



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**2 March 2018**

## From the Principal's Desk

### **Kia ora**

On Wednesday we had our first major house competition of the year with our athletics day and what a cracker day it was. The weather could not have been better and this reflected in the effort of everyone's participation. The spirit was awesome as was much of the competition. From here, students will be selected for the more serious Primary and Secondary athletic event in a few weeks' time. Many thanks to the staff who organised the day and for introducing a few new technologies to make it easier. Thank you also to the parents and supporters of the school who gave their time to drop in and watch their children compete.

### **Meet the teachers**

This will take place next **Wednesday 7 March** and all families and students are expected to attend. There is more information about this further on in the newsletter.

We were deeply saddened by the news that Neil Winefield had passed away. Neil was the husband of Mrs Winefield, our Year 7 teacher who had been principal at Wyndham Primary School for 18 years before retiring in 2010. Neil was one of those people who was always pleased to see you, a really happy man who devoted nearly 40 years of his life to being an educator. We'll miss Neil dearly. Mrs Winefield will be away for another week and she wants to pass on her thanks for the wonderful support the family has had over this sad time. Recently other families in our school community have lost a family member and our thoughts also extend to those families at this time.

We want students to be proud of our school and a first step is wearing uniform correctly. Most do this very well but a small group challenge the system. At last week's assembly students were informed that there is zero tolerance for the wearing of incorrect uniform. Socks, shoes, ties, track pants and hoodies particularly come to mind. This is all part of 'Managing Self' and should uniform be incomplete a note must be produced from home. We will allow students to wear brimmed hats outside on hot days and again a note must be produced from home to gain permission. Hats are not to promote unacceptable products such as alcohol.

### **PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw**

Congratulations to the following students and Mr Wallace for winning the achievement slip draw:

Jake Kiernan, Sophie Leitch, James Reid, James Abella, Abby Van der Straaten, Brooke Loveridge, Deniz te Lindert and Ellie Sisley.

Your canteen vouchers can be picked up from the office. Well done!

*Gerry Ward  
Principal*

**TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates**

## Meet the Teachers: Wednesday 7 March

There is an opportunity to meet the teachers of your children on Wednesday 7 March at the times shown below. Please attend with your child. There is no alteration to the normal length of the school day. Information will be shared about what subject teachers expect of students in their class. By now, you should have had emails from all the subject teachers and had the opportunity to view individual comments for your child on their Google Site as well as accessing their 'Managing Self' and 'Relating to Others' grades in the Parent Portal. This is the perfect opportunity to be involved in your child's educational success and ask questions about changes in reporting. See you there!

Year Level	Year 7 & 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11-13
<b>2.30pm - 3pm</b>	Parents and students from each class meet in their home room. <b>8CL Room 1</b> <b>8BY Room 2</b> <b>7LL Room 5</b> <b>7VW Room 6</b>			

**3pm - 3.15pm** The whole school and parents of Year 7-9 students go to **Whanau time** to meet with whanau teachers to find out more about changes to reporting and conferencing.

<b>3.30 - 4pm</b>		Parents and students from each class meet in the following rooms: <b>9BG Room 3</b> <b>9JB Room 2</b> <b>9MK Room 4</b>		
<b>4pm - 4.30pm</b>			Parents and students from each class meet in the following rooms: <b>10FE Room 9</b> <b>10SK Room 8</b>	
<b>5.30pm - 7.30pm</b>				Meet in the hall at 5.30pm. A short welcome is followed by the six timetabled classes senior students attend. Each class is 15 minutes long. There will be a bell at the beginning and end of the 15 minutes. Time is allowed for moving between classes.

## Important Dates

<b>March</b>	6	Lower Mataura Valley athletics
	10-11	Paddles Up
	12	Incubator programme
	16	Otago Polytechnic visit
	16	Southland athletics
	21	Year 12 First Aid Course
	23	Southland Island Secondary Schools Athletics (Timaru)
	28	<b>School photos (period 3-5)</b>
		Board of Trustees meeting
		30 - 3 <b>April</b>
<b>April</b>	7	<b>School Ball</b>
	10-11	Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience Camp at Wanaka
	13	Last day - Term 1
	30	First day - Term 2

## Community Notices

### Wyndham Netball Club AGM/General Meeting

The Wyndham Netball Club are having their AGM/General Meeting at the Wyndham Netball Court rooms at 8pm on Thursday 8 March 2018. If your child is wanting to play netball Years 1 to 8 and Fun Ferns, your attendance is required please. Apologies to Leanne Scobie or Mel Geary.

### Flowers for School Ball

Wristlets \$25, Buttonholes \$10. Delivered to school by lunchtime on the day or can collect from 40 Mimiha School Road. Phone Carolyn 03 206 4894 or 0274 385 128 to place your order by Tuesday 3 April. Please know your colours when you order.

