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22 September 2017

From the Principal's Desk

important next step is to keep talking with each other about managing learning.

Many thanks to the parents/caregivers and students who attended the third conferencing session of the year on Wednesday. This form of reporting places the student very much at the centre of the learning process and reflects the intent of the NZ Curriculum. It gives the student an opportunity to share with their parents/caregivers their academic and social growth as well as displaying their development as an independent learner. It is evident that the process still has some way to go and like any change, it will take time. Those students who discussed their learning best had made good use of their learning logs and had used class time to reflect upon and discuss with their teachers their understanding of the content. Our teachers too, have to ensure they are creating systems within their subject for students to communicate their understandings or misunderstandings. We have already looked as a staff, at

ways of using google sites to formalise this from next year and we are confident everyone will get better at the process. The most

Workday

Many thanks to the families and students who supported our workday on Friday 8 September. We are grateful for the effort students put in and the support they received from home and our community. So far 45% of students have returned their money and we are most appreciative of the amounts they have contributed. This fundraising has been allocated to the new mountain bikes and sound system we have purchased.

Exams

Senior students have had practice NZQA exams over the last two weeks and the staff supervisor thought students had applied themselves extremely well to the challenge of focusing and writing for the two to three hour time frame. With holidays coming up and a very short term four, it remains important that students have a rigorous study regime over this period and value every opportunity to attend tutorials or achieve credits. Everything matters at this stage.

Production

This coming Wednesday and Thursday evening our students will be performing this year's production 'Macbeth – The Downfall of a Good Man'. The cast and crew along with the director Mrs Cowley, have put in some long hours at rehearsals and I'm sure it will be an outstanding show everyone will thoroughly enjoy.

Enrolments 2018

Enrolments for 2018 are due in by 27 September. If you still require an enrolment form please contact the school office.

PB4L Achievement Draws

15 September - Marina Ferguson, Shaz Harvey, Harry Schultz, Levi Dickey and Mr Wilkinson. Marina received hers for completing excellent work in English and Shaz for making a superb effort when making a video.

22 September - Caitlyn Dudley, James Reid, Maria Perriam, Alexis Tahana-Payne and Mrs Winefield. Caitlyn achieved hers for completing her work to a high standard and James for presenting an outstanding speech. Congratulations, your canteen vouchers can be collected from the office.

Gerry Ward Principal

TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

Careers Department

Otago Polytechnic

The Otago Polytechnic will be holding Occupational Therapy information evenings at the Dunedin Campus on Tuesday 26 September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. This month 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.

Important Dates

Southern Institute of Technology Open Nights: Tuesday 17 October, 4:30pm to 6:30pm and Tuesday 7 November, 5pm to 7pm Main Campus, Tay Street, Invercargill.



General SJS Description

Student Job Search (SJS) is an online service that helps students gain work experience and extra money while studying at tertiary level. SJS advertise thousands of jobs every year just for tertiary students on their website www.sjs.co.nz. They can help you find work all year round and advertise a range of different jobs to suit your study schedule and experience. From one-off jobs to permanent part-time work, there is sure to be something that will suit you. Their service is free to students who are enrolled or planning to enrol in tertiary education for 2017. If enrolled, you can start using SJS from November. For more information head to their website www.sjs.co.nz

SJS Description to go with a Facebook Post

Student Job Search (SJS) is a free, online service that helps tertiary students to find jobs while they study. If you've enrolled, or are planning to enrol in tertiary study for 2017 you can start using SJS to apply for jobs from November. For more information head to their website www.sjs.co.nz

Scholarship - Dr Victor Harris Memorial Trust

Information regarding this year's application for bursary funds for those students wishing to attend further study in the medical related fields in 2018 is now available. Application forms are available from the school office and must be returned by e-mail before the closing day of Wednesday, 18 October 2017 to drharrismt@outlook.co.nz The Dr Victor Harris Memorial Trust Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th October 2017. Venue and time will be notified by email prior to meeting date.

Stuart Clark & Barbara Williams Careers/Transition/Gateway Team

Timetable

The Senior Option books are now available online. The link to these can be found on the main page of the school website under 'Hot Links and Downloads' just under the advertisement for the school production. Booklets are no longer being printed and handed out but if there is a need for printing, then we recommend only printing the relevant pages. Anyone who is unable to access this information can ask the office to print the pages they need.

