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**27 February 2015**

## **From the Principal's Desk**

### **Kia Ora**

This week at assembly I spoke about our school's culture and how it has been shaped by all current and previous students, staff and community members. It is different from other secondary schools and is very much something we own, as we feel it is the best environment for our students learning needs and reflective of community demands.

Our culture is very much based around relationships and this is evident in the way our students across all ages, relate to others and display the expectations that have become embedded over time. We are fortunate that as a school we have such a positive connection with our wider community who support us through so much of what we do. It is also pleasing that our current group of students are willing to now focus more on their learning and learning needs. There has been quite a shift in student's attitude towards 'doing better' and it is exciting to hear of their success stories.

Our extended Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme has given our culture three key values to focus on and these are now becoming more understood and practised by the students. Conversations about 'Striving for Excellence, Feeling Safe and Showing Respect' have created a lift in the positive outcomes we have been searching for. As students identify and work towards these, the school's culture changes again to be in an even better place and these expectations rub off on all those involved with the school.

We have a fantastic group of students attending our school, staff willing to work for their best outcomes and a community support that gives us confidence in what we are looking to achieve. We are all responsible for the culture of this school and what we experience. Our success will rely upon an open triangulated relationship between home, staff and the student as we all strive to uphold the three values of PB4L.

### **PB4L**

The school has started really positively with the focus for this term being 'Feeling Safe'. At the first assembly Dr Wilkinson and Jamie Ranstead presented an entertaining and very informative summary of PB4L and especially what 'Feeling Safe' looks and feels like. Whanaus are each looking at this expectation individually and the house plays at the end of the term are based around the same. An achievement slip from each house will continue to be drawn weekly from students who have received achievement slips for displaying any of the three expectations in their work or outside the classroom.

### **A double draw for last week**

Congratulations to Marina Ferguson, Travis North, Toni Wilson, Hannah Wallis, Quade Hartley, Ezekiel Johnston-Brown, Jonas Lindsay, Luke Humphries, Mrs Leggett and Miss Gardyne for winning the achievement draw for this week. Jonas earned his by 'Striving for Excellence' in his work and Toni earned his by 'Showing Respect' to staff when asked to do a job. Well done all of you!

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

## Hope Arm Camp



In week 2 we embarked on an adventure with 35 enthusiastic Year 12 students to Hope Arm. We left from school on Monday and travelled to Manapouri. An enthusiastic group of 16 students, staff and helpers took off on a kayak journey into our campsite while everyone else tramped in. We set up camp and had an incredible dinner of homemade bacon and egg pie and for some lucky groups, venison and broccoli salad. Tuesday had us up bright and early, filling up on food for energy to tackle 'the nip' also known as Bicycle Ridge. This is always a big challenge but very rewarding getting to the top and admiring the incredible view. We clambered our way back down the mountain and then hit the water for some skiing and biscuiting. Wednesday brought about an incredibly sunny, calm day where students involved themselves in more water sports, a 43m abseil, kayaking, fishing, rock jumping and plenty more journeys. Thursday came in a flash and brought with it strong winds. Unfortunately, this meant that boating was on hold, but we could still get round to the abseil. So off we went, had a blast getting students down the abseil along with teachers and parents. When it was

time to leave, we discovered that our boat had a flat battery. Luckily Mr Landreth came flying around the corner aboard a trusty jet ski and got us going again. It was the end of our journey on Friday, but not before packing up camp and going on our final adventure of kayaking or tramping out.



Aroha Carney & Sharnée Gardyne-Palmer

It was a fantastic week that wouldn't have been possible without the support and help of the following people: Staff - Mr Holden, Mrs Luoni, Mr Landreth, Mr Dakin, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Cade. Parents - Megan and Rodger King, Jenane Winiata and Grant McRae. Volunteers - Blair Timpany, Cindy Deans, Graeme Walker, Hayley Todd and Brayden Shanks. We really appreciate them giving up their time to go on camp. It was great to have them there with their skills, advice and knowledge to further the experience for all our students. Thank-you.

*Mrs Alice Cade  
Head of Department - Outdoors*



Liam Parish went fishing

## Science Department

### Rural Studies

Our gardens have taken on lots of colour during the holidays even though the weather has been dry. The students are looking forward to eating tomatoes from the glasshouse and they have been planting parsley and lettuces for the canteen.

*Mrs Toni Halliday  
Rural Studies Teacher*



## Transport and Driving Survey

Aimée Ward will be at school on Wednesday 18 March to conduct an online survey with all Year 12 and 13 students. Students need to make sure they can access their school emails and know passwords necessary to use the computers at school.

She is currently a full-time PhD student at the University of Otago in Dunedin within the Departments of Preventive and Social Medicine and Geography. She is researching whether or not there is an association between transport behaviour and well-being among older teenagers in Southland, NZ and Portland, Oregon, USA. This research interest has grown in part from the fact that globally, teenagers are waiting longer to get their full licence and there is very little research with regards to transport and mental health. Also, Aimee and her husband have been 'car-free' since 2007, so she has a personal interest in how others choose to travel and why.

