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From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Welcome back to Term Two. I trust everyone has had an enjoyable break and appreciated the time away from school. Students have settled in well this week and look focused on the term ahead.

We were all saddened by the news of the accident last weekend that claimed the life of our 2017 Year 13 student, Harlee Symes. We will remember Harlee for the lovely girl that she was, an independent young lady with a wonderful spirit for life, an excellent sportswoman, with an appreciation for those around her and one of those very special people who just got on with it regardless. Our thoughts go out to her family, in particular Taine, Coebie and Leo. A truly lovely young lady who will be sadly missed by us all.



It was pleasing to see so many of our students out and about on ANZAC morning. We were well represented at ceremonies across our communities through the scouts, pipe band, fire brigade or with families. Thank you for making the effort, it's encouraging to know that our young people take such an active interest in remembering those who have fallen, so that we enjoy the life we have as New Zealanders.

Head students Hannah Wallis & Tane Carney placing the wreath at the cenotaph in Wyndham

As you will be aware there have been a number of staff changes during the holiday period. I'd like to welcome firstly Mrs Sue Crighton to our school. Mrs Crighton and her husband have moved to the area from the Bay of Plenty to be closer to family and we are most fortunate to have her as our new Head of the Mathematics department replacing Mr Wallace. Also Mr Cade is relieving for Mrs Cowley for the term and Mrs Stirling will stay on for the term with her Year 7 class. Mr Brown will remain off work following his broken leg and Mr Pearce will retain his teaching position. At a time when teaching across the country is in a bit of a crisis we are fully staffed and appreciate the effort of our staff to fit with our timetable for the best interests of students.

Winter sports are now under way with a number of teams playing in grading rounds or full competition. I wish students all the best for the season ahead. It's just a game but I expect students to be organised, dressed in proper team uniform, to respect the opposition regardless of results and display fair play at all times. Enjoy the season and being part of a team!

PB4L- Achievement Slip Draw

Congratulations to the following senior students for winning the achievement draw this week:

Rachael Kane, Sophie Johnston, Nadine Martin, Emma Porteous and Mrs Luoni. Well done, your vouchers can be collected from the office.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

TEXT 'follow themenziesway' to 8987 for information updates

NZQA

Students should be checking their EDGE APP regularly to monitor their progress towards their goals. As soon as a teacher puts a result on Edge it will be visible to the student. These results can be verified through the NZQA student login. Year 12 and 13 students should know how to access this area. If they have forgotten their password they can click a link on the NZQA login page to be sent a password reset. If they have forgotten their username or are having problems accessing NZQA they can ring 0800 697296 for assistance. It would help to have their National Student Number (NSN). This is visible on the Edge app. Data from Edge is sent to NZQA on the first of every month. Any results that are visible on Edge that are not on NZQA may not have been uploaded to NZQA. See your teacher in the first instance to check if there is a discrepancy.

NZQA fees are \$76.70 for all Year 11-13 students and this needs to be paid in order for their Level 1/2/3 results to be released by NZQA. Menzies College collects the fees on behalf of NZQA and forwards them on the due date. If a family is on a benefit or has a community services card OR would qualify for a benefit or community services card if applied for, you are eligible for financial assistance. This is a reduction in fees from \$76.70 to \$20. A form has been handed out to all Year 11-13 students. If you would like financial assistance please complete this form and return it to the school office. Spare forms are also available at the office. The due date for fee payment to Menzies College is **Friday 24 August**.

Physical Education Department

Year 13 Physical Education

Over the last term we have been participating in a fitness programme (running and weights training). Students have to make notes about their sessions in order to analyse what is working for them and what is not. We have also started to examine current physical activity events and will be researching and reporting about these. As a large component of our course is based around report writing, we invited Mrs Knapp to share her knowledge about how to write a good report. We really appreciate the time Mrs Knapp has spent with our class helping us to give our reports structure and meaning. This will result in better grades for us. Thank you Mrs Knapp.



*Pete Wilkinson
Teacher*

Sports Department

Menzies Cross Country - Wednesday 9 May

If students qualify for the Southland Cross Country they will receive a letter and permission form at the school event which will need to be returned to school by 11 May. Southland Cross Country will be held in Te Anau on Wednesday 16 May.