Option choices are made in the Student Portal of Edge. The ability to save choices will be live early next week. This will be advertised on Facebook and the school notices. The window for selecting options for Years 10 – 12 will close at the end of the first week next term. Between now and then, we expect students to talk to key people about their choices for next year – subject Teachers, Whanau Teachers, Deans, Heads of Departments, family and friends. Once the option choices are in we can start to form the timetable in the best way possible for our students. In order to achieve the best outcome, we rely heavily on students taking their option selection seriously and being well informed.

NCEA Information Evening

Thank you to those that attended this session on Wednesday night. The first introduction to the NCEA system for most people is daunting. There are lots of new terms and quirks in the system that can leave students and parents/caregivers feeling overwhelmed. We find that both students and parents/caregivers quickly become comfortable with the 'ins and outs' of the system once students have been in the system a while. They start to gain credits and are communicating with their teachers about it constantly and hopefully communicating at home as well. We hope the presentation helped to improve peoples' understanding of NCEA. Many people have commented on the quality of the questions asked by both parents/caregivers and students which showed a high level of engagement and interest from the current Year 10 students. Mr Wilkinson is the Principal's Nominee at Menzies College (basically the liaison person in the school for NCEA matters). If anyone has anything they wish to further clarify, please feel free to contact him.

Edge Parent Portal Issues

At student conferences on Wednesday we learnt that the mid year Middle School Report (for Year 7-10 students) had disappeared. Edge worked on the problem and we have been informed that the reports should be visible again to download as a pdf in the portal. If there are issues with viewing the Middle School Report or the National Standards report please let us know.

School Exams & NZQA

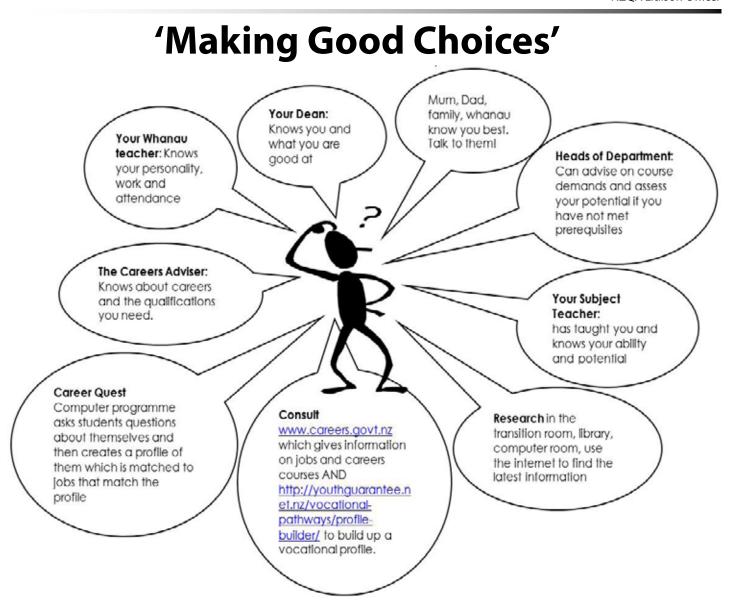
All students who sat school exams worked really well in exam week. The grades generated from these are used if a student cannot sit an external exam and apply to NZQA for a derived grade. They also give valuable practice at sitting assessments in pressure situations. We encourage all students to reflect on their school exam performance and make any necessary adjustments to their study programme to improve their performance. Students should also check Edge and NZQA to see that all internal and external entries are correct. If there are any issues with incorrect or missing standards the student is to see their subject teacher first and then Mr Wilkinson. Any late entries must be actioned by the end of week one in Term 4.



Senior students working hard in an exam

Maths 101 students sat the Algebra MCAT (Maths Common Assessment Task) on Thursday morning. This is a one hour exam that is set by NZQA which is sat either on Tuesday or Thursday this week (two different 'parallel' papers) by all students who are entered in it. Results from this assessment are available in January, the same time that all other externally assessed results become available.

Pete Wilkinson NZQA Liaison Officer



Host Family Required

We are looking for a family to host a Japanese girl who will be enrolling at Menzies College in January. She will be in Year 12 and will be with us for 10 months. She is allergic to dogs. There will be some financial compensation for the family. For further information or enquiries please contact Sharee Knapp at school.

End of Year Prizegiving Trophies

It is that time of the year again when students need to return any trophies they received last year in readiness for this year's prizegiving. These are not needed until December but it would be appreciated if they could be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Board of Trustees Report

The last Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday 31 August. It was a meeting that largely dealt with administrative matters but the Board were also assured that a lot of requirements and been met or were under way.

