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# 10 March 2017

# From the Principal's Desk

#### Kia Ora

Many thanks to the families and students that attended Wednesday's 'whanau conferencing', we were very pleased with the turnout. This was an attempt to move our reporting system into a two way system with the student's learning, rather than the subject, at the heart of the conversation.

We have not previously held formal interviews on this scale in term one and the general feedback has been very positive. We are aware that we can fine-tune things further and that some information around specific subjects may still be required by parents/caregivers. Like other years, we will still have our formal reporting at the end of Term 2 that indicates academic progress in subjects. Our focus has shifted to the competencies of 'Relating to Others and Managing Self' with the whanau teachers taking a lead role in knowing how students are coping with this and the impact they have on their learning. Subject teachers and students also communicate continuously through their learning logs and the more honest a student can be in this process the greater the support that can be applied. We also encourage more conversations at home between students and their parents/caregivers and if issues want to be discussed please contact the whanau teacher or dean.

On Monday evening our Year 13 students will have a pizza supper at 6.00pm before a presentation from the Sexwise theatre group who come annually to the school. Any parent/caregiver is welcome to attend this in the library and it provides a pretty good coverage of those 'gnarly' issues that need to be discussed. On Tuesday or Wednesday our Year 9 to 12 students will have a presentation followed by a workshop with this group.

We also have Mike King speaking to the Year 11 and 13 students, 'Its cool to Koreo', on Tuesday afternoon at 2.15pm and this is also open to any parents/caregivers interested in hearing Mike.

Today we had 51 Year 9 to 13 students compete in the Southland Secondary School Athletics Championships at Surrey Park. At the time of writing we don't know any results but this number continues to show the impact sport has at our school. During the week participation data was released showing secondary school student engagement in sport. The table below shows Menzies College compared to the National and Southland average. We more than do our bit.

	Total	Male	Female
Menzies	87%	89%	84%
National	54%	57%	51%
Southland	59%	62%	58%

#### **Teacher Only Day**

The school will be closed on Monday 27 March for a Teacher Only Day. The St Edmunds rugby team from Queensland are visiting and will have a game of rugby against the U15 Menzies team at 3.45pm that day. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Gerry Ward Principal

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#### PB4L

This week's draw was the seniors and congratulations go to Kobie Todd, William Dickey, George Shead and Mrs Luoni for winning the achievement draw. George and Kobie both received theirs for Striving for Excellence by staying in to complete work before it was due. Make sure you keep these achievement slips coming in! Well done, your canteen vouchers can be picked up from the office.

# **Paddles Up**

All the best to the Paddles Up team who head to Lake Mavora to compete in this competition over the weekend. We look forward to hearing about their success when they return.

#### **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

#### Mike King Presentation - 'It is cool to Korero'

In his follow-up from last year's presentation, Mike King is returning to present to the Year 11 and 13 students at 2.30pm on Tuesday 14 March in the school hall. This presentation is open to parents/caregivers and we encourage everyone who would like to know more about mental health to attend.

Mark Kerslake Head of Department - Physical Education & Health

#### Accessing the Parent Portal

Detailed instructions on accessing the Parent Portal to view attendance data and assessment information are available on the school website.

#### **Important Dates**

March	11-12	Paddles Up
	14-15	Sexwise Presentations
	14	First Aid - Gateway & Year 12
		Mike King Presentation - 'It's Cool to Korero'
	16	School Social - 'Shave for a Cure'
	21	Otago Polytechnic visit - 2pm
	22	ARA Insitute of Canterbury visit - 2pm
	22	School Photos
	23	IPU New Zealand Tertiary Institute visit -1.20pm
	24-25	Otago/Southland Athletics
	24	Mufti Day - 'Shave for a Cure'
	27-31	Green Week
	27	Teacher Only Day
	27	St Edmunds v Menzies U15 rugby game 3.45pm
	29	Otago University visit - 1pm
	30	Board of Trustees meeting
April	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)
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# **Careers Department**

#### **Defence Careers Experience (DCE)**

This year Southern Recruiting will be offering a Defence Careers Experience specifically for young women interested in a career in the New Zealand Defence Force. Details for this event are yet to be confirmed, however it is likely to occur mid-year and be conducted at Woodbourne Air Force Base in Blenheim. The DCE will be a great opportunity to gain an insight into life within the services, gain valuable teamwork and leadership skills, learn about career opportunities, and interact with other women currently serving in the Defence Force.

