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2 February 2018

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Welcome to Menziess College 2018. This is the first newsletter for the school year and from now on will be printed fortnightly.

On Wednesday morning we welcomed 67 new students and five new staff into the school with a wonderful Powhiri. It was so heartening to again, feel the spirit of the school as our other students made everyone welcome and ensured new students comfortably found their way around their new environment. The school starts the year with a roll of 323 which is a very pleasing number and a slight increase on last year but a lot more than six years ago. Thank you to the parents/caregivers that also attended on Wednesday. We look forward to working with all new parents in our community to make the best possible gains with your child. We are still finalising student and staff timetables and problem clashes will iron themselves out in the next week.

An early indication of NCEA results show we are on par with expectations. The difference this year is the high quality of the results from those who passed. Our students gained 133 subject endorsements last year and 37 overall NCEA Level Endorsements, almost twice as many as the year before which at that time had been our best. We are really pleased that students value the importance of endorsements and the benefits they bring when looking for employment or tertiary study opportunities. We will host our GF Walker Awards next Friday 9 February from 2.20pm in the hall to celebrate the success of these students and also present House and Committee Leaders with their badges. Everyone is welcome to this assembly.

In week three our Year 12 and 13 students will be away at camp for most or part of the school week. Students need to be well organised for these, inform their employer if they have part time jobs and make sure they have all the essential gear prepared. Both the Hope Arm Camp and Year 13 Retreat are a fabulous way to start the school year.

Students are reminded that correct uniform and punctuality are not negotiable and they must report to the office, should they need to be exempt. We changed our senior uniform (Year 11-13) two years ago and by now everyone should be wearing it correctly, including shoes and school tie. We still have a good range of second hand uniforms but we are in need of some summer skirts if anyone has any for sale. It is expected that all clothing is named so lost property can be returned to its rightful owner.

The school runs an informative website that is constantly updated and a number of subjects and sporting codes have active Facebook pages. These are probably still the best places to look for up to date information. A detailed list of important dates are printed overleaf.



New Asphalt Path

Many thanks to the Southland District Council who funded the asphalt of the school footpath in Florence Street. This has improved the appearance of the school and is greatly appreciated by the students. Thank you Pam Yorke for your support of this.

Gerry Ward
Principal



TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

NZQA

Student Assessment Procedures

All Year 11-13 students should have seen this document when they confirmed subjects on day 1. This is available to view on the Menzies school website.

University Entrance - List of approved subjects and standards

The list for 2018 is on NZQA and the school website. Students intending to go on to tertiary study in 2019 need to make sure they are taking the right subjects and standards.

Timetable

We are happy to have a working (and fully staffed) timetable. There are a very small number of students who need to sort out any issues. Our aim is to always give our students the best possible chance at success in their chosen subjects. The staff here at Menzies have shown amazing flexibility with their own time if it is in a student's best interest. We hope that students appreciate this and make the most of their year whether they are in class, learning on-line or learning independently.

Over the next two weeks there may be some movement as some students may decide that the choices they have made are not working out. It is essential that all these changes get approval from Kath Luoni, so any student wanting to change classes must see her.

Year 10

At the end of last year, Year 9 students chose their options for Year 10, 2018. Since that time, there have been some developments with the options we are able to offer. Because of this, we decided to ask the Year 10 students to re-choose their options. The option choices are the same as the ones offered last year with the addition of two extra options. Year 10 Resiliency is an option being offered by the PE and Outdoor department and 10 Fabrics has been added by the Technology Department.

Because of the short time frame (we first saw the students on Wednesday morning and the first option class is timetabled for Period 1 Friday) we presented the option choices to them and asked them to make their choices immediately. This does not mean that there is no consultation with home – we are expecting students to talk to their parents/caregivers about these choices and ask you to make contact if there are any issues. Please contact either Brendon Wallace or Kath Luoni. Student timetables are able to be viewed on the Edge Portal and the option booklet is available to be downloaded from the school website. As with the senior classes, there is a grace period of two weeks where students may be able to change their option choices depending on space. All these changes must be approved by Kath Luoni.

Brendon Wallace
Teacher in Charge - Timetable

Technology Department

The Fabrics room is looking for any unwanted pins, buttons, ribbon, braid, thread and embroidery cotton. If anyone has any they no longer require it would be appreciated if they could be handed in to the school office. Thank you.

