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13 November 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Today is the last day for Mrs Alice Cade as our acting Deputy Principal and on Monday Mrs Kath Luoni will return to the role following the completion of her Teach NZ Study Award for the past 32 weeks. Alice has been outstanding in this role and the experience has certainly ignited an interest for Alice to become a permanently appointed senior leader in the future. The staff and students have greatly appreciated her caring nature and energetic work habits and collectively wish to thank her for the challenges she has accepted and the manner in which she has directed the school during this time.

Tonight the pool committee have organised their major fundraising event of the year, 'The Fireworks Extravaganza', at the Wyndham racecourse. Our pool has been totally upgraded and is now a high quality community facility which needs funds raised at events like this in order to maintain its quality and improve those features that make it even better. Please support this event tonight.

NCEA exams seem to be going well for our senior students and it has been pleasing to see them turn up well organised and serious about the importance of passing external standards. Looking through the current standings of our Year 11 to 13 students, there is plenty at stake for a number of them. Although most of our Year 12 students already have passed level 2 a good number will receive endorsements if they plan carefully and apply themselves in the exams. These grades become important when students line up against others of their age to seek employment or places in tertiary institutions. I was informed today that only one Year 11 student has not passed their numeracy requirements and a small number are still working towards passing their literacy. Staff have worked hard with students to get them this far and I fully appreciate the extra time and energy they put in for the students.

While exams are moving along, so is the time for our Year 7 to 10 students. It is crucial that each day is still considered an important one for learning and that students don't get a mind-set that the term is all but over. There are numerous assessment tasks still to be completed, staff are working on report writing and preparing for the Year 10 Mavora Camp and the Integrated Curriculum days.

On Friday 4 December we will welcome all our new 2016 students to the school on our New Entrants Day. Currently we have the paperwork for 52 students and are awaiting final enrolments from a few more that we are aware of. We certainly look forward to welcoming all these new students and their families.

PB4L

Congratulations to Crisian Ajon, Naam Whan Panto, Luke Goatley, Lina Buhre and Mr Tapper for winning the achievement draw this week. Lina received hers for fantastic work in Science. It is great to see the packets full - they are filling up each week! Remember there is still plenty of time to be in for the big draw.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

Science Department

Science Roadshow

On Thursday 5 November the Science Road Show came to Menzies College. This is run by the Ministry of Education and offers authentic learning experiences to students. The show featured two presentations and an opportunity for students to explore a range of science based activities using the show's interactive stations. During one of the interactive presentations, the students learnt about water and how long it spends in its various forms before it becomes drinking water again. The students also learnt some cool tricks where water can defy common belief and remain upside down inside a beaker held in place by a piece of thin metal gauze as surface tension allows the molecules of water to create a seal that will hold the water in place. In the second show the students looked at the uses of electricity and its power to jump gaps and create lightening. In between these times the students then moved round the 80 interactive exhibits.



Anthony Heaps relaxing on a bed of nails



Josh Olive having fun with lenses



Sarah Andrews and Allynah Paderanga with the Southland District Mayor Gary Tong looking at Baffle Tanks

*Nigel Scarth
Head of Department - Science*

Menzies College PTA

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have already sold the PTA raffle tickets. 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 cards 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 10 December. Thank you for your support. Any inquiries to Lois Heads on (03) 2066057.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The uniform sale will be on Tuesday 15 December from 3.30-5.30pm in the school hall. Clothing may be left at the office with your contact details, price etc. where you will need to complete the appropriate paper work. 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. A date for the sale in January will be confirmed later. Any enquiries to Carlyn Stewart on (03) 2064373.

Important Dates

November	9-3 December	NZQA Examinations
	13	Fireworks Extravaganza
	26	Board of Trustees meeting
December	1-4	Year 10 Camp at Mavora
	4	New Entrants Day
	7-9	Integrated Curriculum
	9	Senior Prizegiving
	10	Junior Prizegiving
		Last day of school
	11	Teacher Only Day
	14	LLP Reward Day
2016 January	25-26	Year 11-13 attend option interviews
	28	Year 12 -13 camp preparation
February	1	Teacher Only Day
	2	All students attend - Powhiri in the hall at 8.50am
	5	G F Walker Awards
	8	Waitangi Day observance - school closed
	9-12	Year 12 & 13 camps

Community Notices

Wyndham Community Pool

The pool is now open and season keys are available from Lee's Dairy and the Menzies College office at \$80 (plus \$10 bond for those without a key).

