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8 February 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Welcome back as we start the 2019 school year. I trust you have had a restful break over the holiday period, enjoyed the company of friends and family and are ready to start the school year with enthusiasm.

Currently we have 335 students enrolled and this is a continuation of our roll increase over the last few years. The increased numbers contribute towards additional staffing, subject options and the finances of the school. We appreciate the strong support we have from our community in having your children attend the local school. Current class sizes are in the table below.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
49	54	39	61	53	38	41

This year we are attempting a new timetable for our seniors with most having four or five of their options jammed into Monday to Thursday with Fridays being a single subject day that includes Gateway, Trades, Level 3 English, Media Studies, Legal Studies, Agriculture and BCITO among others.

Thanks to the parents/caregivers who attended our conferencing last week as we finalised student's timetables with whanau teachers and to those who attended Monday's Powhiri. The next stage in this process is to follow up at our 'Meet the Teachers Day' on 12 March for all new entrants.

We have four new staff this year. Miss Emily Radka has a Year 7 homeroom, Miss Steph Parkinson is teaching Technology and Physics and Mr Chris Crighton will take Legal Studies with our seniors on a Friday. Mrs Coralie McFadzien has also joined the staff as a teacher's aide.

Next week our senior students will attend their respective camps. The Year 12's head into Hope Arm on Monday with the Outdoor Education staff and a supportive group of parents. This is probably the best camp students undertake while at Menzies for the sheer personal challenge that occurs both on the water and above the bush line in the midst of Fiordland. The Year 13s begin their Peer Support Programme on Monday at school and will then be based at Edenvue Camp looking at career options, expectations for this year and leadership development.

NCEA results at this stage look to be very much as expected and are on par with previous years. Final comparable results are not completed as yet. Students who worked hard have been well rewarded and those receiving merit and excellence endorsements will be recognised at the G F Walker Awards at 8.55am on Friday 22 February along with our new House Leaders and Committee members.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

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Staff Profiles

Name: Steph Parkinson

Position: First Year Teacher

Subjects Teaching this Year: Year 7 & 8 Science, Year 10 Metalwork, Year 9 Digital, Physics 301

Interests/Hobbies: Horses, gardening, renovating houses

Currently Reading: The Informationist, by Taylor Stevens



Name: Emily Radka

Position: Year 7 Homeroom Teacher

Subject Teaching this Year: Year 7 English, Maths, Social Sciences

Interests/Hobbies: Netflix, reading, baking, music, being with friends

Currently Reading: Small Great Things, by Jodi Picoult



Name: Chris Crighton

Position: Teacher

Subjects Teaching this Year: Legal Studies

Interests/Hobbies: Horses, Farming

Currently Reading: The Book of Merlin, by T H White

Recommended Books: Lonesome Dove, Lord of the Rings



Student Profiles

Name: Shaz Harvey

Position Held: Head Girl

Year: 13

Subject Studying: History, Statistics, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Digital Technology

Academic Achievements: NCEA Level 1 & 2 with Excellence Endorsements

Sports: Badminton

Interests/Hobbies: Music, Art, Food

Ambitions: To study at University to become a pharmacist or counsellor

Best About Menzies: The relationships between all students and the great trust system



Name: Hayden Stuart

Position Held: Head Boy

Year: 13

Subject Studying: Accounting, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Calculus

Academic Achievements: Merit Endorsement Level 1 & 2 NCEA, First in Accounting 2018

Sports: Athletics, cricket

Interests/Hobbies: Running, motor sport

Ambitions: To attend Otago University and study towards a BCOM majoring in Accounting to become an Accountant

Best About Menzies: Friendly environment and opportunities



Menzies College Guidance Team

Pete Holden and Megan Lindsay are available for students and caregivers to talk to. Go online to 'Facebook' and search for Menzies Guidance, (<https://www.facebook.com/menziesguidance/>) for a range of services available, information and a confidential 'Send us a Message' option. Other ways of getting in touch with us include calling the school office or going online and sending a confidential message to Menzies Guidance via the 'Messenger' app.

We are talking with our students and asking them to use Messenger to connect with us. We are finding technology is helpful for communication! Please have a discussion with your student about permission regarding this form of contact.