The age groups are taken from the 31st December and are as follows

U13 Boys/Girls	U14 Boys/Girls	U16 Boys/Girls	016 Boys/Girls
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This year we are trialling a 'competitive' and 'non-competitive' race. Students need to run in the 'competitive' group if they want to qualify in their age group (timed races) to compete at the Southland Cross Country event.

Below is a timetable for the day:

1.10pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Head to the Racecourse
1:40pm	All competitive runners (2 laps, U13 and U14 competitive 1 lap)
2pm-2.10pm	Non-competitive runners race starts (1 lap)
3.05pm	Return to school for homeroom and change

*Katie Keil
Head of Department - Sports*



Library News

Writing Workshop

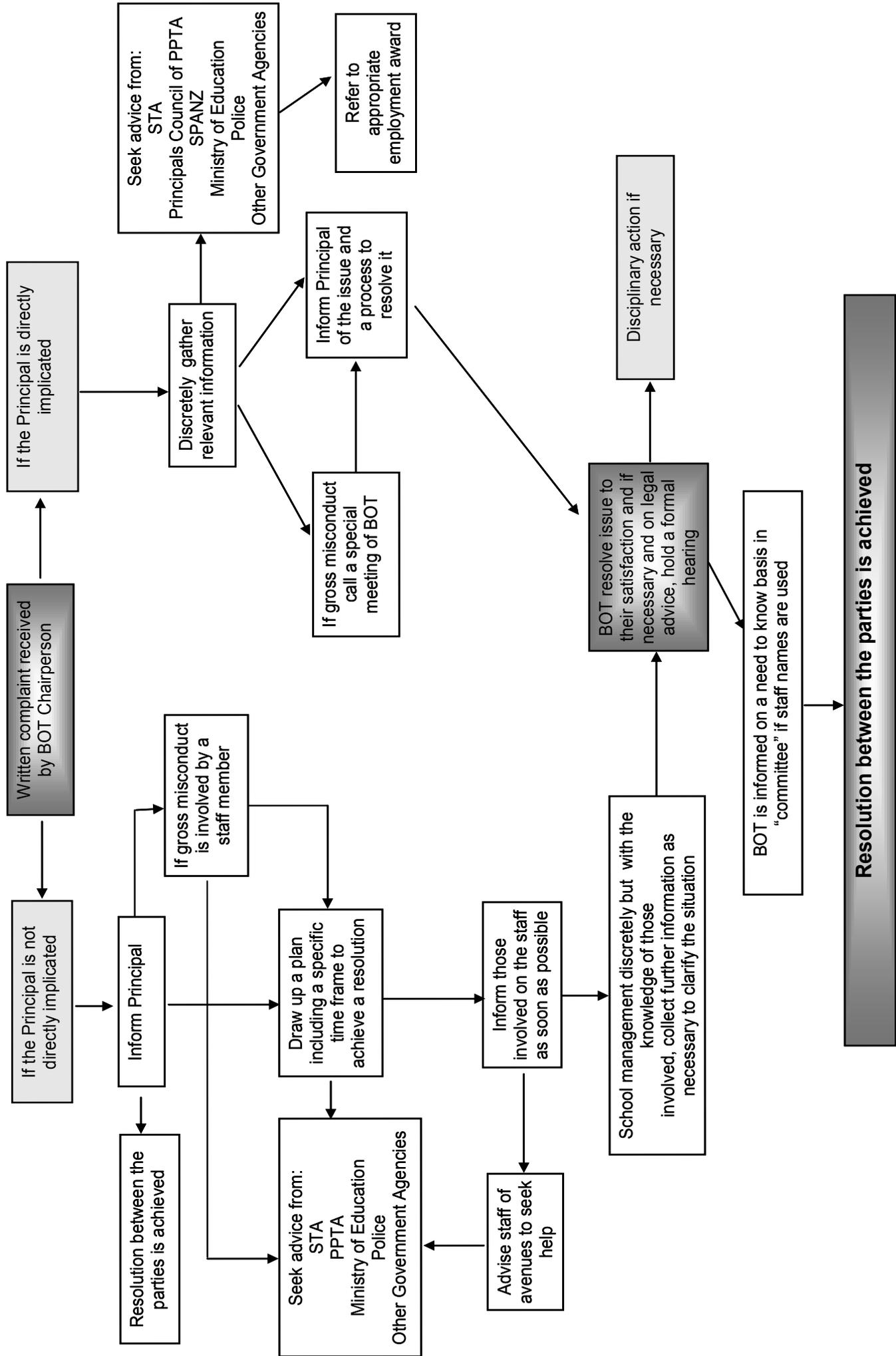
ELLA WEST the author will be visiting us next Friday and during Period 1 and 2 there will be a writing workshop.

