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## 22 March 2019

# From the Principal's Desk

#### Kia ora

Many thanks to everyone who attended Wednesday's Kahui Ako Hui to discuss where we are at now and need to be, with education for our Maori students across the district. We had a wonderful turn out, 90 people representing whanau, parents, teachers, the Runanga, Boards and the Ministry who collectively recorded a whole range of views that may support learning for our students. Thanks so much to those who contributed to the success of this hui and the summary of our korero will be out by the end of this term.



Our thoughts are very much with our Nation and in particular the Muslim community of New Zealand at the terrible atrocities a week ago today. No one expected this in our country let alone so close to home. I realise that the processes following this incident will be drawn out and for many very hurtful. It is important that our students are able to discuss the events of last Friday but are reminded that in no way should they view or pass on video footage of the event. It did circulate last weekend and early this week. A clear message has been given to citizens that footage of the attack has been deemed objectionable under New Zealand law which means that possessing or distributing the footage is an offence. Anyone who finds footage of the attacks online should report it to Netsafe at netsafe.org.nz/report but they should not keep copies or share it.

There was planned industrial action by secondary school (PPTA) teachers on 3 April. This will now NOT take place and students are expected to be at school as normal on the Wednesday.

We wish our senior outdoor students an enjoyable camp next week in Wanaka, trusting not only that the weather will be good, but students will challenge themselves and succeed in a range of adventure activities.

Our school ball is scheduled for Saturday 6 April. Our community is welcome to attend the arrival of our students at the College from around 7pm. The theme this year is 'A Night in Paris'. The ball can be the best or worse of times for some students. Please speak with your son/daughter about your expectation of behaviour around the ball and associated events.

Gerry Ward Principal

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## **PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw**

Congratulations to the following students and staff members for winning the achievement slip draws: Week ending 15 March: Garoth van der Straaten, Jonas Lindsay, Brian Tyrell, Becky McEwan and Mrs Gould Week ending 22 March: Lexie Kimura, Chloe Laurie, Arden Knapp, Naidene Wilson-Hemara and Mrs Williams Your vouchers can be collected from the office. It is good to see so many achievement slips coming in!

## **School Photos**

Photos were taken yesterday and all class, whanau and year level photos are to be ordered on line. These will be available on Geoff Horrell's website soon and we will advise when they are ready to be viewed with the necessary code.

Family photos and details of prices etc will be delivered to school and these will be given to students when we receive them.

## **English Department**

## Effective writing encourages critical thinking

Often students will announce that they like/dislike a subject based on their perceived ability to complete set basic tasks associated with that curriculum area. In English, students will often talk about how writing is hard or how they struggle to find reading material which is engaging for them. As a department, we have reflected on this and implemented one writing framework (TEXAS) which will be taught in classes from Year 9-13. Alongside this framework we are also using SOLO Taxonomy as a 'thinking tool' to deepen our thoughts and encourage critical analysis of text. We are certain that using one framework from which students can build their response will help to raise both the level of achievement and also the level of engagement within our classes as students will begin to see that effective writing is achievable. In the next newsletter we will have more information around this scaffold.

#### **Level Focus**

**The 101 English** class are currently reading the novel Jasper Jones. Students have been asked to read a little each night so they are prepared to start studying this text next term. A big thank you to Mr Dakin for helping the class understand photoshop in preparation for their first assessment (Static Image) next week.

**The 102 English** class have been focusing on writing a magazine article on topics or hobbies that interest them. By asking students to choose their own topics, they have become more engaged in the task and want to produce interesting and relevant articles. These magazine articles will go towards the students writing portfolios.

### Below is a small extract from Ellena Alanquihan article on music

"Music is extremely important to many of our lives. Music is more than entertainment, it is also a feature of every known human society. It doesn't only reach us on intellectual, social and emotional levels but a lot of people describe it as spiritual or mystical. "

#### Housekeeping

**E - Asttle testing** is currently underway in Year 9 and 10 classes. This is an online assessment that gauges students achievement in reading and allows the classroom teacher to see students' strengths and weaknesses. Finally, some students have not yet purchased a homework book, a reminder to these parents and caregivers that these books are available at the school office for \$17.

