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18 May 2018

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

During the first weekend of May I was fortunate to attend an Education Summit in Christchurch. This was a gathering of 750 people from across the South Island and lower North Island with an interest in the future of New Zealand's education systems as the government look to create a new pathway for the next 30 years. Only 30% of the participants were current teachers, the remainder were from all walks of life with a massive diversity in backgrounds and interests. The actual outcome from the summits will take some time to be presented but over the weekend it was clear that the future of schools will become extremely different from how we now know it.

The ways of learning and teaching will be vastly different as the use of technologies, artificial intelligence and skills needed from a worker increasingly change. Though it seemed a bit futuristic, the evidence from a number of the presenters indicated it's happening now and will spread globally at a rapid rate. The challenge is to be a capable learner, have an ability to adapt, to be curious and creative while maintaining a high level of personal wellbeing.

On Wednesday 30 May we will be having our first 'Whanau Conference for Learning' for the year. It is important that parents/caregivers attend with their child to discuss their learning. From today appointments will be able to be made online on the school website. Whanau Conferencing will commence from 2pm. This type of conversation by students about their learning and next steps is the theme coming through at the Education Summit and though it's different to written reports it creates ownership and responsibilities by all interested parties to make learning better.

With winter sports underway it is important that all members of our community remain positive spectators at matches, regardless of how poorly a person is officiating or playing. It was disturbing to hear of an incident last weekend when one of our own students was getting a 'hard time' from a fellow Menzies student simply because they were a reserve. Please respect everyone involved in the games, regardless of ability. To those students who have volunteered to be officials this year in rugby, netball and basketball, all the best with the whistle, I hope you enjoy the experience.

We have a messy week coming up at the end of this month. There is a 'Teacher's only day' for rural secondary schools at Winton on Friday 1 June, then we have Monday off for Queen's Birthday and now a PPTA stop work meeting is scheduled for the Tuesday with school finishing at 12.20pm after Period 3. We expect students to be at school on the Tuesday and it may be that sports practices can start earlier in the afternoon than normal if coaches can arrange this. Buses will run at normal times as the primary schools will remain open all day.

Last week I was appointed, along with Kim Scott from Wyndham Primary School, to co-lead the Community of Learning/Kahui Ako for the Lower Maitai Valley schools that are part of this nationwide Government initiative. This is an exciting role that we will both allocate a day a week towards and look to build on the work of the previous leader Mr David McKenzie. At times it has been a difficult challenge as the Government were creating a practice that really hadn't been that well designed or trialed but now seems to have better traction around how it can be delivered within and across communities.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

Congratulations to the following students and staff:

Week ending 11 May

Rachel Moncur, Megan Bell, Lewis McKelvie, Deniz te Lindert and Mrs Knapp.

Week ending 18 May

Abby Van der Straaten, Harry Rhind, Hoani Mulligan, Nicholas Shirley and Mrs Gibb. Well done, your canteen vouchers can be collected from the office.

Board of Trustees Report

The board wish to acknowledge the sad passing of Harlee Symes, a 2017 Year 13 student of our school and express our sincere condolences to all her family and friends. Mr Ward spoke very warmly of Harlee, both as a student and as a member of the Menzies Whanau.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Carlyn Stewart to the board as our newest parent representative who fills the physical vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs Bex Brown. Carlyn comes with much experience in board matters and is also active in many committees in the community, especially the Wyndham Community Swimming Pool. We thank her profusely in advance for her work and contribution to the board.

May is a busy month for the board as we held our April meeting last Thursday (it was held over due to the school holidays), we will have head of department meetings on Thursday 24 May and our regular meeting on 31 May. Last Wednesday we took part in the appointment process for the Lower Matura Community of Learning Lead Principal position and Mr Ward and Mrs Kim Scott have been appointed as co leaders.