We are also intending to conduct a second DCE later in the year which will be offered to Year 11-13 students. This will most likely occur in September and be conducted at Burnham Military Camp in Christchurch. Further details and information regarding the application process for both DCE's will be released once we have confirmed these events. Those students who may be interested in attending a DCE should 'like' our Christchurch Defence Careers Facebook page in order to receive updates, information and the link to the online application form. If you would like further information about these two opportunities please see Mr Clark in the careers office.

#### **STAR Courses**

In conjunction with the Government, secondary schools, polytechnics and other training providers are helping young people identify their vocational pathway by offering STAR courses which allow students to study programmes not available through their secondary school. This offers an opportunity for students to have a clear pathway into tertiary programmes or to achieve vocational credits alongside their school qualifications.

#### What is STAR?

A Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource (STAR) course introduces secondary school students to training for a specific career or study at tertiary level. STAR courses are short and are only available through polytechnics and private training organisations. Students participate in short-term programmes or 'taster courses' for a few days at a time, or one day per week for several weeks.

#### The following STAR courses are available at the Southern Institute of Technology (SIT)

Fashion Level 3 starting 5th May and 28th July

Film Making Level 3 and 2 starting 27th March and 24th July

Carpentry level 2 starting March and July (dates to be confirmed)

Electrical and Electronic Principles Level 2 (dates to be confirmed)

Engineering Welding Level 2 starting March and July (dates to be confirmed)

Introduction to Nursing Level 2 and 3 starting 24th July

Nanny (Childcare) Level 2 starting 24th July

Audio Production Level 2 starting 5th May and 28th July

Barista Level 2 (dates to be confirmed)

Hospitality Level 2 starting 20th March and 31st July

Music Level 2 starting 10th March and 16th June

Floristry Level 2 (dates to be confirmed)

#### The following STAR courses are available at the New Zealand Institute of Sport (NZIS)

Sports, Fitness and Recreation Level 2 (20 credits) first week of each term holiday break

Sports Coaching and Officiating Level 3 (20 credits) second week of each term holiday break

There will be a selection of STAR courses available through Tatatahi Agriculture in Schools, these will be advertised as they come in. There are other providers and these together with the above will be advertised during the year. If you see a course that you might be interested in please call into the careers office and see either Mrs Williams or Mr Clark.

#### **Important Dates**

First Aid, Gateway and Year 12 – 14/03/2017 (all day)

Otago Polytechnic liaison visit – 21/03/2017 (2pm)

Ara Institute of Canterbury liaison visit – 22/03/2017 (2pm)

University of Otago liaison visit – 29/03/2017 (1pm)

University of Auckland liaison visit – 05/05/2017 (8:50am)

Otago Tertiary Open Day Dunedin – 08/05/2017 (all day)

Ara Institute of Canterbury Open Day – 15/06/2017

IPU New Zealand Tertiary Institute liaison visit 23/03/2017 (1:20pm)

Stuart Clark & Barbara Williams Career Advisors/Transition Department

# **Scholarships**

#### Edendale R.S.A.

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. Full details and application forms are available from the school office. **Applications close on Friday, 17 March, 2017.** 

### **English Department**

#### 'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream' - C S Lewis

Programmes of learning are now well underway in the English Department. Learning Logs are being completed and goals have been set.

It's wonderful to see the engagement and enjoyment both the students and teachers are experiencing in each classroom. This year, the Year 9 and 10 classes are working thematically. The Year 9 classes have started looking at 'Facing Challenges' (9LM) and 'Deception' (9SK), whilst 10AP will use the theme of 'Home' to underpin their studies and 10MK are using 'Family' as their chosen theme. Pictured below are members of 9SK who have been enthralled by the deception and deceit present in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. It would seem that we have some budding actors in our midst!

