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30 June 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Next Thursday afternoon our students will celebrate together the Kapa Haka Cultural House competition which they have been working hard on over the past months. Over a few years this has become a very professional presentation with the opportunity for many students to display acts of quality leadership and for our House groups to come together as one, in competition. You are most welcome to attend this in the school hall from 2.00pm.

This week our Year 9 students have been over at Tautuku Camp and our Year 7 and 8 classes at Deep Cove. All those that have returned have expressed their enjoyment of the camps and the success they had through challenging themselves. My thanks to staff, senior students, parent/caregiver helpers and former students who gave their time to organise and run these fantastic camps.

Teachers have nearly completed students' school reports. Since we are now trying to operate a paperless form of reporting, please check that you have set up your parent Portal to access these from the end of next week. Details are included further on in this newsletter.

On the first Tuesday of the holidays our two senior rugby teams will be hosting Bromsgrove School from Worcestershire, England. Thanks in advance to all the families that have accepted a billet into their homes for the two nights and we look forward to the games which start at 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

We also have the popular netball camp on during the second week of the holidays which is always an enjoyable time for our senior players and the young netballers of the region. Also, all the best to our Year 9/10 development team heading to Christchurch for their tournament in the first week. Go well girls!

This is the last newsletter for the term so thanks to everyone who has assisted us in some way and I hope you have enjoyable family times over the break.

PB4L

Achievement Draw - 23 June

Congratulations to Braden Poyntz-Roberts, Brianna Ferguson, Dylan Adams, Liana Gaudie and Mrs Cowley for winning the achievement draw last week. Dylan achieved his by completing the cross country on crutches TWICE and Brianna for always being on time and doing the right thing. Well done!

Achievement Draw - 30 June

Congratulations to Kayla Henderson, Bella Ranstead, Kobie Todd, Luke Goatley and Mrs Strang for winning this week's draw. Kayla received hers for excellent writing above the standard. It was pleasing to see that half of the achievement slips were given out by relieving staff. Well done, your canteen vouchers can be collected from the office.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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Mid Year Reports

Report grades will be available online via the parent portal at noon on Monday 10 July. We will no longer be printing reports. To get access to the Edge Parent Portal follow the instructions below. If you have not provided an email address to the school office please do so as soon as possible. The log in for Edge is the email address that you provide.

Specifics about reports are as follows

Year 7 and 8 will receive National Standards Reports which are comment based. They will also receive grades for their other 'non homeroom' subjects (eg. Science and Physical Education) in a separate report.

Year 9 and 10 will receive grades for all of their subjects.

Year 11, 12 and 13 will have available all of their NZQA grades. This is visible in the parent and student Edge portal in the 'NCEA PROGRESS' tab. Progress grades are any Internal Standards that are awaiting moderation marking before verification or are External Standard practice grades. The grades below the RESULT header are confirmed Internal Standard grades. These could change for the better if a reassessment opportunity is offered, taken, and a better result is earned. NCEA results are live data and can be viewed any time. Once a month these results are uploaded to NZQA and can be viewed at www.nzqa.govt.nz. We encourage students to look at their progress on Edge AND on NZQA so that they are aware of their progress.

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

EDGE App

An edge app is available for students and parents. You need to be signed up to the parent portal for the app to work. The app can be found through your app store by searching for 'MUSAC EDGE'. It should show a purple icon with the lowercase letter 'e' in it. Once downloaded you can login with your current email and password. You can also set up a 4 digit pin for easier access. At the moment the app shows family contact information and also student timetables.

However, this app is being developed at an amazing pace. Soon you will be able to see live attendance data and live NCEA information. The app developers want everyone to be able to do most things via the app, from updating contact details to paying for school trips.



Book your place for "Parents as Career Educators" **- Invercargill -**

Thursday 27 July, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Dear Parent

Guiding teenagers through the various career and study options available to them in the modern world can be a challenge. UC Career Consultant Sarah Tabak will talk with you about how you can support your child's career decisions.

