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19 May 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Newsletters now fortnightly

From the beginning of this month, the school newsletter will only be printed and distributed fortnightly. We have become concerned that many students are not taking these home and messages are not really getting through via this means. We have made increasing use of our website, the daily notices, email, texting and selected Facebook pages and all important information will be available through this means and most students have access to at least three of these outlets.

Conferencing

Term 2 Whanau Conferencing will take place from 9.00am until 7.00pm on Wednesday 31 May. All students were handed a notice that gave instructions for making a booking online and included a letter that could be used for parents/caregivers to present to their employer requesting release from work. There is an expectation that all students attend with a parent or caregiver on this day to discuss student's learning and how this can be supported by staff and parents/caregivers. There is more information about this further on in the newsletter. Also, included on this handout is information about connecting to the Parent Portal and this is a particularly good place for parents to view the progress of their children.

School Ball

Tomorrow night we will be holding the school ball in our hall. This is the highlight of the year to date for a number of our students and their partners. It can also become the worse day of their life if things go wrong. Amongst all the excitement it remains crucial that parents/caregivers have a good plan in place with their son/daughter and that everyone takes on the responsibility of looking after their friends and fellow students. The theme of the ball is Ancient Greece and our students have put in many hours behind the scenes preparing the hall and attending dance classes. We wish them well for the evening. The ball runs from 8pm to 11pm and everyone is welcome to be present in the school carpark as our students arrive for the evening between 7pm - 7.30pm.

Music

Last week, we had musician Jed Parsons in the school as part of musicians in schools during May Music Month. Jed worked primarily with our two school bands in constructing original songs and he was most impressed with our talented students. He left them highly motivated to write more of their own songs.

Chopper Appeal

Last Friday, our head of maths Mr Brendon Wallace participated for the third time, in the Chopper Appeal bike ride from Frankton to Invercargill, via Riverton (245km). Given our rural location and need for this emergency service we have been willing to support this appeal through Brendon and the use of our school van on the day. Brendon has written more over the page. Please consider supporting this good cause.

PB4L

Congratulations to Emma Pope, Brooklyn Milligan, Teiara Wilson, Cailee Moncur and Mrs Cade for winning the achievement draw this week. Brooklyn received his for 'independent learning' and Teiara for 'taking responsibility for her own learning'. Well done, your canteen vouchers can be collected from the office.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

Whanau Conferences – Wednesday 31 May

The second Whanau Conference about student learning is on Wednesday 31 May from 9.00am – 7.00pm. Students are only expected at school when they attend their Whanau Conference. 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 students monitor as the year progresses. If there is a need to meet with a particular teacher this can be discussed at the Whanau teacher conference. Information about these Conferences was given to students on Thursday and a letter to employers was included, if time off work is required. If you are unable to attend, Whanau teachers will arrange another time to meet with you.

Menzies College Student Conference Details

Conferences will be held from 9.00am – 7.00pm on Wednesday 31 May in Whanau teacher's rooms. Caregivers and students attend conference with Whanau teacher.

To book the conference:

1. Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Use the code tcd5g – 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 reminded 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 a time
8. **NOTE:** These are not subject teacher interviews. If there is a need to meet with a particular teacher this can be discussed at the Whanau teacher conference

How to log in to the Parent Portal

1. Go to the login page: 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.
5. **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
6. All student grades (Attitude to Learning and NCEA) are on the Parent Portal
7. Students now have access to the student portal: student.musac.school.nz

Important Dates

May	20	School Ball
	31	Whanau conferences
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
	23-2 July	Deep Cove Year 7 & 8 camp
July	26-29	Tautuku Year 9 camp
July	7	Last day of Term 2
	24	First day back Term 3
August	7-11	Green Week
	14	Incubator
	20-21	Three Rivers Girls' Soccer Tournament
	27-28	Three Rivers Girls' Soccer Tournament cancellation date
September	4-8	Tournament week
	11-15	Green week
	22	Sports photos
	29	Last day of Term 3
October	16	First day back Term 4

Board of Trustees Report

The Board held its April meeting on 4 May and while there were no major items on the agenda, we received several applications for education outside the classroom (EOTC) activities. We continued our work bringing our Policies up to date by the adoption of a Protected Disclosure Policy (as required by our auditors) and the establishment of a working party to form a draft Child Protection Policy. It is a requirement, by law, that we have such a policy that outlines what action must be taken if abuse (physical or emotional) is suspected and what support is available. It will be a requirement that any outside agencies using our school grounds will be required to have their own VC Policy that The Board approves or be prepared to operate under Menzies' policy.

