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3 November 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Next Wednesday, 8 November, is the last day for our seniors before they embark on NCEA exams. Even if a student already has the necessary credits to gain NCEA at their level, giving of their best, using all the time available and giving considerable thought towards answers is the least of our expectations. 'Striving for Excellence' and in some cases, endorsements, is an aspiration we value and great personal satisfaction can be gained. The staff wish all students well during this time and I would like to acknowledge the work and additional hours they have poured in to many of these students to assist them with the demands of NCEA. Some students still need to come in to complete assignments and they need to ensure they have arranged these times with their teachers.

In Week 7 from Tuesday 28 November until Friday 1 December, our Year 10 students will be at Mavora Camp. There is an expectation that all students attend this exciting adventure based camp on the edge of Fiordland and if there is a difficulty in meeting this request please contact one of the Deans - Mrs Gibbs or Mr Cook. The following week we hold our Menzies Activity Days (MAD) with all Year 7 to 10 students engaged for four days in one of the 13 activities on offer. Excursions range from surfing to film making with something for everyone.

A final farewell assembly will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 7 December when we have our MAD presentations, farewell staff leaving and present the House Shield. Senior prize giving is that evening and Junior prize giving is on the Friday starting at 1.00pm.

Congratulations to our Year 8 students Kimberley Simmonds, Stirling McKelvie and Brooke Loveridge who have been selected to receive Rotary Young Achiever Awards this coming Monday evening. As well as working consistently hard in everything they undertake, all three students epitomize Integrity and Excellence when representing our school and we congratulate each of them on their success.

Bandamonium

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the 'Bandamonium' held at school last night. These students have put in many hours practising and this was clearly evident when watching their performance. It was outstanding and a credit to them all. Many of the students taking part gained credits for their NCEA in solo or group performances. Congratulations!

L to R: Hannah Tiller, Olivia Milne, Aura Fuatavai-Grieve, Shaz Harvey, Peter Power (members of the 'Spice Band')



A reminder to families to get enrolment forms in for 2018. We are processing these now and are holding our New Entrants Day on Friday 24 November. All families that have enrolled will receive a letter soon about this day.

PB4L Achievement Slip Draw - Congratulations

Week Ending 27 October - Oceania Fuatavai-Grieve, Tane Carney, Bella Ranstead, Lauren Story and Mrs Gibbs. Bella received hers for total focus on her work until it was finished and Oceania for always showing respect to everyone.

Week ending 3 November - Jacia Marsh, Aura Fuatavai-Grieve, Andrew Paterson, Brianna Ferguson and Mrs McKelvie. Andrew received his for working really well with independence and focus. Well done, your canteen vouchers are at the office.

Gerry Ward
Principal

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NZQA Information

External Exams

NCEA exams begin next Friday (10 November). Students were given their admission slips and exam timetables on Wednesday. Any uncollected admission slips can be collected from their Whanau teachers.

If there is an issue with an exam not listed on the slip that should be OR an exam listed that should not be, please get your child to see their subject teacher first and then Mr Wilkinson.

Mrs Landreth (our Exam Centre Manager) and Mr Wilkinson will meet with all exam students next Wednesday (8 November) at 2.00pm to give final instructions. It is vitally important that your child knows exactly what day and time their exams are on. We have previously had students get days wrong and even turn up in the afternoon for a morning exam. There is absolutely nothing we can do if an exam is missed. **School uniform is to be worn to exams.**

Internal Credits

These can still be gained right up until the end of the year. Students are encouraged to come to school to finish any internal credits. Make sure that this is pre-planned with the teacher(s) concerned. This is particularly important for any Year 11 students who are yet to achieve literacy or numeracy requirements and school leavers who may not yet have University Entrance. **Senior students are not expected to wear school uniform if coming to school to study or to complete internal credits.**

Please encourage your child to check the credits they think they have matches what is visible on Edge and NZQA. If there is a discrepancy please get them to see their subject teacher first then Mr Wilkinson.

Pete Wilkinson
NZQA Liaison Person

Host Family Required

We are looking for a family to host a Japanese girl who will be enrolling at Menzies College in January. There will be some financial compensation for the family. She will be in Year 12 and will be with us for 10 months. **Please note that we were previously advised she was allergic to dogs but this is incorrect.** For further information or enquiries please contact Sharee Knapp at school.

