



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**3 March 2017**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

School is well and truly underway and this term has moved very quickly as we end week five. On the whole I am pleased with the way students have settled in to school this year and the positive atmosphere which is evident.

One of our key challenges this year is to change the way we report to all parents/caregivers about their child's learning. This is a shared process we refer to as 'Conferencing' and the first meeting is next Wednesday 8 March from 2.00pm until 7.40pm. There is an expectation that every student and a parent/caregiver is present for this important meeting as the whanau teacher and student discuss their schooling and set learning goals around where they need to focus. All students received a hand out yesterday about the process and how to make online bookings. There is further information inside this newsletter that may assist with the booking process. Staff are looking forward to these meetings and we hope they can be more productive in sharing our understandings and gathering student and parent voice for improved learning results.

Yesterday's assembly focused on students 'Managing Self', one of the five key competencies in the NZ Curriculum. Hopefully, students now understand that this is more than just keeping to their timetable or wearing uniform well and instead, address the deeper issues like managing their health and emotions, busy schedules, failure and relationships to name just a few components. We want to keep this competency along with 'Relating to Others' on top this year and we can be supported at home if parents/caregivers also refer to this and check how their child is coping with meaningful discussions from time to time. Studies have shown that those who manage themselves well also have greater success in most things they take on.

### PB4L

Congratulations to Caleb Gibbs, Bree Bastiaansen, Conor Dooley, Sidney Poole and Mrs Leggett for winning the achievement draw this week. Caleb received his for handing in lost property and Conor and Sidney for being well organised. There are lots of achievement slips already in - make sure you keep them coming! Well done, your canteen vouchers can be picked up from the office.

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

***TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates***

## Urgent Attention: Whanau Conferences

The first Whanau conference about student learning happens next week on Wednesday 8 March from 2pm-4.40pm and 6pm -7.40pm. All students are expected to attend with a caregiver. The conferences are 20 minutes long and involve a discussion about the learner as a whole, information will be shared from subject teachers and student reflection, as well as data on attendance, Managing Self and Relating to Others. There will be an opportunity to discuss student learning as a whole and set goals that the Whanau Teacher will help the student monitor as the year progresses. This is a change from traditional subject reporting aimed at lifting all students learning, don't miss out. If there is a need to meet with a particular teacher this can be discussed at the Whanau teacher conference.

Information on how to access student grades for 'Managing Self' and 'Relating to Others' on the Parent portal are below. 'Managing Self' and 'Relating to Others' are two of the Key Competencies from the New Zealand Curriculum that we are focusing on developing in depth. They have been identified as some of the 'soft skills' necessary for success in life. Information on how to book the conference interview is also attached.

### MENZIES COLLEGE MUSAC EDGE PARENT PORTAL

How to log in to the parent portal:

1. Go to the login page: [parent.musac.school.nz](http://parent.musac.school.nz)



2. Your login is the email address that Menzies College has on file. If you do not remember which it is then please contact Menzies College office to check. If you have not given Menzies College your email you will not be able to log in.
3. First time login you need to click on 'forgot password'. You will be emailed a temporary password.
4. Put your temporary password in. You will then be asked to change the password to something permanent.  
NOTE: Two caregivers cannot have the same email address. You either only use one email (linked to one caregiver) or you need two separate email addresses.

### MENZIES COLLEGE STUDENT CONFERENCE DETAILS

**To book the conference:**

1. Go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
2. Use the code myzja – all lower case
3. Fill in caregiver and student details
4. Select your child's Whanau (eg. AVW)
5. Select Teacher (eg. Pete Wilkinson) – students have been told which Whanau teacher they are meeting with.
6. Select a time to meet (conference times are a maximum of 20 minutes in length)
7. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office and they will book you in for a time.

### Technology Issues getting onto the Parent Portal

We are aware that there have been some issues getting on the parent portal. If this is the case for you please ring the school and check that you are using the same email address that the school has loaded for you. If you continue to have problems ignore logging on to the portal, (we will sort this at the conference), go straight to booking your conference time. If you are able to get onto the portal you may notice that attendance data is not accurate for some students. This is because we are now operating a new student management system that causes problems when students change classes or don't appear on rolls because their courses are online. We are working on correcting this error. Thank you for your patience.