At the meeting last Thursday the finalised NCEA results were tabled and the board were delighted to see the achievement of so many endorsements, both subject and level. It was noted that as a group the results from the Year 11 boys were not as good as we would like and the possible reasons behind this were discussed at length and Mr Ward explained the programmes that have been put in place to ensure some of the less successful students are supported to achieve their best this year. It illustrates an important point though, that while statistics may indicate a trend it is important to have the story that goes with the statistics before you make any judgements.

Mr Ward reported on some discussions that have been held around the maintenance of the school gymnasium with a representative of the Wyndham Sports Club, as some major work needs to take place with roofing and cladding in the near future and the facility is shared by both organisations. Also, discussions have been held with the Southland District Council around the possibility of combining the school (and possibly Wyndham Primary) and the Wyndham Public Library, what that might look like and how and where it could work. The board have decided to continue to investigate this opportunity as it sits well with our goals of a closer connection with our community and whanau, bearing in mind it has to be able to meet our student and staff needs. It will however be a long term project which will need much consideration and consultation along the way.

Your board of trustees parent representatives are:

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

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Mr Josh Bucknell (josh.bucknell@menzies.school.nz)

Mrs Carlyn Stewart (carlyn.stewart@menzies.school.nz) or we can be contacted at BOT@menzies.school.nz

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday 31 May at 7pm in the transition room.

*Carole Bee
Acting Chairperson*



Kia ora

My name is Carlyn Stewart, your most recent Menzies Board Parent Representative. My husband Nathan and I operate a sheep and beef farm in Redan, as well as an engineering firm. We are proud to be a part of the wider Wyndham community and see this Board role as another opportunity to support this community.

I look forward to positively contributing, as a part of the Menzies whanau, to ensuring the best all round education for each of our children.

Edendale R.S.A. Education Scholarships

These scholarships have been established by the Edendale R.S.A. to assist students of the district (i.e. Edendale, Brydone, Menzies Ferry, Seaward Downs and Spurhead) or direct descendants of present or past members of the Edendale R.S.A., in the first, second or third years of tertiary study. Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 15 June, 2018. Full details are available from the Menzies College office.

The Lower Mataura Valley Community of Learning (CoL) News

The Lower Mataura Valley CoL are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Kim Scott (Wyndham Primary School principal) and Mr Gerry Ward (Menzies College principal) to the position of Joint Lead Principals of our CoL. We congratulate them very much on achieving this position and look forward to their vision for the future of the CoL coming to fruition under their leadership.

This position became available after the tenure of Mr David McKenzie (Edendale Primary School principal) came to an end earlier this month. The CoL wish to thank David very much for his dedication and hard work in driving the CoL from its inception, to the point where we are now one of the leading CoLs in the country, being further along the path than most.

David is passionate about the CoL and the benefits that it can bring to all of our schools and their pupils. He has operated under some difficult changes in the rules set by the Ministry of Education and has managed to lead us through and to lay down a very solid foundation that we can continue to build on.

We acknowledge the enormous investment of his time and energy on our behalf and he leaves this position having built a strong waka for us to steer into the future. We also thank David's school community and his family for their support of him during this very busy time and for allowing us to benefit from his freely given time.

David we thank you for your professionalism, energy and expertise and we look forward to continuing the journey with your support.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

David has not bowed his head, he has continued to lead us towards the treasures that we all believe the CoL can deliver for our children.

Carole Bee
Acting Chairperson
Menzies College Board of Trustees

OUTDOOR EDUCATION & DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PROJECT

Dry Macrocapa for sale - \$70 m3
Collect between 2pm - 3.30pm Sundays
at the old concrete yard, 39 Ferry Street, Wyndham
Students will help load your trailer
Contact Tim on 027 4152769

Outdoor Education Department

The Outdoor department is wanting some old woollen blankets – double or queen size. We need these to complete some 'trust' activities we would like to run with our Year 12 Adventure Experience students. If you have any you are able to donate to our department please drop them in to the school office. Thank you.

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 next Friday 25 May.** Money is to be enclosed in the envelope provided which can be picked up from the office.

Community Notice

Korowai Weaving Weekend - Expressions of Interest

Learn the basics of weaving korowai with Robin Hill, taking home your own small korowai after this weekend workshop.