End of Year Prizegiving Trophies

There are still a few trophies that students need to return for this year's prizegiving. It would be appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

J R McKenzie Youth Education Trust - Financial Assistance

This trust supports families in need of financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform. Applications will be accepted from those students who are entering high school for the first time specifically:

- * Year 9 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 9 level onwards
- * Year 7 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 7 level onwards and also provides High School education at the Year 9 level.

This includes basic school clothing and footwear (excluding roadshoes/runners). Further information and application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 8 December.**

Menzies Activity Days (MAD) 2017

As in previous years we are once again running activity programmes from Monday 4 December until Wednesday 6 December for all Year 7 - 10 students.

Students have had presentations from staff about the options on offer. They have been asked to bring the options home to discuss with a parent/caregiver before making a decision about what they want to do. If there are insufficient numbers, options may not run. If there are too many students for an option some students may miss out and will have to choose another option. We will endeavour to find a suitable option for all students.

We are aware that these options fall at an expensive time of the year. We endeavour to keep costs as low as possible and offer the opportunity to fundraise. There are lower cost options available. All students are expected to choose an option. If there are any issues regarding paying for the options or attendance, please contact Mrs Luoni.

Once a decision has been made, please return the permission form to the office by Friday 10 November or earlier.

Kath Luoni
Deputy Principal

Menzies College PTA

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please support the Menzies College PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets have been sent home with your child today. We are asking each family to sell 5 tickets at \$2.00 each or make a cash donation. We also ask that you donate non-perishable grocery items for the hamper. All ticket butts, money and grocery items can be left at the school office. Please also return any unsold tickets. If you feel you are able to sell more tickets please collect them from the school office. The raffle will be drawn at the Menzies Senior Prize Giving on 7 December. Thank you for your support. Any inquiries to menziespta@gmail.com

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be having sales of second hand uniform and new jackets, PE tops and kilts on the following dates:

Wednesday 13 December 3.30 to 4.30 pm and Monday 22 January 5 to 6 pm

We will sell clean uniform in good condition on behalf (20% commission) and also accept donations. Please leave this at the Menzies College office prior to the sale. Any enquiries to menziespta@gmail.com.

The Menzies College PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year which has allowed us to donate funds to the following departments this year:

- * \$2000 to the Outdoor Education department for the new bikes and trailer
- * \$2000 to the English department for new class texts
- * \$2000 to the Hall for the new sound system

If you would like to be a part of this great easy going committee please contact menziespta@gmail.com

Carlyn Stewart
PTA

Board of Trustees Report

The Board met on 31 October and we welcomed Rhiannon Gorman back to the Board as the newly re-elected student representative. The Board are very grateful that two candidates of such high calibre were prepared to make the commitment to stand for the position and the very close result shows that the students viewed them both as great potential representatives for them on the Board. The student's point of view is paramount in our decision making as they are at the heart of every decision we make. Thank you Rhiannon for taking on this extra role again in what will be a busy year for you.

After a short break due to a very small agenda last month leading to the cancellation of the September meeting, we had a large number of Education Outside the Classroom proposals to approve on Tuesday night. It is great to see that the students are continuing to be offered a huge variety of opportunities to learn outside of what we think of as the traditional learning environment, the classroom, and that Menzies is upholding its tradition of getting students out into the great outdoors and allowing them to challenge themselves in what might be quite unfamiliar situations for a large number of students.

Mr Ward reported that the roll projections for 2018 are looking very healthy and that our staffing is currently slightly under entitlement. This is always a good situation to be in at this time of the year as often schools can find themselves over spent and this can be a serious drain on financial reserves as this has to be paid back to the Ministry.

We adopted a new Child Protection Policy last night (we are required under law to have one of these) after several months of development. It aims to protect our children from harm while they are under our care and also to provide some support to staff in terms of what to do should they suspect abuse or have it disclosed to them. While in an ideal world we would like to think such things are not necessary, the world is far from ideal. If you are involved in an overnight activity associated with our school you will be required to be police vetted (this has been happening already in preparation for this policy). Please realise that this is for your protection as much as that of the students, is completely confidential and it is a requirement by law.