Each student in Year 9 and 10 have also been asked to purchase an Action English homework book which costs \$15. These will be used each week and tasks will be set which will either consolidate classroom learning or revise key skills at each curriculum level. There are a variety of homework books available, each revising key components of the New Zealand Curriculum. Classroom teachers have chosen a homework book which will reflect the skills/ability of each student in their classes. Therefore, it is entirely likely that there will be a variety of homework books being used. We are suggesting that the cost of this homework book be added to school accounts and each student has been given a permission letter for this. Please return permission slips to school by Wednesday 16 March.

Often as English teachers we are asked: What is effective writing?

That's a really difficult question to answer; here are some ideas on this topic.

- Effective writing achieves the writer's goal. Goals are sometimes set by the student sometimes by the teacher/employer. It's important that we understand our'end goal' before we begin writing.
- Effective writing is appropriate for the intended audience and context. For example, a persuasive text written for a newsletter such as this will likely look different to one produced for an online forum/blog. It's important that students understand the audience for their writing and write accordingly. This could mean that their writing might have a more casual tone and use words we wouldn't necessarily associate with 'English' assessment. However, it could still be suitable to the task.
- Effective writing presents ideas which clearly communicate the writer's intended meaning. In order to communicate clearly with our audience, planning is essential. We need to think about the order in which we express our ideas and the manner in which we present them. Students in Year 9 and 10 will use the acronym TEXA to organise their writing. In the Senior classes, this will extend to TEXAS. This will give students a scaffold to follow when organising their ideas. And perhaps most importantly,
- Effective writing elicits the intended response from the reader. For example, a persuasive text compels the reader to take action or change their thinking.

If you have any questions regarding your son/daughter's progress in English, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: lucy.mckelvie@menzies.school.nz



L to R: Floyd Kerr, Lachlan Stewart & Sebastian Wood

#### '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 Search Michael Moncur and donate directly from this site.



Mrs Lucy McKelvie

Acting Head of Department - English

### **Social Science Department**

#### **Year 11 Economics**

Last Thursday the Year 11 Economics class visited an organic cheese and yogurt factory called Retro Organics, in order to complete our standard (AS90988). The manager Lois Greer gave us an explanation about what Retro Organics is and then our class had the opportunity to ask them economic questions concerning how Retro Organics is interdependent with other firms in the NZ economy. We found that the business is part of all three primary, secondary and tertiary sectors as they produce, manufacture and



sell their goods all from the same property. Now that our class has ascertained the information we can finish our internal. It was very interesting. Did you know that Retro Organics exports to Singapore? Special thanks to Lois Greer, Mr Joyce and parents/caregivers for their involvement.

Luke Goatley



#### **Year 10 Business Studies**

Dear Mr Murray Heath

Last Wednesday you were kind enough to come and talk to the Year 10 Business Studies class about managing our money. We all learnt valuable life lessons that we will be able to use in the future. We all thoroughly enjoyed your presentation and would like to thank you for taking time out of your day to come and visit our class.

Yours sincerely

The Year 10 Business Studies class

# **Menzies College Soccer**

#### Sponsorship secured for Boys 1st XI Soccer team for 2017

Kelly Irwin from First National Real Estate has again signed on to sponsor our successful Boys 1st XI for 2017. Kelly has been the boys' 1st XI supporter for the last couple of years - a big thank you! The boys team will play in the Division 2 competition in 2017 and attend the Southern Cross Cup boys soccer tournament later in the year.

#### **Coaches Appointed for Menzies College Soccer Teams**

Coaches have been appointed for some of our teams for the 2017 season.