*Mrs Kath Luoni  
Deputy Principal*

## Mathematics Department

A reminder that students are required to have the following calculators as part of their equipment for each period:

**Year 10, 101 and 102 Maths** – Scientific Calculator (this is a minimum requirement – students who are likely to continue with Maths to Year 12 or beyond are encouraged to purchase a Graphics Calculator)

**Year 12 and 13** – Graphics calculator

Both these calculators are available at the school office at competitive prices but are running out fast. Scientific calculators are \$20, Graphics calculators are \$100.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Brendon Wallace by e-mail [brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz](mailto:brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz)

## Student Profiles

**Name:** Joseph Ferguson

**Position Held:** Head Boy

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** Calculus, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Math199

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 1 & 2 with Excellence Endorsements

**Sports:** Rugby, Cricket

**Interests/Hobbies:** Sports, tramping, fishing

**Ambitions:** Engineering and Dairy Farming

**Best About Menzies:** Close relationships between students of different levels and Teachers that want the best for you



**Name:** Ally Gutsell

**Position Held:** Head Girl

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** English, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Physical Education

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 1 & 2 with Excellence Endorsements

**Sports:** Little bit of this, little bit of that

**Interests/Hobbies:** Napping and being at the beach

**Ambitions:** Study physiotherapy at Otago and travel the world

**Best About Menzies:** All the great opportunities



**Name:** Campbell Heads

**Position Held:** Totara House Leader

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** Chemistry, Digital Media, Digital Technology, Statistics, Outdoor Leadership

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 1 with Merit Endorsement

**Sports:** Rugby, soccer, tennis, netball, volleyball

**Interests/Hobbies:** Coding, gaming, playing sports, being outdoors

**Currently Reading:** 'Burning Angels' by Bear Grylls

**Ambitions:** Computer Scientist

**Best About Menzies:** Everyone knows everyone



**Name:** Kelsi McLellan

**Position Held:** Matai House Leader

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** English, History, Geography, Physical Education, Statistics

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 1 & 2 with Excellence Endorsements

**Sports:** Netball

**Interests/Hobbies:** Cricket, rugby, league and hanging out with friends

**Currently Reading:** 'Declared' by Brendon McCallum

**Ambitions:** To achieve Level 3 with Excellence and UE and attend University next year

**Best About Menzies:** The small community based school culture that offers amazing opportunities (school camps and productions)



**Name:** Summer Smith

**Position Held:** Rata House Leader

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** English, Statistics, Chemistry, Biology, Physical Education

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 1 & 2 with Excellence Endorsements

**Sports:** First XI girls soccer

**Interests/Hobbies:** Mountain biking, running, soccer

**Currently Reading:** 'Me Before You' by Jojo Moyes

**Ambitions:** To get UE and attend University next year

**Best About Menzies:** The close relationships between students and staff



**Name:** Hannah Wallis

**Position Held:** Rimu House Leader

**Year:** 12

**Subjects Studying:** Outdoor Leadership, Technology Food, Chemistry, Biology, Physical Education, Art

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 1 with Excellence Endorsement, Merit Endorsement in Technology Foods, Biology, Geography and Art

**Sports:** Netball

**Interests/Hobbies:** Cake decorating, cooking

**Currently Reading:** 'The Fault in Our Stars' by John Green

**Ambitions:** Bachelor of Culinary Arts at Otago Polytechnic and one year Secondary Schools Diploma

**Best About Menzies:** The teachers and the friendly environment



## Board of Trustees Report

The Board held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23 February (we transferred to the new music room to have a look. Wow!). Mrs Carole Bee was returned as chairperson and Mr Allister Gauldie was elected vice-chairperson un-opposed. Mrs Bianca Gibbs and Allister were elected to the position of financial officers to take responsibility for reporting on this to The Board. A number of other committees were formed to deal with discipline, property and appointments.

This meeting was followed by a general meeting at which Mr Carl Lambert spoke to The Board about the National Standards data that is collected by our contributing schools and the Year 7 and 8 teachers and the work the Lower Maitua Valley Community of Learning (CoL) are doing with the information this data shows. He spoke about the changes that have been made in the Year 7 and 8 teaching programme delivery in order to address some of the challenges that the data was highlighting. Carl also emphasised the enormously collaborative work being done now in ensuring that all our CoL schools are assessing at the same time and being consistent across all schools with their judgment.

