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17 November 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

NCEA exams started last week and most students have completed one or two exams already. We have been pleased with the attitude that our seniors have displayed towards these and their uptake of tutorial opportunities. This can be a stressful time and it is important that students and their whanau talk about how they are preparing themselves for exams whilst also managing themselves with good sleep, diet and some recreation over the three weeks.

We have a predicted intake of 56 new students into our school in February 2018, 48 of these will be placed in Year 7 with most of the others coming into Year 9. These are good numbers and we thank the community and contributing schools for supporting us as the roll continues to grow. Next Friday 24th, we will hold our New Entrant's Day with all those students meeting at the hall at 8.45am.

On Wednesday this week I was fortunate to attend the first day of the Cate Conference (Career Education) being hosted in Invercargill and listened to three wonderful speakers who were all connected with the South. I was most impressed with the opening address from Lucy Griffiths (nee Cruickshank) explaining how she overcame her teenage adversities to become a successful business woman. This was followed by Allan Herbison a Professor of Neuroendocrinology at Otago University specialising in infertility and Ian Taylor from Animation Research Ltd (Dunedin) who make those wonderful graphics we see on Sky Sport. On leaving school none of these speakers would have said they were going into these fields of work but each had a passion and 'can do' attitude that our students need to understand if they want great things to happen. The message for our students is about building capacity from experiences, being persistent in their beliefs and be continually open to new learnings. These people all succeeded due to a strong embedment of the key competencies we want to focus on in raising young people.

With the Coalition Government cracking into their promises over the first 100 days of office, the future look of National Standards remains unsure. The latest official material comes under the heading of 'Replacing National Standards' which in itself is a worry but in the meantime, it's business as normal. Families do need to know where their child sits against curriculum levels but once this information becomes a public document then fabrications seem to occur, especially in competitive school environments. Let's hope change brings about a simplistic model that sits neatly with the curriculum levels and allows for a development of learning beyond the extensive focus on reading, writing and maths. I'm also interested in their promise to fund schools who remove donation requests and the future of NCEA Level 1.

On Monday, staff will be engaged in interviews for our 2018 Head Students. Eleven students have put themselves forward for these two positions and listening to their responses always makes for a most enjoyable day. I appreciate that so many want this role in the school and look forward to their honesty and passion.

This year prize givings will take place during the last week of school commencing with the Seniors (Year 11-13) on Thursday, 7 December at 7.30pm and the Juniors (Year 7-10) on Friday afternoon starting at 1pm. Both events will be a celebration of achievement showcasing the talents of our students and it is an expectation that **all students** attend their respective prize giving in full school uniform.

Gerry Ward
Principal

TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

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.

Māori Education Trust 2018 Scholarship Round is Open

The Māori Education Trust 2018 Scholarship Programme is now open and offers scholarships to Māori secondary school and tertiary students who meet the respective scholarship's criteria.

Year 9	Ti Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship
	Rose Hellaby Scholarship
Year 9 – 13	Sister Anne Henry Scholarship
Year 12 – 13	RJ Graham Scholarship
Year 13	VW & LM Rosier Scholarship
	Regina Rudland Memorial Scholarship.

Secondary school students can download an application from our website www.maorieducation.org.nz, or contact Shelley Gear, Scholarships Administrator, Phone: 04 586 7971, DDI: 04 586 7973, Mobile: 027 262 8046 (texts only).

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

PB4L Achievement Draw

Week ending 10 November

Ben Bastiaansen, Anthony Heaps, Brock Stuart, Lucy Mann and Mr Ward. Brock received his for always doing the right thing and respecting others.

Week ending 17 November

Ellie Sisley, Allianz Tuhao, James Reid, Maria Perriam and Mr Landreth. Allianz received hers for always having the correct equipment and Ellie for consistently working hard. Well done your canteen vouchers are at the office.

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. For further information or enquiries please contact Sharee Knapp at school.

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**.