All students: A quick meeting will take place at lunchtime in the Library next Monday to log your interest.

Seniors: If you are genuinely interested in writing you will have to ask teachers of those periods if you are able to attend and let me know by Monday. A few students from St Peter's College will be joining us.

*Eileen Barnett
Librarian*

Board Chairperson Procedure to Deal with Parental Concerns



Careers Department

Health Careers Expo

Menzies College is attending the Health Careers Expo at Southland Hospital on Thursday 17 May. The Expo is for students in Years 10 and 11 who are thinking about a career in the health industry.

There are a number of different career options and it is a good opportunity for the students to talk to people in the industry and hear about what their job involves. There will be representatives from: dentistry, nutrition, maternity, sexual health, doctors, nurses, and mental health to name a few. In the past our students have had an enjoyable time and come away feeling inspired. Menzies is booked in from 1.15pm to 2.15pm. We will be leaving school around 12.20pm and arriving back around 3pm in time for buses. **Students need to be in full tidy school uniform.** There is a \$10 charge for the bus that will need to be paid to the office before we leave. Parents/caregivers are welcome to join us, so if you are interested in coming on the trip please indicate on the permission form. Forms can be collected from the office from Monday 7 May and need to be returned by Friday 11 May.

Katie Keil
Careers Advisor

Introduction to Menzies College Community

Sue Crighton

My name is Sue Crighton and I am the new HOD Mathematics at Menzies College. My husband Chris and I have just purchased a property in Davidson Road and we are looking forward to being a part of the Wyndham and Tukurau community and teaching at Menzies.



Previously I was HOD Mathematics at both Kawerau College and Opotiki College in the Bay of Plenty but have spent the last five years as Manager for the Teen Parent Education Centre that provided second chance education for teen parents. This role reinforced my belief that all students can overcome challenges and be successful providing they have a positive attitude and a supportive learning environment. It also made me acutely aware of the importance of family and community to education.

Our son Tobias, his wife Joanna and our granddaughters Alexis and Bree moved to Tukurau last year farming at White Hill and it was the desire to be a part of our granddaughters lives that saw us make the move South. Our other son Johannes remains in the BOP.

We have been made to feel very welcome and appreciate how friendly and helpful people have been as we embark on our new journey.

School Photos

The photos are now on display in the interview room in the administration area. The costs are \$20 for a class photo named and laminated and \$12 for whanau groups (un-named). Orders close Friday 25 May. Money is to be enclosed in the envelope provided which can be picked up from the office.

Uniform

Could you please check that your child is in correct uniform before they leave for school. If there is an issue with uniform items we can help. Please contact the school office or send a note with your child to bring to the office. If your child is wearing a non-regulation item they will be asked to remove it. This is more likely to happen in the winter months when non-regulation jackets and hoodies are being worn. If we ask a student to remove an item we will offer a replacement to wear during the day to keep them warm.

