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7 April 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Back in January when the sky never cleared and an early winter seemed destined, the eleven week term that lay ahead seemed a daunting challenge, one that was going to drain the goodwill, co-operation and energy that a school relies upon to function in a purposeful and productive manner. Well, we're nearly there and the term has come to a close at a rapid pace with an awful lot achieved and the foundation for the school year ahead well and truly set.

My thanks to the staff and students who have made personal sacrifices in order for us to construct a meaningful timetable, who have ensured teaching and learning was performed to the best of their ability and have been open to the development of 'conferencing', learning logs and learning goals. This is appreciated and will grow in functionality as the academic year progresses.

To the students who have organised social events, camps, fundraisers, participated in our summer sports teams and competitions, well done. Many of the individual success stories and results have been impressive and fit nicely with our PB4L principle of 'striving for excellence'. All the very best to our Year 7 and 8 students who participate in the Southland Primary Athletics meeting tomorrow at Surrey Park.

Parents/caregivers are most welcome to come and watch our Whanau presentations next Thursday afternoon to commemorate ANZAC day. Each Whanau will present a four minute act that symbolises what 'A Country at War' means to them. Everyone is being tight lipped about what will be performed but I'm sure they will be most enjoyable.

Last night our Year 12 and 13 ADEX (Outdoor Education) students returned from four days in Wanaka brushing up on their outdoor skills. Early reports indicate a most successful skills camp involving navigations, kayaking, mountain biking and abseiling. Thanks to the staff and parent/caregiver support which allowed this to happen.

We wish to congratulate Gordon Rodgers who was made a life member of the Wyndham Athletics Club this week. Gordon has devoted thousands of hours over the years coaching our athletes to local and national success and completing that tricky annual task of marking out the track. This is very deserved Gordon! The photo shows Gordon being presented with his certificate by Jane Muir of the Athletic Club.

This will be the last newsletter for the term. Enjoy your extended Easter break and do something extremely exciting over the next two weeks.



Gerry Ward
Principal

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Science Department

Students with a Passion for Astronomy (SWAPA)

The Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand (RASNZ) is interested in promoting astronomy to young students in New Zealand schools who have an interest and passion for this science.

The Society is holding its annual conference in 2017 at the Otago Museum in Dunedin from Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May 2017. The normal registration for non-members of the Society is \$195 to attend the conference, but the Society is waiving this cost for up to 10 young astronomers who are keen to go and find out more about their science. They are also offering to these young astronomers, participation in the conference banquet and planetarium show (normally \$80) on the evening of 13 May, making a total prize package of \$275 each.

Astronomers from throughout New Zealand and some from overseas will participate in this year's conference. Many of these will be amateur astronomers and RASNZ is pleased that amateurs in New Zealand contribute so much to the strength of the Society, together with a core of professionals, mainly in our Universities. To find out more about the RASNZ annual conference, the Society's website at www.rasnz.org.nz should be consulted.

To be considered for free registration at the RASNZ conference, students should email a short statement of no more than 300 words explaining why they would like to attend the conference and why they are interested in astronomy. This statement should be sent to RASNZ President, John Drummond (email: john_drummond@xtra.co.nz – that is john underscore drummond @ xtra.co.nz) by Friday 7 April at 5 pm. Please also include your name, school, city, age, year of study at school in 2017, email address, telephone contact and science teacher's name. The winners of the competition will be selected for a clear enthusiasm for astronomy, their seniority and good English in their submitted statement. Alternatively, a printed version can be posted to John Drummond, PO Box 113, Patutahi 4045. The RASNZ Students with a Passion for Astronomy competition is most suited for students who are in years 11, 12 or 13 in 2017.

Those who win the free registration will be notified around mid April 2017. Winners are expected to be able to go to Dunedin and take part in the conference. The free registration includes lunches and other refreshments on the 13 and 14 May and a reception on the evening of 12 May. The cost of travel to Dunedin and accommodation are not covered in this offer.

This is a great opportunity to expose students to the exciting world of astronomy and the various sciences that are linked to it.

