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2 June 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora

Conferencing

Thank you to everyone who attended Wednesday's conferencing sessions. As we have said several times, this is to replace our annual parent/teacher interviews and has the intent of putting the student learner at the centre of the conversation as they reflect on their progress and the next steps. We want students applying skills in the Key Competencies and being able to identify where they are at with their learning. Yesterday 179 students conferenced and we again hope that this type of conversation can continue in the home as we look to build better learners. Research indicates that this type of meeting where students are able to discuss their learning in a reflective manner with teachers and parents/caregivers, is one of the most effective strategies for improvement. We will all get better at the process and in time this will become a most powerful tool in lifting student achievement. We realise that some parents/caregivers may wish to hear directly from their child's subject teacher and this can be arranged if contact is made with the school by phone or email.

Parent Feedback on Conferences

We would like your feedback to help refine the process and make sure we are meeting your needs for information regarding student learning. Please go to the Menzies website: <http://www.menzies.school.nz/> and complete the feedback form on the home page Notice Board by clicking where prompted or enter the following URL: <https://goo.gl/forms/su1ErbgRFATj3ZU92>

School Bands have success at Rockquest

Last night our two school bands, 'The Babes' and 'oh1oh2' competed in the Southland heat of the Smokefree Rockquest competition for live and original music at CentreStage in Invercargill. This national competition is now in its 29th year and many of our popular musicians have emerged from this to be very successful. We need to thank our itinerant music teacher Mr Peter Power for the many hours of tuition he has given the music students, this is greatly appreciated Peter. There were 17 bands participating and 33 original songs. Our band 'oh1oh2' won the best original song and 'The Babes' won peoples' choice. Congratulations to both bands, they were amazing and the night was most enjoyable. There is a photo over the page.

Assembly

Last week at assembly we celebrated several events: the success of our athletes over the summer; we had an inspiring careers talk from the the Armed Services; we introduced the new PB4L Badges and showed students the new mountain bikes. The 1st XV players who have played more than 15 games were presented with badges and Sota Akino presented a video of the school ball. The focus speech was on how people can change, with a special mention of former student Jason Ross who is now a children's author.

Thanks to sponsors

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the businesses who help pay for this newsletter by advertising on the back page. Many of these organisations have done this for several years and we are extremely grateful for their continued support. We ask you to support them whenever you can.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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PB4L

Week ending 26 May

Congratulations to Vic Healey, Emma Burgess, Ted Dodd, Caleb Gibbs and Mrs Cowley for winning the achievement draw this week. Caleb received his for striving for excellence in his writing.

Week ending 2 June

Congratulations to Kayla Henderson, Nic Winn, Becky McEwan, Rose Beker and Mr Landreth for winning the achievement draw this week. These students received theirs for a variety of reasons from working independently, being on time to class, consistently arriving to class prepared to learn and working hard towards an assessment. Well done, your canteen vouchers can be collected from the office.

Mathematics Department

Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Maths Competition is an internationally significant competition that has been running since 1978. It is a competition that sets out to challenge students and reward them with a certificate which shows the achievement level compared to other New Zealand students in the same year level.

The challenge is open to all year levels (there are 5 different age group categories) and set out in a way to make it achievable yet challenging to all participants. The competition will be run in school time (60 mins for the Primary sections, 75 mins for Secondary).

The cost is \$7.00 per entry and entries are due back to the school office by the end of school on Friday 23 June 2017. Payment is also due at this time. The competition date is in late July – students who enter will be sent a reminder closer to the time and will have access to prior questions for practice.

Any interested student can talk to their Maths teacher about the competition. Any further enquiries can be e-mailed to brendon.wallace@menzies.school.nz

*Brendon Wallace
Head of Department - Mathematics*

Transition/Careers Department

Gateway Profile – James Johnston

James has recently started a 10 week work placement at 'Redan Valley Engineering'. James is being given the opportunity to experience most aspects of the roll of a fabrication engineer. James is enjoying his placement. He has faced a number of new challenges which he is embracing with enthusiasm. James has had the opportunity to work on several projects, these have included the overhaul of a sheep conveyor and recently he manufactured a farm gate. He has also assisted with the workshops annual stocktake.

Both James and the Menzies College Gateway team appreciate the time and effort that Nathan and Bryce are giving to him, as well as their on-going support for our Gateway programme. James' positive attitude will serve him well as he continues his education and exploration of possible career pathways.