If this is something that may be of interest please call Southern REAP on 03 236 6008 or email enquiries@reap.co.nz



Important Dates

May	21-25	Green week (week of no interruptions)
	25	Last day for ordering school photos
	30	Whanau conference day
June	1	Jumbo Day (Teacher Only Day)
	4	Queen's Birthday Observance (school closed)
	5	School closing at 12.20pm for PPTA union meeting
	12	Otago University visit P5
	13-14	Jed Parsons - visiting musician
	17-19	Year 9 Tautuku pre-camp (senior students)
	21-25	Green week (week of no interruptions)
	24	Year 9 & 10 Netball Tournament
26-29	Year 9 Tautuku camp	
July	5	Mana Maori Competition Period 5
	6	Last day - Term 2
	23	First day - Term 3

Sports Department

Cross Country

The school cross country went off without a hitch last Wednesday and we were lucky with the weather. Below are the results from the age group placings. Well done to all those who were out there giving it a good go. Participation was great and rivalry amongst the Houses was fantastic. Special mention to a few students that stood out on the day - Jacob Leith for an amazing effort, William Dickey, Connor Poyntz-Roberts, Brock Stuart, Peyton Dickson, Tony Gourlie, Anthony Heaps, Jacob Harvey, Hannah Wallis, Ana Turnbull, Sophielee Richardson, Becky McEwan, Taylor Stewart and Tyla Adams who ran the following week due to soccer commitments. Teacher Marcia Kennedy ran the course twice!!

Under 13 Girls

1st	Sophie Ferguson
2nd	Liana Gauldie
3rd	Olivia Perriam
4th	Josie McLellan

Under 13 Boys

1st	Reuben Wilkinson
2nd	Max Bryson
3rd	Hunter Richards
4th	Brayden Poyntz-Roberts
5th	Jack Ramage
6th	Zac Ashman



Under 14 Girls

1st	Brianna Ferguson
2nd	Abbey van der Straaten
3rd	Cailee Moncur
4th	Kody Guthrie

Under 14 Boys

1st	Josiah Ashman
2nd	Dylan Adams
3rd	Tom Ayers
4th	Lachlan Stewart

Under 16 Girls

1st	Marina Ferguson
2nd	Beth Scott
3rd	Nadine Martin

Under 16 Boys

1st	Ryan Smith
2nd	Maximus Ashman
3rd	Keegan Knapp



Over 16 Girls

1st	Tyla Adams
2nd	Erin Norman
3rd	Lauren Story

Over 16 Boys

1st	William Dickey
2nd	Caeden McGregor
3rd	Hayden Stuart

Thank you to all the staff for their support and help with the preparations and running of the event.

*Katie Keil & Sue Dynes
Sports Coordinators*

Menzies College Rugby

Subs

The rugby subs have been set for 2018. The fee is \$60 per player except for the 1st XV players whose sub is \$175. We would appreciate it if these could be paid by 31st May 2018. **After this date the fee will increase by \$75 or \$200 for 1st XV players.**

To pay subs there are the following options:

Cash - in a named envelope, handed to the school office, tagged for rugby or give to Carol Potter.

Cheque - made out to Menzies Rugby, handed into the school office, tagged for rugby or give to Carol Potter.

Internet Banking - Menzies Rugby account 03 0962 0066078 000. Please put players name and 'sub' or 'gear' as reference/details. If you would like to make a payment arrangement please contact Carol Potter on 027 380 1990 or email carol.potter2014@gmail.com

Whanau Conferences for Learning

The first Whanau Conference about student learning happens on Wednesday 30 May from 2pm-5pm and 6pm -8pm. All students are expected to attend with a caregiver. The conferences are 20 minutes long and involve a discussion about the learner as a whole, information will be shared from subject teachers and student reflection as well as data on attendance, Managing Self and Relating to Others. There will be an opportunity to discuss student learning as a whole and set goals that the Whanau Teacher will help the student monitor as the year progresses. This is a change from traditional subject reporting aimed at lifting all students learning, don't miss out. If there is a need to meet with a particular teacher this can be discussed at the Whanau Conference. Instructions on how to book the conference are below. Staff will be in touch with parents/caregivers to arrange alternative times to meet if you are unable to attend on Wednesday 30 May.