We received the Principal's report which reflects on such things as student roll, staffing, progress towards stated goals and staff professional development. There has been a lot of staff professional development occurring which is pleasing to see and our staff continue to work hard on their pedagogy (teaching practise). We continue to be slightly understaffed as attracting quality staff to vacancies is a challenge nation-wide and we are no exception. Physics teachers continue to be rare and in high demand. The Board wish to acknowledge the hard work of our staff in covering this shortfall and going above and beyond to support our senior students.

The financial report showed that while we have spent some funds on such things as updating the Information Technology equipment (namely 17 more tablets and a computer on wheels for charging them), a ride on mower for the internal lawns, and a container for storage of hard material for the technical department, we are still in a very sound financial position. Recent sales of school houses have contributed significant sums of money to our 5YA funds that will allow us to carry out building projects around the school to keep our facilities up to date. We are still awaiting the outcome of a Ministry review of our roofing with a view to replacing all of the original iron.

The student report indicated there is plenty happening around the school in terms of student activities and sports and that planning for the school ball is well under way.

We wish all those venturing into the great outdoors at Tautuku and Deep Cove in the near future all the very best and I personally look forward to attending the school ball on 20 May and trying to recognise all the wonderful young people in their finery.

*Carole Bee
Chairperson*

Chopper Appeal

Last Friday Mr Wallace successfully completed the charity bike ride from Queenstown to Invercargill. We say "successfully" when "just" would be more appropriate.

The group left the Frankton Westpac at 6 am and headed as a full group (60 riders) to the Remarkables entrance then split up into 5 groups to cycle around the Devil's Staircase in the dark. The weather was reasonably mild in Queenstown, but deteriorated as the group progressed. The groups regathered at Kingston and travelled the remainder of the distance in one peloton. By the time they hit Garston, the rain had settled in and the temperature dropped to 3 degrees. From there, the weather slowly improved except for some pesky cross and head winds. The group had lunch at Central Southland College, then headed off into a head wind to Riverton before heading home. (Being in Winton and still having 90km to go was a bit of a mental struggle to cope with). In all the trip took a total of 11 hours and 20 minutes to complete, which included a smidgen over 9 hours of riding.

The organisers wish to pass on their appreciation to Menzies College for the support from the school through fundraising efforts and the use of the Menzies College van. The event is on track to reach the target of over \$50,000 with about \$36,000 already in by the time the ride took place. The give-a-little page is still live, so it's not too late to donate!
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/qt2inv2017ride>



Help raise money for our local rescue chopper.

Chopper Appeal
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chopperappeal.co.nz
including Mr. Wallace

On Friday May 12th, 60 Southerners will cycle 245km from Queenstown to Invercargill (via Riverton) to raise funds for our local rescue chopper trust. Please support this worthy cause by pledging or donating to a rider or by donating at:
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/qt2inv2017ride>
(or search qt2inv2017 on givealittle site)

All funds raised by Menzies College will benefit our local chopper trust.

When every second counts, your donation is the difference

Careers Department

STAR Courses

In conjunction with the Government and 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 28 July
Film Making Level 2 and 3, starting 24 July
Carpentry Level 2, starting 27 July
Electrical and Electronic Principles Level 2 (dates to be confirmed)
Engineering Welding Level 2, starting July (dates to be confirmed)
Introduction to Nursing Level 2 and 3, starting 24 July
Nanny (Childcare) Level 2, starting 24 July
Hospitality Level 2, starts July (dates to be confirmed)
Music Level 2, starting 16 June

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

The following STAR courses are available at The Learning Place (Invercargill):

Barista Level 2 and 3 to be run 12 and 13 June

Security

This is an exciting two day course that is the perfect taster for students wishing to enter the Defence or Police Force or would like to obtain employment in the Security Industry. This is the required mandatory training for the Security Industry and a great way for students to obtain credits at the same time. Level 2 and 3 running 1 and 2 July.

There will be a selection of STAR courses available through Tatatahi Agriculture in Schools and 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.

Otago Polytechnic

The Otago Polytechnic will be holding Occupational Therapy information evenings at the Dunedin Campus on the following dates: Tuesday 13 June, 7.00pm – 9.00pm and Tuesday 26 September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. In August they will also be holding a combined Health Careers Evening in The Hub, Dunedin Campus featuring Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physical Activity & Wellbeing, and Social Services (more information to follow): Thursday 3 August, 5.30pm – 7.00pm

University of Otago, College of Education – Southland Campus

An Information Evening is being held at 7pm on 28 June, 2017 at the Southland Campus, 100 Nelson Street, Invercargill.