*Pete Holden & Megan Lindsay
Guidance Counsellors*



KickStart Breakfast helps more children achieve their best by getting a kickstart to their day. Fuelled by milk and grains, the students experience the power of a nutritious breakfast to provide both strength and energy for maximum learning at school.

KickStart Breakfast is the only school breakfast programme of its kind within New Zealand. We work together with local school communities to provide healthy breakfasts to children. Alongside support from the New Zealand Government, Sanitarium provides the Weet-Bix, Fonterra provides the Anchor milk and it's the school that is responsible for delivering the programme. Breakfast clubs are about more than eating breakfast at school. The engaging environment encourages students to develop social skills, take on extra responsibility and grow academically through the wider benefits of breakfast.

Menzies Breakfast Club will start: Monday 11th February 8.30am in the foods room.
Wednesday 13th February 8.30am in the foods room
Friday 15th February 8.30am in the foods room

This programme continues all term and there is no cost. See Mrs Keil for more information. All Menzies students are welcome.

HPV Vaccination

All boys and girls in Year 8 are able to have the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine at school to protect them against future infection from nine types of HPV that lead to cervical, anal, genital, mouth and throat cancers, as well as genital warts. The HPV vaccine is the final immunisation given as part of New Zealand's free childhood immunisation programme.

All Year 8 students will be given a consent form to take home which includes detailed information about the immunisation. **Please complete the consent form (either consenting or declining to the school based immunisation programme) and return the form to school before Friday February 15th.**

For more information:

- www.health.govt.nz/hpv
- contact the HPV Immunisation Team at WellSouth (03)214 6436, 0800 800 249 or hpv@wellsouth.org.nz

Important Dates

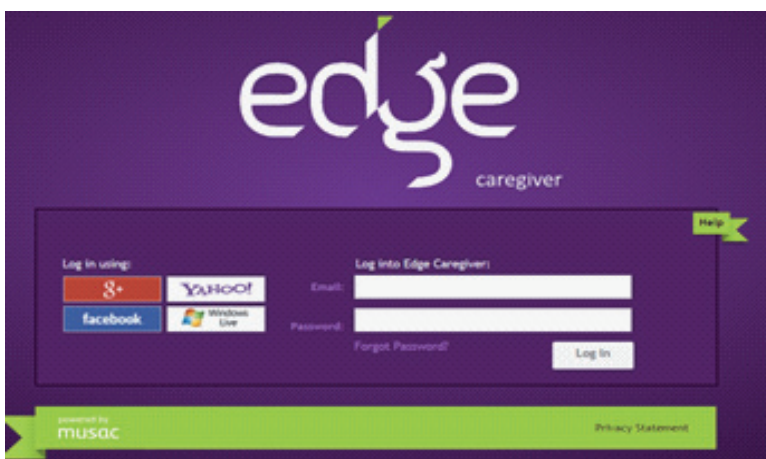
February	11-15	Year 12 Hope Arm Camp
	12-14	Year 13 Edenvue Camp
	18-22	Green week (Interruption free week - no appointments)
	22	G F Walker Awards 8.55am
	26	Primary School Athletics
	27	Menzies College Athletics
	28	Menzies College Athletics cancellation day

March	1	Primary School Athletics cancellation day
	4	Auckland University Liaison visit 1.20pm
	6	Year 12 Gateway Health & Safety
	8-10	Paddles Up
	12	Meet the Teachers (New entrants only)
	13	Year 12 First Aid
	15	Southland Athletics
	18	Otago Liaison visit 2pm
	21	School photos
	25-28	Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience Wanaka Camp
	28	Otago Polytech Liaison
	29-31	South Island Primary School Athletics
	30	Southland Primary School Athletics

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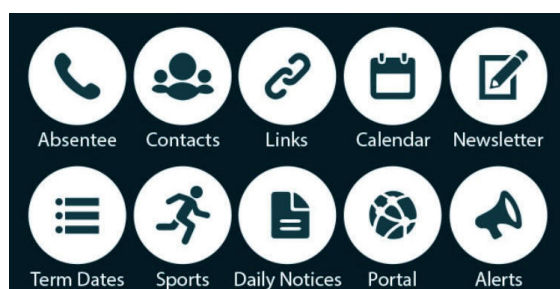
1. Go to the home page of the Menzies College Website <http://www.menzies.school.nz/> find the Hotlinks and Downloads part and click on the edge login to the parent portal link. It will take you to the screen shown below:



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.