Margaret Dale

Acting Head of Department - Science

2017 Great Kiwi Science, English & Mathematics Competitions

The annual CEM Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics competitions are skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. They are run for students in Year 7-10. The competitions cater for students of all abilities and measure the performance of students in each curriculum area. Each test is 45 minutes long, is completed on-line and consists of 40 short answer questions. The competitions will run during the last two weeks of Term Two and we envisage that results will be returned to us at the start of Term Three. The cost for each test is \$8.50 and students can enter one, two or three tests (at their discretion). To enter, students can collect a permission letter from the school office. Permission slips (and entry fees) should be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 13 April**. If you have any further questions regarding this competition, please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

Lucy McKelvie on behalf of

English, Science & Mathematics Department

Office Administration

Winter Kilts

Term 2 and 3 requires students to wear the winter kilt. A sale of new and used kilts will be held at the school office on Monday 10 April from 3.30 – 4.30pm. New kilts vary in price from \$175 to \$195.

Lockers

School lockers are still available at \$20 per year and it is recommended that students take the opportunity to hire one. With the winter sports codes starting up the office is swamped with bags/gear etc and there is insufficient space for students to leave them in the office. Students will be asked to take them to their classes so we strongly advise they have a locker.

School Fees

As we have upgraded our student administration programme we are now emailing school accounts to families we have email addresses for. Please check your 'in box' and also 'junk mail' in case it has been stored in the wrong place. If any families prefer to receive theirs via mail or you do not receive an account it would be appreciated if you could let us know. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to our new system.

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 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 31st July
Music Level 2 starting 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

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

Dunedin Tertiary Information Day

On Monday 8 May 2017 (Term 2, week 2) Year 12 and 13 students are invited to the Tertiary information day in Dunedin. The purpose of this programme is to enable students to observe first-hand what the tertiary environment is like. Students are invited to visit special displays and presentations and explore the various facilities students use (e.g. the University Union, Polytechnic and University of Otago student centres, the libraries, Unipol recreation centre, Recreation Services and the clubs and societies building). Transport will be by mini vans. There will be a cost of \$10 that will need to be paid to the office before we leave. The programme runs from 9.30am until 3.30pm in Dunedin. Students will need to assemble at school at 6.15am as we will be leaving at 6.30am sharp. I am expecting that we will be back at school by 6.30pm where students will need to be picked up. This is not covered by your blanket consent form so students need to collect and complete the EOTC Permission form from the office and return it by Thursday 13 April (before the holidays).

We encourage parents/caregivers to come along to support their child. There is no cost for you to come in the van. Please indicate on the permission slip if you will be attending. For more information go to the websites below and search Tertiary information day.
www.otago.ac.nz www.facebook.com/otagouniversity

*Stuart Clark, Barbara Williams & Katie Keil
Career Advisors/Transition Department*

Technology Department

On Monday, Year 9 Technology students took home their projects for the term. They were set the task of designing a set of labels and a bottle opener for a limited edition batch of 'Ginger Beer' for a local brewer. They had to have a theme that linked the two products together. To do this they have learnt what makes a good layout, developed concepts for their ideas and learnt how to use a range of metalworking tools to shape and refine their bottle openers. The ginger beer that they have is naturally brewed so should be refrigerated for 24 hours and allowed to settle before drinking.

*Matt Cook
Teacher*



Sports Department

South Island Athletics Results - our last Secondary schools athletics meet of the season

Six athletes competed at the South Island athletics in Dunedin on Saturday 1 April.