You and your partner are invited to attend the Invercargill seminar:

Thursday 27 July 2017
5:30 – 7:30pm
ILT Stadium Southland
Surrey Park Sports Centre
18 Surrey Park Road
Invercargill

The seminar will cover:

- Career pathways
- Supporting your child with career decision making
- Choosing tertiary options to suit your child
- Communicating effectively with your child

Please register by Wednesday 26 July to reserve your seat, by following this link:
<http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/active/uc-events/parents-as-career-educators---invercargill.html>

Sarah Tabak is a Career Consultant with the UC Career Centre, helping students to identify, plan for, and pursue careers, internships and employment opportunities. Her insights into the importance of self-knowledge and engagement reflect the key foundations needed to support young adults in making good decisions and developing successful careers.

We hope you can join us at one of the seminars.

UC Liaison Team
University of Canterbury

Careers, Internships & Employment
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First Deep Cove Camp

Last Friday 7VW and part of 8CL headed to Deep Cove in Fiordland for three nights. One of the favourite parts was the one hour cruise across Lake Manapouri and also the fishing and confidence course. Lots thought that the Doubtful Sound track was the best but was very tiring. Most of us managed the Hanging Valley track, the Helena Falls and tail race. One night we were able to go and see the glow worms with the parents help and we were surprised at how many there were.

We would like to give a big thanks to the parents/caregivers and teachers for making this happen.

Lucy Mann, Josie McLellan & Hayley Porteous



Menzies College Rugby

Bromsgate College: Host families required to billet players

From 10 - 12 July, Bromsgate College are visiting Menzies to play rugby against our 1st and 2nd XV (consisting of players from the U17 Eastern Black and White teams (including our Menzies players playing for these two teams). We are seeking families to host these boys. On Tuesday evening following the games, there will be a dinner provided for the Menzies and Bromsgate players and the host families in the school hall. Details will follow. If you are able to billet players, please contact Katrina Read on 021464932 or email cody.katrina@vodafone.co.nz.

Visiting International Team – Bromsgate College: 10-12July

Bromsgate College from England are visiting our school to play rugby against our First XV and U17 Teams. Games are Tuesday 11 July, first game kicking off at 1pm and second game at 3pm. Come along and support our team.

U15 Rugby Tournament team meeting

There is a meeting on Tuesday 4 July at 7.30pm in the Menzies College Library. Apologies to Katrina Read on 021464932 or cody.katrina@vodafone.co.nz.

Rugby committee meeting

The next committee meeting is Thursday 6 July, Menzies College Library at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Important Dates

July	5	Year 10 Business Studies Market Day
	7	Last day of Term 2
	24	First day back Term 3
	27	Australian Maths Competition
August	4	Moffat Cup Year 7 & 8 Sports (Rugby & Netball)
	7-11	Green Week
	14	Incubator
	16	Open Evening
	20-21	Three Rivers Girls' Soccer Tournament
	27-28	Three Rivers Girls' Soccer Tournament cancellation date
September	4-8	Tournament week
	8	Workday
	11-15	Green week
	14-19	Senior Exams
	22	Sports photos
	25	HPV Vaccinations
	27	Whanau conferences
	29	Last day of Term 3
October	16	First day back Term 4
	23	Labour Day

Careers Department

Otago Polytechnic Open Days - Dunedin

Veterinary Nursing

Our open day is an ideal opportunity for any students who have a passion for animals to come along and explore a rewarding career in veterinary nursing. Students will enjoy a tour of our modern facilities, hanging out with our resident animals and learning about the role of a veterinary nurse. Date: Tuesday, August 1 from 9:00am to 12:30pm, N Block, Albany Street.

Health - Careers in Healthcare Expo

Learn about our healthcare programmes, what you need to do to apply to study in 2018 and speak to our qualified staff, healthcare practitioners and industry professionals about your healthcare career aspirations. This event includes a mini expo and informative seminars. Date: Thursday, August 3, 5:30pm to 7:00pm, The Hub, Forth Street.

Occupational Therapy - School of Occupational Therapy Information Evening

Students can learn about this diverse people-oriented profession; hear from therapists about their work, from staff about the programme design and the things you will be involved in, and from students about what it's like to be part of the programme. Date: Tuesday, September 26, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, School of Occupational Therapy, Room G201/203, G Block, Corner Union Street and Harbour Terrace.