2016 Southland District Council Holiday Programme

The Southland District Council will be holding their annual holiday programme at Menzies College on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 January 2016. The programme runs from 10:00am - 3:00pm and caters for children from the age of five and above. Children under the age of five can join in the fun too if a parent or caregiver stays with them. There are games, activities, arts and crafts and so much more! They promise to bring their parachute along too! Only \$6.00 per child for a fun filled day of excitement! This year they have introduced an online registration option. Registration forms are still available from your Southland District Council Area Office, the Invercargill i-SITE or register online at www.sdcholidayprogramme.co.nz

Glenham Trainwreck Trail Saturday 16 January 2016

Mountain Bike, Run Or Walk. For more information and to register online visit www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz or on the day from 11am at the Glenham Hall.

Gore Main School Year 6 Camp 2016 Movie Fundraiser

Are you a Star Wars fan eagerly awaiting the release of the latest installment (The Force Awakens) on Thursday, 17 December? We have tickets as a fundraiser for the Year 6 students off to camp next year. The movie starts at 8pm and has a PG rating. Ticket prices are: Adult \$20, Child \$10 this includes free popcorn. Tickets are available from Adele McGarry (adelemcgarry@yahoo.co.nz; 0279178099) and at the Gore Main School office.

Edendale Scouts Annual Book Sale

Do you have unread books cluttering your place that you would love to find a new home for? We can help you! We are holding our annual Book Fair on Crank Up weekend (30-31 January) and are now collecting books for this. These can be dropped off at the Scout Den on Monday and Tuesday nights 7.00-8.30pm, Allister Gaudie's 1 Brydone Street, Edendale or contact Lisa Olive 206 6276 or any other scout member should be able to help. This is fundraising for our next Jamboree in Marlborough.

Wyndham A & P Society Flower Show

Childrens schedules and colouring competition posters are available from the Menzies College office. For further information contact Bev Howe on (03) 2064947.

Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day

The Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day committee will be holding a follow-up meeting on Monday 16 November at 7:30pm in the Wyndham Primary School staff room. We welcome anyone with feedback from this year's Pet Day to come along to the meeting or contact Bathan Muir at bathanmuir@xtra.co.nz.

Wyndham & Districts Community Rest Home

- Does anyone have any spare chicken wire mesh (large and small holes) for use in a craft activity at the Home?
- We are looking for a mannequin for rest home displays
- Is any Duke of Ed student interested in volunteering at the Home during the holidays (painting fingernails, reading to residents etc)?

Please ring the Home on (03) 2064901 if you can help us. Thank you.

Wyndham Floral Art Club

The Wyndham Floral Art Club will host a "Look, Learn, Have a Go" afternoon on Saturday 21 November at 1.30pm at the Edendale Presbyterian Church. Enquiries to Leeanne Buckingham on 027 3742266 or Denise Fodie on 027 7284311.

Chocolate Fish Christmas Carnival

This is on Thursday 10 December from 6pm, entry \$5 per person. Come along and join the fun. Lots of races for the whole family! Every swimmer gets a chocolate fish for being part of the fun. Entry Forms available from the Gore Multisports Complex entrance counter. Simply complete the entry form and return with entry fee to the Gore Multisports Complex customer service team. Entries must be in by Friday 4 December.

Defensive Driving Course - Drivetech Ltd

The last Defensive Driving Courses for the year will be on 18, 25 November and 2, 9 December. Courses start at 5pm and are held at the SIT rooms in Gore. Contact free phone: 0508 2 (DRIVE) 37483.

WildThings Southland- Name it Labels - www.nameit.co.nz

Don't lose another item ever again! Great for school, camp, sports gear, lunch boxes etc. WildThings Southland Fundraising Committee would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Please enter the unique code at check out 'WILDTHINGS' and you save 5%.

Board of Trustees Report

At our Board meeting in October we were shown the results of a staff wellness survey. This was based around questions previously provided by NZCER and altered slightly to fit our school. Twenty-five staff gave us their feedback in an anonymous online survey. There is a large amount of data to be looked through and this will be discussed at our next meeting. We would like to thank the staff who participated.

We also looked at the results of a Health Consultation Mark Kerslake organised and presented to parents at the Options Night. A positive community response was noted. Thanks must go to Mark for presenting this well and also for the time he put in to organising and then collating the data for the Board.

We also looked into the draft budget for next year and have organised a date for reviewing and renewing the school Charter. The Charter is a document where amongst other things, we can specify what goals the school can work towards, whether these be one year, two, or three year plans. We also note how and when we can achieve these, along with what it will look like when they are achieved. It can be a time consuming process receiving feedback from staff and Heads of Department to set realistic and challenging goals which will benefit the students at Menzies College. After this document is drafted it is then sent to the Ministry for fine-tuning and acceptance. Thank you to the staff and Gerry for the behind-the-scenes work that goes in to this.