- * Tyla Adams competed in the U16 girls 100m and 200m. She made the final for both events running times close to her personal bests in both the heats and the finals. She came 8th in the 100m and 6th in the 200m. Great season Tyla!
- * Gabby Knapp competed on the Friday night in the U16 girls Hammer throw. Gabby holds the record for Southland and placed 5th at the South Islands. She also competed in the Discus on the Saturday morning placing 10th overall.
- * Bethany Loveridge and Ahliyah Paderanga both competed in the U15 girls Javelin and both threw three 'no throws' due to the Javelin landing flat!
- * Hayden Stuart has finished the season on a high, running personal best times in his 800m every time he ran. He placed 7th in the U16 boys 800m at the South Islands running a time of 2.09.36 mins. He finished in the top bunch running the best I have seen him run. He is looking to do winter training with a coach to give himself the best chance at Nationals later on this year.
- * Kailey Yeoman competed in the U16 girls Javelin. She threw a competition personal best of 25.92m. Kailey has been working really hard on her technique and was really pleased with her throws on Sunday. She finished 5th in the competition three places higher than she did last year.

All our athletes have worked really hard to get to the South Islands so well done! We look forward to the National secondary schools athletics in Hastings from 1-3 December, 2017. Students do not have to qualify for the national athletics, so if there are any students who missed out that want to go they need to make this known to Mrs Keil as fundraising ventures will begin soon. For more information on this go to <http://nzssaa.org.nz/information/nztf2017>

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers for their support. It has been another enjoyable season. I will also take this opportunity to thank Sue Dynes for all the work she does supporting the events and doing the required paperwork.

Southland Primary Athletics

Good luck to the 14 Menzies Year 7 and 8 students competing at the Southland Primary athletics on Saturday. Please make sure students are there with plenty of time to warm up (at least 30 minutes before the event) and check in with either Mrs Keil or Mrs Dynes.

Surrey Park Athletics Stadium, Invercargill: Spectator Charge: \$1 Child, \$2 Adult

Results from the day will be on the Sport Southland website.

Some food will be available for purchase but please ensure your child has food/refreshments and clothing for ALL conditions.

*Katie Keil
Sports Co-ordinator*



Bethany Loveridge, Ahliyah Paderanga, Gabby Knapp



Hayden Stuart



Ahliyah Paderanga



Tyla Adams

Volleyball

Volleyball has wrapped up for this season. Overall we had a successful term with some significant wins over older and more experienced teams, some resounding victories and some close losses. Areas of improvement this term were: working together as a team, moving to help each other, not being intimidated by taller opposition and serving. We can't wait until Term 4 when Volleyball starts again and we plan to practice through the winter terms to prepare.

All students played well (and improved) this term and contributed to their team both on and off the court. The awarded students for this term are:

Best newcomer

Aaliyah Wilson and Garoth Van der Straaten

Best Server

Marina Ferguson and Gabby Knapp

Contribution to Volleyball

Ahliyah Paderanga and Naam Whan Panto

MVP (Senior)

Ra Tahi Hook-Robertson

MVP (Junior)

Ahliyah Paderanga

A huge thank-you to the parents/caregivers who helped with travel and court side support. Also thank you to Lawrence Haywood who drove the van for most of the trips. We are always on the look out for new players so if there are any students out there wanting to give volleyball a try, we would love to see you. See you all in Term 4!

Brendon Wallace and Katie Keil



Back L to R: Garoth Van der Straaten, Rekekah Kingdon, Kaitlen Yorke,
Marina Ferguson, Breana Harvey
Front L to R: Ahliyah Paderanga, Naam Whan Panto
Seated L to R: Gabby Knapp, Maria Lindsay



L to R: Naam Whan Panto, Gabby Knapp, Marina Ferguson

Arrow Adventure Race

Want to do something epic with your mates? This is on in the last weekend of the April school holidays at Sandy Point in Invercargill. Teams of 4, \$100 per team, 2 days of 6 hour activities and involves mountain biking, orienteering, kayaking, and running. Visit www.southlandtriclub.co.nz for more details. Entries close soon. Organise a team and see Mr Wilkinson if you want to enter. We need to enter before the holidays.

Lap the Lake

Congratulations to the Menzies College junior boys team for winning the schools trophy at Lap the Lake on 1 April. Sebastian Wood, Ryan Smith, Travis North, Keegan Knapp, and Dylan Rasmussen all ran a 10.5km lap around the South Mavora Lake in a relay. This is the second time in a row that Menzies College has won the secondary school title. Well done team!

