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16 March 2018

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

The college was devastated to hear of the passing of our long time teacher Ginny Winefield last Wednesday, 7 March. This was so soon after her husband Neil passed away just 20 days earlier and it seems just a little too hard to comprehend at the moment. Ginny had been on the staff for the past 24 years and her lovely funeral allowed us the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful character she was and everyone who knew her has been able to reminisce about the good times we shared. The thoughts of the school community go out to Megan, Geoff, Hannah and their immediate family and friends who have held up so well at this sad time. If any members of the community would like to donate meals to the family we are able to deliver these through the school and they would be greatly accepted while they get some normality back into their day to day life.



Our thanks to all students, families and community members who have made adjustments to their plans while the school has had some grieving space and prepared for last Tuesday's funeral. May we also acknowledge the many families and students who attended the funeral and have supported us all so well over the last 10 days.

A new date of Wednesday 28 March has been set for the parent interviews. There is more information about this over the page.

Today our Year 9 to 13 students have competed in the Southland Secondary School athletics meet at Surrey Park. No results are known at the time of printing this newsletter but a team of 44 are representing the school. We wish them all the best as they look to qualify for the South Island event in Timaru next weekend. There is no longer an Otago/Southland meeting between these two events. The first three qualify. The Primary Athletics sports are scheduled for Saturday 7 April.

Congratulations to our Year 8 student Levi Smith who is competing in the Oceania Kickboxing Championships in Melbourne. Last year Levi was very successful at this tournament and we're sure he'll do equally as well this weekend.

Beth Scott and Brittany Tiller have just competed for the New Zealand Under 18 Ice Hockey team in Malaysia and have finished second in that tournament. Beth was equal top goal scorer and the New Zealand MVP for the tournament. Well done girls! Check out the excellent article and photo of the girls on the front page of the Southland Times on Thursday - it is great! The photo shows Brittany (left) and Beth in their uniform.



Paddles Up also had a great weekend and there is an article on this event further on this newsletter.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

Board of Trustee Parent By-Election

You will have now received your nomination forms for the By-Election advertised below. Have you thought about nominating a parent to fill this vacancy or you can even nominate yourself? **Nominations close Friday 23 March.**

Menzies College Board of Trustees Parent By-Election Notice

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. Nominations are invited for the election of one parent representative to the Menzies College Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on Friday 23 March 2018 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 6th May 2018.

If you have any queries email menzies.elections@menzies.school.nz

*Sue Dyer
Returning Officer*

Meet the Teachers: Re-scheduled to Wednesday 28 March

The meet the teacher's opportunity that was scheduled for 7 March has been rescheduled to Wednesday 28 March. 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. The Year 7 teachers will be available to meet with anyone who would like to attend even though they ran meetings last time, as these were very disrupted.

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

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.

3.30 - 4pm		Parents and students from each class meet in the following rooms: 9BG Room 3 9JB Room 2 9MK Room 4		
4pm - 4.30pm			Parents and students from each class meet in the following rooms: 10FE Room 9 10SK Room 8	
5.30pm - 7.30pm				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

March	21	Year 12 First Aid Course
	23	South Island Secondary Schools Athletics (Timaru)
	28	School photos (period 3-5) Board of Trustees meeting
	30 - 3 April	Easter break (includes Southland Anniversary Day Tuesday)
April	7	School Ball Primary athletics
	10-11	Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience Camp at Wanaka
	13	Last day - Term 1
	30	First day - Term 2
May	16	Southland Cross Country
	21-25	Green week (week of no interruptions)
	30	Whanau conference day
June	4	Queen's Birthday Observance (school closed)
	12	Otago University visit P5
	24-26	Year 9 Tautuku pre-camp
	26-29	Year 9 Tautuku camp
July	6	Last day - Term 2
	23	First day - Term 3

Community Notices

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.

