



MENZIES COLLEGE

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9 November 2018

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Last Friday we farewelled our senior students and we need to thank them for the way in which they left the school. I had written earlier that this day can be a disaster in some schools but again our Year 13 students got it right with a well-designed 'Haunted House (Corridor)' for the younger students, some interesting theme rooms around the school that tended to be reflective of the staff who occupy them and an awesome well run water fight at lunch time. The day followed a lovely dinner the night before with them, their parents and staff. They got it right to the end and I congratulate them (and all our school leavers) on the manner in which they completed their schooling and I wish them well for their future studies and chosen careers.

NCEA exams began at our school today with Year 12 Physics and Year 11 Geography. Everyone wishes our senior students well for this challenging aspect of being a learner with our Year 11 students comparing themselves at a national level for the first time. Many of our students have already achieved well in internal assessments and this is an opportunity to work on endorsements. Others will need to continue with work at school and it is essential that all students take up the opportunity to gain Level One or Two while the offer of help is available.

We have some really exciting activities over the next four weeks of school. Some students participate in the 'Real Game' looking at future careers and Year 10 head away to Mavora Camp from 26-30 November. The following last week of school Year 7-10 students partake in the popular 'MAD' activities. This is a great way to finish the school year, meet other students and staff or just stay out of trouble! Many thanks to the families that have supported these activities - I'm sure your children will have a wonderful time.

This year we have three students being recognised at the Rotary Young Achievers Awards this coming Monday night in Gore. Congratulations to Braden Poyntz-Roberts, Sar Latanafrancia and Levi Smith who have all been recognised for their outstanding achievements within school as learners and outside school as high achieving sportsmen. Each of these boys has had an outstanding year and we are proud of their attitude of 'Striving for Excellence'. We also thank their families who must be acknowledged for the young men they are raising.



L to R: Braden Poyntz-Roberts, Levi Smith, Sar Latanafrancia

Last month Mrs Carole Bee stood down as Board Chairperson after six years on the Board and nearly five of those as Chair. Carole's youngest son left 12 months ago and we are not only grateful for her service to the school but also her willingness to stay on for an additional year. It was a pleasure to work with Carole who always displayed a caring, responsive and thoughtful attitude towards the needs of the whole school. Thank you Carole.

Next Thursday, 15 November there may be industrial action taken by our primary school colleagues as they express concerns in their collective bargaining with the Government. Should they be on strike, be reminded that we are in different unions and school and exams will be on as normal for Menzies College students.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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PPTA Paid Union Meeting

A PPTA meeting is scheduled for the Tuesday 20 November with school finishing at 12.20pm after Period 3. We expect students to be at school for the morning. Any students who can not go home will be supervised. Buses will run as normal at 3.15pm.

Science Department

Congratulations to Taylor Stewart who has won a place in The Otago University Advanced School Sciences Academy (OUASSA) in 2019. Taylor will attend two one-week long science camps held in January and July.

Margaret Dale
Teacher

PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

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

Week ending 2 November - Rhylee McGregor, Georgia Walker, Molly Burgess, Maximus Ashman & Mr Wilkinson

Week ending 9 November - Brock Stuart, Nickolas Shirley, Rangi Hamilton, Ethan Gillespie & Mrs Crighton

Your vouchers can be collected from the office.

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

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Gold Award Recipient

On 1 September ex Menzies College student Jack Simmons attended the Gold Award Ceremony held at the Aurora Centre, Burnside High School, Christchurch. Jack was one of 38 recipients from all over New Zealand to receive a Gold award.

A big congratulations to Jack on his achievement. The photo shows Jack being presented with his award by Chairman of the Board of The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Mr Ken Hames.



NCEA External Exams

These begun today with Level 2 Physics this morning and Level 1 Geography this afternoon. Morning exams begin at 9:30am and afternoon exams at 2:00pm. Exams are a maximum of three hours. Students have been given their admission slips and must have these for entry in to the exam room. Replacement slips can be printed from www.nzqa.govt.nz - students have to login. Students need to be present at least 20 minutes before their exam. If they are running late they have until 30 minutes after the start time of the exam to enter. If this is the case please call us so that we know. Students must know exactly what exams they are sitting and when. If they miss an exam there is nothing that we can do about it. If a student is ill or injured please contact Mr Wilkinson immediately so he is aware of the situation.