*Pete Wilkinson
Teacher in Charge*



L to R: Keegan, Ryan, Sebastian, Dylan, Travis

NCEA

Ordering Results, Documents & Paying Outstanding Fees

Students can order any documents they are eligible for (if they want a copy) through their 'Learner Login'. One free copy of each certificate is available.

Students should wait for the results of a 'Review or Reconsideration' before ordering a certificate.

Further information can be found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/results-2/ordering-result-documents/>

March - Attitude to Learning Grades

These were published on the Edge Parent Portal on 31 March. You should now be able to see February and March grades for Managing Self and Relating to Others. There are instructions for gaining access to the Parent Portal at www.menzies.school.nz. Alternatively, you can call the school office for assistance.

*Pete Wilkinson
Assistant Principal*

PB4L

Congratulations to Michael McKay, Kelsi McLellan, George Shead, Josh Le Gray and Ms Youngson for winning the achievement draw this week. Josh and George received theirs for completing work and Kelsi and Michael for excellent work ethic. Well done, your canteen vouchers can be collected from the office.

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 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 30 April 2017 or a penalty fee will apply after this date.

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 30 April 2017 before the first rugby game. If you do not pay before this date a penalty fee will apply.

To pay subs there are the following options:

- Cash in a named envelope, handed into the school office, tagged 'Rugby' or give to Lois Heads.
- Cheque made out to Menzies Rugby (NOT Menzies College) handed into the school office, tagged 'Rugby' or give to Lois Heads
- Internet banking: Menzies Rugby account 03 0962 0066078 000. Please put players name and Sub as reference/details.

U15 Tournament Team

Below are the players who made the U15 tournament team

- 1 Sam Smith
- 2 Josh McLellan
- 3 Richard Lingard
- 4 Ted Dodd
- 5 Bryn Gorman
- 6 Sebastian Wood
- 7 Isak Whale
- 8 Jonas Lindsay
- 9 Rayden Todd
- 10 Nathan Rhind
- 11 Ben Gauldie
- 12 Ethan Read
- 13 Keegan Knapp
- 14 Micaiah Johnston-Brown
- 15 Ezekiel Johnston-Brown
- 16 Ryan Smith
- 17 Dylan Rasmussen
- 18 Zayne Kenneally
- 19 Aaron Ross
- 20 Kyle Gardyne
- 21 Floyd Kerr
- 22 Garoth Van der Straaten

Important:

All players must have their subs paid in full by 30 April 2017. If they are not paid students will be unable to attend this trip.

Planning meeting for the U15 tournament

The tournament this year is held in Greymouth. To plan for this parent/s of these players are asked to attend a meeting at the Pioneer Tavern, Edendale on Wednesday 26 April at 7.30pm to discuss the trip, cost/budget and any fundraising ideas.

Katrina Read

Community Notices

Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme

High School Students Wanted

Rotary Clubs are now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of this long established, successful educational and cultural exchange. This year, we have added Taiwan as an exchange partner, giving one student the opportunity to become fluent in Mandarin.

- Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2018
- Exchange partners for 2018 are Sweden, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Austria, Chile and Taiwan
- No family Rotary affiliation required
- Applications close 30 April 2017

Contact: Merv Clearwater HM: 03 4894234, 107 Gladstone Road, South Mosgiel M: 0274339689 Email: mervclearwater@xtra.co.nz

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- D. 5 smens \$20

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Important Dates

April	8	Southland Primary Athletics (Year 7 & 8)
	13	Last day of Term 1 (day before Good Friday)
May	1	First day back Term 2
	5	Auckland University Liaison visit
	8	Dunedin Tertiary Open Day
	8-12	Green Week
	20	School Ball
June	2	Teacher Only Day
	5	Queen's Birthday Observance
	13-16	Green Week
	15	Ara Institute of Canterbury Open Day
	18-20	Tautuku Pre Camp (Year 13 Adventure Experience)
	22	Incubator
	23-3 July	Deep Cove Year 7 & 8 camp
July	26-29	Tautuku Year 9 camp
	7	Last day of Term 2
	24	First day back Term 3

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