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26 October 2018

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

On Wednesday evening we had the exciting news that our Year 12 Science class won the Southland Community Environmental Action in Education Award. This was for their study of fish life in the Mimihau River. Congratulations to Mr Hustler and his class on the \$1,150 they won for the department. Later in the morning we also received news that we have obtained significant funding through our Kiwisport application to teach students how to fly-fish.



L to R: Joshua Read, Sam Smith, Arese Poliko, Kailey Yeoman, Kit Hustler

Staying with awards, we are especially pleased for Samantha Cahill and 2014 dux Abigail Visser who have each been awarded 'Leaders of Tomorrow' Entrance Scholarships from Otago University. Also, Head Student, Tane Carney, who was awarded a Maori Entrance Scholarship to study at Otago next year. These are substantial funds and are invaluable to these students.

Next Friday is the last day for our senior students. The Year 13s have a BBQ dinner and games evening with parents and staff on Thursday 1 November. On Friday they wrap up their time at school with a few activities and a major water fight on the field at lunchtime. All this takes place in an organised manner with set instructions to ensure everyone's safety and staff supervision. This is not a 'Turd Day' or 'disorganised free for all' as happens in some schools. At all times students have the opportunity to opt in or out of activities and their wellbeing is paramount. Given what has happened in some schools we are extremely pleased with how this has panned out in recent years.

Exams start on 9 November and we wish all students well, expect them to attend tutorials and study hard for the challenge of external exams. There will remain opportunities for students to attend school and complete internal standards during the last four weeks of school irrespective of external exams or not.

Presently we are looking at senior timetabling for next year and are proposing a new approach to Fridays for our Year 11 to 13 students. Next year we will have a particularly large Year 13 cohort (45) with about 20 of those students looking to follow a vocational pathway. We are planning to put interested Year 12 and 13 students out on Gateway, Work Experience, Tertiary High School etc. for a full day each Friday. From Monday to Thursday these students will complete a full-time timetable with no non-contact periods. Senior students remaining at school will then have assembly or similar, period one on a Friday, followed by one senior subject for the remainder of the day. This will enable us to expand our curriculum with new options such as Legal Studies, Financial Literacy, Young Enterprise along with Media Studies, English and other existing subjects. Senior students will be able to work up or down a level pending their interest or capability in a subject. It's going to be a challenging move but could be exciting once we configure teaching style and see the benefits of four continuous periods in a day.

Parents considering enrolling their Year 7 child at Menzies College for 2019 are now very late with this process. We asked that enrolments be in by 17 September. Please give this some urgent attention. Thank you.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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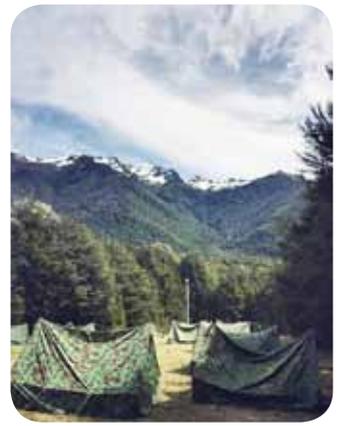
Careers/Transition Department



On 1 October I started my five day adventure at the New Zealand Defence Forces Woodbourne base in Blenheim. The fully funded trip was a Defence Force Careers experience and during the stay we had various people speaking to us from all three Forces.

Our first full day consisted of waking up at 5:45am then marching to the gym where we participated in an hour of fitness similar to how actual cadets would train. We then had a lovely breakfast in the mess hall. We ended the day

by playing sports and games similar to that of a PE lesson. The second day consisted of a similar morning with more running based activities before we went in rotation to explore the base. My favourite rotation was being able to see how aviation mechanics work with the wiring and such in planes. We got to fix wires on test panels. That night we had a much anticipated camping trip to Dip Flat where we travelled on the trucks before camping out in T-tents.



The next morning was the most activity filled day we had, starting with more group activities that aimed to improve leadership skills. After another rotation we found ourselves in the more exciting part of the day - the obstacle course, flying fox and high ropes. With the chance to get muddy and wet on the obstacle course, all the more effort was made to pass the obstacles such as the two metre climb and rope swing. After the eventful day that landed me the muddiest, we travelled back to Woodbourne where we ended the day with a quiet dinner. Then it came time to go home and after saying our goodbyes, we all went our separate ways.