Fleur Egerton On behalf of the English Department

## **Physical Education Department**

#### Year 13

We are 'Training to Improve'. This unit involves training four times a week for eight weeks to see what the training response is. We completed a pre test (run around Wyndham) and set an improvement goal. Three days a week we run and the fourth day we do core strength exercises in the gymnasium.

After each exercise session we have to make journal entries describing the session and linking the exercise to training methods and principles (such as overload, specificity and rest). At the end of the unit students complete a final test and then submit an essay with all the details of their training programme.



## **Peer Support**

Year 7 students are currently involved in the Peer Support programme. This is a nationwide programme that has been a staple in New Zealand schools for decades. Year 13 students lead a series of activities designed to help our new entrants integrate in to life at secondary school. They cover all nature of topics from friendship to bullying and where things are and who to go to when you need something (this helps in the early days when they are unsure).



Becky McEwan & Joshua Read leading their group

## **Edendale RSA Scholarship**

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, 8 April, 2019. Full details are available from the Menzies College office.

## Paddles Up 2019

After school on Friday 8 March the Paddles Up team hit the road heading to Mavora Lakes for the annual secondary schools kayaking competition. Competitors were: Nadine Martin, Sophie Johnston, Luke Humphries and Johnnie Maxwell. They were ably supported by Mr and Mrs Dakin, Mrs Luoni, Mr Humphries, Mr Landreth and his family.

We set up camp and had a quick pre dinner paddle down the river between the two lakes to give everyone a taste of what was to come. A delicious BBQ dinner followed and then stories around the camp fire.

The next day started with the 'Down River' race. Everyone left at one minute intervals so it was impossible to work out who won. Added to this was a handicap system that takes the design of the boat into account before working out the winner. When everything was washed up Luke Humphries was second in the Senior Boys section and Johnnie Maxwell was third in the Junior Boys section. After lunch we were back on the river practicing for the slalom event the next day. This was a challenge for tired bodies trying to accurately place their boats to manoeuvre through gates without falling out. After an exhausting few hours it was back to camp for a rest, relaxation and riddles. The highlight of the day was vegetarian curry for dinner with chops!

Sunday dawned clear and warm. We only had one team comprising of Johnnie, Nadine and team captain Luke competing in the Senior Boys category and they finished a stunning second.

In the Individual Slalom event Luke Humphries was second in the Senior Boys, two seconds behind the winner. Johnnie was second in the Junior Boys category. Menzies College were third overall on points.

Thank you to everyone involved for making it such an enjoyable weekend.

Kath Luoni Teacher in Charge - Paddles Up

## **Menzies College Rugby Club**

## Wanted - Host Families

We are looking for expressions of interest in supporting international students. This is a great opportunity to share your home and experience another culture. For them, the opportunity for some Southern hospitality, experience another part of the world and to make new and lifelong friends. This would be for approximately 25-33 weeks for the 2019 rugby season and there is a likelihood of some financial support. Your consideration would be appreciated. For further information or to register your interest please contact Tracey McLellan 027 3469554 or (03) 2469554.

#### **Rugby Registration**

Registrations should have been completed by 20 March. If you need any help please ask your coach/manager.

#### **Billets Required**

Menzies Rugby Club are needing families to host St Edmonds Rugby team for one night on Tuesday 2 April. If you are able to help host one or more boys please contact Tracey McLellan on 0273469554/(03) 2469554.

# **Sports Department Athletics**

Last Friday 15 March we had a team of over 40 students attend the annual Southland Secondary School athletics in Invercargill. This is Southland's largest secondary school sporting event and the competition is always of a very high standard. All students represented the school well and put in 100% for their events. A huge congratulations to the following students who placed in the top three of their events and have qualified to attend the South Island athletics event.