Engineering Technologies - Information Day

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 10:00am to 3:00pm, Forsyth Barr Stadium, (meet first at L Block Foyer). Participants will learn all about engineering and the opportunities open to them when they graduate with our diploma or degree qualifications. Entry is free and lunch will be provided.

The day includes:

- An overview of engineering technologies
- An overview of our degree and diploma programmes, and other pre-engineering options
- An EXCLUSIVE tour of the Forsyth Barr Stadium
- Hear from our engineering employers
- Laboratory tours – a real hands-on experience!

Engineering Trades - Information Day

Date: Wednesday, August 2, 9:00am to 1:00pm, A Block, Forth Street. Participants will learn all about our Level 2 and Level 3 engineering trades programmes. Entry is free and lunch will be provided.

The day includes:

- An overview of engineering and automotive trades as a career
- Learning about working in the engineering and automotive industries

Construction - Building Industry Seminar – in association with Otago Master Builders and Certified Builders and Industry Training Association Building (ITABS). Participants will learn about the current trends in the building industry, what it is like being a building apprentice and the dynamic and rewarding job opportunities available to graduates. Spaces are available for up to six students from either Years 12 and/or 13 from each school (further places may be available, please enquire). Entry is free and lunch will be provided. Date: Tuesday, 29 August, 9:15am to 2:30pm, Otago University Rugby Football Club Rooms, Logan Park Drive, Dunedin

Please note that a number of these open days require bookings. If you would like to attend please see Mr Clark.

Transition Department

Gateway Profile – Nick Winn



Nick has completed 6 weeks of a ten week work placement at Gore Home Improvements Ltd. Nick is being given the opportunity to experience the many and varied aspects of the roll of a carpenter working in the construction industry.

Nick is enjoying his placement and has faced some new challenges which he has accepted willingly. He has shown that he is reliable, keen to learn and willing to put his hand to all tasks asked of him.

Both Nick and the Menzies College Gateway team appreciate the time and effort that Brent and his staff are giving him, as well as their ongoing support for our Gateway programme. At this stage Nick intends to return to school and Gateway next year where he will have further opportunities to explore possible career pathways.

*Barbara Williams/Stuart Clark
The Gateway Team*

Science Department

Year 12 Chemistry

On Wednesday and Thursday this week the Year 12 Chemistry class spent time learning the art of titrations, a quantitative technique used to work out the concentrations of unknown solutions. We analysed the concentration of ethanoic acid in different brands and different dilutions and used our results as evidence for an Internal Achievement standards worth 4 credits.

Vinegar has been known since ancient times. It is produced when wine goes sour and is often used as an ingredient in salad dressings and pickles because of its acidic nature. The active ingredient is ethanoic acid. It is an important chemical reagent and industrial chemical used in the production of soft drink bottles, PVA glue and synthetic fibres and fabrics. In the food industry, ethanoic acid is used under the food additive code E260 as an acidity regulator.



Margaret Dale
Acting Head of Department - Science

Technology Department

Next Friday 30 June, Year 9 Technology students will take 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



Social Science Department

This year we entered the Southland Social Sciences Fair again and continued our winning streak:

Gabby Knapp placed first with her Year 11 History work on 'Bloody Friday'

Luke Goatley placed second with his Year 11 History work on the 'Erebus Disaster'

Becky McEwan placed third with her Year 11 work on 'Radio Hauraki's first broadcast'

Congratulations to these students and the others that entered.

Louise Youngson
Head of Department - Social Science

Year 10 Business Studies

Next Wednesday 5 July (last week of term) our class will be having a Market Day here at Menzies College. It will be held in the school hall at lunchtime from 1.20 until 2.00pm. Please come along and support our students as they endeavour to be young business people/entrepreneurs. There will be a variety of food stalls, products, and competitions.

Lincoln Joyce
Teacher

Sports Department

Skiing

As in past years, we will be organising skiing trips on Sundays during Term 3. 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!

There will be more information in week 2 of next term but in the meantime – start saving and watching weather for snow on the mountains!

Brendon Wallace
Organiser

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