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8 March 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Meet the Teachers

Next Tuesday 12 March, we will hold our first meeting between parents/caregivers and teachers at school starting from 2.30pm. The purpose of the afternoon/evening is to become familiar with your child's teacher, their expectations and to discuss how we can communicate with you about their learning. By now your child should have a google site set up for each of their subjects where comments can be triangulated between home, the learner and the teacher. The schedule for this day is printed in this newsletter.

Hui

On 20 March the Kahui Ako will host a Hui here at school from 6pm to 7.30pm to look at what is topical in our community of schools for our Maori students. We want to look at who are our Maori students, how they are progressing at school and after leaving school and what's going really well for them currently. The theme of the korero will be 'Aspiration' and we invite all students, whanau and interested members of the community to attend and join us for Kai at 6pm.

Athletics

Thanks very much for everyones contribution to our athletics day on Monday. It was well worth holding over to this week to get the best of the weather. Amongst the fun of the day there were some extremely good performances and there is an article further on in the newsletter about the day.

PPTA Industrial Action

PPTA members of the staff plan to join with others on Wednesday 3 April to take a stand against the Governments current settlement offer to their collective agreement. More details of what's planned for the day will become evident closer to this date but at this stage it is expected that the school will be closed for instruction. At this time it is only Menzies College that will be closed for instruction and our local primary schools will be open as usual with buses running as normal.

Ironman Challenge

Congratulations to our amazing Peter Wilkinson who completed his ninth New Zealand Ironman at Taupo in the weekend finishing 7th in the 45-49 age group and coming 52nd out of 1070 men. Pete achieved his personal best time and given he holds down a full time job and is competing against professional athletes, this is a brilliant display of self-management, persistence and sheer will power to be the best he can.

Board of Trustees

At the AGM of the school's Board of Trustees last Thursday, Carlyn Stewart agreed to be the school's acting chairperson until the 7 June election. If you know anyone who would be willing to be nominated for the June election or if you are interested, please contact Judy at the school office who will have a board member contact you.



One of the coolest sporting activities of the year takes place this weekend with the annual Paddles Up competition at Mavora starting early on Saturday morning. This year we have eight students participating and three staff attending. All the best team.

Gerry Ward Principal

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PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

Congratulations to the following students and staff member for winning the achievement slip draws: Week ending 22 February: William Ranstead, Sam Smith, Connor Poyntz-Roberts, Sophie Johnston and Mrs Dale Week ending 8 March: James Reid, Cherish Warren, Rachel Moncur, Lucy Mann and Mrs Leggett Your vouchers can be collected from the office. It is good to see so many achievement slips coming in!

Social Science Department



Year 11 Young Enterprise Studies 201

On Tuesday 26 February, the Young Enterprise Studies (YES) class embarked on our journey to Invercargill's SIT Center Stage to the first event of the YES calendar, 'Kick Start'. During the 'Kick Start' event we were introduced to Southland's Chamber of Commerce and YES Co-ordinator, Joanne O'Connor. First we learnt about how the YES programme works and when challenges for



our business are due and we then moved onto teamwork activities. As a team we tried to lower a stick with our index fingers and we found out that it was very hard. We also looked at previous winners of the YES programme and we learnt skills on how to think of an idea that we could use in the future. Afterwards for the last hour, local business people and bank managers came in to have a chat about our idea. They all gave great advice on how to start our company, finances and to promote our idea. Overall it was a great day out and was a good opportunity to express our ideas to business people.

I would like to give a huge thanks to Mr Joyce for organising the trip and giving us the opportunity to learn more and to get advice on our business ideas.

Brock Stuart

Year 10 Business Studies

On Monday 25 February our Year Ten Business Studies class had a guest speaker from Westpac, Gore. Kay Graham came to talk to us about banking. We discussed different types of bank accounts and what they are used for. Kay talked about all the different ways of getting money out and paying for things. Also that you need at least one of the following identifications with you when you first open an account: a passport, Birth certificate, Drivers License or a Firearms License. Also, you need a letter that is less than 12 months to prove where you live. We talked about scamming and protecting yourself from people trying to get your money.

On behalf of the Year Ten Business Studies class I would like to thank Kay for taking her time to come to Menzies and share her knowledge about banking.

