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## From the Principal's Desk

5 April 2019

### Kia ora

Given the recent tragic events in Christchurch, the Ministry are conducting a review of 'lockdown procedures' in schools. It was evident from the time students had to spend in their classroom on that day, that a number of practices were not suitable and new guidelines will be forthcoming. Issues remain around our natural inclination of wanting to contact people to check if they are safe and the best way to communicate in crisis. Next term we will practice a 'lockdown' that you will be notified of in advance. As part of preparing for that process families should check now and inform the school if we do not have your best email or cellphone contact because we will want to make contact at the time to check our systems.

The biggest event on the school calendar for many students is the school ball which is being held this Saturday night and the theme is 'A Night in Paris'. Students and their partners will be arriving at the hall from 7pm with the Grand March starting around 8pm. As mentioned in the last newsletter, for some students the ball can be the best night of the year, for others, the worst. Please discuss with your son/daughter what your expectations are. Thanks to all the adults who are assisting with the evening. At all times student safety has to be paramount. Everyone is welcome at school to watch the arrival of our students in the car park area from 7pm.

Next Thursday 11 April we will be having our whanau group variety concert with 12 different items performed. This will start at 1.50pm after a shortened lunch break. Parents/caregivers and the community are most welcome to come along and be entertained. This is also mufti day with a 'Gumboot' theme. Students are expected to bring a gold coin donation with funds going towards Mike King's, 'I am Hope' project which is a nationwide enabler for youth counselling. **Please make sure gumboots are clean.**

Last Tuesday our Under 16 rugby team had their pre-season match with a game against the St Edmunds touring team from Ipswich, Queensland. This is the fourth consecutive year that they have included us as part of their South Island tour. Given that it was early in the year the match actually progressed into a pretty good spectacle the longer it went and at full time, the Menzies side came away with a 34 -5 win. The St Edmunds management wish to pass on their gratitude for the effort around the match, meal and home hosting which was very well supported.

Last week Year 13 student Sam Smith spent the day working at the Primary Enviro Schools Hui. Sam was explaining the purpose of our project around fish counts in this area, how they are caught, measured and tagged, along with the breeding programme the class undertook for whitebait and salmon. We had nothing but great reports on Sam's passion in this area and the quality of his presentation. As a result he has been asked to do further school talks. Excellent work Sam!



This is the last newsletter for the term. Next week we will have assembly at 9am which you are all welcome to attend. The theme will be around Diversity and ANZAC Day, a presentation by seniors about uniform and the senior camp at Wanaka. I wish all students and whanau an enjoyable holiday break.

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 29 March: Josh Olive, Paige Odering, Shae Lines, Brianna Ferguson and on duty/senior student - Luke Goatley

Week ending 5 April: Emily Laurenson, Kimberley Simmons, Lucy Mann, Arden Knapp and Mrs Williams

Your vouchers can be collected from the office. It is good to see so many achievement slips coming in!

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## BBQ

There will be a BBQ on Wednesday 10 April at lunchtime to raise money for the St John Ambulance Service. \$2.00 a sausage.

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## Board of Trustees Report

The staff and students aspire to the school values of showing respect, feeling safe and striving for excellence, but what about us?

At a Board level these values were reflected in the following decisions at our recent meeting:

- Approval of the 2019 budget
- Property developments which include roof replacement and modifications to the library and some junior rooms
- Progress to the removal of gender referencing in the uniform policy. It is important to note that students will still be expected to be in correct uniform
- Approval of the Year 7 Camp to Omai
- 2019 Parent and Staff Trustee Elections

The community can reflect these values by contributing to the school in whatever way they can, firstly by actively engaging in your child's learning. Thank you to those that attended the Kahui Ako Hui, your input is invaluable. Participating in the upcoming Board elections is another way to contribute whether standing as a trustee or participating in the voting process.

Please feel free to speak to any of the Board if you have any governance related issues you would like to discuss or questions about our operation. You are also welcome at our next Board meeting on 2 May at 7pm. Current Board personnel are: Gerry Ward, Carlyn Stewart, Jo Brand, Allister Gaudie, Nardine Rhind, Josh Bucknell, Bianca Gibbs and Student Representative, William Ranstead.

*Carlyn Stewart*  
Acting Board Chair

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## Careers/Transition Department

STAR Courses are available in the school holidays. Please check the '*All things Careers at Menzies College*' Facebook page for more information. If you are interested you need to see Mrs McFadzien in the careers office as soon as possible as time is running out to get your enrolment in.