I really enjoyed the trip, it was informative and fun. I would do it again if I could and highly recommend it to anyone who is thinking about a career in the Forces.

Samantha Cahill - Year 13

SMAC Maths 2018

SMAC (Southland Mathematics Association Competition) was held at James Hargest on Wednesday 26 September. Students compete in teams of four working together to solve a range of maths based problems competing against other school teams in the Southland region in their year level. Students can work on two questions at one time and when they solve the problem they gain five points. If they pass it in they forfeit five points. They have unlimited attempts at each question.

Menzies had two teams from each year level who all acquitted themselves well. The teams all were placed mid field but one Year 8 team scored highly with 130 points. However, none of the Menzies teams were in the top three for each year level. A big thank you to all the parents who provided transport and stayed to support our students.

The following students competed:

Year 7: Manix Dinnan, Rayden Kaahu-Wright, Ford Crawley, Trent Rereti, Ethan Stewart, Tessa Ayers, Bridget Scobie, Sophie Leitch

Year 8: Victor Waters, Liana Gauldie, Lucy Mann, Johnnie Maxwell, Hunter Richards, Sar Latanafrancia, Josie McLellan, Reece Lynch

Year 9: Tom Ayers, Peyton Dickson, Deniz te Lindert, Matthew Smith, Kimberly Simmons, Logan Andrews, Paige Richards, Nicholas Sinclair

Year 10: Brock Stuart, J M Nunez, Keegan Knapp, Richard Ranstead, Maria Perriam, Sidney Poole, Jacob Leith, Garoth Van der Straaten

Sue Crighton

Head of Department - Mathematics



L to R: Tessa Ayers, Bridget Scobie, Rayden Kaahu-Wright, Sophie Leitch



L to R: Brock Stuart, J M Nunez, Keegan Knapp, Garoth Van der Straaten



L to R: Lucy Mann, Johnnie Maxwell, Josie McLellan

English Department

Term Four! Here in the English Department we are a little unsure of where this year has gone! However, we are certainly not easing up as we progress through Term Four.

Senior

It's really satisfying to see our senior students 'lift' their performances as we near the external examinations. With an incredibly short Term Four for them (just three weeks) we are certainly in the home stretch regarding their learning programmes and are busily finalising grades. Classroom teachers will confirm with individual classes when and at what time tutorials will take place. On that note, we wish all of our senior students the very best for their examinations.

Junior

Our Junior programmes are equally as 'busy'. These are some of the activities the students are currently involved in which sit on-top of their 'normal' classroom learning:

- * E-Astle Reading testing
- * Preparing for the Common Assessment Task (which is an in-class essay). These are being assessed in Week 5 and 6
- * Preparing a speech
- * Creating Static Images
- * Embarking on a Creative Writing field-trip

The Year Ten classes have been collapsed (when the time-table allows) and are learning together in preparation for an Achievement Standard worth 3 credits. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to effectively 'bank' Level One credits for 2019. We thank Mrs Knapp and Miss Egerton for their hard-work and enthusiasm around this. In this photo, you'll see the two Year 10 classes working together in the Library.



Last term 9BG produced some creative writing using an abandoned chair as a prompt. Here's an excerpt of William Watkinson's writing ... I'm sure you'll agree that it certainly delivers on the 'goose-bump' factor!



"He always wondered what it would feel like sitting in a chair like this... It was a cold night and the wind roughed against him. All he could and wanted to do was run. He heard sirens, dogs barking and men yelling and all he could see was the abandoned house. Red and blue flashing lights beat to the sound of his heart faster than cheetah chasing its prey.

He entered the house and immediately the floor he was standing on opened like a hatch as he fell into a pool of water. It felt thicker than water though.... and he reached for the lantern he saw hanging above his head, turned it on and tried to get it to work. After a couple of tries it flickered on and he realised that he wasn't standing in water. Instead he was in a pool of"

As always, if you have any questions regarding our English learning programmes or the progress of your son/daughter please don't hesitate to contact us.

*On behalf of the English Department
Mrs Lucy McKelvie
Head of Department*

Menzies Activity Days (MAD) 2018

As in previous years, we are once again running activity programmes from Monday 3 December until Wednesday 5 December for all Year 7 - 10 students.