The school continues to be in a sound financial situation despite there being an increase in the amount spent on assets this year to improve the learning environment and equipment for our students.

The Charter for 2018 is currently being developed and the Board will meet on 23 November to discuss and contribute to this document also. Our charter is an excellent document and our thanks go to Mr Ward and the staff for their excellent work around this again.

It was also reported at the meeting that the Principal's appraisal process has begun and a small sample of students, caregivers and parents will be contacted to have input into this. If you are contacted please feel able to answer frankly as all responses are confidential and are compiled by an independent outside provider.

The Board would like to wish all the senior students who are heading into the exams in the next couple of weeks all the very best. It can be a stressful time but if you are well prepared then you have done all you can.

The final scheduled meeting for this year is Thursday, 30 November at 7pm in the transition room.

Carole Bee
Chairperson

Science Department

Year 9 & 10 Science

Over the last week Year 8 and 9 Science classes have been setting minnow traps in the pond, which is part of the Wyndham Reserve, in an attempt to understand the number of fish species that are present there. These have been preliminary exercises designed to test the feasibility of introducing elements of this into the junior programme for next year. We are working in conjunction with Environment Southland and Fish & Game, with a view to carrying out a more comprehensive survey during the integrated studies week in December. Traps are set overnight.

So far we have caught two eels, any number of bullies (probably common and upland) and a single giant kokopu. Students were extremely excited to see the giant kokopu up close and it resulted in some discussion around this globally endangered species. Some bullies have been kept in the newly arranged fish tank with a view to confirming their identities and assessing their suitability for behavioural studies around the 3.1 Biology standard next year.

Photo shows Ethan McLellan with a giant Kokopu



*Kit Hustler
Head of Department - Science*

Year 11 Agriculture - Learning in the Community

The Year 11 Agriculture class has just completed a practical unit consisting of learning how to deal with new calves, spraying, knife sharpening, composting, propagating and pruning. Our class would not have been able to pass this unit without the help and patience of many people.

A huge thank you to Karina and Pete Clement for having us and other Agriculture classes on their farm throughout the year, but also for teaching us about animal husbandry (calving) and spraying. Thanks to the Wyndham Rest Home for allowing us to go there and to Margaret McKelvie for sharing her superb knowledge of horticulture and showing us how to correctly make compost, to prune and propagate. We also appreciated Nigel and Sharlene Loveridge, Shane Lee and Sara-lee Gutsell from Loveridge Home Kill, welcoming us on site in the shop to teach us how to use the steel and stone to correctly sharpen knives.

These people put a lot of time and energy into their communities and we appreciate their help with our course work immensely. They made the learning process interesting, fun and beneficial as we will have these skills with us for a very long time.

*Kaitlen Yorke
Year 11*

Careers Department

FMG 2018 Agriculture Scholarship

Applications for this scholarship are now being accepted and offer two promising school leavers \$5000 towards each year of their undergraduate agricultural degree at Lincoln, Massey or Waikato Universities. Applications and more information can be found on the website <https://www.fmg.co.nz/about-fmg/giving-back/fmg-agriculture-scholarships/>

Southland FGW Trust - Study Grants

Grants up to \$2000 are available to female students undertaking full-time degree or post-graduate level study in 2018. Applicants will have the potential to succeed and be able to demonstrate financial need. For an application form email: glenda@glendagraham.co.nz or text 027 228 3919. Applications close 1 February 2018.

Important Dates

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

*Stuart Clark & Barbara Williams
Careers/Transition/Gateway Team*

Menzies College Rugby

AGM & General Meeting

This is on Thursday 9 November at 7.30pm in the Menzies College library. All Welcome. The following positions on the rugby committee are available: Treasurer, Secretary, Rugby Administrator in Schools (RAiS) and Sponsorship. If you are interested or require more information please contact Neville Parkinson or Katrina Read.