*Coralie McFadzien*  
Careers Department

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## Social Science Department

### Young Enterprise Class 201

On Friday 29 March our Young Enterprise class (which is a mix of Level 1 and Level 2 students) received a visit from James Owen, owner of FB pies in Invercargill. He talked to us about his journey to where he is now, how he originally trained as a chef, but after a while he got sick of being bossed around and decided to own his own business. He wanted to make pies, so he bought a cafe and sold a few pies on the side under a different brand. Eventually he sold the cafe and bought a fish and chip shop where he continued to sell FB pies. In time, the pies outgrew the fish and chips so he bought a new bakery in Tay Street and started to maximise production in pies. He went from producing 400 pies a day to 4,000. The most popular pie is the steak and cheese.

James also taught us important business concepts, such as the importance of promotion and the use of Facebook and websites. He also talked about brands and the iconic features of particularly local ones. Roles in business were also discussed such as being a CEO and the importance of sales and marketing. Finally, James also taught us about pricing and what a good profit is using the third rule.

We would like to thank James for coming out to Menzies to talk to our class.

*Keegan Knapp & Garoth van der Straaten*

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## Library News

Kia ora koutou. We are almost done with Term 1 and it has been exciting meeting lots of new students. I've been sorting through a huge pile of new books to get them out as soon as possible. As we approach the end of term we like to get as many of these issued as possible. Have you seen our facebook page? Simply type in MENZIES COLLEGE LIBRARY and you will see all our new books highlighted.

*Eileen Barnett*  
Librarian

## Important Dates

<b>April</b>	6	School Ball
	11	Incubator
	12	<b>Last day - Term 1</b>
	29	<b>First day - Term 2</b>
<b>May</b>	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
<b>June</b>	3	Queen's Birthday Observance
	14-17	Deep Cove camp - 8BY
	17-20	Deep Cove camp - 8CL
	24	Incubator #2
	3	Incubator #3
<b>July</b>	5	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>
	22	<b>First day of Term 3</b>
	31	Campion College Rugby visit



## School Photos

All class, whanau and year level photos can now be ordered on line. Go to [www.geoffhorrell.co.nz](http://www.geoffhorrell.co.nz) and enter code **MCC19**. **Online orders need to be placed with Geoff Horrell by Monday 8 April for delivery to school on Wednesday 10 April.** Family and individual photo orders need to be handed in to the office by Friday 12 April.



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## Sports Department

### Athletics

Congratulations to Gabby Knapp and Hayden Stuart who travelled to Nelson last weekend to compete in the South Island Secondary School athletics championships. This is a huge event that elite athletes from over the South Island attend. Gabby Placed a very impressive 5th in her Hammer throw and 6th in Discus, both fields were very close. Hayden placed 12th in his 800m race and was extremely close to his personal best time again in a well contested close field. Both these athletes have been outstanding representatives for the school in this code since they began in Year 7 frequently qualifying for the South Island and National Championships.

On Saturday 30 March, 10 Year 7 and 8 students from Menzies competed at the Southland Primary School athletics championships. This is the largest sporting event to be held in Invercargill each year in terms of participation with close to 1,000 athletes attending. All students represented the school well with some personal bests achieved. A huge congratulations to Rayden Kaahu-Wright who placed 3rd in Discus with a throw of 23.15m



*Gabby Knapp & Hayden Stuart*

*Hayley Adam  
Sports Co-ordinator*



### Backyard Cricket

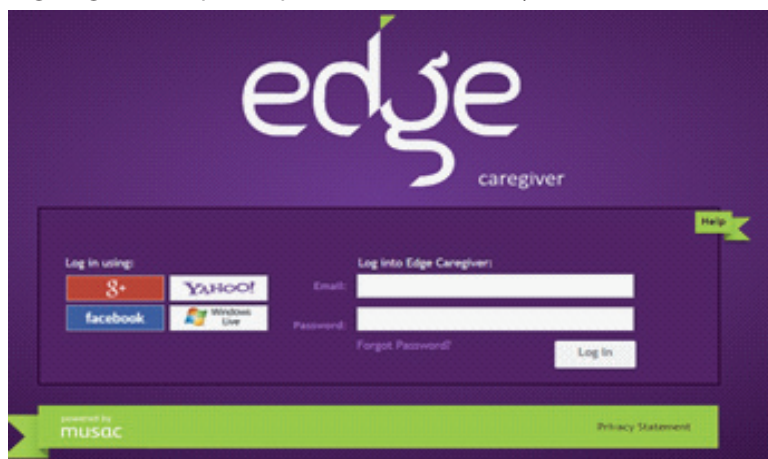
Students from the sports committee organised a backyard cricket competition which has been running on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunchtimes for the past four weeks. Each of the four houses have provided a junior and a senior team which play each other in a game of cricket. This is a competition for house points so it has been great to see both junior and senior students getting involved and doing their best for their house. Good luck to Rata and Totara who are in the finals on Monday 8 April.