Kimberley Simmons

English Department

The English department is looking forward to meeting the whanau of our students at the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon on Tuesday. It really does help our relationship with your children when we also have a relationship with their caregivers. Feel free to come armed with questions for us and we will endeavour to have a healthy korero about all things English.

As a Department we are continuing our focus on writing this year. We run regular journal writing sessions within class time, where students are given the opportunity to craft their skill in a safe and non-threatening environment. Their writing can become very personal and we encourage students to explore different types of writing to find hidden talents and passions.

Level Focus

The Year 12 English class is focusing on the Marvel Cinematic Universe this term. We have viewed two feature films; Captain America: The First Avenger and The Avengers. These films will be used for a number of internal assessments throughout this term. It has been refreshing to bring a new type of genre to the classroom. It has sparked an excitement for Marvel films within me as the teacher and is allowing me to pass this enthusiasm on to the students. As we are all aware, learning is so much easier when we actually enjoy what we are doing.

House Keeping

ICAS entries will be asked for later in the term. Homework books still need to be purchased by some students. The classes are in full swing using these now so students who do not have them will get further behind. They are able to be paid for at the office, the cost is \$17.

There are a number of English assessments beginning at the moment. Have a chat to your child about what might be coming up for them.

Meet the Teachers Tuesday 12th March

There is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers on Tuesday 12th March. Please attend with your child. Information will be shared about what subject teachers expect of students in their class and how home/school communication will work. By the end of February you should have had emails from all the subject teachers and have access to your child's Google Site to check individual comments the teachers are making. If you haven't accessed your child's Google Site please check that you can do this (make sure your child has shared it with you first). This is the perfect opportunity to be involved in your child's educational success and ask questions about changes in reporting. See you there.

Year	Year 7 & 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11 - 13				
Level								
2.30pm	Parents and							
– 3pm	students from							
	each class meet							
	in their home							
	room.							
	8CL Room 1							
	8BY Room 2							
	7LL Room 5							
	7ER Room 6							
3pm –	The whole school and parents of Y7-9 students go to Whanau Time to meet with whanau							
3.15pm	teachers to find out more about how Whanau's operate and what to expect with conferences.							
3.30pm		Parents and						
- 4pm		students from each						
		class meet in the						
		following rooms:						
		9FE Room 7						
		9SR Room 9						
4pm –			Parents and students					
4.30pm			from each class meet					
			in the following					
			rooms:					
			10KL Music Room					
			10PW Graphics					
			Room 10SU Room 8					
5.30pm			1050 Room 8	Meet in the hall at 5.30pm.				
				A short welcome is				
7.30pm				followed by the six				
7.30pm				timetabled classes senior				
				students attend. Each class				
				is 15 minutes long. There				
				will be a bell at the				
				beginning and end of the				
				15 minutes. Time is				
				allowed for moving				
				between classes.				
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Uniform

Congratulations to all students on the way the uniform is being worn. There has been a huge improvement over the last couple of weeks. There is no particular date when we move to winter uniform. Students are encouraged to manage themselves and make the decision based on temperature regarding the appropriate uniform.

Please ensure students come to school in the correct uniform. If they are not in correct uniform they require a note that they are to bring to the Deputy or Assistant Principal. They will be given correct uniform to wear for the day in exchange for the non-regulation items which will be returned at the end of the day. Non regulation items of uniform such as hoodies will be confiscated for a period of time if students are found wearing them at school.

Kath Luoni Deputy Principal

Proposed Uniform Amendment

Currently, a uniform policy amendment allowing free choice of the two current uniforms (male and female options) is being considered. Our goal is to create a more comfortable and equal school experience by fully embracing our core school value of 'Feeling Safe' and ensuring the full realisation of all students' potential. Only the gender-specific elements of the uniform policy would be altered, ensuring no compromise to our current standard of uniform.

In order to gauge public and student opinion, an online survey will be available early next week. The link to access this will be posted on the Menzies College Facebook page and daily notices which are accessible via the website and school app. Additionally, physical copies will be available at the school office.

Any enquiries or desire for further clarification can be provided through contact with our Facebook page Rainbow + Confidence or the school's representative - taylor.stewart@menzies.school.nz

Board of Trustees

Welcome back to 2019 - what another great year we are expecting it to be.