Level 2 Physics BEFORE the start of the exam

Senior Students - short a few credits?

If your child thinks they have not quite achieved Level 1, 2, or 3 (or may have missed out on University Entrance) and they would like the chance to sit and pass a few credits they can do so through online learning summer school. This is free if you are between 16 and 19 years old. Have a look at the following website for details:

<http://www.tekura.school.nz/learn-with-us/learn-with-us/summer-school/>

Menzies College Rugby

AGM & General Meeting

This is on Tuesday 13 November in the Menzies College Library at 7pm. The AGM will commence at 7pm and the General Meeting will follow. All Welcome.

Tracksuits

There are a large number of tracksuits that have been issued to students that need to be returned. These are needed urgently so please check out your cupboards and drop them back to school if you have one. Your co-operation would be appreciated. Thank you.

Community Notices

Holden Street Smart

Holden Street Smart is a world-class, cognitive based driver programme that aims to positively influence the lives of young kiwis across the country. The programme has been developed with the involvement of world-renowned road safety expert, Peter Sheppard. In addition, passionate road safety advocate, Greg Murphy, is our Programme Ambassador. Offering a practical hands-on learning experience, Holden Street Smart is a programme that aims to add to and compliment the great work already undertaken by NZTA, NZ Police and others in the area of road safety and driving training. Holden Street Smart will be delivering its programme throughout these next school holidays and there is one at Highlands Motorsport Park, Cromwell on Friday 14 December. Registrations are open for only \$49 at www.holdenstreetsmart.co.nz

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Public Meeting

Planning for a Civil Defence Emergency
When: Tuesday 20th November 7pm
Where: Wyndham Memorial Hall

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WHAT ARE YOUR RISKS?
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Please Note:

***This is an alcohol free,
family friendly event
Postponement will be announced
on Hokonui Radio, Menzies
Website and facebook page***



MAD (Menzie's Activity Days)

Calling all Crafters/Hoarders in the area

One of our MAD (Menzie's Activities Days) groups is going to be 'creatively crafty'. We are looking for any donations of scrapbook papers, buttons, lace - this could be from tablecloths, doilies or clothing, ribbon, photo frames and old jewellery. These will all be recreated into a variety of craft ideas that the group is keen to create. If you have anything from your days of scrapbooking (which you may now be over) or general haberdashery bits and bobs which frankly are just junk to you but will be treasure to us, can you please drop them into the office at Menzie's College. All donations gratefully received. We would also like to relieve you of any small tables or shelves etc you have lurking in the garage or woolshed. Any condition acceptable - borer is optional! Many thanks.

*Barb Cowley & Louise Youngson
Crafty Crafters*

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.

Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day

On Tuesday the Vetco Wyndham and Districts Pet Day was held and the weather played its part with the sun shining all day. Congratulations to all Year 7 and 8 students who participated. A massive thank you to the group of Year 9 Menzie's students and the volunteers who helped on the day! Ethan Stewart was the inaugural winner of the golden gumboot, throwing the greatest distance on the day!

*Photo shows Bathan Muir with Ethan Stewart
and the golden gumboot*



Menzie's Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home with Year 7-10 students. We are asking each family to sell 5 tickets at \$2.00 each or make a cash donation. We also ask that you donate non-perishable grocery items for the hamper. Senior students who do not have younger siblings at school are asked to collect their tickets from the office and drop off their grocery item when attending their exams. All ticket butts, money and grocery items can be left at the school office. Please also return any unsold tickets. If you feel you are able to sell more tickets please collect them from the school office. The raffle will be drawn at the Menzie's College Junior Prize Giving on 7 December. Thank you for your support.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The end of year uniform sale will take place on **Monday 17 December from 10am to 3pm in the office 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.

Important Dates

November	7-30	NZQA Exams
	26-30	Year 10 Mavora Camp
	30	New Entrants Day
December	3-5	Menzie's Activity Days (MAD)
	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

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