Sports News

Menzies Players awarded 'Southland Representative Awards'

Co-Captains of our Menzies College Girls 1st XI team, Summer Smith and Rhylee McGregor have been named Most Valuable Players for their respective Southland Representative teams for the 2017 season. Summer was awarded the 17th Grade Most Valuable Player award after very strong performances at the South Island Tournament. Rhylee was awarded the 14th Grade Most Valuable Player after consistently displaying leadership as Captain and high work rate during all games. This is the second time she has received this award having received it in 2016 as well. Rhylee also received the Most Valuable Player award at the tournament which was voted by the teams Southland played against.

Rhylee has also been selected again in the Football South National Age Group Squad to play at the National League Tournaments in Wellington in December. New Zealand Football will also follow her progress as a possible player in the New Zealand Squads for the World Cup qualifying games for the Under 17 and Under 20 sides in the future.

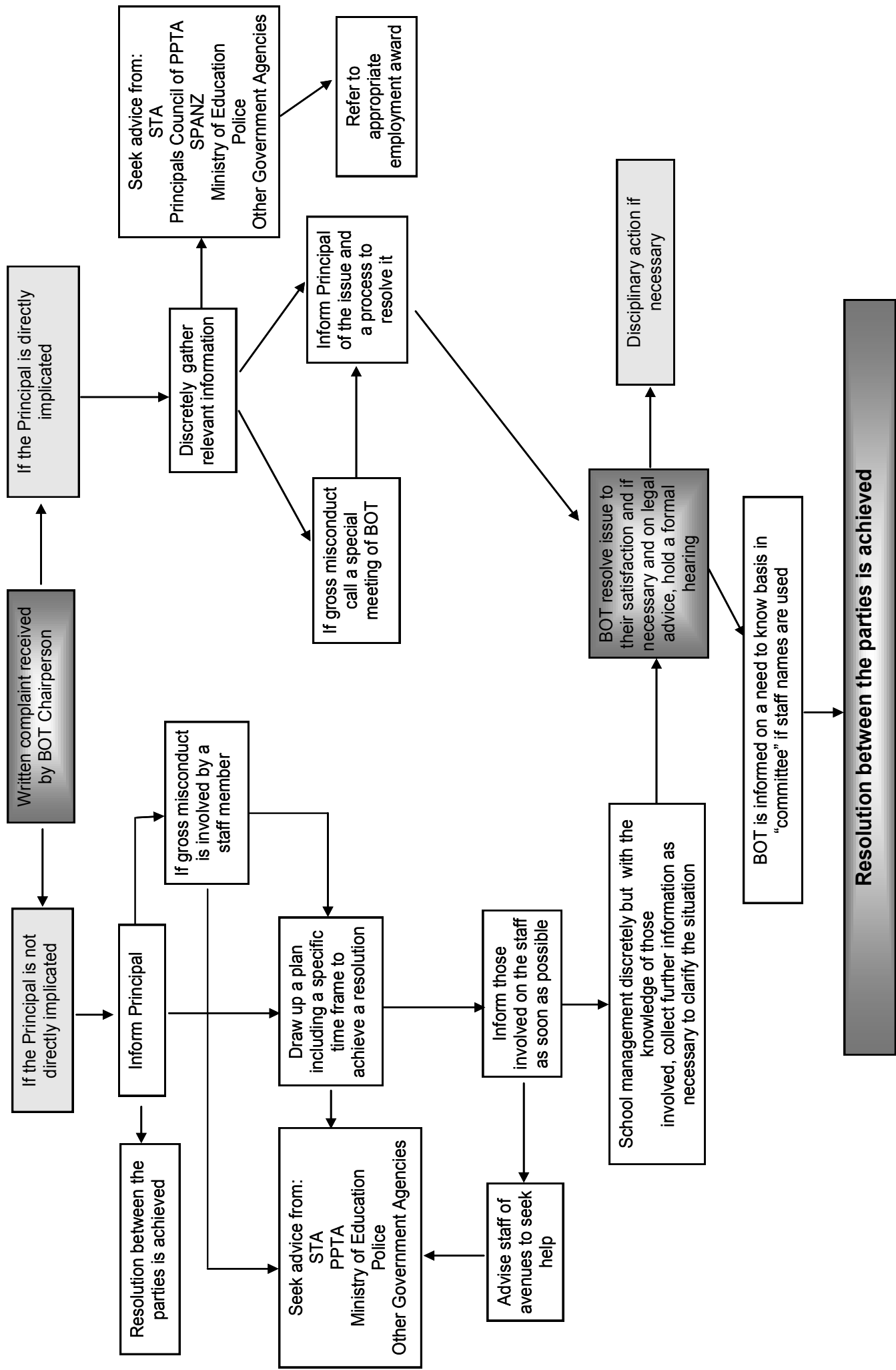


Summer Smith (left) and Rhylee McGregor (right)

Well done girls, everyone is very proud of you at Menzies College Soccer.

*Carl Lambert
Teacher in Charge - Soccer*

Board Chairperson Procedure to Deal with Parental Concerns



Timetabling Options

At today's Year 9 meeting at Whanau time, students were given information about their option subjects for next year. This is a new concept for these students because in Years 7-9, students do not make their own choices about what option subjects they take. (Option classes are the subjects outside the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Science and Physical Education).

Now that the current Year 9 students are about to start Year 10, it is time to think about what subjects they would like to take. At this age, these decisions should be heavily weighted towards subjects that students enjoy and/or are good at. Very little weight should be given to what options friends are choosing or who the teacher may be. It is important to be aware that a lack of experience in a subject at Year 10 can have an effect on entering that subject in Year 11 (e.g. it would be difficult to 'pick up' Art for Level One NCEA if you did not take any Art options in Year 10). Students were given a booklet with information on the option choices. In Year 10 the year is split into two semesters (half years) and students do two options per semester. This gives students access to four options over the year which gives a wide range of experiences to then use when making subject decisions in later years.