Information on how to access student grades for 'Managing Self' and 'Relating to Others' on the Parent Portal are also below. Managing Self and Relating to Others are two of the Key Competencies from the New Zealand Curriculum that we are focusing on developing in depth. They have been identified as some of the 'soft skills' necessary for success in life.

BOOKING A WHANAU CONFERENCE

1. Go to the home page of the Menzies College Website <http://www.menzies.school.nz/> find the Hotlinks and Downloads part and click on the login to school interviews link.
2. **Use the code j8thy – all lower case**
3. Fill in caregiver and student details
4. Select your child's Whanau (eg. AVW)
5. Select Teacher (eg. Pete Wilkinson) – students have been told which Whanau teacher they are meeting with.
6. Select a time to meet (conference times are a maximum of 20 minutes in length)
7. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office and they will book you in for a time.

MENZIES COLLEGE MUSAC EDGE PARENT PORTAL

1. Go to the home page of the Menzies College Website <http://www.menzies.school.nz/> find the Hotlinks and Downloads part and click on the edge login to the parent portal link. It will take you to the screen shown below:



2. Your login is the email address that Menzies College has on file. If you do not remember which it is then please contact Menzies College office to check. If you have not given Menzies College your email you will not be able to log in.
3. First time login you need to click on 'forgot password'. You will be emailed a temporary password.
4. Put your temporary password in. You will then be asked to change the password to something permanent.

English Department

'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.' (Aristotle)

Already, it is week three and we are mid-way through May. Often, I think we all reflect on how quickly time moves and all the important jobs still on our to-do list. Our modern lives seem not to allow us the time to sit, think and appreciate all that we have. As English teachers, we are lucky in this respect. Through our programmes we actively encourage critical thinking and analysis. We are worried about the 'why' and the 'how' and its impact on us (as individuals, communities and greater society). A successful English class is a place where text is used as a vehicle for students to reflect on their place in their world.

SOLO-ing off to TEXAS

One way that we can support our students and encourage them to think critically is to provide a scaffold which allows this to happen. These scaffolds are called SOLO and TEXAS. One relates to thinking, the other is a writing scaffold. This year (in a more formal process) all students from Year 9 – 13 are using SOLO and TEXAS in order to frame their thinking and formal writing. We hope that this will increase the fluency between year levels, as well as the academic achievement of our students. Indeed, we have data around its trial last year and the gains made by our students have encouraged us to roll it out to the entire Department.

Included below are the templates we give to our Junior students (Year 9 and 10). We would encourage you to talk to your son/daughter if he or she is in the Junior school and ask them about SOLO and TEXAS:

- How do they relate and complement each other?
- Can they show you examples of this type of writing in their Unit Books?

JUNIOR ENGLISH

SOLO-ING OFF TO TEXAS

SOLO is a way of thinking which can help you to deepen your ideas and understanding. There are FIVE levels of thinking and they look like this:

The FIRST level is PRE-STRUCTURAL

This is the most basic level. Here the student is asking: "What is going on?" He or she might be saying: "I need help to...."

Then comes UNI-STRUCTURAL

This is where the student has an idea about the topic

Next: MULTI-STRUCTURAL

This is where the student has several ideas but they may not be connected in any way.

Next: RELATIONAL

This is where the student has ideas and can relate or LINK them together. So in English, you might have several ideas about a text and they all link together to develop your argument.

Finally, we move to EXTENDED ABSTRACT

This is when we are able to make connections not only about the text we are studying but also beyond it – linking the ideas to moments in history / other texts / significant people.

TEXAS PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE

It's really important that in Year 9 and 10 we learn to:

- Think critically
- Write structured paragraphs

During Year 9 and 10 we are training for NCEA and all the requirements it has. The best way we can prepare you for NCEA is to teach you how to think critically AND write in a structured way. This skill will benefit you across a huge range of curriculum areas. In order to do this, in the English Department we use SOLO to help students to think critically and TEXAS as a way for students to structure their writing.