Important Dates

Victoria University of Wellington Information Evening: Wednesday 31 May 2017, 6pm to 8pm, Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, 118 High Street Dunedin.

University of Canterbury Information Evening: Tuesday 6 June 2017, 6pm to 8pm, ILT Stadium, Surry Park Sports Centre, Isabella Street, Invercargill.

Ara Institute of Canterbury Open Day: Thursday 15 June 2017, Ara Institute of Canterbury, Christchurch.

University of Otago Information Evenings:

Dunedin: Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 6pm in the Castle 1 lecture theatre, University of Otago.

Invercargill: Thursday 29 June 2017 at 7pm Ascot Park Hotel.

University of Canterbury Open Day: Thursday 13 July 2017, 9am to 5pm, Arts Road, Ilam, Christchurch

Career Fest 27 - 28 July 2017 (Public session Thursday 5pm to 8pm), Stadium Southland, Invercargill.

University of Otago Liaison Visit (Course Planning): Monday 14 August 2017, at school.

Massey University Open Day: 2 August 2017

Victoria University of Wellington Open Day: Friday 1 September 2017

Southern Institute of Technology Open Night: Tuesday 17 October 2017, 4:30pm to 6:30pm, Main Campus, Tay Street, Invercargill.

Southern Institute of Technology Open Night: Tuesday 7 November 2017, 5pm to 7pm, Main Campus, Tay Street, Invercargill.

Katie Keil
Careers Advisor

Gateway Profile – Alaina Filer

Alaina has recently started a 10 week work placement at Combined Veterinary Services in Gore. Alaina is being given the opportunity to experience most aspects of the roll of a vet nurse and animal carer working in a busy vet clinic. Alaina is enjoying her placement and has faced a number of new challenges which she is embracing with enthusiasm. Alaina is to be commended for the commitment she is making to her placement. She has impressed the management with her willingness to learn and her professional attitude in all areas of the daily routines of the clinic.

Both Alaina and the Menzies College Gateway team appreciate the time and effort that the staff of Combined Veterinary Services put in, as well as the constant support and encouragement they are giving to her. Alaina's positive attitude will serve her well as she continues her education and eventually moves on into her chosen career path.



*Barbara Williams & Stuart Clark
The Gateway Team*

Sports Department

Menzies Cross Country

The Menzies College Cross Country was again held successfully last Wednesday. It was an amazing autumn day for all to enjoy. My thanks to the Wyndham Racing Committee for allowing us to once again use their facilities. The staff, students and parents/caregivers who attended all commented favourably on the venue and the participation of the students. Those students who were placed in the top six were allowed the opportunity to take up the challenge of running at the Southland Secondary School Cross Country Championship in Te Anau at Ivan Wilson Park where Southland greats have forged their reputation, for example Jack Beaumont. Below is an article from the Southland Cross Country Championships.

The Southland Cross Country Championship was a huge success yet again. We had an amazing 18 Menzies athletes attend the Southland Cross Country held in Te Anau. William Dickey did very well placing 7th (Mr Wilkinson owes him a prize), Josiah Ashman, Marina Ferguson and Ryan Smith also did really well, all placing 12th in their age groups. Tom Ayers came 16th, Sophie Ferguson secured 21st, Keegan Knapp 25th, Floyd Kerr 29th, Chloe Laurie 31st, Logan Andrews 32nd, Dylan Rasmussen 33rd and Jacob Leith 34th. Charlotte Bell was 28th, Liana Gauldie 29th and Rhiannon Soper placed 30th. Luke Goatley, Hayden Stuart and Maximus Ashman finished receiving 30th, 31st and 37th respectively. Everyone participated and ran a splendid race. Well done Menzies College!

Thank you to Mrs Dynes, Mrs Rasmussen and the parents/caregivers who went along to help us by driving the vans and showing their support. Without your excellent help it would not have been possible.

Luke Goatley - Year 11

Skiing

With a bit of chill in the air, we start to think of short daylight hours, warm and waterproof jackets and lots of mud. While winter can be a bit of a downer, there is a silver lining to every cloud and for you, that lining could actually be white – as in WHITE SNOW!

As in past years, we will be organising skiing trips on Sundays during Term 3 (or earlier if there is a big dump early in the season). These trips are open to ALL YEAR LEVELS. We usually travel up and back on the one day in vans. This means that we can be first up the mountain and often last off!