Important Dates

May	7	Dunedin Tertiary Information Day (Year 12 & some Year 13 students)
	8	Incubator trip to Southland Hospital (Mixture Year 12 & 13 students)
	9	School Cross Country (whole school - Lunchtime & P5)
	16	Southland Cross Country
	17	Health Careers Expo (Year 10 & 11)
	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 (senior students)
	26-29	Year 9 Tautuku camp
July	6	Last day - Term 2
	23	First day - Term 3

English Department

'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream' – C S Lewis

Programmes of learning are now well underway in the English Department. Classes have all settled into excellent learning routines and we are thrilled to be exploring a huge variety of text across our classrooms. These include: Romeo and Juliet, Wonder, The Greatest Showman, Jumanji, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian, I am Not Esther and The Book Thief. It's wonderful to see such diversity from a small, rural school. We extend our thanks once again to the Menzies College P.T.A for providing funds which have allowed us to purchase so many new texts.

Junior Focus

In our Year 9 and 10 classrooms, junior students are currently working towards researching, writing and presenting formal speeches. Speeches are expected to be three minutes long. In Term Three representatives from each class will compete in the Junior Speech Competition. We are allowing the Year 10 cohort freedom of choice for their speeches and we've already experienced lively debate within these classrooms around suitable subjects. The Year 9 students have all been given six topics and from this, each student will choose one topic they feel most passionate about. Their choices are:

- Are fairy tales dangerous?
- Zoos are good / bad for the preservation of animals.
- If you had one superpower, what would it be and why?
- Humans are destroying the world.
- Are we slaves to social media?
- Barbie is a bad influence.

We do wish these students well as we understand that public speaking can be an intimidating (yet necessary) process.

Each student in Year 9 and 10 have purchased an Action English homework book. The cost of these is \$15. These are used each week and tasks will be set which will either consolidate classroom learning or revise key skills at each curriculum level. There are a variety of homework books available, each revising key components of the New Zealand Curriculum. Classroom teachers have chosen a homework book which reflects the skills / ability of each student in their classes. Therefore, it is entirely likely that there will be a variety of homework books in circulation.

Senior Focus

Our NCEA programmes are well underway and students are showing great diligence around managing their time and applying themselves. The 101 class are working towards Oral Presentations, Formal Writing and Static Image Achievement Standards: this is a class which is truly reflective of the demands of the New Zealand Curriculum! The 102 class are applying themselves and focused on gaining the Literacy Unit Standards by the end of this term as they understand the need for this baseline qualification.

The 103 class (combined Year 10 and 11 students) are also working towards gaining their Literacy Unit Standards and many in the class have already completed at least one Portfolio sample.

The Level 2 and 3 classes are both in the midst of rather large chunks of assessment and both will also be presenting seminars (Level 2 in Week 3 and Level 3 in Week 6). We place much emphasis on the old adage 'work smarter not harder' and are therefore merging assessment and/or dove-tailing one assessment off another seems to work well in the Senior school.

Curriculum Focus: Writing

Often as English teachers we are asked: What is effective writing?

That's a really difficult question to answer; here are some ideas on this topic.

- Effective writing achieves the writer's goal. Goals are sometimes set by the student sometimes by the teacher / employer. It's important that we understand our 'end goal' before we begin writing.
- Effective writing is appropriate for the intended audience and context. For example, a persuasive text written for a newsletter such as this will likely look different to one produced for an online forum / blog. It's important that students understand the audience for their writing and write accordingly. This could mean that their writing might have a more casual tone and use words we wouldn't necessarily associate with 'English' assessment. However, it could still be suitable to the task.
- Effective writing presents ideas which clearly communicate the writer's intended meaning. In order to communicate clearly with our audience, planning is essential. We need to think about the order in which we express our ideas and the manner in which we present them. Students in Year 9 and 10 will use the acronym TEXA to organise their writing. In the Senior classes, this will extend to TEXAS. This will give students a scaffold to follow when organising their ideas. And perhaps most importantly:
- Effective writing elicits the intended response from the reader. For example, a persuasive text compels the reader to take action or change their thinking.

If you have any questions regarding you son/daughter's progress in English, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: lucy.mckelvie@menzies.school.nz

*Mrs Lucy McKelvie
(Head of Department - English)*

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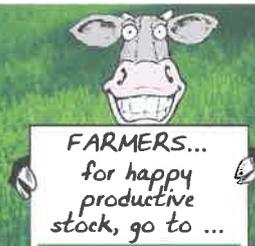
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