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## **13 February 2015**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

On Thursday afternoon we held our annual G F Walker Awards to celebrate the success of our NCEA students. With almost the same number of recipients as last year we are extremely pleased with the quality of results some students obtained. For a few years now, staff and students have had a focus on raising the quality of student grades and it is pleasing to see how well these pupils have grasped that challenge. I am particularly pleased with the number of English, Art, Chemistry and Physical Education endorsements received. Graeme Walker was not able to be present but he sent a card to the school where he expressed that students need to carry the benefits of their achievements in their quest for further qualifications. To enjoy the journey while keeping an eye on the destination. Equally, we hope Graeme enjoyed his time with our Year 12 students at Hope Arm.

The afternoon was also a chance to recognise the appointment of our House Leaders and Committee members who have willingly volunteered to take on these roles of responsibility to assist with student activities, lunch time sports and social events.

Next Wednesday,18 February we will be holding our athletic sports here at school. Students are to come to school dressed for the event but are reminded that **no body paint is to be applied.** Parents/caregivers are most welcome to assist with events if they wish. The canteen will be open and a coffee car will be on site and there is more details about this later in the newsletter. This is our first House event of the year and a wonderful way to build the spirit that makes this competition so much fun.

In January, we heard of Mark Mandeno's terrible accident and the life changes he will be faced with. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Mark, Erin and the family at this sad time.

My personal thanks to the staff, students and parents/caregivers who have supported our family and myself over the last week following the loss of my mother. Your cards, flowers, baking and kind words have all been appreciated at this time.

Gerry Ward Principal

### **Mathematics Department**

Welcome back to all students, parents/caregivers and our wider community. For those I am yet to meet, my name is Brendon Wallace and I am the head of the mathematics department at Menzies College. I look forward to meeting you in the future and would like to emphasise that I am available if you have any questions about your student's maths education. The best way to contact me is by e-mail as I check these frequently and try to respond immediately. My address is brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz

#### **This Year**

2015 will be another busy year for maths. It is widely accepted that strong maths skills are a huge advantage in the real world. It is again our focus to not only educate our students in maths but to also teach them how to apply their knowledge to solve problems appropriately. This can involve collecting the relevant information, applying the correct maths and evaluating the solution to make sure it makes sense and is useable to solve the problem.

The mathematics department has had a few staff changes since last year. We welcome Pete Wilkinson to the department. Our teaching staff are:

Level 3 Mathematics with StatisticsBrendon WallaceLevel 2 MathematicsBrendon WallaceLevel 1 Mathematics (101)Brendon WallaceLevel 1 Mathematics (102)Pete Wilkinson

Level 1 Numeracy Sharee Knapp & Gerry Ward

Year 10MC
Year 10AC
Year 9PW
Year 9ED

Brendon Wallace
Pete Wilkinson
Pete Wilkinson
Carl Lambert

Year 7/8 (teaching their own class) Katie Hall, Barbara Cowley, Ginny Winefield and Carl Lambert

#### Calculators

We have calculators for sale at the school office. We have matched the special prices available in Gore or Invercargill and if you purchase one through us, think of the fuel savings! We recommend all students in Year 10 and above have a scientific calculator as a minimum – at Year 12 and above we recommend a graphics calculator. Any student in any year who already know they will continue with maths up to Year 12, are recommended to buy a graphics calculator. The prices are:

Scientific Calculator - \$20 Graphics Calculator - \$95

### **Testing**

Over the next few weeks, all students in Years 7-10 will be tested to provide baseline data. These tests are not the only factor used to make a judgement about your student's current curriculum (and National Standards) level, but are used as an indicator for teachers to use. Students will again be tested at the end of the year to enable us to track the progress of individual students and the progress of year levels in general.

### **Maths PLD**

This year the teachers of Year 7-10 classes are working with Averil Lee from the University of Otago to develop our numeracy teaching skills. At the end of the year we hope to have built on our resources, methods and results in teaching students to understand numbers and how they work. Our students will benefit from this professional development in terms of enjoyment and success in Mathematics.

#### **ALIM**

We have been a successful applicant for the ALiM 2 programme which targets 'below and just below' students at Year 7 and 8 with the aim of lifting their success to 'at or above' the National Standard. This programme follows on from ALiM 1 which we participated in last year. While it is not fully finalised, this programme is likely to follow a similar format to last year but with a larger number of students involved. These students will have some time out of class to further develop their mathematical understanding. If your student is involved in this programme, a letter will be sent home prior to it starting. It is likely to begin in Term 2 or 3 and last for around 10 weeks.