*Mrs Alice Cade  
Acting Deputy Principal*

## Pro Drive

Applications for this course close on Monday 2 March. **Orders need to be in at the office by 9am.**

## Office Information

### Student Absences

When leaving a message relating to a student's absence, please state your child's name clearly and the reason for the absence. Unfortunately our texting system is not working and the problem may not be resolved until Term 2. We will endeavour to phone you if we have no explanation for your student's absence. Thank you.

### Sick Students

There is a lot of illness around at the moment and it would be appreciated if students are not sent to school if they are really sick. Also, a friendly reminder to send tissues or hankies with students if they have a cold or hayfever symptoms and please **REMEMBER TO PHONE IN ALL ABSENCES. THERE IS AN ANSWERPHONE.**

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## Super Seniors

This has probably been the most settled week of learning thus far. For the majority of our senior students, that means they've been in class, organised and ready to learn. We applaud the 'can do' attitude of our seniors, many of whom who are making difficult decisions in terms of option choices and levels at which they are studying in order to meet their own, personal, end goal.

We would like to remind our senior students that if they are going to be absent (even if it's just for one period) then they must follow the correct channels and if possible let their teacher(s) know before the absence. In the senior school, teacher-student relationships develop into an often almost collegial nature – we give and receive respect in increasingly equal terms. This bond can be easily severed, so we encourage our seniors to look critically at the way in which they speak and treat those around them.

The only interruption to classroom learning this week has been school photographs day (Wednesday). This is a day where we expect our seniors to lead the junior members of their whanau groups and house. We expect them to 'step-up' and show the junior students the correct way to conduct themselves as they get organised for photographs. This year, our seniors didn't disappoint.

Interestingly this year, there were many conversations around uniform and the revision of the senior uniform. Thanks to all those of you who have taken the time to complete the survey forms regarding the senior uniform, it's great to hear so many positive comments! Please consider the colourway you'd like to see in our senior tie. At present there's a 'tie' between: red-green-white diagonal stripe and red-green diagonal stripe.

At present we are looking at the following:

- School blazer (bottle-green, with our school logo)
- White shirt / blouse
- Bottle-green jersey / v-neck sleeveless vest
- School tie
- Grey trousers / Menzies tartan kilt

**If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey forms, which can be found in the school office. We would like as many parents/caregivers as possible to express their opinions before Thursday 5 March. Community consultation for the revised senior uniform will close on: Friday 6 March.**

Once again we have the opportunity to send a senior student to the Lions' Southern Outdoor Experience Youth Leadership Course. This is an exciting opportunity which extends our students both mentally and physically. If you are interested in attending this course (which is held at Borland Lodge), please see Mr Landreth.

If you have any questions or concerns about students in Year 11-13, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

*Mrs Lucy McKelvie & Tim Landreth*  
Senior Deans

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## Menzies College 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.

Training for U16 rugby starts on Tuesday 3 March at 3.30pm at the school rugby grounds.

## **Menzies College Netball**

Welcome to the 2015 netball season. The Menzies Netball Club is for all girls from Year 9 to 13. Trials have already begun for this season. Girls who wanted to trial for the 'A' team (from Year 9) did so on Thursday and trials for everyone from Year 9, were on Wednesday. We will have another trial for all girls wanting to play netball for Menzies College on Wednesday 4 March starting at 3.30pm and on Thursday 5 March at 5pm, for those wanting to trial for the Menzies 'A' team. Girls who want to play must put their names on the sign-up sheet outside the office.

Girls will be filling out registration forms but please let me know if you want to be on the emailing list sooner, to keep up with information. There is also a Menzies College Netball Facebook page.

Pre-season fitness sessions also commenced on Tuesday. These start at 3.30pm and will run for an hour. All girls wanting to play netball for Menzies are expected to be at these sessions.

Please also let me know of anyone you think would be keen to coach any teams. We are lucky to have Melissa Rodgers back to coach the 'A' team and we welcome our new teacher in charge of netball, Nicola Speakman.

The AGM is on 16 March at 6pm in the Menzies College staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Apologies to Sue on 0272924412 or Nicola at Menzies College.

*Sue Shaw*

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## **Sports News**

### **Volleyball**

Volleyball season has started again. The first round was last night and the next games will be held in two weeks on 12 March. The draw for the season is out and can be found on the Volleyball Southland website below.

[www.volleysouth.org.nz](http://www.volleysouth.org.nz) > Events > Lonestar competition > March 12th Draw.