Trips cost \$110 and include travel, ski/snowboard rental, a lesson and lift pass. This is a fantastic deal that the skifields offer, as last year's pricing was \$90 just for a lift pass. We usually have room for parents/caregivers and/or friends of students and are happy to take anyone aged 10 or above.

At this stage we just want to let people know that these trips are coming up so that people can start to budget if necessary. We understand that skiing is not the cheapest pastime and try to keep prices down so that as many students as possible can experience a day up the mountain.

There is some specific gear needed to remain comfortable on a mountain. Over the years we have been collecting ski gear so that we can loan it out. Students simply need to be organised and let us know what they need.

If anyone has any ski gear (pants, jackets, gloves, hats, goggles) that they no longer use and wish to donate to school for future student use, please just drop it in to the office. A huge thank-you to the families who have already done this!

More information will be in future newsletters, but in the meantime – start saving and watching weather for snow on the mountains!

*Brendon Wallace
Organiser*

2019 Menzies Australian Tour

A meeting will be held to gauge interest from Year 9, 10 and 11 students and parents/caregivers to discuss the possibilities of going on a sports tour in 2019.

The tour planned for 2018 was cancelled due to lack of interest from players involved in Netball, Rugby and Soccer. This meeting gives a chance for all concerned to see if our next group of students have the numbers and interest to attend a tour in 2019. For the tour to go ahead we need to know if people are interested at this early stage as planning would start for this next group this year. If your child is in Year 9, 10, or 11 this year you need to attend this meeting so that an informed decision can be made. The positions of Chairman and Secretary will need to be filled at this meeting also, as the present position holders no longer have children in these year groups.

2019 Menzies Tour, Menzies Library, 24 May 2017 at 7pm

Apologies to Lois Heads 027 333 7658 or kjandllheads@vodafone.co.nz

Menzies College Rugby

Menzies U15 Tournament Team Fundraising

Fodder Beet bolter pulling this Sunday has been cancelled.

Menzies College Soccer

First win ever over SGHS A

After scoring their first goal and gaining their first point against SGHS A in 2016 and a 1-1 draw, Walker Mowers Menzies Girls 1st XI scored their first win ever over SGHS A (1st XI) with a 7 - 2 victory in a game played at SGHS this week. The girls played some attractive football throughout the match and were rewarded with 7 goals in total. The girls are very proud of their achievement to be the first team ever, but see it as a stepping stone to achieving their goals and targets for the season.

College Football League Girls Division One Walker Mowers Menzies 7 - 2 SGHS A
Scorers: Rhylee McGregor 3, Tyla Adams 2, Summer Smith 1, Laura Garguilo 1



Menzies College Soccer Dinner and Entertainment

On Saturday 27 May, Menzies College Soccer is having a dinner and entertainment at the Gorge Road Country Club. The dinner is a two course carvery starting at 6.00pm till 8.00pm and then entertainment from 8.30pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available through the Menzies College office or by emailing Carl Lambert on clambert@menzies.school.nz

Three Rivers Girls Soccer Tournament entries 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 have, we could field three teams at the tournament for the first time. So far we have nine teams that have indicated they will be attending this year's tournament with Gore High to confirm as our tenth team.

Teams so far: Menzies College 1st XI, NSC, Taieri College, Kaikorai Valley College, Menzies 2nd XI, Fiordland College, Central Southland, St Peters, Western Southland, Gore High (to confirm).

Upcoming Dates 2017

Friday 19 May	Boys Soccer Training 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Monday 22 May	Boys CSFL Menzies Green vs Menzies Red 4pm Kick-off
Tuesday 23 May	Girls Training 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Wednesday 24 May	Girls College Football Leagues
Division One	Menzies 1st XI Girls vs SGHS B at Menzies 4pm kick-off
Division Two	Menzies 2nd XI vs SGHS C at Menzies 4pm kick-off
Boys CSFL	Menzies Red vs NSC at Lumsden 4pm kick-off
Friday 26 May	Boys training 3.30pm to 4.45pm
Saturday 27 May	Dinner and entertainment at Gorge Road Country Club

Carl Lambert
Organiser

Menzies College Ball Gown Parade 2017

Ball Gown Parade

Monday, 22nd May 2017
Doors open 7:15pm
Parade starts 7:30pm

Menzies College School Hall

Entry is \$5 per person

Under 5's free

Menzies College Development
Netball Team Fundraiser

Come along for a fun night out
and see all the young men and
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