### Numeracy (103 Maths)

We are again able to offer a Numeracy class at Level One. This class enables students to focus solely on obtaining the Numeracy component of Level 1 NCEA. We are also again able to place into this class, some Year 10 students who we believe would benefit from being in this programme for Year 10 and Year 11. This is an opportunity to better meet the needs of our students and it proved to be very successful last year. If your student is in this class and is currently a Year 10, a letter will arrive shortly outlining the programme.

### **Maths Riddle**

Using only eight 8's and only addition, can you get 1,000 as your answer?

### **Menzies College Leadership 2015**

Congratulations to the following students who are our leaders for this year:

#### **House Leaders**

House Leader

MATAI Samuel Moncur

RATA Tomazina Koppen-Pavlovich

RIMU Sean Wallis TOTARA Jamie Ranstead

Whanau	Sports	Arts & Culture	Community
ALY	Summer Smith	Rhiannon Gorman	Courtney Poole
AMK	Harlee Symes	Tyler Cameron	Jorge Story
AVW	Abbey Young	Lachie King	Sophie Shaw
MBA	Jordan Medley	Corbin Smith	Kirsty Panirau
MCL	Ally Gutsell	Kelsi McLellan	Tessa Braven
MTH	Doug Fotheringham	Samuel Moncur	Ethan McDonough
RBW	Torin Hartley	Monique Bastiaansen-Cockerill	James Phillips
RJB	Lilly McKenzie	Sonny Harden	Rose Rhind
RNM	Georgia Rhind	Summer Folesi	Bree Pickett
TBB	Vinnie Rayner	Delshay Devery	<b>Bradley Watson</b>
TGG	Joseph Ferguson	Pania Rayner	Baylee Egerton
TSW	Sharnee Gardyne-Palmer	Caitlin de Haas	Olivia Wallace

**Head Boy & Girl** Caleb Young and Holly Smith

**Board of Trustee Representative** Tyrone Braven

### **HPV Immunisation in Schools 2015**

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is offered to Year 8 girls at school and consent forms which include information about the immunisation have been sent home. The school based programme will commence in all Southland schools this term. It would be appreciated if these could be completed and returned to school before Friday 20 February. For more information please view the following websites:

- www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz
- watch 'The story of HPV' on YouTube to find out more about HPV and its prevention.
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at (03)214 6436 or 0800 800 249

### **Incubator**

This is for students interested in a career in the health sector. It is run by Jan Tait of the Southland District Health Board and is open to our Year 12 and 13 students. It consists of three visits to the hospital having presentations and tours of areas including A & E, the laboratories, radiology, Hospice, the education shed and others, doing hands on activities.

Dates for our hospital visits which have just been confirmed are:

**Term One:** School visit 16 March 1.20-3.15 (bring lunch)

Site visit 25 March

**Term Two:** Thursday 25 June Wednesday 26 August

Students are asked to see Miss Hall for more information.

Katie Hall Careers Advisor

### Mark's Mission

Mark Mandeno (Amrein) taught at Menzies for six years in the Outdoor Department and was part of the Guidance team. He left Menzies College to run his high ropes and outdoor adventure business in Auckland three years ago.

During the holidays Mark and his family were away on a beach holiday near Auckland. Mark was surfing in shallow water with his children and was hit by a wave which sent him down into the water. He hit his head on the sand and the force of the wave dislocated his cervical vertebrae 6. He has been transferred from Middlemore hospital to a rehabilitation unit where he will spend some months learning how to live life without the use of his legs.

If you wish to make a donation to help Mark through his recovery: https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/marksmission You can also follow Marks story on Facebook - 'Marks Mission'.

"Take nothing for granted. A moment can change our lives forever.

Although our road ahead will not be without challenge - I am forever changed for the positive. I see the world differently and I will be different within the world and in turn my wish is that you are able to find hope in that..."