To Download the Menzies College School App

Go to the App Store and search 'SchoolAppsNZ' and follow instructions. The following picture shows what can be accessed through this App.



Menzies College Leadership 2019

HEAD BOY

Hayden Stuart

HEAD GIRL

Shaz Harvey

HOUSE LEADERS

House

RATA

MATAI

RIMU

TOTARA

Leader

Tyla Adams

Micaiah Johnston-Brown

Zayden Moir

Marina Ferguson

Deputy

Beth Scott

Brodie Wallace

Becky McEwan

Caeden McGregor

WHANAU LEADERS

House Whanau

Rata ADL

ALY

AMK

Matai MCL

MKK

MMC

Rimu RBW

RED

RJB

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TLL

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Sports

Luke Humphries

Kailey Yeoman

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Aliyah Wilson

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Victoria Healey

Shonita Skipper

Telly Curtis

Georgia Walker

Naam Whan Panto

Brock Stuart

William Ranstead

Community

Sophie Johnston

Harm Davers

Alex Guthrie

Caitlyn Dudley

Allynah Paderanga

Taylor Stewart

Joshua Hamilton

Nadine Martin

Nikolas Shirley

Leah Maxwell

Maria Perriam

Kieran Coyle

Science Department

Hands On Otago 2019

For me, this course was very beneficial and important as at the time I was struggling with career options. This course helped me to narrow down the abundance of choices and helped me realise that I did know what I liked and what I enjoyed.

This Hands-On course ran from the 13-18 January at the University of Otago. There were 379 students who attended from all over New Zealand in either Year 12 or 13. With over 35 projects to choose from you were able to experience a very broad variety of potential career options. I was chosen to attend the Pharmacology and Toxicology project. Pharmacology is the study of the science behind the effects of drugs while Toxicology is very similar - it specialises in the study of the harmful effects of drugs and other chemicals. During this week long project there were three main experiments that we participated in. These were all very interesting but my favourite was the first one where we tested whether caffeine made you smarter. We did pre-testing of reaction time, tremor, memory, blood pressure and heart rate (on Monday) to set a standard. Then a couple of days later we took a shot of V pocket rocket and re tested all of the above tests to see if taking caffeine really did make us smarter. We found out comparing our before and after results from the small sample that it did not make us smarter but it did improve our reaction times as was expected.

It was very exciting to be able to stay in Studholme, a hall of Residence at Otago. You experienced the freedoms of being on your own and deciding how you were going to make the most of this new opportunity. The food was fantastic, catering for a wide range of needs and satisfying all demands. The structure of the course allowed you to have a fun action packed day while still fitting in the free time to recharge yourself and prepare for the next day ahead.

This was a fantastic opportunity being able to experience what it is like at University studying something that you might be interested in for a future career. I would highly recommend this course for any Year 11 or 12 student who is wanting to experience a week of University life before finishing school and for anyone who is uncertain of their career direction. Apply this year, it will help a lot.

I would like to thank Mrs Dale for suggesting this opportunity to me. I had a great time meeting new friends and making connections to last a lifetime. Thank you also to the MLT, the Wyndham Pioneer Lions Club and the Wyndham Lions Club for generously providing me with funding to attend this course. I am extremely grateful.

Marina Ferguson - Year 13

From profiling sand dunes to genetically modifying bacteria, the Otago University Advanced Students Science Academy allowed me to experience science on an entirely new level. With each day beginning at 8.00am and extending to 8.30pm the week-long camp was full of new experiences, knowledge and challenges. During this time I participated in two projects, Geography and Biochemistry/Genetics. Geography saw me traversing across sand dunes and beaches while Biochemistry and Genetics was far more lab-based. After being able to solve an albeit staged, murder using DNA testing techniques and discovering a new passion in Geography, the week renewed my excitement and passion for Science. Additionally, staying at Arana, a University Hall of Residence right in the middle of the campus, allowed for an immersive experience of university life. Likely, this will better equip me for the decisions and transitions involved in attending university next year. Altogether, the immersion in Science while surrounded by like-minded and passionate peers made for a truly rewarding experience.