Boys 1st XI team – Shane Elliot

Boys 2nd XI team - TBC (depends on numbers)

Girls 1st XI team – Carl Lambert

Girls 2nd XI team - Pania Rayner and Laura Hill

Girls 7 & 8 Futsal team - TBC

#### **Soccer Registrations 2017**

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

Girls – 28/39 players (could have three teams at our tournament)

Boys – 15/28 players (couple more and we could have two teams)

All EOTC forms should be back by now as they were due in by today so we can start sorting teams and practices. If you are still want to sign up to play, the forms for boys and girls are now in the office.

#### **Three Rivers Girls Soccer Tournament dates for 2017**

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

#### **Girls Soccer Training dates**

Wednesday 15 March - 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 23 March - 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 29 March - 3.30pm to 5.00 (more dates to follow)

In Term 2 training will be every Tuesday with games every Wednesday starting on 10 May.

#### **Upcoming Dates 2017**

Friday 10 March - EOTC permission forms are due back Wednesday 15 March - Girls training 3.30pm to 5.00pm Thursday 23 March - Girls training 3.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 29 March - Girls training 3.30pm to 5.00pm

#### **Menzies College Rugby**

#### 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 or are a **new** player for Menzies Rugby Club please go to the below link and register through this process:

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

All players must register with their parents/caregivers 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 31 March 2017.

#### 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

#### **Ordering of Rugby Gear**

If you require rugby gear such as red rugby shorts, socks or ties please collect a form from your team manager or the Menzies 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 in to 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
- 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 'Sub' as reference/details.

Katrina Read

### **Sports Department**

#### **Southland Athletics**

The Southland Athletics is being held today, Friday 10 March. Good luck to the 51 Menzies athletes competing at the competition. We look forward to hearing the results. Our team is the biggest we have had in a long time and we have 16 athletes more than last year. We took 22 students to the Southland/Otago Championships in Dunedin last year. This year the Southland/Otagos are in Invercargill on 24 and 25 March and the top six athletes from each event will qualify to attend. Following on from these is the South Island Championships which are being held in Dunedin on 1 and 2 April and the six top qualifiers from the Southland Otago athletic championships will go to these. Last year we took a team of eight to Timaru so we are looking to improve on that. The Southland Primary championships are being held at Surrey Park, Invercargill on Saturday 8 April. More information will follow closer to the time.

Mrs Katie Keil Sport Co-ordinator

#### **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
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at WellSouth (03)214 6436 or 0800 800 249

#### **Community Notice**

#### **Edendale Netball Club needs your help**

The Edendale Netball Club AGM will be held on Sunday 12 March at 7.30pm at the Edendale Fire Station (please park out on the road as the car park needs to be kept free for the fire fighters). For a number of years the netball club has been run by a very small committee, but it is now time for some of these committee members to move on. If you would like to see the Edendale Netball Club continue please come along to our AGM. Without your support there is a very real chance that the Edendale Netball Club will cease operating. If you have any questions, or would like to lodge an apology please call Belinda on 021 1712144.

Nicole Elliott

# **MENZIES COLLEGE - CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2017**

Sandwich	\$ \$	2.50	Daily Specials		
Spaghetti Toastie		2.00	(Check the board)		
Cheese Toastie/Mousetrap	\$	2.00	Butter Chicken	\$	4.50
Butter Chicken Pie	\$	4.00	Macaroni Cheese	\$	3.50
Mince Pie	\$	3.00	Chicken Fettucine	\$	4.50
American Hot Dog	\$	3.00	Enchilladas/Taccos	\$	3.50
Apricot/Chicken Wrap	\$ \$	4.50	Sausage Rolls	\$	4.00
Cordon Bleu		3.00	Meatball Subs	\$	4.00
Pork Riblet Wrap (Hot)	\$	4.00	Fried Rice	\$	4.00
Bacon & Egg Wrap (Hot)	\$	4.00	Beef Noodles	\$	4.50
Chicken Burger - with/without free salad	\$	4.00			
Burgers - Lamb, Beef, B&E, Hawaiian,	\$	4.50			
Chicken & Bacon					
Chicken Rolls	\$	2.00			
Cheese Roll	\$	1.00			
Garlic Bread	\$	1.50			
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Sour cream/relish/chilli sauce (each)	\$	0.50			
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