Code Club Aotearoa

Code Club Aotearoa is a non-profit community-based organisation who want to let parents/caregivers know about their free coding resources for kids. The information is often of interest to teachers too, especially with the new digital technologies curriculum. Does your child want to learn to code? Code Club Aotearoa have free coding projects for kids age 9-13. They can help you set up a club, or find you a club in your area. Whether you are a parent, teacher, student, or volunteer, getting involved is easy. Drop them a line at team@codeclub.nz or visit their website: codeclub.nz.

Wyndham Netball

Registration forms have to be completed and left at the Menzies College office or emailed to Leanne Scobie, by Friday 23 March 2018. Please note that Leanne's email address was incorrectly noted in the Wyndham messenger, it is scobievill@gmail.com.



The 10th Annual Riverton
Heritage Harvest Festival
24th & 25th March 2018

10am-4.30pm Saturday & Sunday
Aparima College Hall, Leader St Riverton

Competitions

For Children

- Make a creature out of fruits & vegetables
- Make a garland of harvest flowers

For Everyone

- Bring in the best of your harvest to display
- Show off your preserving prowess, bring in chutneys, relishes, jams, jellies, and pickles to display

The Champion of the Harvest

- Fill a basket or a plate with something you've grown and something you have preserved or cooked. Winner is crowned "Champion of the Harvest" and receives the Harvest trophy & a rimu chopping board!

To Enter: Bring along to the Aparima College hall after 3pm on Friday and fill in the entry form. Please pick up your entry again on Sunday afternoon.

Harvest Feast

Saturday 24th March 7pm - POT LUCK MEAL & good music
Please bring a plate of food to share, and something you like to drink. \$5pp to cover hall hire and nibbles- Flecks Hall Palmerston Street Riverton

The Harvest Café

Open for heritage style morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea.
Healthy, local, good food. In the festival hall
Open 10am-4.30pm

For more information go to www.sces.org.nz
or email office@sces.org.nz

Edge

February 'Attitude to Learning' grades (Managing Self and Relating to Others) should now be visible on the Parent Portal. You can log in via the Menzies College internet page www.menzies.school.nz or directly at this address: parent.musac.school.nz (do not put www at the beginning).

Reminder: If you have not given your email address to the office then you will not have access to the Edge Parent Portal. If we have your email address and this is your first time logging in to the Parent Portal use your email address and click 'forgot password'. You will be emailed a link where you will be asked to set a password.

The Edge portal will show NZQA credits that senior students are entered in. Please encourage your child to look at this to check to see that entries are correct. These will be available to view on the NZQA student login in April.

Pete Wilkinson
NZQA Liaison Person/Assistant Principal

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Achievement Slip Senior Draw - Week ending 16 March

Congratulations to the following students and Mr Pearce for winning this week's achievement slip draw: Josh Olive, Bryn Gorman, Zayden Moir and Nic Nunez. Your \$5 canteen vouchers are available at the office. Well done!

School Photos

School photos are on 28 March from Periods 3 - 5. If you would like a family photo taken please ring the office and let us know. These will be taken from 1pm to 1.40pm.

Social Science and Mathematics Department

Murray Heath
Business Development Manager
Westpac
Invercargill

Dear Mr Heath

re: Visit on 14th March 2018



On behalf of the Menzies Year 10FE Social Science, 9MK and 9BG Maths classes we would like to thank you for coming and teaching these classes about various aspects of banking including: saving, borrowing, Kiwisaver, insurance, credit cards, pins and banking security. It was a pleasure to learn about banking that will benefit us both now and in to the future. Thank you on behalf of these classes for taking time out of your day to come to talk to us and we hope to see you again in the future.

Yours sincerely
Ahna Norman – Student
Lincoln Joyce & Brendon Wallace - Teachers

Technology Department

Year 7 & 8 Clothing

The technology department would be grateful to receive any remnants of cotton fabric that people no longer require. These are needed for our Year 7 and 8 students to make bags. Please leave at the school office. Thank you.