<b>Important</b>	Dates	
- February	17	Pro Drive
·	18	School athletics
	25	School photos
March	2	SIT visit 12 noon
	7-8	Paddles Up
	9	HPV Vaccination
		Canterbury University visit
	11	Otago Polytech visit 2.30pm
	12	Aoraki Polytech visit 9am
	13	Year 12 First Aid
	16	Incubator visit 1.20pm
		Sexwise Parents evening - time to be advised
	17	Sexwise Year 9 & 10
	18	Sexwise - Seniors
	19	Defence Force visit 10am
		Lincoln University visit 9am
	20	Otago University visit 9am
	24-27	ERO at school
	25	Incubator hospital visit No. 1
	26	Art exhibition
	30 - <b>April 2</b>	Wanaka Camp Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience
April	3	Good Friday
		Last day of Term 1
	20	First day back of Term 2

### **Sexwise Performance at Menzies**

We are extremely excited to once again host the acclaimed THETA – Sexwise Performance. This riveting and thought challenging performance and associated workshop will be made available to parents and caregivers to view on Monday 16 March at a time to be advised, (but will be in the evening) before being introduced to our students. We encourage all parents and caregivers to be involved with the sexuality education of their sons and daughters and there is no other education tool at present that will provide you with an excellent starting point, than what this programme will offer.



The Theatre in Health Education Trust (THETA) is a Dunedin based organisation that works nationally. They specialise in delivering applied theatre-based programmes on health related issues to rangatahi/youth in mainstream schools. The Trust's work is informed by the health promotion model – that is in providing information to people to help empower them to take charge of their own health behaviours. Applied Theatre is an umbrella term to describe theatre where the purpose is not simply performance, but engagement of the audience.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me at school on (03) 206 4979 or to research this exciting opportunity further, go to www.theta.org.nz

Mark Kerslake Head of Department - Physical Education & Health

### **Menzies College Rugby**

Welcome to all players, parents/caregivers and supporters of Menzies rugby. The committee is busy putting things in place so we can enjoy another great season of rugby. We have a couple of requests to help us:

- Could all managers from the 2014 season, please return their managers folder to the school office?
- Expressions of interest for coaches and managers, for the U16, U14 and Year 7 and 8 teams are still open. Please contact Ross McLeod on 027 4904729. Coaching/managing is a rewarding job and we will support anyone with this task.
- The 1st XV have started training and we invite any players wishing to join to attend. They train each Tuesday and Thursday at 4 pm.
- Registration day is Thursday 5 March at 3.15pm in the school hall. We ask all players to attend. All players will receive an information sheet for parents/caregivers with all relevant details for the upcoming season.

We have a busy season ahead of us and anyone interested in helping is most welcome. The next committee meeting is 11 March at 7.30pm in the school library. Thank you.

### **Sports Notices**

#### **Term One Tournaments**

Sport	<b>Tournament Date</b>	Entries Close
Southland Softball Champs	22 February	18 February
Otago/Southland Waterskiing Champs	22 February	8 February
Eastern Southland and Southland ODE event	15 February	4th February
Otago/Southland Triathlon	19 February	12 February
Southland Tennis Teams Champs	23 February	16 February
Southland Triathlon Champs	27 February	25 February
Southland Touch Tournament	1 March	25 February
Southland Athletics	13 March	10 March
Southland Golf Champs	17 March	10 March
Otago/Southland Athletics	20 March	18 March
Paddles Up	7-8 March	3 March
Southland Volleyball Champs (Senior)	15 March	Information to come
Southland Lawn Bowls Champs	23 March	16 March
SISS Water Polo Seniors	22-25 March	6 March
Otago/Southland Road Cycling Champs	24 March	18 March
Rugby 7's – Year 9 and 10	25 March	Information to come
Southland Condor 7s	22 March	
Southland Surfing Championships	27 March	20 March
Southland Adventure Racing	27-28 March	Information to come

February forms are available on the website www.southlandschoolsport.org.nz

### **Volleyball Information and Dates**

- \* Week 1 Wednesday 18 February juniors Year 5-8 only
- \* Week 2 25 February
- \* Week 3 4 March
- \* Week 4 11 March
- \* 18 March no volleyball
- \* Week 5 25 March On advice from a number of schools we will play tournament week 23-29 March because it does not affect us as much.
- \* Week 6 1 April finals ILT Stadium Southland

### Years 9-13 Start 25 February

- \* 20 February Initial Year 9-13 registrations
- \* Week one draw out 20 February
- \* Week 1 25 February
- \* Week 2 4 March
- \* Week 3 11 March
- \* Week 4 18 March boys at JHC senior campus gym and girls at SGHS gym (no stadium as have event)
- \* Week 5 25 March. On advice from a number of schools we will play tournament week 23 March 29 March because it does not affect us so much
- \* Week 6 1 April finals ILT Stadium Southland

### **Southland Senior Championship Open**

\* Sunday 15 March 2015 ILT Stadium Southland

Again this year I will be requesting as a travelling team, that we only play every second week. Once I have a draw I will get it out to the students.

