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14 November 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Currently all schools in New Zealand are being advised of their new decile rating. Of the country's 2,406 state and state-integrated schools, roughly one-third have moved to a lower decile rating, one-third have moved up and one-third have remained the same. A total of 800 schools have moved to a lower decile rating and approximately the same number, 784 schools, have moved to a higher decile rating. For another 822 schools, there has been no change.

Menziess College has moved upwards from a 4 to a 5. This will result in reduced funding of approximately \$7,000 annually in our operations grant. Put in to perspective, this is the total budget of our Mathematics, Graphics and Foods Technology department budgets for the year. It's all about offering the same or more with less.

A school's decile rating is based on the socio-economic status of the communities where the school's students live. There are five indicators of socio-economic status for a community and these are equally weighted in the calculations:

- Percentage of households with income in the lowest 20 per cent nationally
- Percentage of parents in lowest occupational groups
- Household crowding
- Percentage of parents with no educational qualifications
- Percentage of parents receiving income support benefits

It has been seven years since the last re-calculation. The re-calculation normally takes place every five years, but the Canterbury earthquakes delayed the last census by two years. Student address information is combined with census data for small geographical areas like Wyndham to calculate the new decile ratings. Schools are compared nationally and are ranked from highest to lowest, with approximately 10% of schools falling into each of the 10 deciles.

NCEA exams have started well for our senior students and generally the comments have been positive about the exam content by both staff and students. These continue through until Wednesday 26 November and it remains essential that students regard their last exam as equally as important as the first.

Many thanks to the organisers and to those who supported the Fireworks Extravaganza last Friday night. By all accounts it was a good evening and sufficient funds were raised to contribute about \$80 to each students touring fund.

PB4L

Congratulations to Andrew McCullough, Alex Guthrie, Josh Olive, Lucy Elers & Mrs Cade for winning the achievement draw for the week. Josh received his for Striving for Excellence by completing work on time and achieving success with work in Science.

Paid Union Meeting

A reminder that next **Monday 17 November** the school will be closed from 12.20pm to allow teachers who are members of the union to travel to Invercargill for a paid union meeting. Pupils who travel on buses will be supervised at school in the library until their bus arrives at the normal time. If bus pupils are making alternative arrangements, a note signed by a parent or caregiver must be provided to the teacher, period 1.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Tutorials

Mathematics

Extra maths tutorials are available for senior students after they break for exams. All seniors are welcome at any tutorial, but the focus will be on different levels as shown. Tutorial venues to be confirmed (will be posted to Menzies Facebook page). Students are encouraged to attend to get help solving practice exams, revision questions and/or clarification of the skills required for each standard.

Tuesday 11 November, P2-5. Focus on Level 1. (probably to 4:30pm).

Wednesday 12 November - all day until 4:30pm. Focus on Level 2. (101s are welcome after their English exam).

Friday 14 November - 10am – 3:15pm. All levels.

Sunday 16 November 16 - 10am – 4:30pm. All levels.

Wednesday 19 November - all day. Level 3 Statistics.

General Maths: Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 8.

Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics

Level One Economics

Tuesday 18 October from 1.00-3.15p.m

Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 from 3.30-4.30p.m all in the Clothing Room. It is recommended that students attend these tutorials to revise for their upcoming NCEA examination.

Lincoln Joyce
Teacher

Senior English (Level 2 & 3)

Tuesday afternoons from 3.30 – 5pm approximately.

Mrs Lucy McKelvie
Teacher

Important Dates

November	10-2	December	NCEA Exams
	17		Paid Union Meeting - school closes at 12.20pm
	28		Senior reports posted
			Teacher Only Day
December	1		Year 10 Mavora pre-camp
	2-5		Year 10 Mavora camp
	5		2015 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
January 2015	26-27		Senior Interviews
	28		Teacher Only Day
	30		Teacher Only Day
February	2		All students attend
	6		Waitangi Day

Menzies College PTA

PTA Christmas Raffle

You should now have received 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 turn 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.

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**.

Library Books

All library books currently issued to staff and students must be returned by **next Monday, 17 November** to enable stocktaking to take place. If parents/caregivers could encourage their student(s) to look for these and return them to the library it would be much appreciated.