The principal's appraiser has been appointed to carry this out, Mrs Ginny Winefield was appointed as the returning officer for the student representative on the Board of Trustees election and Policy 5 Curriculum Delivery that we reviewed and amended at the previous meeting to reflect our changing cultural makeup, was adopted.

There have been new guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education around the use of school grounds and buildings for sleepovers. It was pleasing to note that we already had most of this in place with the exception of notifying the local fire brigade of the presence of people in the building in case of fire. This, of course, will be part of the process for future groups.

Mr Ward, in his principal's report, explained the challenges for 2018 staffing with the spikes in Year 9 and 12 year levels and outlined some of the proposed solutions. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Kit Hustler to the staff as Head of Department, Science and hope he enjoys his time here as part of the Menzies Whanau. Mr Ward also reported that some of the funds from our 10YPP grant has been used to tidy up a number of areas around the school and its houses including; replacing the carpet in Rooms 3 and 4, carpeting the hallway in 3 Alma Street which now completes that house, purchasing desks for Room 3, new curtains in the Foods and Fabrics rooms, the purchase of a new sound system for the school hall and a second hand 3 door chiller for the Foods room.

We were also informed of the progress of the senior students towards gaining their NCEA levels and the support that was being put in place for those students who had been identified as being at risk of not meeting their required target of credits.

The Board would like to wish both candidates for the student representative election all the very best and look forward to working with whoever wins the election. It takes courage to put yourself out there as a candidate and we appreciate your commitment to do this and be part of the governance of Menzies College. It is a great example for the students of what democracy looks like and the election is run under exactly the same guidelines as the parent elections. As we all head to the polls this weekend to decide the future direction of the country, if you have a first time voter in your household have you taken the time to ensure they understand MMP and how their party is applied to make up the government?

Thank you to all of the staff and parents/caregivers that have recently travelled to tournaments with sports teams or EOTC events that were approved at this meeting. All have been a very positive experience and we appreciate your time and effort to make these happen. 'Break a leg' to the cast and support crew and director of the up-coming production of 'MACBETH'. School productions are always a great night out and a fantastic way for students to get a taste of treading the boards and being part of a team.

Due to there being very little on the Board agenda this month the meeting scheduled for 28 September has been cancelled and our next meeting will be Thursday 26 October at 7pm in the Transition Room.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees Carole Bee Chairperson

Menzies College Rugby

First XV Coaches for 2018

The Menzies Rugby Committee are pleased to announce the coaches of the 2018 1st XV. They are Nick Herbert and Damian Durry. Both Nick and Damian bring a wealth of rugby knowledge, experience and skills to share with the team and we wish Nick, Damian and the boys all the best for the 2018 season.

Players interested to play for Menzies First XV in 2018

A form will be placed in the school office next week for students to indicate if they are interested in playing for the Menzies 1st XV next year. We are planning to hold a trial during the first week back at school after the school holidays.

Rugby Awards Night

Last Friday we celebrated with our Menzies rugby players who have had a great year of rugby. This was a successful evening and many deserving awards were given out. Congratulations to all recipients. A special mention must be given to Devon McLeod who who received a special award recognising 50 games he has played for Menzies. Congratulations Devon!

Rugby Trophies

If you have a rugby trophy from last year please return it to the school office as soon as possible so we can get them engraved for this year's school prizegiving.

Rugby Committee Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 17 October, 7.30pm in the Menzies Library.



Come along and celebrate the achievements of our Soccer Teams and the individual awards voted on by their fellow players. Awards and then Disco until around 11.00pm

Ticket's available from the Menzies College Office only \$5.00 each.



















Menzies College Hall

Lost Property

We remind parents/caregivers that we have a large amount of un-named lost property in the office. This is school uniform plus mufti clothing. We do our best to return clothing to the rightful owner but if articles are not named, this is not possible. Please call in and see if any of it belongs to your son/daughter. Any clothing not claimed will be sold as second hand uniform or taken to the Salvation Army.