## Student Profiles

**Name:** Hannah Wallis

**Position Held:** Head Girl 2018

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** Art, Hospitality, Foods, Physical Education, Chemistry

**Academic Achievements:** Overall endorsement in Level 1 & 2 NCEA and subject endorsements in both levels

**Sports:** Netball

**Interests/Hobbies:** Cake decorating, Netball

**Ambitions:** To always have great passion for what I do in life

**Best About Menzies:** The teachers and the caring passion they have for us



**Name:** Tane Carney

**Position Held:** Head Boy 2018

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** Physics, English, Calculus, Digital Technology, Chemistry

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Merit Endorsement Level 1 & 2 & Level 2 Merit Endorsement in English

**Interests/Hobbies:** Guitar, Computers

**Currently Reading:** 'The Road'

**Ambitions:** To achieve UE and gain a degree in Computer Science

**Best About Menzies:** The community vibe and the student/teacher relationships



**Name:** Michael McKay

**Position Held:** Rata House Leader

**Year:** 13

**Subjects Studying:** Adventure Development, Food Technology, Art, Tourism, Gateway

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 2

**Interests/Hobbies:** Delivering pamphlets, rifle shooting

**Currently Reading:** 'The daily newspaper'

**Ambitions:** Truck Driver

**Best About Menzies:** School uniform, canteen



**Name:** William Ranstead

**Position Held:** Totara House Leader

**Year:** 12

**Subjects Studying:** Accounting, Economics (e-learning), English, Maths, Outdoor Experience, Gateway

**Academic Achievements:** NCEA Level 1 with Merit, Merit Endorsement in English & Physical Education

**Sports:** Rugby

**Interests/Hobbies:** Outdoor Recreation

**Currently Reading:** 'The Book Thief'

**Ambitions:** To impact lives with my good looks and God's love

**Best About Menzies:** Close relationships between staff and students and knowing everyone's name



**Name:** Zayden Moir

**Position Held:** Rimu House Leader

**Year:** 11

**Subjects Studying:** 101 English, 101 Maths, Science (Ext), Digital Technology, Graphics, Physical Education

**Sports:** Rugby, soccer, basketball, softball

**Interests/Hobbies:** Art, music, sports

**Currently Reading:** 'I am not Esther'

**Ambitions:** Pass Level 1 NCEA with excellence endorsements

**Best About Menzies:** The caring people



**Name:** Tyron Belt

**Position Held:** Matai House Leader

**Year:** 12

**Subjects Studying:** Adventure Experience, Metal, Wood, Physics, Maths, English

**Academic Achievements:** Merit Endorsement in Physical Education

**Sports:** Rugby

**Interests/Hobbies:** Engineering

**Currently Reading:** 'The Book Thief'

**Ambitions:** Apprenticeship in Engineering, professional MMA fighter

**Best About Menzies:** The positive and supportive atmosphere especially when things go bad





## Sports Department

### Ice Hockey

Beth Scott and Brittany Tiller have been selected in to the New Zealand U18 Women's Ice Hockey team. This is the fourth year Beth has been in the team and the second year for Brittany. The team competes at the Challenge Cup of Asia in Malaysia for eight days during March. The girls are leaving today to attend a two day training camp in Auckland before they head off. Last year they competed in Thailand and brought home a gold medal.

Good luck girls, we are all very proud of you at Menzies College.

*Brittany (L) & Beth*



### Menzies College Athletics

Congratulations to students, house leaders, teachers and supporters on a fantastic day on Wednesday 28 February, the weather certainly played the part. Thank you for all your support and help on and before the day.

Congratulations to Micaiah Johnston-Brown who won the U16 Boys Javelin and set another school record. Micaiah also has the U15 Javelin record which he set last year. The old record belonged to Caleb Smith with a distance of 40.14m which was set back in 1992. Micaiah has increased the record to 45.98m. He will be setting his sights on the U19 record next year as well and he has already thrown further than 42.25m, which is a 40 year old record set by Jonny Bloxham.

There were some stand out runners on track - Levi Smith, Reuben Wilkinson, Sar Latanafrancia, Jack Ramage, Brayden Poyntz-Roberts, Josiah Ashman, Dylan Adams, Ezekiel Johnston-Brown, Kyle Gardyne, Caeden McGregor, William Dickey to name a few and from the girls - Sophie Ferguson, Josie McLellan, Brianna Ferguson, Rhylee McGregor, Marina Ferguson and Tyla Adams.

Field events were dominated in the boys by Ryan Morton, Ezekiel Johnston-Brown, Micaiah Johnston-Brown, Kyle Gardyne, Caeden McGregor and George Shead. In the girls - Paige Loveridge, Josie McLellan, Briley Yeoman, Aliyah Wilson, Gabby Knapp and Kailey Yeoman.

Recognition for participation and effort goes to all students for getting out there and enjoying the spirit of the day. Particularly well done to Aura Fuatavai-Grieve, George Healey, Nadine Martin, Shae Lines, Sam Smith, Jante Henderson, Isak Whale, Nich Nunez, Liana Gauldie, Sarah Andrews, Maria Perriam, Brooke Loveridge and Ollie Gutsell. As well as our house captains Michael McKay, Tyron Belt, William Ranstead and Zayden Moir for their house organisation and help with relays.