Highlights from this month's Board meeting include a roll of 330 students with a fully staffed school; positive 2018 NCEA results at all levels; and two successful camps completed already. Additionally, the draft annual plan was presented. This is our contract with the Ministry of Education regarding our targets and plans for the whole school this year.

We received a proposal from the Rainbow Committee to remove gender references from our uniform policy. The key message in this is that the required uniform to be worn will not change, just the limitations of girls or boys uniform will be removed. The Board feel that this idea has merit and have asked that the Committee provide further information and feedback from student, staff and parent surveys at our next meeting. If you have an opinion then please get involved with this process. Survey links will be in the daily notices and on the facebook page next week.

From a Board point of view Board elections are occurring in June where six community representatives and a staff representative will be elected. Do you strive for excellence and believe in Menzies College being the best it can be? Do you feel that you could positively contribute to this? Please consider standing for these elections. Further information will follow as we get closer to this date.

Please feel free to speak to any Board member if you have any governance related issues you would like to discuss or questions about our operation. The current Board personnel are:

Gerry Ward, Carlyn Stewart, Jo Brand, Allister Gauldie, Nardine Rhind, Josh Bucknell, Bianca Gibbs and William Ranstead (student representative).

Carlyn Stewart Acting Board Chair

Peer Support

This is the second week of peer support. Year 7 students are grouped with Year 13 students who are running the programme this term. Lots of group work, games and co-operation is being learnt this week. Keep up the good work everyone!





Katie Keil Teacher in Charge

Health Notice

We have been advised that there are school sores around at the moment. Please be vigilant about this and get your student to a doctor if you have any concerns.

In Loving Memory

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of the passing of our friend and colleague Ginny Winefield.

Ginny was a well liked and respected member of the school community and was in Rata house. Today staff and students gathered to plant a Rata tree and lay a plaque in commemoration.

She is sadly missed by all her knew her.



Sports Department

Athletics

Athletics day on Monday was very successful held in brilliant conditions and some amazing achievements took place. Micaiah Johnston-Brown broke the the Open Boys Javelin record with a throw of 43.55m breaking the previous record of 42.25m set in 1978. Levi Smith, Caeden McGregor, Hapi Winiata, Josiah Ashman, Max Bryson, Marina Ferguson, Brianna Ferguson, Liana Gauldie, Sophie Ferguson and Rylee McGregor on the track, all stood out. The Southland Secondary Athletics are scheduled for Friday 15 March at Surrey Park and the Primary Schools on Saturday 30 March. All students who wish to attend should have collected a notice from school this week and these must be returned by Monday 11 March if they wish to be entered.

Basketball

The Eastern basketball season is due to start later this term. Any students who are interested in playing in a team ranging from Year 7 and 8 to senior (boys or girls) must register on the main door at the office. If we have any community members who are interested in managing or coaching a team please contact Mrs Adam at school.

Hockey

Students interested in playing in a mixed school hockey team this year are asked to sign up on the form on the main door at the office. This could involve weekly games in Invercargill and possibly a tournament later in the year.

Hayley Adam Sports Co-ordinator

Important Dates

March	8-10	Paddles Up			
	12	Meet the Teachers			
	13	Year 12 First Aid			
	15	Southlan Athletics			
	18	Otago Liaison visit 2pm			
	19-29	The Wool Shed (information in this newsletter)			
	21	School photos			
		SIT Liaison visit			
	25	Southland Secondary School Bowls			
	25-28	Year 12 & 13 Adventure Experience Wanaka Camp			
	28	Otago Polytech Liaison			
	29	South Island Secondary Schools Moto Cross			
	29-31	South Island Primary School Athletics			
	30	Southland Primary School Athletics			
April	4	International student games			
	6	School Ball			
	11	Incubator			
	12	Last day - Term 1			
	29	First day - Term 2			
May	6	Dunedin Tertiary Open Day			
	9	Level 2 Agriculture ATV training			
	13	Lincoln College Liaison visit 1.20pm			
	20-22	Year 7 camp - Omaui			
	27-31	Year 7 & 8 conferences			
	27	Incubator			