Sports Department

Southland GymFest Competition

On Sunday 17 September an early start was made by four Menzies Year 7 girls - Sophie Ferguson, Liana Gauldie, Rachel Moncur and Josie McLellan, to make their way to James Hargest High School by 8:30am to compete at the Southland GymFest. This was the first time that I can recall having a Menzies College team enter this competition which involved a group performance and then all four girls had to compete individually in a floor, vault and beam routine. The girls started off with a group performance and executed their performance well earning an 8.5. This was followed by the vault, beam and finally floor routines. The results were as follows:



L to R: Liana Gauldie, Rachel Moncur, Mark Kerslake, Alyssa Gauldie (in front of Mr Kerslake), Sophie Ferguson, Josie McLellan

	Vault	Beam	Floor
Sophie Ferguson	8.3	8.3	9.1
Liana Gauldie	9.1	8.8	8.2
Rachel Moncur	8.7	8.2	8.1
Josie McLellan	8.6	8.5	8.3

Congratulations to Sophie Ferguson who at the end of the competition was asked to perform her floor routine again for the crowd in the 'best exhibition' part of the programme. Finally we were treated to a display of gymnastics mastery from gymnasts preparing to head away to Nationals.

I look forward to seeing this team compete again next year and I encourage other students to consider this as an opportunity to be involved with next year.

Mark Kerslake Head of Department - Physical Education & Health

Volleyball

Last week we had the first round of this term's volleyball competition. We have two teams entered – a senior boys' team and a senior mixed team. Both teams played two games each and played very well. The senior boys had a very narrow loss in one game while the mixed team won both their games. Students are reminded that there is practice every Monday lunchtime in the gym and that they are to attend if they wish to play. There will be games next week (last week of term). Games are on Wednesdays.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lindsay for driving and Sione for offering to coach the students!

Brendon Wallace Organiser

Hillary Outdoors Get 2 Go Challenge

This is an adventure race for Year 9 and 10 students. A team of eight travelled to Queenstown on Wednesday 13 September to compete. Students have no idea what the team has to do before they turn up. They are expected to work as a team to complete the challenges. The only information we had was that there would be mountain biking, navigation and a water activity.

We started with a mountain bike relay. Two mountain bikes were ridden around a short course and team members swapped in and out. We had to complete as many laps as possible in 40 minutes. The second activity was all about problem solving. The team had to move a ball from one point to another using a range of implements and with a bunch of rules in place to make it harder. Again, as many trips as possible in the time allotted. After lunch the team was split into pairs and had to go regaining. This involved



navigating with a map to find as many orienteering check points as possible in 40 minutes. This was our best event out of the three. We finished with a kayak activity. Three members had to paddle an inflatable kayak around a short course and then run the boat back to transition where the next three were waiting for their turn. Being our first time at Get 2 Go we learnt a lot. The team placed 8th out of 11 teams. This is a great result for our first time especially as we were competing against a lot of Year 10 students and we purposely took a Year 9 team so that we would gain valuable experience for 2018.

A big thank you to Mrs Norman and Mrs Ferguson for taking the teams to Queenstown.

Pete Wilkinson Organiser

Menzies College Clay Target Shooting

Southland Secondary Schools Shoot - Final

The Menzies College team consisting of Nicholas Winn, Kaleb Olive, Joshua Olive and Michael McKay were placed third in the recent shoot. This event is organised by Target Shooting Southland.

NZ Wide Postal Match

This team consisting of Nicholas Winn, Kaleb Olive and Joshua Olive took part in the postal shoot recently and were placed 9th out of 36 teams. Congratulations boys on these wonderful achievements!

Important	Dates	
September	25	HPV Vaccinations
	27	School Production - Macbeth
	28	School Production - Macbeth
	29	Last day of Term 3
October	16	First day back Term 4
	23	Labour Day
	26	Board of Trustees meeting
	30-3 November	r Green Week
November	8	Last day for senior students
	9-1 December	NCEA Exams
	24	New enrolments open day
	27-30	Year 10 camp at Mavora
December	4-6	Menzies Activity Days (MAD)
	7	Senior Prize Giving (evening)
	8	Junior Prize Giving (afternoon)
	11	Teacher Only Day (with call back for selected students)

Uniform

Please ensure your children come to school in correct school uniform. If they are not in correct uniform they require a note to bring to the Deputy or Assistant Principal. They will be given correct uniform to wear for the day in exchange for the non-regulation items which will be returned at the end of the day. Non regulation items of uniform will be confiscated for a period of time. With the recent spring weather many girls are choosing to wear their summer skirts, this is perfectly acceptable but all girls must be wearing summer skirts next term. Students are encouraged to manage themselves and make the decision based on temperature regarding the appropriate uniform.

Kath Luoni Deputy Principal

Community Notices

Vetco Wyndham and Districts Pet Day

The Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day Committee held their AGM last Thursday, 7 September and the elected committee members remain the same as last year. A general meeting was also held. Thank you to those of you that were at the meeting to show your support and help get this year's Pet Day under way.