Taylor Stewart - Year 13

Website and Facebook

School Website

The Menzies College website (www.menzies.school.nz) contains a wide variety of school-related information and is worth a look if you are wanting information. There is a section on what is happening in the current week, a download section where you can download option booklets, permission forms etc and links to logins like student e-mail, edge portals, google, NZQA.

Facebook

Menzies College manages a Facebook page which is used to post helpful links and convey important day-to-day messages. New families to the school are encouraged to follow this page to keep up to date. Simply search Menzies College Wyndham Southland.

Daily Notices

Students are expected to check the daily notices at least every day. They can be viewed by anyone on the school website – just click on the Daily Notices tab. These are live updates of the notices, so are always current. We encourage parents to look for information here as well as students. Keeping up to date with this information helps organised activities and the school day run effectively.

Menzies College Rugby

Notice for Intending Players

All players, male and female, intending to play rugby this season are to meet in the school hall at lunchtime on Monday 18 February to show their expression of interest to assist in the organising of teams for the 2019 season.

Southland Secondary School Triathlon

This is on Friday February 22 in Winton. Students can enter as individuals or in a team. Age group and distance information is below. We need offers of transport to get students to and from Winton. The cost is \$5 to enter plus a contribution towards transport. We have a few road bikes that could be used. See Mr Wilkinson for additional information. Entries need to be in by Tuesday 19 February.

AGE GROUPS: as at 1 January 2019

Year 7 Boys & Girls
Year 8 Boys & Girls
U14 Boys & Girls
Under 16 Boys & Girls
Under 19 Boys & Girls

SECTIONS: Individual

Teams (2 or 3 members) Teams can be all boys, girls or mixed.

FORMAT:

	Swim 1st	Bike 2nd	Run 3rd
Year 7 Boys & Girls	150m	7km	2.5km
Year 8 Boys & Girls	150m	7km	2.5km
U14 Boys & Girls	300m	7km	2.5km
U16 Boys & Girls	400m	14km	2.5km
U19 Boys & Girls	500m	21km	5km

Technology Department - Materials

Year 10 students are working on recycled projects and the technology department are looking for denim clothing or any fabrics that may be useful in class. Any colour, design, shape etc that is unwanted would be appreciated and can be dropped in to the school office. Thank you.

Caroline Morris
Teacher in Charge

Lockers

These are available for hire and the appropriate forms can be collected from the office. Lockers cost \$20 per year. Any student who had a locker in 2018 must tell Mr Wilkinson as soon as possible if they wish to keep their locker. New lockers will be issued on Friday 15 February.

Pete Wilkinson
Assistant Principal

Music Lessons

Any students wanting music lessons this year in clarinet, flute, woodwind, brass, drums, singing, piano or Guitar/finger style guitar are asked to put their name on the form on the office door. Lessons will start in week 3.

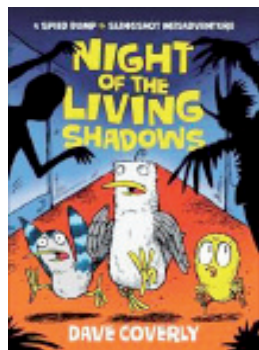
Year 13 Camp - 12-14 February

Again we are heading off to the exciting Edenvue Camp. The focus is on careers, Peer Support, goal setting and leadership. Students have been busy organising food, gear lists, menus, invitations and transport. A reminder that Monday is Peer Support day at Menzies. On Tuesday we meet at school by 8.45am before heading to Edenvue.

Pete Wilkinson
Assistant Principal

Library News

Welcome to the new school year! I am looking forward to meeting all the new pupils. We have a couple of great new books already.

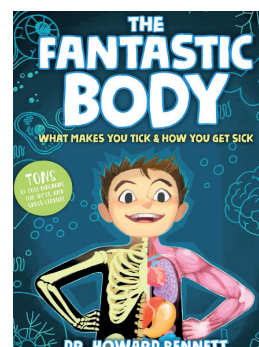


The Fantastic body: What makes you tick and how you get sick. Through humour, science, and engaging illustrations, this is a fun and comprehensive book for you if you want to know more about all the mysterious stuff going on inside your body.