Students have had presentations from staff about the options on offer. They have been asked to discuss the options with a parent/caregiver before making a decision about what they want to do. Information can be found on the Menzies College website under the tab 'Menzies Activity Days'.

If there are insufficient numbers, options may not run. If there are too many students for an option some students may miss out and will have to choose another option. We will endeavour to find a suitable option for all students.

We are aware that these options fall at an expensive time of the year. We try to keep costs as low as possible and offer the opportunity to fundraise. There are lower cost and free options available. All students are expected to choose an option. If there are any issues regarding paying for the options or attendance please contact Mrs Luoni.

Once a decision has been made please complete on-line by Friday 9 November or earlier.

*Kath Luoni
Deputy Principal*

Board of Trustees Report

A meeting of the board was held on Thursday 27 September. We welcomed the newly elected student representative, William Ranstead to the board. It is wonderful that the students have elected such a succession of great people to represent them and their views at the table and I am sure that William will be no exception. It is no small thing to put your hand up to give so much of your time and also to be willing to share your views around the table.

On more mundane matters the board were briefed on our current fee structure by the school executive officer, Mrs Judy Gould and the board agreed that there would be no changes for 2019 as things stand at the moment. While a large portion of this is a donation I am sure that you will agree that this provides your students with a wide variety of resources, equipment, experiences and it is money well invested. The school really relies on these funds to provide the extras that make these possible but did you know that the donation portion is claimable from the IRD? If you are unsure how to claim this ask at the school office and I am sure they will be able to assist you or go to ird.govt.nz and search their site.

A significant upgrade of the school roofing and spouting will occur over the summer with tenders being called for soon. This will see the majority of the school roofing replaced including the gymnasium which is wonderful news. We will use our reserves of 5YA funding from the last round but a new round is due next year. The Ministry has agreed to fund the remainder which is not an insignificant amount. Room 10, the canteen and the gymnasium will also see some recladding occur soon which should tidy up all our building nicely on the exterior. This is great timing with the 50 year re-union celebrations looming in February 2021 and students will have the benefit of a much improved physical environment.

Mr Ward also reported on senior student credit tracking and also progress of the Year 7 and 8 students and Year 9. As with all sets of student data, it creates questions such as why boys form a large part of the lower achieving students in reading and writing, but do much better in mathematics. There will be a lot of work done by the senior leadership and heads of department to address this issue and to help improve the achievement of those that are not meeting the requirements or reaching their potential. Data collection and analysis has become a very large part of education in both the classroom and at the board level and it does give us confidence that we are making decisions that are based on accurate information rather than gut instinct as to where funds are best spent. It also allows us to measure effectiveness of our actions more easily.

We also discussed the attendance data of students and while it is tracking in a generally upwards direction we do still have some students whose learning is being affected by their non-attendance. It is crucial for success to attend school and our highest achieving students are also those with the best attendance records.

The board approved a number of EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) events including a proposal to take some senior students to Vanuatu in 2019, with some conditions to be met by 30 October. This is an exciting opportunity to gain a diving qualification, see another culture and also contribute to a community less resourced than our own and we wish the groups well and thank the staff that are working hard to get this off the ground.

I also say farewell to the board as I tender my resignation. It is time for a new broom and it has been a pleasure to work with such a supportive, professional and caring group of people who only ever want what is best for Menzies College and all who belong there. Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai. Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.

Your board of trustees parent representatives are:

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

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The next scheduled meeting 8 November at 7pm in the Transition room.

Carole Bee

End of Year Prize Giving Trophies

Thank you to families who have returned their trophies. There is still a large number to be returned and it would be appreciated if this could be done as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

Congratulations to the following students and staff members for winning the achievement slip draws:

Week ending 19 October - Marina Ferguson, Jaime Ross, Taylor Stewart, Rhiannon Gorman and Mrs M Dale

Week ending 26 October - Sherlene Novo, Cailee Moncur, Richard Ranstead, Ben Bastiaansen-Gutsell and Mrs S Knapp

Your vouchers can be collected from the office.

Remember to keep showing respect and keep those achievement slips coming in!

Menzies College PTA

Menzies College PTA will be going into recession at the end of December 2018 and the following changes will be made:

Christmas Raffle: This will be organised by the Menzies office staff and proceeds will go direct to the school.