Community Notices

Wyndham & Districts Community Rest Home Gala Day

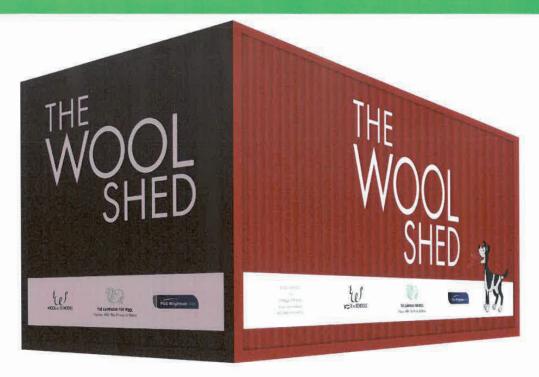
Saturday 9th March - 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Garden walk, Devonshire tea, sausage sizzle, stalls, children's activities, decorated novelty garden container competition. All funds raised will be put towards a new mobility van for our residents. Everyone Welcome. Enquiries please phone (03) 2064901.

Skate Park Survey - Collection Boxes

By now resident households will have received (by mail) a survey to complete relating to the possibility of developing of a skate park in the local area. (The surveys are also available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSY8BZM.) Collection boxes for completed surveys are located here at Menzies College office and also at Edendale School, Wyndham Primary School office and the SDC Wyndham Area offices. Extra (hard-copy) surveys are also available at these places. The data collected via the community survey will help determine if a project like this is feasible. Completed surveys need to be returned by 31 March 2019.

Camp Columba - EOTC Winter Special

Day Trip - 2 instructed activities of your choice; 2 adult led activities of your choice plus free use of some facilities. \$35 per student. For further information contact Camp Columba on 03 2053702 or visit Campcolumba.org.nz Valid for Term 2, week 4 and Term 3, week 7.





The Wool Shed is an education initiative offered by the Campaign for Wool New Zealand Trust in partnership with PGG Wrightson. It is a purpose-built shipping container packed with woolly resources made available free of charge to New Zealand schools.

It was setup to inspire the next generation to be creative and curious about the properties of this unique, renewable and sustainable fibre.

Teachers can use this hands-on teaching resource, allowing students to see and feel the different stages of shorn New Zealand wool, while learning about the unique attributes of this abundant natural fibre. The resource material accompanying the Wool Shed assists in the teaching of Maths, Science, Technology, Economics, English and the Arts.



The Wool Shed is coming to our school on

19th March - 29th March 2019

For further information please contact

Sally Robertson - sally.robertson@menzies.school.nz





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MENZIES COLLEGE - CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2019

Sandwich	\$	2.50	Daily Specials		
Spaghetti Toastie		2.50	(Check the board)		
Cheese Toastie/Mousetrap	\$	2.50			
Butter Chicken Pie	\$	4.50	Macaroni Cheese	\$	4.00
Mince Pie	\$	3.00	Chicken Fettucine	\$	4.50
American Hot Dog	\$	3.00	Enchilladas/Taccos	\$	4.00
Apricot/Chicken Wrap	\$	4.50	Sausage Rolls	\$	4.00
Cordon Bleu	\$	3.00	Meatball Subs	\$	4.00
Pork Riblet Wrap (Hot)	\$	4.00	Fried Rice	\$	4.50
Bacon & Egg Wrap (Hot)	\$	4.00	Beef Noodles	\$	4.50
Chicken Burger - with/without free salad	\$	4.50	Butter Chicken	\$	4.50
Chicken Tenders	\$	1.00			
Burgers - Lamb, Beef, B&E, Hawaiian,	\$	5.00			
Chicken & Bacon					
Chicken Rolls	\$	2.00			
Mega Cheese Rolls	\$	3.00			
Cheese Roll	\$	1.00			
Garlic Bread	\$	1.50			13
Hash Brown	\$	1.00			
Wedges	\$	3.00			
Sour cream/relish/chilli sauce (each)	\$	0.50			
Doritos/Corn Chips	\$	2.50			
Waffles	\$	1.00			
Cookie Time	\$	2.50			
Drinks/Icecreams					
Water - Pump	\$	3.50			
Milkshake	\$	3.50			
Milkshake with icecream	\$	4.50		7	
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Mill Orchard (Juice) - 400ml	\$	3.50			
Coke Zero	\$	3.50			_/
E2 -small	\$	3.50			
E2 - large	\$	5.00			
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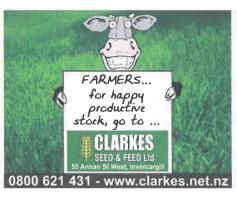








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