Miss Katie Hall Teacher in Charge - Sports

### **Athletics Day**

This is on Wednesday 18 February and we would love to see parents/caregivers at school supporting this event and their children. The canteen will be open on the day and we also have Karen from **Zippy Coffee** arriving around 10am so bring some cash along as there is no eftpos available at her coffee van. Eftpos is available at the canteen but no cash can be given out. \$5 hot drinks and \$6.50 for smoothies, iced coffees and iced chocolate. Just what you need to keep you cheering the students along enjoying superb coffee!

### Senior Uniform (Year 11-13)

Over the last few years, we've had numerous conversations with students around the uniform at Menzies College and how the senior students feel about wearing (or not wearing) uniform at school. Last year, a group of students gathered with one goal: to introduce a revised senior uniform. In essence, our students feel that there is nothing (in terms of uniform) that distinguishes our senior students from those in Year 7. Therefore, with the support of the Board, we began a process of investigation and revision of the current senior uniform. Thanks to those of you who took the time at our prizegiving ceremonies last year to complete our survey. Your responses were generally positive and amongst them were some sound practical solutions around the question of uniform. If you haven't yet completed a survey, they (and samples of the clothing items) are available at our school office. In essence, the uniform is being refined rather than changed. The most exciting refinement is the introduction of a Menzies College blazer, which would be worn throughout the year by our senior students.

To clarify, as this is student led the changes around uniform do not impact on our current Year 13 group. This group voted in favour of remaining in uniform during their last year of high school. If there are students within that cohort who wish to embrace the revised uniform, then we support their desire to do just that. The changes will impact the current Year 11 and Year 12 groups. Senior uniform will (probably) be worn by all Year 13 students next year. You will see below an outline of costs relating to the revised senior uniform. Please be aware that these are tentative costings. We are working with Schooltex as our main supplier as they can offer the most competitive pricings for us.

# The revised winter uniform will consist of: Boys

Green Blazer (with school logo) approx. \$190 Shirt\* (white = \$27, green = approx. \$40) Green Jersey or Vest \$60 School Tie (With school logo or stripes. Design yet to be determined) (\$25) Grey trousers Black shoes

#### Girls

Green Blazer (with school logo) approx. \$190
Blouse\* (white = \$27, green = approx. \$40)
Green Jersey or Vest (\$60)
Menzies Tartan kilt
School Tie (With school logo or stripes. Design yet to be determined) (\$25)
Black shoes

\*We are investigating both a white and sage green option for the shirt / blouse. The traditional white shirt / blouse is the most cost effective option as it is a 'stock' item. The sage green shirt / blouse is more expensive as it has to be made specifically for us. Please see additional information below.

### Some F.A.Q's around Uniform

- I'm in favour of the revised Senior Uniform, however I am put-off by the costs involved. Can the school help at all?

  Mr Ward and the Board have indicated that the school will purchase a number of Menzies College Blazers. These will be available for hire to students, at a nominal cost per term. Blazers would need to be returned in good order and with a drycleaning receipt. We hope that this will help alleviate some of the financial pressures faced by families.
- Why is there a choice of shirt / blouse colours?

  Light green 'v' white shirt / blouse. The students consulted (so far) were overwhelmingly in favour of a white shirt / blouse. However, bearing in mind the nature of our students (active play during break times) would it be sensible to investigate a light green fabric for the shirt / blouse? If we pursued this further we need to be aware that this item will be more expensive than the generic white equivalent.
- Will students now wear a tie?

The small group of students who met with the Schooltex representative were in favour of a green and red striped tie. They also wished to wear the tie each day. However, we would ask our community to consider whether they are in favour of the tie being a permanent item of clothing (i.e. worn throughout the year) or a part of the uniform which is worn only during the winter terms, or on special occasions.