Other aspects :

- The school roll is constantly increasing with a strong influx of new students for 2016.
- School finances are healthy.
- NCEA credits are being achieved, with some hard work paying off for deserving students. Well done.
- The new school uniform seems to be a much talked about subject, with mufti Fridays for Year 13's being well received.
- The date for the school ball was altered after discussions about dates clashing with rugby and netball matches.
- Several school camps were approved. Thanks for the preparation of the paperwork and undertaking of memorable camps for our students.
- We welcomed Samuel Moncur as our new student representative on the Board of Trustees.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to our students, past and present, who received the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary awards. A special thank you to Toni Halliday and her support staff for the ongoing commitment involved in enabling James and Hannah to achieve this award.

If anyone has any queries about being on the Board of Trustees, what being on the Board involves, or any other questions please contact one of the current members via the Menzies School office. We encourage your involvement.

Megan Lindsay

J R McKenzie Youth Education Trust - Financial Assistance

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, 4 December**.

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An easy way to support our school is to buy your stationery from **Warehouse Stationery or Paper Plus, Gore**. Our school earns **cashback** based on its purchases, plus the purchases from our students and parents. When making your purchase, please nominate Menzies College at the checkout. The more people who nominate us, the more cashback we will earn.



Library News

We want you reading over the summer break! Reading packs will be given out and students need to keep a log. At the end of the programme, bring us your logs and win prizes! Express your interest through our Facebook page, talk to us in the library, send an email ebarnett@menzies.school.nz or message us on Facebook.

The letter for parents/caregivers and the personality profile can be downloaded from the Menzies College website and is also on our Facebook page. Entry forms need to be in to Mrs Barnett by the end of next week.

Mrs Eileen Barnett
Librarian

Menzies College MLT Summer Socca

Reminder - MLT Summer Socca Adults League to have extra night!

On Wednesday 25 November there will be an extra night so we can fit all the league games in. We can then have the grand-final and play-off games on Monday 30 November. The draw for the rest of the games will be available on Monday 9 November for teams and will be posted on line on the Facebook page 'Menzies College Soccer'.

Draw - Monday 16 November

Kids League: Round 7

Edendale Bulldogs vs Edendale Magpies 4pm, Crusaders vs Classified 4pm, Wyndham vs DILLIGAF 4.30pm, Gladiators vs Galanetis Dinosaurs 4.30pm

Adults League: Round 5 & 6 - 16 November (5pm start)

(Division Two) NOTE EARLY START 5PM

Expendables vs The Offcuts 5pm, The Monster Minions vs ILumaniti 5pm, ILumaniti vs Avengers 5.30pm, The Offcuts vs The Monster Minions 5.30pm

(Division One)

LOL vs Completely Stuffed 6pm, The Wolf Pack vs SRB 6pm, Over the Hill vs Level One Barbarians, 6.30pm, The Wolf Pack vs Completely Stuffed 6.30pm

Level One Barbarians vs SRB 7pm, LOL vs Over the Hill 7pm

Results - Monday 9 November

Kids League

Round 6: DILLIGAF 3 – 2 Gladiators, Wyndham 0 – 1 Galanetis Dinosaurs, Edendale Bulldogs 3 – 1 Crusaders, Edendale Magpies 2 – 2 Classified.

Adults League

Division Two

Expendables 3 – 0 The Monster Minions, The Offcuts 1 – 1 ILumaniti, Avengers 4 – 0 The Monster Minions, ILumaniti 4 – 0 Expendables, The Offcuts 0 – 0 Avengers.

Division One

Level One Barbarians 0 – 3 Completely Stuffed, LOL 3 – 0 The Wolf Pack, Over the Hill 0 – 4 SRB, Completely Stuffed 0 – 2 SRB, The Wolf Pack 0 – 0 Over the Hill 7pm

LOL 3 – 0 Level One Barbarians

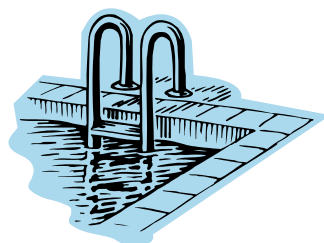
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Keep up to date with our Facebook Page. Put 'MENZIES COLLEGE SOCCER' in to search engine and it will come up! If you need any more information please contact me here at Menzies College - Carl Lambert (03) 2064979, clambert@menzies.school.nz

Important up coming dates

16 November	MLT Summer Socca adults & kids leagues
23 November	MLT Summer Socca adults & kids leagues
25 November	MLT Summer Socca adults league (Wednesday)
30 November	MLT Summer Socca adults & kids leagues - grand-finals

*Carl Lambert
Organiser*



Fireworks Extravaganza - Wyndham Racecourse
Friday 13 November, cancellation Saturday 14 November
Gates Open 7pm
Entertainment starts at 7.30pm
\$5 per person entry; Preschoolers Free
Entertainment including Jenny Mitchell & Steph Goatley
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