*Katie Hall*

*Teacher in Charge of Volleyball*

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## **Careers Department**

### **Important Dates**

Monday 2 March – SIT 12pm in the school Library

Monday 9 March – Canterbury University in Careers room

Wednesday 11 March - Otago Polytechnic 2.30pm in Careers room

Thursday 12 March – Aoraki Polytechnic 9am in Careers room

Thursday 19 March – Lincoln University 9am in Careers room

Thursday 19 March – New Zealand Defence Force 10am in Room 5

Friday 20 March – Otago University 9am in Careers room

Tuesday 28 April – Tertiary information day (see information below)

Wednesday 29 April – C.P.I.T 1pm in Careers room

All Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend and support their son/daughter at these liaison visits. Decisions are quite big for some students and your guidance is strongly recommended.

### **Tertiary Information Day**

The Dunedin tertiary institutions will be holding their Information Day on Tuesday 28 April 2015. As this is term time, it allows visiting school students the opportunity to experience the uniqueness of the Otago campuses, to attend special presentations and tours and to visit the Residential Colleges.

Menzies College will be taking a bus of Year 12 and 13 students interested in studying in Otago. I have allowed plenty of time advertising this as it gives parents/caregivers the opportunity to get the day off work to go along with their son/daughter. A permission slip will be issued closer to the time and you can indicate if you wish to travel on the bus. There is plenty of space and we encourage you to attend as the whole experience can be quite daunting. I look forward to seeing you all there. For more information go to: [http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open\\_days.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/open_days.html)

*Katie Hall*

*Careers Advisor*

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## **We have a winner ....**

Congratulations to Year 7 student Luke Blackler who has won a new waterproof school jacket. Luke entered his name in to the draw as a new student to win the jacket.

Thank you to all new entrants who participated.



## Important Dates

<b>March</b>	2	SIT visit 12 noon
	4	Electoral Enrolment - Year 13
	<b>6</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day - Wyndham Primary School</b>
	7-8	Paddles Up
	9	HPV Vaccination
		Canterbury University visit 9am
	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
		LMV Athletics
	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
		Literacy Day
	26	Art exhibition
	30 - <b>April 2</b>	Wanaka Camp Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience
<b>April</b>	2	Last day of Term 1
	3	Good Friday
	20	First day back of Term 2

## Community Notices

Come and wind down after a busy week and catch a free movie with the family. The Wyndham Evangelical Church are holding a movie night but because of licensing we can't openly advertise the actual title of the movie, but if you liked playing with Lego as a kid, chances are you'll love this animated movie. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.15pm start at the Church, corner Balaclava and Redan Street, Wyndham. Refreshments are available, free of charge. For more information contact Geoff or Sara on (03) 2064147.

### Lumino the Dentists

Beth Cameron is a registered dental therapist who offers free dental treatment for students from Year 9 to 17 years, as part of the Adolescent Dental scheme. To enrol please phone on (03) 2184008 or email camerondental@lumino.co.nz

### Wyndham Netball Club

The Wyndham Netball Club AGM will be held on Thursday 5 March at 7.30pm at the Three Rivers Hotel. All parents, coaches, and social team representatives please attend. Apologies or enquiries to Nicky Wallace, Secretary on (03) 2064127.



Southland District Council's International Relations Committee is organising a competition to mark the centenary of Gallipoli for Year 11 to Year 13 students.

### There are two categories:

1. A 1500-word essay which can be fictional or non-fictional
2. Multimedia - a film, photos, artwork

The competition is open to all Year 11 to 13 students whose parents are residents/ratepayers of Southland District and have been for at least two years.

First prize for each category is **\$500**

There is also runner-up prizes.

Entries close on April 3 2015 and the winner will be announced on Anzac Day, April 25.

Entries can be emailed to [louise.pagan@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:louise.pagan@southlanddc.govt.nz)

However, a paper copy of your essay entry or a memory stick containing your multimedia entry should also be sent to Gallipoli competition, Southland District Council, Attn Louise Pagan, PO Box 903, Invercargill 9840.

By entering you are giving Southland District Council permission to use your entries on its website or social media sites.





*Snapshots of athletics day*



# March 2015

March 2015							April 2015						
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Feb	24	25	26	27	28	29	1 Mar
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	SIT visit 12noon Week 5	Electoral enrollment Y13				Paddles Up	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	Canterbury Uni 9am HPV Immunisation Week 6	Otago Poytec 2.30pm	Aoraki visit 9am	Y12 First Aid			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	Health & Safety Incubator Visit 1.20pm LMV Athletics Sexwise Parents	Sexwise Y9&10 Tuesday, seniors on Wednesday. LMV Athletics backup	Defence Force Visit 10am Lincoln Uni visit 9am	Otago Uni Visit 9am			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	Week 8	ERO visiting Incubator Hospital visit Literacy Day	Art Exhibition				
30	31	1 Apr	2	3	4	5	
	Wanaka Camp Y12 and 13 ADEX Week 9						



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