Thanks for taking the time to read and process this information. We value your feedback, so please don't hesitate to contact us at school if you have any queries or questions. Alternatively, we encourage you to view the uniform samples and complete the survey at the school office.

### Uniform

Thank you for the effort parents/caregivers and most students have made to get uniforms right. Everyone looked fantastic on the first day but once the weather cooled, incorrect items of uniform started appearing. If students are not in the correct uniform they are to bring a note to give to the Deputy Principal. They will be given correct uniform to wear for the day in exchange for the non-regulation items which will be returned at the end of the day.

The uniform policy clearly states black leather lace up shoes are required. The only acceptable winter jacket is the green one that can be purchased from the school. If students persist in wearing non-regulation items of uniform they risk having it confiscated for a period of time. The uniform requirements are set out in the diaries that students are issued with at the beginning of the year. Donations of school uniforms are welcome at the school office.

#### **Second Hand Uniform**

We desperately need second hand summer skirts, polo shirts and grey shorts. If anyone has any they wish to sell it would be appreciated if they could be dropped into the school office. Thank you.

Kath Luoni Deputy Principal

### **Advertising on School Newsletter Cover**

We are once again, in the process of getting a new edition of the school newsletter cover produced. If you would like to advertise your business on our cover, it would be appreciated if you could contact Mike Stenton at i-cue, on (03) 2183350 or email mike@i-cue.co.nz for more information. Thank you.

### **Community Notices**

### Would you like to learn Te Reo Maori in a fun supportive environment?

A beginners class will be starting on Monday 23 February from 6 – 9 pm at SIT in Gore. This course runs for the year on Monday nights during term time. If you are interested an open night is being held at SIT Gore (Kakapo St) on Monday 16 February 6pm. Inquiries to Rusty: henry.johnson@sit.ac.nz

### **Wyndham Community Pool - Lamb drive**

People have been asking about our lamb drive. We will not be having a ring around this year, but if you would like to donate a lamb contact Nat on 2064373. If you would like to make a cash donation please post to Mel Geary, 20 Raglan St, Wyndham. Over the winter we hope to install a shower and steps to make the pool more accessible for all. A very big thank you to all those using the pool. It has been well used and generally well looked after over the holiday period. We have half season keys available for \$65, with the swimming season ending on 2 April.

Carlyn Stewart

### **Wyndham Athletic Club**

Athletics began on Tuesday 3 February at 5.30pm in the Menzies College grounds and will continue throughout the term. All new and existing members are welcome. Enquiries to Jane Muir on (03) 2066334.

### **Wyndale Soccer Club**

Soccer is back! If your child is interested in playing soccer this winter please ring Sarah Ashman on (03) 2066067 as soon as possible to register their details and receive further information. 6th, 8th, 10th and 11th grade teams can be entered if there is enough interest.

**Child, Youth and Family - Children's Day at the Fire Station** - Sunday 1 March, 11am – 2pm, Jed Street Invercargill. Loads of fun free activities for the family such as mini jeeps, face painting, fire safety, arts and crafts, healthy eating, colouring in competition and much more. Come along and spend nothing but time with your family For more information you can contact: Rhonda Hoffman on 027 312 3085.