Caroline Morris
Teacher in Charge - Clothing

Winter Uniform

Menzies College has no official change over date from summer to winter uniform but we encourage students to dress to the conditions and manage the change over for themselves when appropriate. However, uniform must be either summer or winter and not a mix of both. Also, a reminder to bring a note to Mrs Luoni or Mr Wilkinson at the beginning of the day if you are not in correct uniform. Non regulation items of uniform will be confiscated.

Kath Luoni
Deputy Principal

Paddles Up 2018

At lunch time on Friday 9 March the Paddles Up team hit the road. Competitors were: Arese Poliko, Ethan Read, Olivia Wallace, Lauren Story, Nadine Martin, Alex Guthrie, Sophie Johnston, Luke Humphries and Luke Goatley. Johnnie Maxwell also came along for the ride.

The first stop was in Gore where Arese and Ethan took the concept of a 'Goodie Bag' to new heights. Sugar levels were high by the time we reached Mavora and set up camp. Then it was time to get wet. A quick pre dinner paddle down the river between the two lakes gave everyone a taste of what was to come. In the safe hands of Eamon Dakin, Tim Landreth and Kath Luoni everyone was riling, breaking in and out of eddies, rolling and occasionally swimming their way down the river. Back at the camp the support crew of Sean Humphries, Sue Scott-Humphries and Maura Dakin had a delicious BBQ with salads ready for our return. After dinner the seniors decided that a solo experience was in order so 14 students and a dog headed into the night to contemplate the world and appreciate the stars.

Bright and early the next morning we were up putting on wet gear after a slight frost ready to take on Southland's finest kayakers. Jonny Brown and his daughter arrived to entertain and motivate us all. The day started with a practise for the 'Down River Race'. Aparima students joined our crew for a bit of professional instruction. Then it was race time. Everyone left at one minute intervals so it was impossible to work out who won. Added to this was a handicap system that takes the design of the boat into account before working out the winner. When everything was washed up Sophie Johnston was placed second in Senior Girls and Lauren Story was close behind in third.

After lunch we were back on the river practicing for the slalom event the next day. This was a challenge for tired bodies trying to accurately place their boats to manoeuvre through gates without falling out. After an exhausting few hours it was back to camp for a rest, relaxation and rugby. We were making friends all over the place. An almost perfect day got even better with vegetarian surprise for dinner that evening.

Sunday dawned clear and relatively warm, some students (Ethan and Arese) were hard to motivate mumbling about missed sleep-ins, wet gear and no more junk food. The Menzies fighting spirit eventually kicked in and before we knew it competitors were on the start line for the team's race. The senior boys team of Luke, Luke and Arese showed the benefit of practice and team work eventually finishing second in the Senior Boys category. Alex, Lauren and Nadine were unlucky in the Senior Girls category as they were obstructed by a competitor from another team and tipped out 20m from the finish line. Ethan, Sophie and Olivia completed the course in a credible time having improved remarkably over the two days.

In the Individual Slalom event Luke Humphries was second in the Senior Boys with Luke Goatley on his coat tails in third. Alex Guthrie took out the Senior Girls individual slalom title with ease. Johnnie Maxwell was also recognised at prize giving with the 'good egg' award for being helpful. Overall, Menzies placed third in the competition.

Thank you to everyone involved for making it such an enjoyable weekend. Check out this site for more photos: <https://plus.google.com/+InvercargillcanoepoloOrgNzGooglePlus>

*Kath Luoni
Organiser*



L to R: Luke Goatley, Arese Poliko, Luke Humphries



Johnnie Maxwell receiving his award from Jonny Brown

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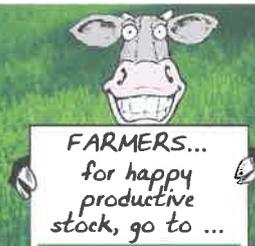
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