This year's Pet Day will be held on Tuesday, 7 November at the Wyndham A & P Showground and the theme for 2017 is 'Cattle'. Now is a good time to start thinking about entries and further information will go out in the first week of Term 4. There are the usual categories including: Animals (NB: Dogs Years 3-8 only); Fancy fruit/vegetable; Sand Saucer (preschool and Year 1-2 only); Floral Art; Needlework; Science invention/model; Baking – No-cook baking, muffins (all age groups), Large Cakes & Biscuits (Years 3-8 only). Please note that only one entry is compulsory and a second is optional. We hope to make Pet Day a fun, family day so bring on the great weather! If you are able to help judge at Pet day, we would love to hear from you. Any enquiries please get in touch with Bathan Muir (President).

Wyndham Athletic Club

The new season of Athletics begins on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at the Menzies College grounds, 5.30pm start. All previous and new members are welcome to come and join the fun, catering for all from aged 5 years up. Coaching is available for high school aged children. Inquiries to Jane Muir 2066334.

Wyndham District Community Pool - Volunteers Needed

Wyndham District Community Pool are looking for senior students to help with the following:

Tailing Saturday 13 October (cancellation day Sunday 14 October)

Instructors for Swimming Lessons six weeks in Term 4, 1 night per week, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Day to be decided, dependent on instructor availability. If you are interested in either of these please contact Carlyn 206 4373 or email wyndhampool@gmail.com



Mataura Licensing Trust and Wyndham Community Pool Proudly Present

A Fireworks Extravaganza

The Wyndham Racecourse
Friday 10th November

(Postponement Saturday 11th November)
\$5 per head for entry, pre-schoolers free

Gates open 7:00pm with entertainment from 7:30pm

Fun for the whole family Food for sale Cash Only

Entertainment while we wait for the dark and the fireworks!

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a relaxed evening culminating in a

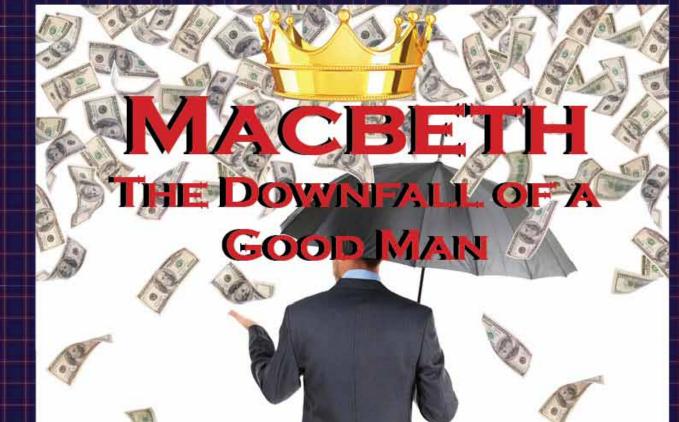
huge pyrotechnics display

PLEASE NOTE:

This is an alcohol free, family friendly event

Postponement will be announced on Hokonui Radio and Menzies College website and Facebook page





Theatre Venue Menzies College Hall

Opening Performance Wednesday 27th September

7.30pm Curtain Up

Closing Performance

Thursday 28th September 7.30pm Curtain Up

Coffee & Cake \$5 Ice creams \$2 Door Sales available if not previously sold out!

Ticket Prices

Family Pass \$30.00 x Adults 2x Children

Adult Pass \$15.00 Senior Citizen Pass \$7.00 Student Pass \$5.00

> Tickets Available At Menzies College Office

A Menzies College Production Written and Directed by **Barb Cowley** Starring

Campbell Heads & Jade Maxwell Supported by

Kelsi McLellan, Ally Gutsell, Summer Smith, Joseph Ferguson, Michael Moncur, William Ranstead, Levi Dickey, Sam Macdonald, Luke Goatley, Paxton Waters, Breana Harvey, Lisa Clark, Samantha Cahill, Kieran Coyle, Marina Ferguson, Gabby Shirley, Georgia Walker, Brock Stuart,

Amy Porteous, Gabby Knapp, Sophie Walker, Cailee Moncur & Deniz te-Lindert. Musical Team

Special Effects & Lighting Effects

Ginny Winefield, Peter Power, Tane Carney & Shaz Harvey Matt Cook & Philip Snedden



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