#### **Edendale/Wyndham Plunket**

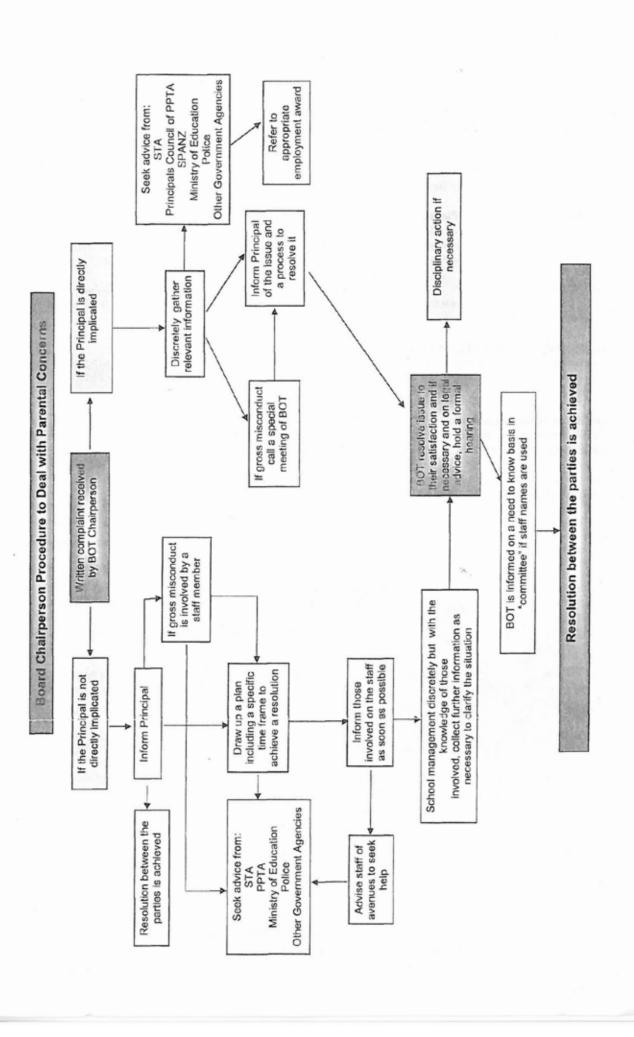
Plunket Edendale/Wyndham are looking for a new co-ordinater. If you would like to help out and give support to new mums and have an hour free at 1pm each Tuesday then contact Debbie on 02102718323 for more information.

### **Jennian Homes Junior Netball Academy**

This is being held Dunedin, Invercargill, Gore, Queenstown, Winton, Balclutha and Oamaru and provides coaching experiences for students aged 8-14 years. For further information and registration forms go to www.netballsouth.co.nz

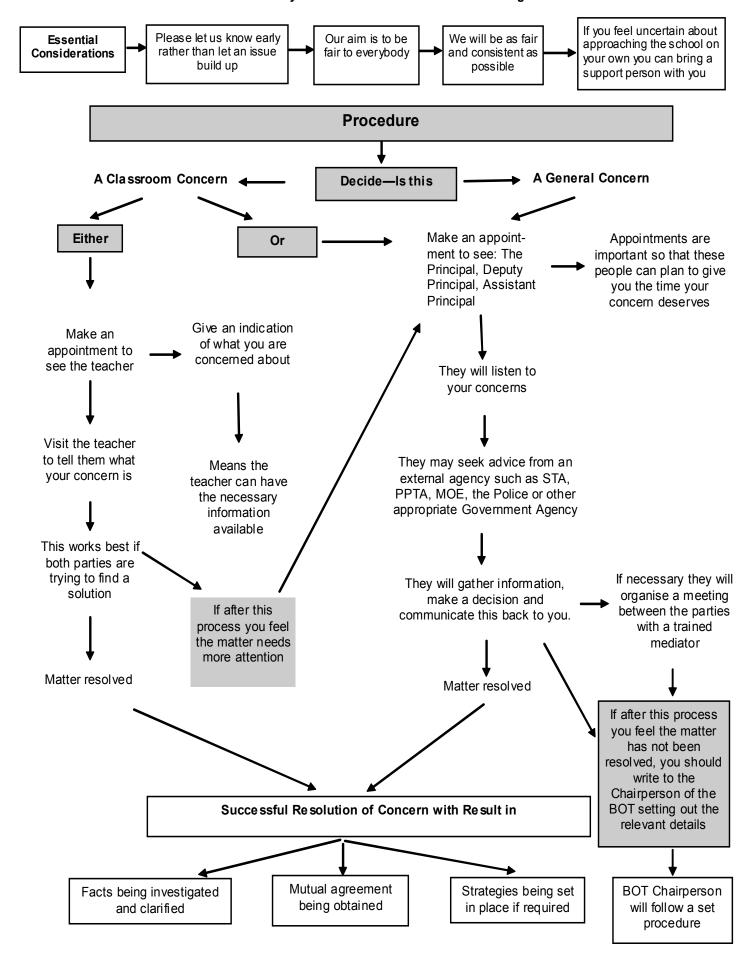
#### **University of Auckland**

The University of Auckland are looking for volunteers to research a project they think may be of interest to parents and families. The research aims to compare the effects of different types of nutrition labels on household food shopping choices. Volunteers living anywhere in New Zealand and who own a smartphone can take part. Study participants will receive up to \$90: a \$10 voucher at week 1 and \$80 voucher on completion of the 5-week study and questionnaire. For more information check out the website: https://diet.auckland.ac.nz/content/starlight



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