The 1500m and 3000m will be held next week:

- \* Thursday 8 March 1500m 1.20pm on the field at the start/finish line
- \* Friday 9 March 3000m 1.20pm at the start/finish line

### Southland Athletics

Students that were in the top three of their events will qualify for the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships on Friday 16 March. There will be a 'sign up sheet' at the office Wednesday next week when all the events have been run. This is for U14 age group upwards. Southland/Otago Championships are not running this year so the top three from Southland will go to the South Islands. South Island Championships are in Timaru from 23- 25 March. The Southland Primary Athletics are on 7 April for U12 and U13 students and sign ups for that will happen closer to the time.

*Katie Keil  
Sports Coordinator*



## Board of Trustees Report

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Mr Neil Winefield on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He was a much loved husband of our Ginny Winefield and a loving father to his two children, Megan and Geoff. Neil was also a tremendous supporter of Menzies College during his time at Wyndham Primary School and since then and our thoughts and aroha go to his family at this sad time.

The board held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22 February in the Transition Room. I signalled my wish to stand down from the chairperson role. Currently we are unable to fill this position so I have agreed to be acting chair until this position can be filled. Mr Allister Gauldie was re-elected vice-chairperson un-opposed. Mrs Bianca Gibbs and Nardine Rhind were elected to the position of financial officers to take responsibility for reporting on this to the board. A number of other committees were formed to deal with discipline, property and appointments.

This meeting was followed by a general meeting. We have received the resignation of Mrs Bex Brown from the board effective from 1 February to allow her to focus on her family and study. We will miss Bex enormously on the board for her forthright manner and thoughtful questions. I have especially appreciated her support in student discipline matters where she has been able to speak to the heart of the issue and challenge student's to take ownership of their learning and behaviour. Thank you Bex for all that you have done. The board have resolved to fill this casual vacancy by election so we have set a date for this of 6 April 2018. The returning officer will shortly be advertising this vacancy. Remember you do not need to be a parent, just part of the school community with some time to focus on how we deliver quality education in a safe and effective way at Menzies College. If you wish to have more information on this please contact myself or any board member (see below) or come along to a meeting and see the board at work.

Other matters dealt with included:

- Appraisal of our principal Mr Gerry Ward has recently been completed and the board received a wonderful report assuring us the he was meeting or exceeding all of the professional standards expected of a teacher and principal.
- We adopted the 2018 Charter which is the document that states all of our teaching and learning goals for the next three years and also measurable goals for this year. It is a comprehensive document that guides all of the decision making at board and management level within the school and is prepared in consultation with the staff, students and community. It will be available on our website once it has been approved by the Ministry of Education. A big thank you must go to Mr Ward for the tremendous amount of work he puts into this document not only this year but every year.
- Mr Ward reported that our roll is around the 320 mark which is ahead of Ministry predictions so we may be slightly under staffed once the 1 March roll return is completed.
- We have also received notification that the Education Review Office (ERO) intend to visit us in term three or four this year as part of their normal cycle. It is always great to get feed-back from people who see a lot of good practise around the country and can let us know how we are tracking with unbiased observations.
- NCEA provisional results were reported on. A very pleasing number of endorsements were achieved and also a group of 'at risk' students have already been identified so that they can be supported for success in 2018. Congratulations to those students who received the endorsements and thank you to the staff for your continued support of our students.
- Sadly the board received and accepted, with much regret, the resignation of Mr Brendon Wallace to take up the position of Deputy Principal at Central Southland College. He will be greatly missed for all he does around the school, but not the least for his determination to make mathematics enjoyable, understandable and the teaching and learning innovative.
- A number of EOTC proposals were received and approved.
- The school remains in very good financial health and we have been able to increase our spending on assets to support learning with no detriment to this in the 2017 financial year. We will now begin the process of budget development for 2018.

The board would like to take this opportunity to welcome the families and whanau that have students at Menzies College for the first time and encourage you to introduce yourself to any of the board members as the opportunity arises. We are, after all, your representatives and we love to meet you and hear you views on how we are doing. Your board of trustees parent representatives are:

Mrs Carole Bee (carole.bee@menzies.school.nz)

Mr Allister Gauldie (allister.gauldie@menzies.school.nz)

Mrs Nardine Rhind (nardine.rhind@menzies.school.nz)

Ms Jo Brand (jo.brand@menzies.school.nz)

Mr Josh Bucknell (josh.bucknell@menzies.school.nz) or we can be contacted at BOT@menzies.school.nz

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday 28 March at 7pm in the transition room.

*Carole Bee  
Chairperson*

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## Menzies College Netball

### Netball Registrations

Registrations for all Year 9-13 girls intending to play netball this season will be held in the school hall at the beginning of interval on Tuesday 6 March.

### Netball Trials

Trials for Year 9-13 players will be held on Thursday 15 March, Wednesday 21 March and Tuesday 27 March at the school courts. Year 9 and 10 trials start at 3.30pm, Year 11-13 - 4.15pm and warm up will start at 4.30pm.



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