Science Department



In the last week of the holidays, Rhiannon Gorman and I were fortunate enough to attend the Otago University Advanced School Science Academy in Dunedin along with 65 other students from all over New Zealand. We took part in lectures, projects, lab and science communication sessions on campus at the University of Otago. Rhiannon's chosen projects included Chemistry and Zoology, and mine were Human Anatomy & Physiology and Sports & Exercise Science.

We were very grateful for such an incredible opportunity to learn more about possible careers in science and the chance to make amazing friends from all over the country. We are both very excited to head back up again in July to finish the second half of the academy.

Olivia Wallace
Year 13

Olivia Wallace (left) & Rhiannon Gorman

Important Dates

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| February | 6 | Waitangi Day – School Closed |
| | 16 | New students & parents BBQ at 1.20 in the Technology Quad (more information will be given to students closer to the time) |
| | 9 | G F Walker Awards 2.20pm Formal uniform – all welcome |
| | 12-17 | Year 12 Camp at Hope Arm |
| | 13-15 | Year 13 Retreat at Edenvue |
| | 28 | Athletics Sports |

Website and Facebook

School Website

The Menzies College website (www.menzies.school.nz) contains a wide variety of school-related information and is worth a look if you are looking for information. There is a section on what is happening in the current week, a download section where you can download option booklets, permission forms etc and links to logins like student e-mail, edge portals, google, NZQA.

Facebook

Menzies College manages a Facebook page which is used to post helpful links and convey important day-to-day messages. New families to the school are encouraged to follow this page to keep up to date. Simply search Menzies College Wyndham Southland.

Daily Notices

Students are expected to check the daily notices at least every day. They can be viewed by anyone on the school website – just click on the Daily Notices tab. These are live updates of the notices, so are always current. We encourage parents to look for information here as well as students. Keeping up to date with this information helps organised activities and the school day run effectively.

Menzies College Guidance Team

Pete Holden and Megan Lindsay are available for students and caregivers to talk to. Go online to 'Facebook' and search for Menzies Guidance, (<https://www.facebook.com/menziesguidance/>) for a range of services available, information and a confidential 'Send us a Message' option. Other ways of getting in touch with us include calling the school office or going online and sending a confidential message to Menzies Guidance via the 'Messenger' app.

We are talking with our students and asking them to use Messenger to connect with us. We are finding technology is helpful for communication! Please have a discussion with your student about permissions regarding this form of contact.

*Pete Holden & Megan Lindsay
Guidance Counsellors*

HPV Vaccination

All boys and girls in Year 8 are able to have the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine at school to protect them against future infection from nine types of HPV that lead to cervical, anal, genital, mouth and throat cancers, as well as genital warts. The HPV vaccine is the final immunisation given as part of New Zealand's free childhood immunisation programme.

All year 8 students will be given a consent form to take home which includes detailed information about the immunisation. Please complete the consent form, either consenting or declining to the school based immunisation programme, and return the form to school before Friday February 16th.

For more information:

- www.health.govt.nz/hpv
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at WellSouth (03)214 6436, 0800 800 249 or hpv@wellsouth.org.nz

Menzies College Bowhunting Club

Mid January saw some members from the Menzies Bowhunting team head up to Doctari Safaris, a hunting property situated in the Gimmerburn, near Ranfurly. The group also included ex students, parents - Maria Davers, Clayton Olive, Josh Bucknell and Richard Lindsay. An exciting three days bowhunting was had by all, which included a few firsts for the team with Anthony Heaps and Harm Davers both chalking up their first bowshot goat. Ex student Flynn Hartley came close to shooting his first deer by bow, sneaking in to under 10m away, but unfortunately the deer had other ideas. Two pigs were shot during the trip with both arrows zipping straight through and seemingly good shots but unfortunately only one could be recovered despite a solid grid search by four of us early next morning. Thanks to all those who assisted in making another successful Bowhunting trip.

Any students wishing to take up the sport of archery or bowhunting, we will resume shooting on our field course up at Bee's forest Wednesday of week 4 .

Keep an eye out in the daily notices for more information and follow our Menzies College Archery & Bowhunting Page.