Work Site Visits for Senior Students

We are planning a day in August for interested students to visit a range of work sites. This opportunity will be available to senior students from Year 11 to 13 who have an interest in any of the areas available, as well as students who have not yet settled on a career pathway.

Students will have the opportunity to see first-hand a variety of work sites such as engineering, joinery, automotive, construction and related trades, dairy farming, horticulture, contracting, transport, primary processing and forestry. In order for the careers team to gauge the level of interest we will be placing a sign-up sheet on the door of the careers office and ask that students put their name and indicate the four areas they would be most interested in looking at. Students will need to do this by Thursday 8 June.

*Stuart Clark & Barbara Williams
Transition/Careers Department*

Menzies College Netball

Menzies College Netball Camp for Years 5-8

The Club is offering this fun filled overnight camp again in the second week of the holidays (Tuesday 18 to Wednesday 19 July) at Menzies College. The \$100 registration includes food, prizes, goodie bags and a camp t-shirt. Coaching and supervision is provided by Menzies College parents and students and Netball South Development officers. For enquiries and registration form contact the camp co-ordinator Sue Shaw on rb.sishaw@velocitynet.co.nz or 0272924412.

Southland Cross Country - Volunteer Support

The Lower Mataura Valley Zone (Wyndham, Glenham, Edendale, Tutarau and Menzies) are responsible this year for the running of the Southland Cross Country. At this event hundreds of athletes come together from their zones across Southland, to compete at a provincial level. It is being held on Friday 23 June at the Waimumu Field Days site and involves a commitment of time in the morning and early afternoon.

We are a small zone with a big responsibility. We want it to go well and so we need the support of our communities especially in the area of marshalls for parking and on the track itself. Should you be able to help please e-mail admin@edendaleps.school.nz or phone 03 206 6959 with all your details. Together our zone, with the support of communities, can make this a real success for our province.

*David McKenzie
Edendale School Principal*

Sports Department

Menzies College Cross Country

In the Menzies Cross Country article in our last newsletter Stirling McKelvie's name was omitted in error and we apologise for this. Stirling was placed 15th and performed well.

Menzies College Soccer

Dinner Fundraiser Great Success

Walker Mowers Menzies College Girls 1st XI team had their fundraiser on Saturday 27 May at The Gorge Road Country Club. One hundred people attended the event on the night and enjoyed a two course dinner and entertainment from our very own school band 'Oh1 Oh2' along with Mr Landreth and his son.

To the Gorge Road Country Club a big thank you for the use of the venue and facilities. These were amazing and made the night such a success. To Bommer, Mel, Leah, Leanne, Kylie, Brad, Sharleen, Nigel, Carmen, Leeann, Karen, Katie and all the other parents that helped out, thank you so much for organisation and helping the girls to prepare and run the night. A big thank you to Erin, K'Lee, Marina, Shaz, Tim and his son for jumping in and helping with the entertainment. To the sponsors of prizes and families that donated things for the event, thank you so much.

Menzies was very lucky to have so many wonderful people and businesses who gave up their time to help us. We thank you all. Gorge Road Country Club Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/gorgeroadcountryclub/>

*Carl Lambert
Organiser*

Important Dates

June	5	Queen's Birthday Observance
	6-7	Year 13 Chemistry trip to Dunedin
	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
	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

Canteen Prices

Due to price increases from our suppliers the cost of some food items at the canteen will have to be increased. An up to date price list will be published in the newsletter at a later date.

PB4L

To encourage students at Menzies College to continue striving for excellence, showing respect and helping others to feel safe, we have created a new badge. These badges are designed to show our school emblem as well as showing the 'Menzies Way'.

To receive this badge students must earn 25 achievement slips by showing the 'Menzies Way' inside and outside of the classroom. The first part of the badge which students will receive is the school emblem and as the total number of achievement slips gets higher, students will receive the next bar.

After receiving the first badge, the next bar attaches to the main part; this section is bronze and represents showing respect. This is followed by a silver bar representing feeling safe and lastly a gold bar for striving for excellence. These badges will be something to strive for. Students should wear them with pride whether it's on their jersey, vest or school bag.



Smokefree Rockquest

Last night our two bands performed at the Southland final of the Smokefree Rockquest. Both bands were excellent and the crowd really appreciated their performances. They have worked hard for months for this opportunity and it was well deserved that 'oh1oh2' won best original song and 'The Babes' won people's choice. Congratulations - we are looking forward to your future performances.



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