*Mrs Barbara Williams & Mrs Eileen Barnett
The Library Team*

Technology Department

Foods

Year 9 students have cooking three periods a week. On Monday they have theory and on Wednesday and Friday they have practical lessons. Ingredients needed for Week 6 (next week) are as follows:

Chocolate Banana Cake (Wednesday) - 50 gms butter, ½ cup milk, ½ cup chocolate pieces, 1 ripe banana, 1 egg. Students may work in pairs and bring half the ingredients each.

Sultana Loaf (Friday) - 2 cups sultanas, 100 gms butter.

*Mrs Toni Halliday
Teacher*

Hope Arm Camp - 2015

Next year's Year 12 Hope Arm Camp at Lake Manapouri will take place during the week Monday 9 - Friday 13 February. The cost of the camp has been set at \$135, which must be paid by 7 February 2015. This covers transport, equipment costs and a majority of the food for the week. We realise that camp is an expensive part of everyone's budget, but feedback from past Hope Arm camps indicates that this trip is a focal point for students and a very worth while experience. If there are any difficulties regarding payment, please contact Pete Holden at school or Judy at the school office as there are several options.

Camps cannot proceed without the tremendous parental and community support we receive and we will once again be relying on this support in order to make this camp possible. If you are interested in coming to camp as an adult helper please contact us prior to the finish of school for 2014. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the water-based nature of the Hope Arm Camp, we also require a number of boats (motor) for water activities, transporting equipment and as support boats for kayaking. It would be very much appreciated if you are able to assist us. A meeting for parents/caregivers going on camp will be held on Thursday 5 February at 7pm in the staff room.

*Peter Holden
Organiser*

Community Notices

SDC Holiday Programme

We will be visiting a town near you throughout the month of January 2015. The programme runs from 10am - 3pm and caters for children from the age of five and above. If you are under five you can join in the fun too if a parent or caregiver stays with you. We have games, activities, arts and crafts and so much more! We promise to bring our parachute along too! Only \$6.00 per child for a fun filled day of excitement! Registration forms are available from your Southland District Council Area Office or the Invercargill i-SITE. For all inquiries and information please phone Sally Hayes at Venture Southland 03 211 1800 or 027 420 2831. We will be in Wyndham at Menzies College on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January. www.venturesouthland.co.nz www.southlandnz.com

Wanted: house to rent in the Wyndham or surrounding areas for easy going 25 year old female, no animals. Great tenant with references. Prefer fully fenced, minimum 2 bedrooms. Please contact Emma on 0220134114.

Menzies College Soccer

MLT Cup Summer Socca Adult League

On the final night of qualifying the Completely Staffed team routed the Levu Levu's 6-0 to move into 2nd place in pool B to qualify for the Division One in the final part of the competition. FUBAR won 5-0 but it wasn't enough to take the best 3rd place finish as The Wolf Pack had won their first 3 games to give them the edge. The Alcoholigans finished 2nd in pool A, with Allstars in 1st place. Biggest win of the night goes to the Lol team with a 11-0 spanking of Double Trouble.

MLT Cup

Adults League results - Monday 10 November; Final qualifying games for Division One & Two

The Expendables 0 - 5 FUBAR, Completely Staffed 6 - 0 Levu Levu's, Alcoholigans 9 - 3 We're the Figawis, LOL 11 - 0 Double Trouble, Allstars 2 - 0 The Wolf Pack

2nd Round Divisions

Division One; Allstars, LOL, Alcoholigans, The Wolf Pack, Completely Staffed

Division Two; FUBAR, Levu Levu's, Double Trouble, The Expendables, We're the Figawis

ALL POINTS GO BACK TO ZERO! CROSS OVER GAME COUNTS TOWARDS COMPETITION.

MLT Summer Socca Kids League results - Monday 10 November

After winning their first four games the Titans dropped their first points against a very fit and fast Strikers team. The point moved the Strikers into 3rd place and helped The Geeks draw level on points with the Titans. In other matches, Glenham won 2-1 over the Hories to move back up the table into 4th place and Awesome Chuckers won their first game after picking up their first points the previous week with a hard fought 2-1 win over quicksilver legends.