Other matters dealt with included:

- We began our work on drafting a treaty of Waitangi policy. The intent of this document is to formalise our acknowledgement of The Treaty of Waitangi as the founding document of our nation and to give rigour to our support of our Māori students and their whanau to create a school environment and culture that supports Māori students to achieve as Māori, and allows non- Māori to engage with, and develop an understanding of tikanga Māori (Māori customs).
- The tabling of the draft School Charter for submission to the Ministry of Education. An excellent document that will drive the school forwards.
- The Music Suite is almost complete, with just a few finishing touches to be completed. It is a wonderful facility and with the new and bright environment I am sure the students will love their time in music.
- The board indicated its intention to sign a memorandum of understanding with a local dairy farm to allow students to carry out practical work and gain unit standards relating to Agriculture.
- We of course started the year with a number of Outdoor Education proposals and we are very thankful to the staff and parents/caregivers that continue to support these events to allow our students these experiences.
- We also received and regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr Ben Tapper from the science department as he makes the move further north with his family following his wife's career move. We thank him for his dedication and wish them well in their new community.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome the families and whanau that have students at Menzies College for the first time and encourage you to introduce yourself to any of The Board members as the opportunity arises. We are after all, your representatives and we would love to meet you and hear your views on how we are doing.

Your Board of Trustees parent representatives are: Mrs Carole Bee, Mr Allister Gauldie, Mrs Bex Brown, Mrs Nardine Rhind, Ms Jo Brand and Mr Josh Bucknell.

The next scheduled meeting will be 30 March at 7pm in the fabrics room.

*Mrs Carole Bee  
Chairperson*

## 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/caregivers and students of Year 12 and 13 to view on Monday 13 March at Menzies College at 6.30pm in the Library. Students in Year 9 and above will view this performance on Tuesday and Wednesday. We encourage all parents/caregivers to be involved with the sexuality education of their children. There is no other education tool at present that will provide you with an excellent starting point for your discussions with your sons/daughters that 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. '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 ring me at school on (03) 206 4979 or to research this exciting opportunity further, go to [www.theta.org.nz](http://www.theta.org.nz)

*Mark Kerslake  
Head of Department - Physical Education & Health*

## HPV Immunisation

A reminder to all Year 8 students they need to return the consent forms for the HPV Immunisations urgently. **Even if you do not wish your child to have this vaccination, the form needs to be completed in the appropriate space and returned to school.**

The date for the first vaccination is Tuesday 21 March. For more information visit:

- [www.health.govt.nz/hpv](http://www.health.govt.nz/hpv)
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at WellSouth (03)214 6436 or 0800 800 249

## **'Shave for a Cure'**

Michael Moncur will be shaving his hair to raise money for 'Shave for a Cure'. This raises awareness of Leukaemia and Blood Cancer and each year thousands of Kiwis are sponsored to shave their heads in support of people living with blood cancer. This will be taking place in the Menzies College Hall on Friday 24 March at 2pm. Students and the community are welcome to come to this event and support Michael. There will also be a school social on Thursday 16 March and an orange mufti day on Friday 24 March with a gold coin donation to help Michael on his endeavor to support 'Shave for a cure'.

Donations can be made on the 'Shave for a Cure' website - [www.shaveforacure.co.nz](http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz) Search Michael Moncur and donate directly from this site.



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## **Menzies College Rugby**

A huge thank you to all the Menzies rugby players, their families and friends who helped at the Raglan Street field working bee last Friday. There were a huge amount of stones collected on such a great day! Thank you again. We did not get finished so we are going to do it again on Friday 11 March from 3.30pm.

### **2017 Coaches & Managers**

Year 7 & 8: Mark Bryson, Matthew Richards & Shaun Davers. Manager: Maria Davers

U14: James North & Clarke Rhind (Noddy). Manager: Nardine Rhind

U16: Nathan Dudley & Casey McEwan. Manager: (Still to be confirmed)

U15 Tournament Team: Nicky Herbert & Aaron Davidson. Manager: Katrina Read

### **Rugby Registrations – Notice for Parents and Players**

All previous players/parents have been sent an email to re-register with Menzies Rugby via the Sporty Website for the 2017 season. Please complete this email request if you wish to play rugby this year. If you have not received an email please go to the link below and register through this process.

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/menzies/Rugby-Registrations/Online-Registration-Form-1>

All players must register with their parents as they require parental consent. Reminder: If you are not registered to play rugby you cannot take the field! If you do not have access to a computer please discuss this with your coaches/managers to assist you. Please try to get your registrations completed by the 31st March 2017.