Uniform Sales: Uniform will continue to be available from the Menzies office. The staff will sell second hand uniform in good condition on behalf with your share of the proceeds being credited to your school account. The 20% commission will go direct to the school. The end of year uniform sale will take place on Monday 17 December from 10am to 3pm in the administration area. Anyone with uniform to sell are asked to get it to the office named and priced before that date so it is readily available for sale. In particular we are short of summer skirts.

Unpresented Menzies College PTA cheques: If you have one of these please present before December 2018.

Contact menziespta@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Current PTA Funds: We will be donating these funds to specific projects within the school.

The members of the PTA past and present would like to thank you for your support of our fundraising ventures and hope that you continue to support the school in these.

Carlyn Stewart

Menzies College Guidance

Pete Holden and Megan Lindsay will continue to be available for senior students during study leave. Message them via the Facebook page or call in and make an appointment when you are at school.

Important Dates

November	2	Last day for senior students
	5-9	Green week (interruption free week)
	6	Pet Day
	7-30	NZQA Exams
	26-30	Year 10 Mavora Camp
	30	New Entrants Day
December	3-5	Menzies Activity Days
	6	Senior Prizegiving
	7	Junior Prizegiving
	11	Last day Term 4 (Teacher Only Day)
	17	Uniform sale
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January	29	Teacher Only Day
	30-31	Year 11-13 Course Information
February	1	Year 12 & 13 students only
	4	All year levels attend
	6	Waitangi Day

Sports/Cultural Photos

Geoff Horrell the photographer has put the sports and cultural photos on his web page. Check out www.geoffhorrell.co.nz click on 'news', find the site then put in the following code **mcsc18**, all lower case. Instructions for ordering etc are on the page.

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The advertisement features a central image of two female students in school uniforms looking at a laptop. To the left, a pink speech bubble contains the text 'Have your say on NCEA' and the website 'www.conversation.education.govt.nz/ncea'. To the right, a purple box lists instructions: 'Complete a quick survey' and 'Post your views on social media', with hashtags #NCEAHaveYourSay and #EdConvo18. Below these are icons for Twitter and Facebook. At the bottom right, the logo for 'Kōrero Mātauranga' is displayed with the tagline 'Ma kōrero tātou'.

Sports Department

Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards

Beth Scott is a finalist for the Southland Secondary Schools Sports Person of the Year. The awards are being held at the Ascot Park Hotel tonight.

- * The photo shows Beth in action at this years Challenge Cup of Asia held in Kuala Lumpur in March, the team placed 2nd in first division.
- * Beth was the top equal goal scorer (6) in the tournament and 4th in over all points.
- * She was NZ most valuable player for the series and MVP against Singapore.
- * She was also a member of the gold winning Junior U17 Stampede ice hockey team in 2017 and a member of the U18 Thunder ice hockey team 2018.
- * Beth has also been a member of the NZ Womens U18 Ice Hockey Team for 4 years.
- * She also plays in the U18 Dunedin Thunder mixed team and the Gore Town and Country Team which placed 2nd in the competition this year.
- * Beth was MVP for the Menzies 'A' netball team which won the 'B' section of 2018 Secondary Schools Tournament in Dunedin.



Kimberley Simmons will also be recognised at the awards tonight for Target Shooting as a Southland Secondary Schools Future Champion 2018.

- * Kimberley competed at the 2018 Secondary Schools Shoot and placed 1st for the team shoot.
- * 1st for individual shoot.
- * Southern Southland Championships - won 'D' grade.
- * She also competed at the 2018 National Secondary Schools Postal Match where her team placed 5th and she was the top female target shooter in Southland.



We congratulate both girls and wish them luck.

*Katie Keil
Sports Co-ordinator*

J R McKenzie Youth Education Trust - Financial Assistance

This trust supports families in need of financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform. Applications will be accepted from those students who are entering high school for the first time specifically:

- * Year 9 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 9 level onwards
- * Year 7 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 7 level onwards and also provides High School education at the Year 9 level.

This includes basic school clothing and footwear (excluding roadshoes/runners). Further information and application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 7 December**. Late applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

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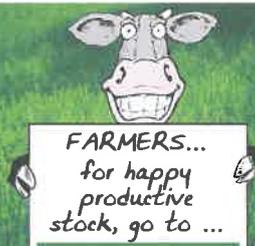
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