton Lane Gore 9710
03 208 8480

Gore Youth
Awards 2014

Wyndham District Community Pool is Open

Keys are available from the Menzies College office or Carlyn Stewart on (03) 2064373. \$90/household (includes \$10 bond).

Menzies College Soccer

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)

Referees Needed

It would be appreciated if any girls available to referee Summer Socca in the weeks to come, could see Mr Lambert.

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 3 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 10 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 17 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 24 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues

Carl Lambert
Organiser



Menzies College Australian Sports Tour 2015

Fireworks Extravaganza - Wyndham Racecourse

Gates Open 7.30pm

\$5 per person entry; Preschoolers Free

Entertainment including Jenny Mitchell

Food for Sale

(7 November, cancellation 8 November)

We expect to have an adult representative from each family and the students at the fireworks please, to lend a hand to receive your share of the proceeds. **Some people will be asked to be on specific jobs and be there a little earlier, but the remainder, please park outside the racecourse and assemble in the grandstand at 6.45pm for a briefing. (Please note change of time).**

Carole Bee

Menzies College Rugby

1st XV Coaches 2015

We are very pleased to announce our 1st XV coaching staff for 2015 are Jim Braven and Mike Cunningham. These guys have a huge amount of experience both on and off the field and will be able to continue the good work that has Menzies 1st XV well placed in the Highlanders' competition. The Menzies Rugby committee would like to formally welcome Mike and Jim to this role and we look forward to working with them next season. To the other applicants for this role, thank you for also putting your name forward.

To this year's squad and hopefuls for next year, Mike and Jim will be in touch when they are ready with an eye to pre-season fitness work. In the meantime, enjoy a break from footy - it is well earned!

A Message from Chris, Tojo and Peter

At our last meeting Chris spoke on behalf of this year's coaches and management to thank the Menzies community and rugby committee for their support and for the send-off held at the Country Club after the last game. They would like to say good luck to Mike and Jim for 2015.

Committee 2015

We need you! Like everything, Menzies College rugby needs committee members to keep things rolling. We have a number of members who will be retiring next year as their family finishes at Menzies and we therefore need new members on the committee. This is not a huge job and you will be one of many having some input into the sport your son/daughter is playing. We meet once a month during the season and meetings go for an hour or less held at school, normally starting at 7.30pm. If you would like any information on what is involved, feel free to ring Guy on (03) 2064206. Without your support the club cannot function.

Fundraising

Look out for up-coming messages for fundraising help required. The 1st XV have firewood which needs to be split as soon as possible and Corrina Medley will be asking for help from U15 players for next year's tournament team i.e. some U14 players from this year, to help at the Burt Munro Wyndham Street race where a BBQ will be running. This will help fund next year's tournament.

2015 U15 Tournament

This is being held in Nelson and accommodation is booked ready to go. Fundraising will be required, as well as some cost to the players as per usual.

Billets 2015

Thank you to the Bee and Robinson families for hosting a billet each this year for the 1st XV boys. This is a rewarding experience for the families involved and we need two more families for next year. If you would like to consider this please contact Peter on (03) 2064863 for more information.

Rugby kits 2015

We are in the process of buying new kits for each team to be ready for 2015 onwards. This is a big expense for the club but we realise it is also a big cost to families to buy jerseys. We hope these kits will last a number of seasons and all jerseys will be numbered to comply with Rugby Southland rules. We are still missing some training jackets. Students are asked to return these to the school if they have one or invoices will be sent out for the replacement cost.

AGM 20 November 2014

The Menzies Rugby AGM will be held at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. All welcome. Apologies to Guy on (03) 2064206.

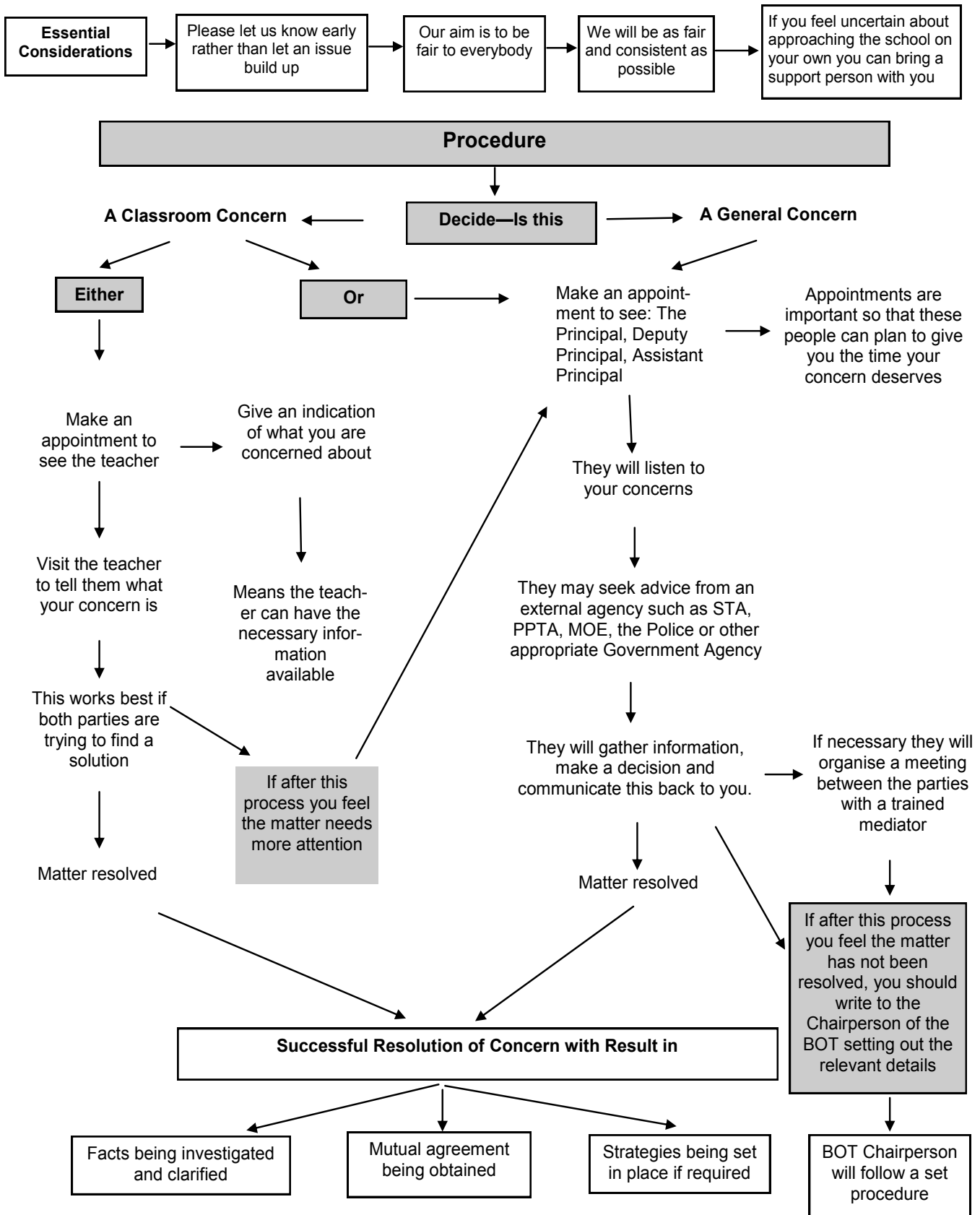
Library News - Urgent

There is still a large number of senior students who have not returned their library books. These must be returned by next **Monday 3 November**.

*Mrs Barbara Williams
Teacher in Charge - Library*

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