### **Rugby Training**

#### **All players eligible to play U15 Rugby**

On the 27 March, St Edmunds College are visiting Menzies and will be playing against a made up U15 Rugby Team. Any rugby player keen to play for Menzies Rugby for the 2017 season who are aged 13 and 14 years (born 2002-2003) is eligible to play. The first training is on Wednesday 8 March 3.30pm on the Primary school field.

### **Visiting School: St Edmunds College: Host families required to billet players**

On 27 March, St Edmunds College are visiting Menzies and will be playing against a made up U15 Rugby Team. They will be arriving at approximately 3pm and will be playing rugby at 3.45pm. We are seeking families to host these boys for the night of 27 March 2017. You will only need to supply dinner and breakfast... oh and a bed for the night. If you can help please contact Katrina Read via 021464932 or email [cody.katrina@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:cody.katrina@vodafone.co.nz)

### **Ordering of Rugby Gear**

If you require rugby gear such as red rugby shorts, socks and ties please collect a form from your team manager or the Menzies school office. Please return completed forms and payment to the school office in a named envelope tagged for 'Menzies Rugby' by 10 March.

To pay for gear these are the following options:

Cash in a named envelope, handed into the school office, tagged for 'Rugby' or give to Lois Heads

Cheque made out to Menzies Rugby (NOT Menzies College) handed into the school office, tagged for 'Rugby' or give to Lois Heads

Internet banking: Menzies Rugby account 03 0962 0066078 000. Please put players name and Gear as reference/details.

### **Rugby Subs**

Subs for 2017 have been confirmed. The fee is \$50 per player except for the 1st XV players whose sub is \$150. We would appreciate it if these subs could be paid by 1 April 2017.

To pay subs there are the following options:

Cash in a named envelope, handed into the school office, tagged for Rugby or give to Lois Heads

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Internet banking: Menzies Rugby account 03 0962 0066078 000. Please put players name and 'Sub' as reference/details.

## Important Dates

<b>March</b>	10	Southland Athletics
	11-12	Paddles Up
	14-15	Sexwise Presentations
	14	First Aid - Gateway & Year 12
	21	Otago Polytechnic visit - 2pm
	22	ARA Insitute of Canterbury visit - 2pm
	23	IPU New Zealand Tertiary Institute visit -1.20pm
	24-25	Otago/Southland Athletics
	27-31	Green Week
<b>April</b>	29	Otago University visit - 1pm
	1-2	South Island Athletics
	3-6	Adventure Experience Wanaka Camp (Year 12 & 13)
	8	Southland Primary Athletics (Year 7 & 8)
	13	Last day of Term 1 (day before Good Friday)
<b>May</b>	1	First day back Term 2

## Sports Department

### Athletics Champions 2017

Congratulations to the following students:

#### Girls

U12 Sophie Ferguson  
U13 Brianna Ferguson  
U14 Rhylee McGregor  
U15 Marina Ferguson  
U16 Tyla Adams  
O16 Summer Smith

#### Boys

U12 Max Bryson  
U13 Dylan Adams  
U14 Ezekiel Johnston-Brown  
U15 Kyle Gardyne  
U16 Caeden McGregor  
O16 Jordan Medley



After checking through the track results, a record in the 200m was broken as well on athletics day. Congratulations to Caeden McGregor (pictured) who took the Under 16 boys 200m record in his heat. Caeden ran 24.38 seconds. The previous record was held by Delwyn Friend with a time of 24.80 seconds and has been held since 1993.



### Triathlon

Last Friday four junior boys teams competed in the Southland Schools Triathlon Championships held at Central Southland College. We had three Under 14 teams and one Year 8 team and they all competed with determination. There were loads of entries from all over Southland. The Year 8 team (Peyton Dickson, Logan Andrews, and Dylan Adams) fought hard to take third place in the boys team section each receiving a medal for their achievement.

Congratulations to all 12 boys who went to Winton to represent Menzies College and thank you to the parents who supported us.

### Volleyball

Volleyball started this week and as usual, we travelled in to Stadium Southland for our round of games. The junior team had a strong win to start the year, very convincingly beating a James Hargest College team. Player of the day for that game was Garoth Van Der Straaten. The team played very well and worked together for the win. The next game of the draw was Menzies Junior vs Menzies Senior. We treated this as a training session and it was great to see all the students helping each other and having some long rallies. The final game of the evening saw the Senior team play a James Hargest College team. This game was a bit of a nail-biter, as each of the first two sets went to the wire. JHC won the first set 25-23, Menzies Senior won the second set 25-23 and in the third JHC pulled away to win 15-7. The Senior team played with real grit and fought hard but were eventually beaten by a good JHC team. A huge thanks you to Lawrence who drove the van this week.