The booklet includes information about the options offered, plus an indication of whether the subject is also available as another option in the second semester. Students will choose their second semester option near the end of Term 2 next year. Option choice sheets for the first semester are due in to the office by **Friday 24 November**. Students need to ensure these are in by the due date to secure places in their preferred options. If students are unsure about their choices they should approach their Whanau teacher and/or a teacher who teaches the subject in question. Any other enquiries, please contact Brendon Wallace.

Brendon Wallace
Teacher in Charge - Timetable

Menzies College PTA

Christmas Hamper Raffle

First prize includes a \$100 Thomas Green voucher kindly donated by MLT. We are asking each family to sell 5 tickets at \$2.00 each and donate non-perishable grocery items for the hamper. All ticket butts, money and grocery items are to 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 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

We are short of summer skirts and second hand kilts if you have any not in use.

Carlyn Stewart
PTA

Lost/Found Property

We remind parents/caregivers and students that there is a large amount of un-named uniform and mufti clothing in the office. Please come in and collect any that is yours. Anything unclaimed will be taken to the Salvation Army at the end of the year and the uniform will be given to the PTA to sell.

Important Dates

November	9-1 December	NCEA Exams
	24	New entrants 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

Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day

Thank You

The Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who volunteered at our recent Pet Day, in particular the judges. We could not run this day without their help! We would also like to thank Vetco who generously sponsored this event, as well as the Pioneer Lions, ANZ, Fonterra and Farm Source. We would also like to thank parents/ caregivers, children and extended family for making the day a success too. A fun day was enjoyed by all!

The Wyndham A & P Show

The Wyndham A & P Show is on Saturday 2 December, 2017. The flower show schedules can be found at the local shops or go on line to <http://showday.online/> There is a colouring poster for children including four sections - preschool to 13 years. All entries receive a prize.

Children's section - 5 - 7 years, 8 - 10 years, 10 - 13 years.

Junior baking and microwave cooking (Under 17 years).