*Tim Landreth
Bowhunting Team Coach*

MENZIES COLLEGE
Board of Trustees
UNIFORM POLICY

Junior students (Y7-10)

- Dark green short or long sleeved polo shirt with red and white trim on collar to be worn without visible undergarment.
- Menzies (dark green) polar fleece (full or half zip) or dark green V-neck woollen jersey or sleeveless vest with monogram.
- Waterproof jacket with monogram (only available at the school office).
- Black leather lace-up shoes. Black sandals (with back strap) may be worn in summer without socks.

Boys only

- Medium grey shorts or long trousers.
- Menzies grey socks with red and green tops.

Girls – Summer

- Menzies skirt, knee length (only available from H&J Smiths).
- Plain white ankle socks.

Girls – Winter

- Menzies Hunting Tartan pleated kilt (knee length) with plain front, two straps with a kilt pin (only available at the school office).
- Plain black or green tights

Senior students (Y11-13)

- Regulation white dress shirt (boys).
- Regulation white blouse (girls).
- Regulation green senior tie (Y11 & 12) (only available at the school office).
- Regulation Yr13 striped tie (only available at the school office).
- Regulation blazer with monogram (Optional).

Boys only

- Medium grey long trousers or shorts.
- Menzies grey socks with red and green tops.

Girls – Summer

- Menzies skirt, knee length (only available from H&J Smiths).
- Plain white ankle socks.

Girls – Winter

- Menzies Hunting Tartan fully pleated kilt (knee length) with plain front, two straps with a kilt pin (only available at the school office).
- Plain black or green tights

Most uniform items are available at The Warehouse - Gore.
H & J Smith Ltd - Invercargill and Gore.
Some items are available second hand at Menzies College.

NO Hats or Caps are to be worn on the school grounds

Health & Physical Education Uniform (Y7-10)

- Tops: Menzies Physical Education top (only available at the school office)
Bottom: The following are acceptable: red, black or blue shorts or track pants.
Shoes: It is strongly recommended that shoes be worn. These are to have non-marking soles.

Notes to the Physical Education Uniform

1. The colour restrictions of the uniform do not apply to senior physical education or outdoor leadership (Year 11-13 students) but there are to be no offensive slogans or cartoons to be worn.
2. Staff may require students to wear other appropriate clothing from time to time e.g. swimming costume.
3. In some circumstances, staff may deem it inappropriate for a student to be required to change into the uniform e.g. a health unit, injuries.
4. Parents shall be contacted if a student has an ongoing difficulty in bringing the uniform.

Special Considerations

In some situations because of health and safety considerations, students may be required to wear a specific component of the uniform i.e. Workshop Technology – shoes, not sandals must be worn.

Formal

A green blazer, white shirt and Menzies regulation tie with the kilt for girls and long grey trousers for boys, may be required to be worn on formal occasions. The school has a range of sizes available in blazers for this purpose. Students may be required to wear the formal uniform when they are representing Menzies College.

Other representative uniforms include – wet weather tracksuits, netball skirts, hockey shirts and skirts, equestrian, athletic singlets, basketball singlets/t-shirts. Uniforms are to be worn in direct connection with the activity for which they were issued; that is on the day of competition, travelling to/from the activity or event, while participating in the activity or event.

Students have a responsibility to return any issued uniforms in a clean and tidy condition at least equal to the condition the uniform was in when received. Students have a responsibility to report any uniform damage as soon as possible to the teacher in charge of their activity and/or the Head of Department, Sport. Students whose uniforms are lost or damaged through careless or irresponsible use while in the care of the student, may be charged to assist with the cost of repair and/or replacement of the uniform. Students who fail to return their uniforms by the due date may incur a fine.

NOTE:

1. No jewellery may be worn, except a wrist watch. Students who have pierced ears are permitted to wear small silver or gold studs or keeper earrings. Nail polish is not to be worn.
2. Any changes to the school's uniform (including sports uniform) should be approved by the Uniform Committee and passed by the Board of Trustees.

IMPORTANT: Please name all uniform. There is a large amount of uniform, in particular polar fleeces, handed in to lost property each year un-named and therefore unable to be returned to the owner.

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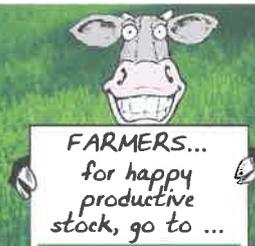
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