We have strong numbers this year and are fielding very competitive teams. With a small number of new players, we would be able to enter another team. We would love to expand the sport and show more people how awesome Volleyball is. Any interested students can see Mr Wallace or Mrs Keil or simply come along to one of our meetings – just keep an eye on the daily notices.

*Mrs Katie Keil  
Sports co-ordinator*

## Menzies College Soccer

### Soccer Registrations 2017

Thank you to all the students who have put their names down to play football this season. At the moment we have:

Girls - 39 players (we could have three teams at our tournament)

Boys - 24 players (a couple more and we could have two teams)

Can we please have all EOTC forms back by next Friday 10 March so we can start sorting teams and practices.

### Three Rivers Girls Soccer Tournament Dates for 2017

These have been set for Sunday 20 August and Monday 21 August, with postponement dates of the 27 and 28 August. This year with the number of girls, we could field three teams at the tournament

### Recognition for Selection in Football South National League teams

Katelyn McEwan and Rhylee McGregor received recognition for their selection in the 14th Grade Girls team in 2016. They were presented with medals and badges by Mr Ward in assembly this week.

(L to R: Katelyn McEwan & Rhylee McGregor)



### Girls Soccer Training - First practise on Thursday

This will happen next Thursday 9 March - 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 15 March - 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 23 March - 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 29 March - 3.30pm to 5.00pm

More dates will follow.

In Term 2 the training will take place every Tuesday and games will be on Wednesdays starting on 10 May.

### Upcoming Dates 2017

Thursday 9 March - Girls first training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Friday 10 March - EOTC permission forms are due back

Wednesday 15 March - Girls Training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Carl Lambert  
Organiser

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## Community Notices

### Community Oral Health Service

#### Children (from birth to the end of Year 8)

Children (who meet the eligibility criteria for publicly funded health and disability services) are entitled to FREE basic dental care, from birth until they begin high school. Free basic dental care is available at Community Oral Health fixed clinics and mobile dental units throughout the Southern District. The Service is run by appointment only. We would like parents/guardians to attend all appointments with their child as Dental Therapists provide parents with valuable advice to support their children's good oral health. If your child is already enrolled with the Service we will contact you to make an appointment. If your child is not enrolled, you are unsure or new to the area, please call: Otago 0800 672 543 - free from cell phones, Southland 0800 570 300 - free from cell phones. For more information visit: <http://www.southerndhb.govt.nz/pages/community-oral-health-service/>  
Find us on Facebook Talkteeth - Southern

### Adolescent Oral Health Service

#### Adolescents (from Year 9 until their 18th birthday)

Adolescents (who meet the eligibility criteria for publicly funded health and disability services) are entitled to FREE basic dental care, from Year 9 until their 18th birthday - regardless of whether at school or in employment. Free basic dental care is available by enrolling with a dentist/adolescent provider (the transfer to the adolescent service is usually arranged at the child's final dental visit in school year 8). The dentist/adolescent provider you choose will contact you directly to make an appointment. If you have any questions please call: 0800 825 583 - option 2. For more information visit: <http://www.southerndhb.govt.nz/pages/adolescent-oral-health-service/> Find us on Facebook Talkteeth - Southern

### Tweens and Teens Toolbox held in Gore 7 March from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### What you will learn?

In six sessions over six weeks, the Tweens and Teens Toolbox is designed to give you tools to equip your teenager with a strong sense of self, as well as responsibility and resourcefulness. We will help you in your journey of letting go and handing over some of the controls as your young person learns to fly solo. Topics covered include: Atmosphere, Boundaries, Communication, Discipline, Self-esteem, Future focus. Thanks to our recent government contract we can offer Toolbox to all grandparents raising grandchildren, foster carers, whānau caregivers, home for life parents and adopters free. Please ring or email the contact above to make a booking. Cost and payment - Individuals \$75, couple \$110. Please note that subsidies are available. The course will end on 11/04/17. For more information, please phone Katrina Ritani 027 8417763 or email [southland@parentingplace.nz](mailto:southland@parentingplace.nz)

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