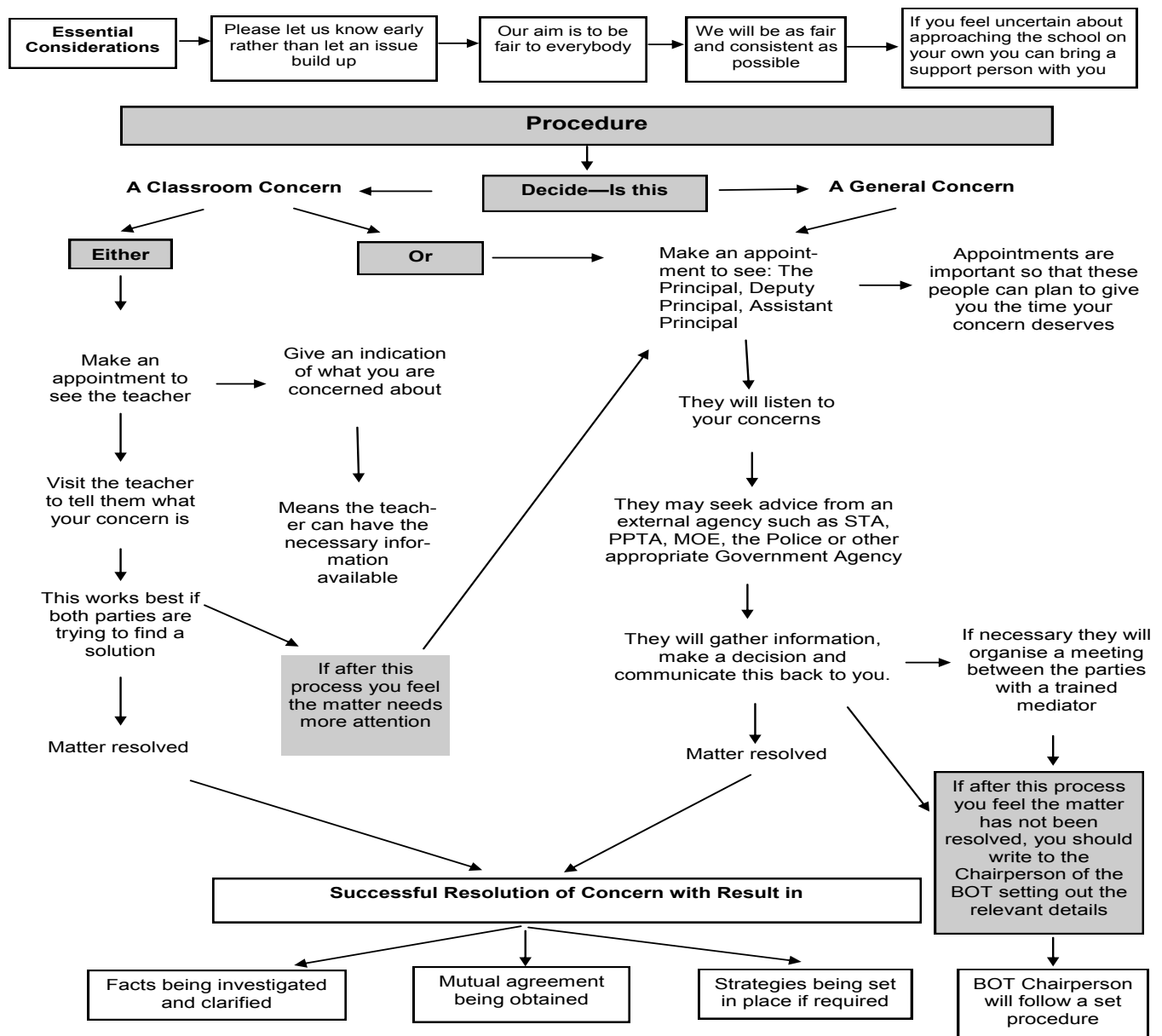
All childrens' entries are free.

Pet calf classes commencing at 9am and pet lamb classes at 11am.

For more information contact Julie Clarke on 027 4454719 or Bev Howe on 2064947.

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