Let's look at TEXAS first. TEXAS is a writing scaffold which will help you to stay on track and make sure that you answer all components (parts) of the question. When you write, you can check off each part of your paragraph against the scaffold. The scaffold looks like this:

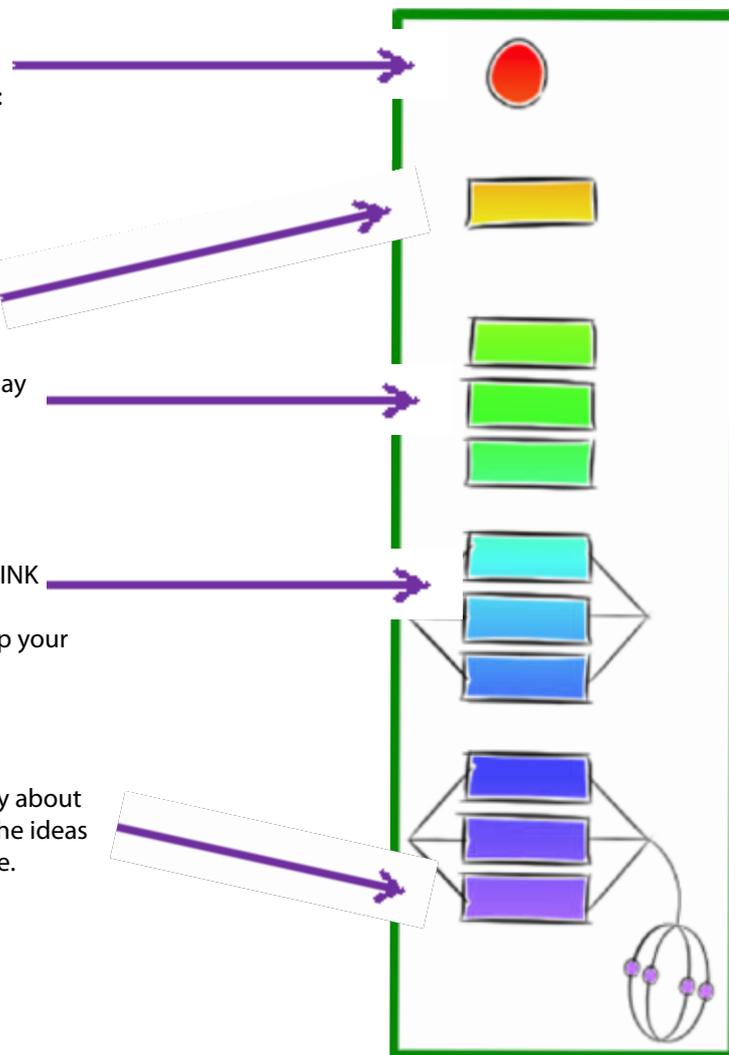
T **Topic sentence that states the main idea (usually one sentence)**

E **E = an Explanation. This might discuss the text and quickly explain what is going on (usually 2 sentences)**

X **X= Example – an example or detail that supports the idea (usually a quote or a reference to a film technique)**

A **An Analysis of HOW that example or detail relates to the question (critical response). You will probably remain in the question.**

S **Discussion on the Significance of the issue / idea/ message /moment /character / setting etc. You will probably refer to issue beyond the text here (which link to the idea / issue being discussed. For example – if your text is about bullying, in this part you would link beyond the text to where you see bullying in the real world) It can also be a Summary of your paragraph**