Brianna Ferguson 2nd - U15 Girls 400m Gabby Knapp 3rd - Senior Girls Discus

2nd - Hammer

Keegan Knapp2nd - U16 Boys Triple JumpRyan Smith3rd - U16 Boys Triple JumpJohnnie Maxwell2nd - U14 Boys JavelinRhylee McGregor3rd - U16 Girls 200mHayden Stuart3rd - Senior Boys 800mKailey Yeoman2nd - Senior Girls Javelin

### **Southland Primary School Athletics**

On Saturday 30 March we have 12 Year 7 and 8 competing at the Southland Primary School athletics at Surrey Park in Invercargill. We are currently looking for senior students, parents/caregivers or community members who may be able to help out with our Long Jump duty in the morning for one hour time slots. If you are able to help please contact Hayley Adam at Menzies.

## **Upcoming Sports**

## **Officiating Course**

We are currently taking registrations for students who are interested in attending an officiating course for basketball, netball, rugby, hockey and football. If your son/daughter from Year 9 -13 is interested please contact Hayley Adam.

#### Hockey

If any Year 9-13 students would like to play hockey for a school team on a Tuesday evening competition in Invercargill please sign on the notice on the office door.

#### **Swimming Championships**

Any competitive school swimmers who are interested in representing Menzies at the Southland swimming championships held in Invercargill on 7 April, please see Hayley Adam for more information.

## **2019 School Athletics Results**

### **Age groups Champions**

U12 Boys : Hapi Winiata

Girls: Myah Cameron

U13 Boys: Levi Smith

Girls: Sophie Ferguson

U14 Boys: Sar Latanafrancia

Girls: Liana Gauldie

U15 Boys: Josiah Ashman

Girls: Brianna Ferguson

U16 Boys: 1st = Jonas Lindsay & Keegan Knapp

Girls: Rhylee McGregor

Over 16 Boys Caeden McGregor

Girls: 1st = Tyla Adams & Marina Ferguson







Arin Read & Brooke Loveridge

**House points** 

Totara - 606 Rata - 462 Matai - 410 Rimu - 368

For any information about upcoming school sports events please contact the sports coordinator Hayley Adam at

hayley.chalmers@menzies.school.nz



Brianna Ferguson

Hayley Adam Sports Co-ordinator

## **Social Sciences Department**

### Social Studies Sustainability Unit Year 9 - Wool Shed Educational Container

We are lucky to have the Wool Shed educational container, which is a combined initiative between the Campaign for Wool and PGG Wrightsons, at Menzies College for two weeks. It is a container that is full of articles made from wool and information on wool as a renewable, reusable, 100 % biodegradable and one of the world's most sustainable products.

The students have learnt about the benefits of using wool which is important for future generations to know given the pressures we are facing on the environment. Some comments from students from 9SK include "I enjoyed trying on all the clothes and shoes that were made from wool, I didn't realise how comfortable they were" – Arden Knapp. Rachel Moncur and Ellie Sisley both said they found it interesting looking at the process wool goes through from start to finish and the different textures was pretty cool. They didn't realise wool could be used for so many products from weed matting to cleaning up oil spills, to carpet, shoes and clothing.

The container is here all of next week and if anyone in the community wants to come and have a look please feel free to pop in to Menzies College anytime – or contact myself at sallyrobertson@menzies.school.nz to organise a time.

Sally Robertson Teacher in Charge





## **Important Dates**

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March	19-29	The Wool Shed
	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

## **Lost Property**

A reminder to parents/caregivers to name their student's clothing. We have a lot of lost property in the office and if it is not named we are unable return it. Your assistance would be appreciated.

## **Community Notices**

#### Wanaka Trail Ride - 30th March 2019

The Wanaka Trail Ride is now in its fifth year, and is a fundraising event for Wanaka Primary School, Montessori Children's House Wanaka, Tarras Primary and the local RSA. It is a great day out and has all-abilities tracks set amongst the stunning scenery of Deep Gully, Long Gully and Lindis Peak stations, including a pee-wee track for the little ones. This year's ride has the brand-new trails, the same entry prices as last year AND a back-up day (Sunday 31st March). If you pre-register you get the added bonus of a cheaper entry fee, plus you can pick up your pack the day before, so no queues on the day! The trail ride is on Saturday 30th March and you can find registration details on their website www.wanakatrailride.org.