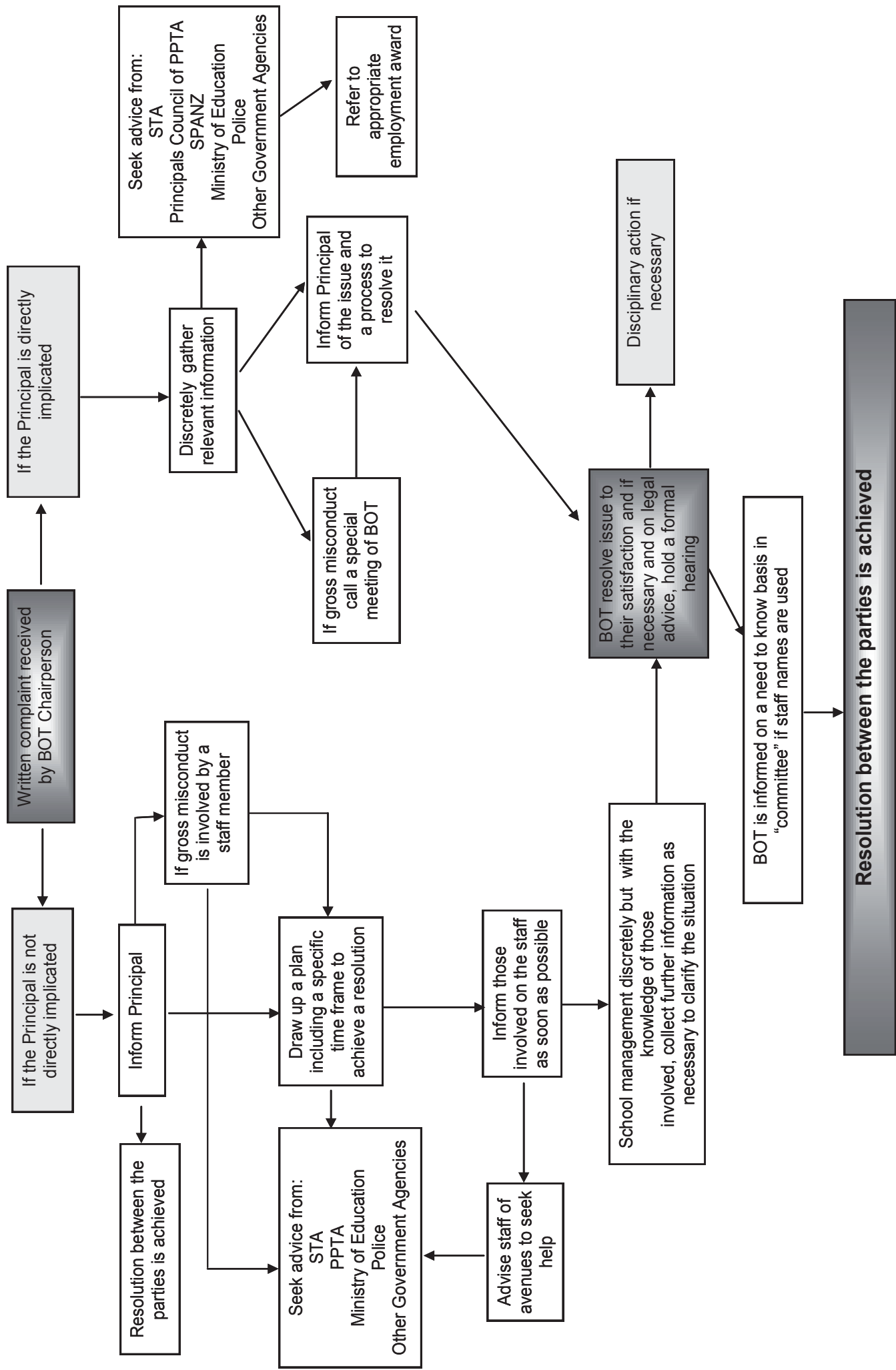
Night of the Living Shadows is half cartoon and text and is full of hilarious fun.

Maybe you are an animal lover or want to know how to make crafts - there are loads of great books to check out. See you soon I hope. We are open most intervals and lunchtimes also.

Eileen Barnett
Librarian



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