Important Dates

November	8	Last day for senior students
	10	Fireworks Extravaganza
	9-1 December	NCEA Exams
	24	New enrolments open day
	27	Outdoor Leaders to Mavora
	28-December 1	Year 10 camp at Mavora
	30	Board of Trustees meeting
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)
2018		
January	26	Teacher Only day
	29	Senior Interviews - all staff present
	30	Year 12 & 13 students only attend
	31	All students attend
February	6	Waitangi Day

School buses will run from 29 January, 2018

Community Notices

Southern DHB Mental Health Promotion, Eastern Southland Life Matters Network Partners, WellSouth and Community Connections Centre, bring you an information session with Chris Bowden

Chris completed his undergraduate studies in education and psychology at the Otago University focusing on child and adolescent development. Early in his career he managed a national research project for the Children's Issues Centre, co-authored several journal articles and a government report on the role of early childhood education in supporting the development of family/whānau resilience. Later he worked for Suicide Prevention Information New Zealand and the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand as an information officer and community educator, providing community and professional education in the area of suicide prevention and intervention locally and nationally. In 2004, Chris began teaching in the School of Education at Victoria University of Wellington in courses that focus on human development, adolescence and youth development and child and adolescent mental health. Chris is particularly interested in the important role education plays in supporting development, learning and resiliency in children and young people.

Chris is also passionate about suicide prevention and postvention. He has authored various government reports on suicide prevention; presented conference papers, symposia and hui on suicide and on 'survivors' - those affected and bereaved by suicide. He developed the Waves psycho-educational programme for adults bereaved by suicide in conjunction with Skylight in Wellington. Chris co-facilitated this programme for many years using his educational skills to help people learn about grief and how to cope with suicide bereavement. He has now turned his focus to conducting research on the programme and its impact. Chris is currently completing his PhD which is a descriptive phenomenological study on young men's experiences of losing a close male friend to suicide.

This is being held on 7 November from 7-9pm at the James Cumming Wing, Ardwick Street, Gore. RSVP by 3 November to andrae.gold@southerndhb.govt. or phone 03 2118628.

Ian Grant - 'Families, Fatherhood, Relationships'

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Day	Date/Time		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Day 1	Thurs 9 Nov	9.30am				Drama
		2.00pm	Drama	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira	Chinese
Day 2	Fri 10 Nov	9.30am	Economics	Media Studies	Business Studies	Calculus
		2.00pm	Music	Health / Physics	Accounting	Te Reo Rangatira
Weekend						
Day 3	Mon 13 Nov	9.30am	English		French / Te Reo Māori	
		2.00pm		Business Studies	Health / Japanese	English
Day 4	Tues 14 Nov	9.30am	Chemistry	Dance / Latin	Making Music	Geography
		2.00pm	Japanese	History	English	
Day 5	Wed 15 Nov	9.30am	Science		Media Studies	Music
		2.00pm	Chinese	Geography	Chemistry	History
Day 6	Thurs 16 Nov	9.30am	Biology	Music	Biology	Art History
		2.00pm	Social Studies	Chemistry	Home Economics	Media Studies
Canterbury Anniversary Day						
Weekend						
Day 7	Mon 20 Nov	9.30am	Mathematics and Statistics			Biology
		2.00pm		Economics	Physics	Te Reo Māori
Day 8	Tues 21 Nov	9.30am	Accounting	Te Reo Māori	Music Studies	Economics
		2.00pm	Home Economics	English		Statistics
Day 9	Wed 22 Nov	9.30am	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Physics
		2.00pm	German	Biology	Geography	French
Day 10	Thurs 23 Nov	9.30am	Geography	Accounting / German	Calculus	
		2.00pm	Dance	Classical Studies	Spanish	Classical Studies
Day 11	Fri 24 Nov	9.30am	History	Education for Sustainability	History	Chemistry
		2.00pm	Business Studies	Mathematics and Statistics	Social Studies	Spanish
Weekend						
Day 12	Mon 27 Nov	9.30am	Sāmoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Drama	Statistics	
		2.00pm	French	Chinese	Earth and Space Science	Accounting
Day 13	Tues 28 Nov	9.30am	Physics	Art History	Drama	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
		2.00pm	Latin	Spanish	Art History	
Day 14	Wed 29 Nov	9.30am	Health	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Latin
		2.00pm	Art History	French	Economics	
Day 15	Thurs 30 Nov	9.30am	Te Reo Māori	Earth and Space Science	Sāmoan	Earth and Space Science
		2.00pm	Classical Studies	Social Studies	Chinese	Sāmoan
Day 16	Fri 1 Dec	9.30am	Media Studies	Sāmoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Dance / Latin	German
		2.00pm	Spanish		German	Japanese



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