#### **Wyndham Netball Club**

The AGM for the Wyndham Netball Club will be held at Three Rivers Hotel on Thursday 4 April at 7.30pm. If you or your child wish to play netball this year (Years 1 to 8) your attendance is required. Any apologies to Jill McConachie -

jill.mcconachie@southerndhb.govt.nz or Mel Geary - melgeary@hotmail.com

This year registrations will be done online using sporty. Please use the following link to open the registration tab https://www.sporty.co.nz/wyndhamnetballclub

If it is an issue for you to register online, contact Mel Geary and she will send you through a form to complete.

Can you please complete your registrations by Thursday 4 April and then meet at Wyndham netball courts of Thursday 11 April to determine teams.

#### **Ball Corsages/Button Holes**

- (a) Debie Dickie-Lee, contact 021 328056 or Facebook Florist Debie Dickie-Lee. Corsages \$26 Buttonholes \$10. State when ordering if you want delivered to Lee's Dairy Saturday morning or she can do local Wyndham delivery.
- (b) Wrist Corsages \$25, Buttonholes \$10 from Carolynn Robertson. Can be collected on Saturday morning from 40 Mimihau School Road or can be delivered to Menzies at 10am Saturday morning. Contact 03 2064894 or 027 4385 128. Orders must be in by 1 April.

#### **ILT Stadium Southland Holiday Programme**

I'm sure if your kids are getting any sense of chocolate over the Easter break or just a very good sleep at night, they may have a bit too much energy for the household or a babysitter while you're at work. As always, no stress, we have our holiday programme up and running. The dates are a little different due to the venue being closed on public holidays, however that's 4 days the kids can come and have a bit of fun at our Circus themed holiday programme.

We have also introduced an online booking system so you don't even have to leave the house to register, which will be quite handy for the busy families or out of town families. Click on the link below to register online or fill out the attached form and hand this back into our reception team either via email or popping into the venue. Don't forget to pass it on to work mates, family and friends to get the whole crew together!

https://www.sporty.co.nz/iltstadiumsouthland3/School-Holiday-Programme/April-School-Holiday-Programme

#### **Edendale RSA Trust**

The AGM of the Edendale RSA Trust is to be held on Wednesday 10 April, 7.30 pm at Menzies College.

Sue Dyer Secretary



# **MENZIES COLLEGE - CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2019**

	\$		Daile Consists		
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
Jimmy's Mince Pie	\$	4.50	Chicken Fettucine	\$	5.00
American Hot Dog	\$	3.00	Sausage Rolls	\$	4.00
Apricot/Chicken Wrap	\$	4.50	Fried Rice	\$	4.50
Cordon Bleu	\$	3.00	Chicken/Beef Noodles	\$	4.50
Pork Riblet Wrap (Hot)	\$	4.00	Butter Chicken	\$	5.00
Bacon & Egg Wrap (Hot)	\$	4.00	Tomato Pasta Bake	\$	4.00
Chicken Burger - with/without salad/cheese	\$	5.00	Potato Bake, Lasange	\$	4.50
Chicken Tenders	\$	1.00	Chicken & Rice	\$	5.00
Burgers - Lamb, Beef, B&E, Hawaiian,	\$	5.00	Nachos	\$	4.50
Chicken & Bacon			Paprika Chicken	\$	3.50
Chicken Rolls	\$	2.50			
Mega Cheese Rolls	\$	3.00			
Cheese Roll	\$	1.00			
Garlic Bread	\$	1.50			
Hash Brown	\$	1.00		\	
Wedges	\$	3.00		7	
Sour cream/relish/chilli sauce (each)	\$	0.50			
Doritos/Corn Chips	\$	2.50			
Waffles	\$	2.00			
Cookie Time	\$	2.50			
Drinks/Icecreams					
Water - Pump		3.50		<i>/</i>	
Milkshake	\$	4.00			
Milkshake with icecream	\$	5.00			
Barista Bros Milkshakes	\$	4.50			
Calci strong milkshake - carton	\$	2.50			
Mill Orchard (Juice) - 400ml		3.50			
Coke - No sugar	\$	3.50			\
A range of ice creams/ice blocks					\
available from \$1.70 - \$4.00				1	$\wedge$
Iced Tea	\$	3.50		<b>△</b>	
Chocolate Brownie/Slices	\$	2.50			
Juicies	\$	1.50			

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