Round 5 Results

The Geeks 4 - 1 Little Princess's, Strikers 0 - 0 Titans, Awesome Chuckers 2 - 1 Quicksilver Legends, Glenham 2 - 1 Hories

MLT Summer Socca Draws - Monday 17th November

(Adults League)

Double Trouble vs We're the Figawis (D2)5.25pm, Levu Levu's vs The Expendables (D2) 5.25pm, Completely Staffed vs Allstars (D1)6.00pm, Completely Staffed vs The Wolf Pack (D1)6.35pm, Double Trouble vs Levu Levu's (D2)6.35pm, Alcoholigans vs FUBAR (Cross D1/D2) 7.10pm, LOL vs The Wolf Pack (D1) 7.10pm

(Kids League)

Round 6

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

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, results and photos from this term's summer socca will be there.

Important Dates

Monday 17 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 24 November	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 1 December	MLT Summer Socca Leagues
Monday 8 December	MLT Summer Socca Leagues final night

Carl Lambert
Organiser

Menzies College Rugby

Rugby AGM

The AGM of Menzies Rugby will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 20 November in the school staffroom. Everyone welcome. New committee members are needed for next year. Apologies or questions to Guy on (03) 2064206 or joandguy@farmside.co.nz

Fireworks a Bang on Success!

Thank you to EVERYONE who supported the Fireworks Extravaganza last Friday night. What a great night we had and what a climax those fireworks were. We really appreciate all those that came and also the support from the local businesses with advertising and supplying goods or services. Also a big thanks to Nga Awa Toru and The Lads (Jeff Robinson, Kava Likiafu, Tyrone Braven, Nathan Bee and Tim Landreth) for their great performances. They really kept the crowd going and were so polished. Well done! There were a small number of left over items (no children though fortunately): two purses and two blankets. If they are yours they can be collected from the school office. A reminder the next meeting is at 7:30pm in the Library on Wednesday 19 November. Catering people, can we meet at 6:30pm please to firm up menu and dish out the food.



Carole Bee

Edendale R.S.A. Education Scholarships

These scholarships have been established by the Edendale R.S.A. to assist students of the district (i.e. Edendale, Brydone, Menzies Ferry, Seaward Downs and Spurhead) or direct descendants of present or past members of the Edendale R.S.A., in the first, second or third years of tertiary study. Applications close on Friday 5 February, 2015. Full details are available from the Menzies College office.

Cash for Communities

This year, for the first time, PGG Wrightson are running a Cash for Communities programme during spring, giving farmers another opportunity to earn \$\$\$ for Menzies College. Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account between 1 September and 30 November 2014, can earn cash for our school. Nominate us at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and start earning \$\$\$ for Menzies College.

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Dagwood Sandwich (half)	2.50
BLT - Bacon/Lettuce/Tomato sandwich (half)	2.50
Spaghetti Toastie	2.00
Cheese Toastie/Mousetrap	2.00
Dads Pies	4.00
American Hot Dog	3.00
Apricot/Chicken Wrap	4.50
Cordon Bleu	2.80
Pork Riblet Wrap (Hot)	4.00
Bacon & Egg Wrap (Hot)	4.00
Chicken Burger - with/without free salad	4.00
Burgers - Lamb, Beef, B & E, Hawaiian	
Chicken & Bacon	4.50
Cheese Roll	1.00
Garlic Bread	1.50
Hash Brown	1.00
Wedges	2.50
Sour cream/relish/chilli sauce (each)	0.50
Doritos/Corn Chips	2.00
Waffles	1.00
Cookie Time	2.00
Drinks / Icecreams	
Water - Pump	3.50
Slurpas	1.50
Milkshake	3.50
Milkshake with Icecream	4.50
Calci strong milkshake - Carton	2.00
Mill Orchard - 400ml	3.00
Coke Zero	3.50
E2	4.00
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from \$1.20 - \$3.50	
Iced Tea	3.20
Chocolate Brownie	2.50



DAILY SPECIALS

Tomato Pasta Bake	\$3.00
Bolognaise Bake	\$4.00
Cottage Pie	\$4.00
Butter Chicken	\$4.00
Macaroni Cheese	\$2.50 / \$3
Chicken Fettucine	\$4.00
Nachos -	\$4.00
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Enchilladas/Taccos	\$3.50



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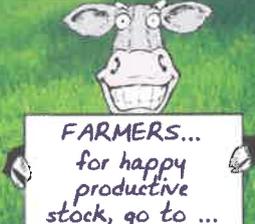
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