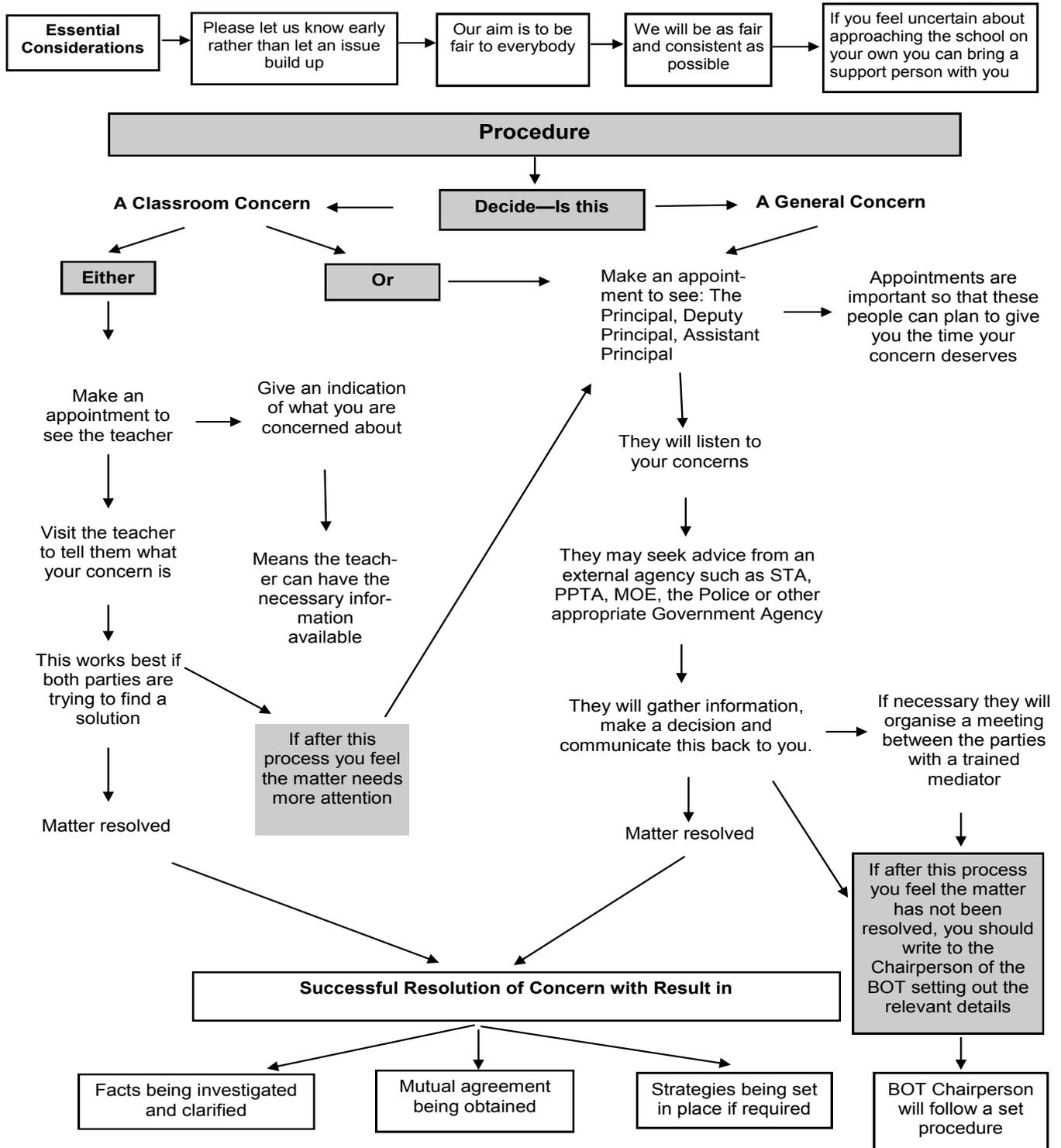
Over the next several newsletters we will discuss more thoroughly the use of SOLO and TEXAS. This is just one of the ways we believe we can make English more accessible for our students.

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

Lucy McKelvie
Head of Department - English

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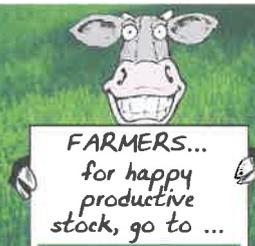
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