



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**1 December 2017**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia ora

Although we don't officially finish until 11 December, this is the last newsletter for the year. I wish to pass on my thanks to everyone who assisted in allowing the school to operate in the manner it does. From the Board of Trustees and Staff, to the parents and our community, my sincere thanks for everything you do for our school. The people we come in contact with makes it a most enjoyable place to work and we always feel so supported in what we do.

We finish the year with two prize givings, the Seniors on the evening of 7 December and the Juniors the following afternoon at 1 pm. It is a significant event on the school calendar and an opportunity to celebrate together the success of our students. It is expected that all students attend their respective prize givings. We also have a formal assembly on Thursday afternoon to farewell staff and present PB4L prizes and the House shield.

Last Friday we had our 'New Entrants Day' where 56 students visited from our contributing schools. We expect to have 49 new students in Year 7 next year along with another 8 students joining with our three Year 9 classes making a total of 66 students at that level. An early impression would indicate that we have a lovely group coming in to the school next year. My thanks to the contributing schools for supporting this day and to our Dean, Mrs Cowley and 'Within School Teacher' Mr Lambert for arranging the programme. The photo shows new entrants with our Year 8 students at Market Day last Friday.



Many thanks to Mrs Bradley who finished her fixed term position last week. Joss has taken on the task of teaching Foods, Agriculture and Mathematics, primarily to our Year 11 students and we wish her well for next year. Today, Mrs Wise also finished after covering for Mrs Robertson while she is on maternity leave and we wish Freya well as she looks forward to her upcoming motherhood. Fleur Egerton, Jennifer Berry and Hayley Chalmers will join our staff in the New Year and we look forward to their arrival.

Last week we completed interviews for the two 2018 Head Student positions. Eleven students put themselves forward for these roles and listening to their conversation about their schooling makes for a most enjoyable day. I appreciate that so many want this role in the school and are looking to further their leadership skills. The two successful students will be announced at the senior prize giving.

NCEA exams finished last week and we are pleased with the effort that most students applied towards the externals along with those who have come into school for tutorials and to complete work. Thanks to Mrs Landreth for her supervision of the exams and making them run so smoothly.

Year 10 headed away to Mavora camp on Tuesday and next week we are looking forward to the MAD (Menzies Activity Days). A lot of time and effort goes into organising these tremendous opportunities and I appreciate the energy and commitment of our staff. This is a good way to finish the school year and all students are expected to commit fully to their chosen activity.

**Today is the last day the canteen will be open so students need to bring lunches if they are on the school grounds next week.**

Gerry Ward  
Principal

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## Sports Department

### New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Championships 2017

Hayden Stuart is attending the NZSSTFRC at the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park in Hastings from 1-3 December. He is competing in the 800m which is his specialist event. We wish Hayden all the best and look forward to hearing his results.

Katie Keil  
Sports Co-Ordinator



### Thanks from the Gateway Team

Again this year, our Gateway students have made most favourable impressions while on their Gateway placements with their enthusiasm, aptitude, positive attitudes and a willingness to extend themselves. We have been most fortunate to have had an outstanding group of employers who have worked alongside our students mentoring them at their placements. Through their encouragement and care the students have all gained new skills and knowledge in their respective career areas.

We are most grateful for the support of the employers and members of their staff who have put much time and effort into making the placements, for our students, valuable learning experiences. Without such generous support, there could not be a Gateway programme. We ask that our school community support this year's Gateway placement employers: Number 10 Southland Youth One Stop Shop, Ajax Building Contractors Ltd, The Warehouse (Gore), Beck Engineering, Ashby & McAllister Limited, Thornlie Park Limited, The Wyndham and Districts Community Rest Home, Regional Ford (Gore), Redan Valley Engineering Limited, JJ Limited Southland, Country Cottage, Southland Farm Machinery, Jagged Razors, Stabicraft Marine Limited, Michael Kelly Auto, YMCA, Commercial Vehicle Centre, Combined Vet Services (Gore) Limited, Truck Stop, Salon Dimensions Wyndham, GHI Construction, Gore Sheetmetal and Engineering Ltd, Marshalls Garage and Tony Stratford.

We are also indebted to the parents and caregivers of our students. The changes in the drivers' licence system means students are now more dependent on their families to get them to their placement each week. When they do obtain their restricted licence and are able to drive themselves to their placements, it is usually the family car they are able to borrow for the day. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have rearranged schedules and other events to fit in with their student's Gateway placement.

The other group of people we, the Gateway Team and the Gateway students, are indebted to is the staff of Menzies College. They have been unstinting in their support of the students going out on their placements. It has not always been easy for them as, for a variety of reasons all the students have not been able to be placed on the same day, but they have all seen the value of the placements to the students. A big thank you to all the above mentioned. We look forward to working with our Gateway employers again next year and helping our Gateway students on their vocational pathways' journeys.

Barbara Williams & Stuart Clark  
The Menzies College Gateway Team



### Library News

**The Great Escape Summer Reading** has begun at our Library for the pupils of our school and many others. We are working in partnership with the Southland District Libraries so please visit these libraries if you can. This includes Menzies College, Maitua, Gore, Winton, Wyndham and Invercargill libraries with some in between those bigger areas.

Check out our facebook page for more information and links, just type in 'Menzies College Library' on our Facebook page. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's break. Enjoy your holidays!

Eileen Barnett  
Librarian

## Menzies College PTA

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

A reminder to families to please return any sold raffle tickets and money plus a donation of non-perishable grocery items for the hamper. 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](mailto: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](mailto:menziespta@gmail.com)

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

Carlyn Stewart- PTA

## PB4L Achievement Draw

**Week ending 24 November** - Alex Guthrie, Levi Smith, Arden Knapp, Emma McEwan and Mrs Williams. Arden received his for an excellent work ethic in maths and Alex for helping others.

**Week ending 1 December** - Emily Laurenson, Liana Gauldie, Deniz te Lindert, Jacob Reiri and Mrs Cowley. Deniz received his for working well in a small group, Emily for striving for excellence in literacy and Jacob for great work in maths. Congratulations, your canteen vouchers can be picked up from the office.

## Important Dates

<b>December</b>	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

<b>January</b>	26	Teacher Only day
	29	Senior Interviews - all staff present
	30	Year 12 & 13 students only attend
	31	<b>All students attend</b>
<b>February</b>	6	Waitangi Day
	12-16	Hope Arm Camp

**School buses will run from 29 January, 2018**

## Technology Department



### Year 7 & 8 Tokanui Students

Last Wednesday the Tokanui manual students finished their term here at Menzies. Year 7 students took home an illuminated letter of their name and Year 8 took home their occasional table.

To make their various projects Year 7 students learned a range of skills from soldering little LED's into circuits to cutting and Year 8 welded their tables. They all enjoyed their time in the workshops and we look forward to seeing some of them back next year.

*Matt Cook  
Teacher*



## Menzies College Soccer

### Menzies Student Selected for Football South Age Group Side

Year 10 student Rhylee McGregor has been selected for the Football South 14th Grade Girls team again, to play at the New Zealand Football National Age Group tournaments in Wellington in December. The team is selected from seven provinces within the Football South region (a bit like the Highlanders rugby team).

This is the second year Rhylee has been selected for this team to attend the tournament. All players will be looked at for future New Zealand teams at Under 17 and Under 20 level to qualify for FIFA World Cups for their age groups.



*Carl Lambert  
Teacher in Charge - Soccer*

## 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.

## 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**.



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