*Erin Norman  
Sports Committee Leader*

## Menzies College Musac Edge Parent Portal & School App

### Edge Parent Portal

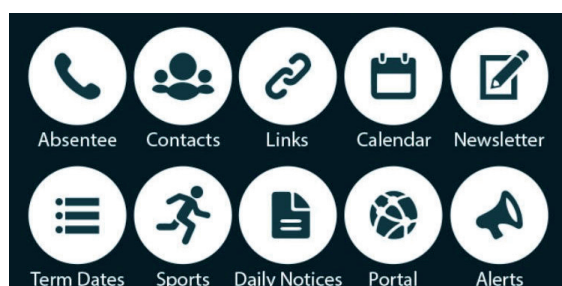
1. Go to the home page of the Menzies College Website <http://www.menzies.school.nz/> find the Hotlinks and Downloads part and click on the edge login to the parent portal link. It will take you to the screen shown below:



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.



## English Department

In the last newsletter we discussed how effective writing and critical thinking are linked. Indeed, in order for students to communicate their ideas clearly it is essential that they have a framework on which to hang their ideas. We use the TEXAS structure as it is easily rolled into other curriculum areas.

When students are in Year Nine and Ten it's really important that they learn to:

- (a) Think critically
- (b) Write structured paragraphs

In order to do this, in the English Department we use SOLO to help students to think critically and TEXAS as a way for students to structure their writing.

Let's look at TEXAS first. TEXAS is a writing scaffold which will help you to stay on track and make sure that you answer all components (parts) of the question. When you write, you can check off each part of your paragraph against the scaffold. The scaffold looks like this:

<b>T</b>	Topic Sentence	Usually one sentence which states the main idea of the paragraph
<b>E</b>	Explanation	This might discuss the text and quickly explain what is going on (usually 2 sentences)
<b>X</b>	Example	An <b>example</b> or detail that supports the idea (usually a quote or a reference to a film technique)
<b>A</b>	Analysis	<b>Analysis</b> of HOW that example or detail relates to the question (critical response). You will probably remain in the question.
<b>S</b>	Significance	Discussion on the <b>Significance</b> of the issue / idea/ message /moment /character / setting etc. You will probably refer to issue beyond the text here (which link to the idea / issue being discussed. For example – if your text is about bullying, in this part you would link beyond the text to where you see bullying in the real world). It can also be a <b>Summary</b> of your paragraph

### Level Focus: Year 10

The 10KL English class has finished a study of short stories which were written by well known New Zealand authors. They recapped the TEXAS structure, outlined above, based on these texts. The students have read and are currently studying the literary aspects of the novel The Bone Sparrow. This has given them a most realistic insight into life in an Australian refugee detention camp. Following the completion of this work, the class will write a formal literary essay on the text. They will conclude the unit of work by recapping static image techniques and terminology so that they create a static image based on The Bone Sparrow.

In English, 10 PW started the year by also studying short stories and recapping the TEXAS structure. The students have since moved onto studying some of the works of William Shakespeare beginning with looking at the Elizabethan era. The class are now studying some of Shakespeare's sonnets and will all write one. They will then study excerpts from the text of Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream and look at scenes from the film of the same title.

The students in 10SU English began their year by looking at background information to Indian reservations in America. They then read the extended text, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian. Currently they are undertaking class, individual and group work activities associated with the literary aspects of the text.

### Housekeeping

Year Nine and Ten students will undertake a Common Assessment Test before the end of the term. This entails students all being given the same set of questions, from which they choose one question, to write a piece of formal writing on a text studied this year under the same conditions. The Common Assessment task will be initially marked by the teacher who teaches each English class following exemplars and a marking schedule. This will be followed by moderation at a meeting of the Years Nine and Ten teachers. Results from this assessment will be logged on students' Learning Logs / Google Sites and help to inform future programmes of learning within the classroom.

*On behalf of the English Department  
Barbara Williams*

## Uniform

Please ensure students come to school in the correct uniform at the start of Term 2 including correct shoes. 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*

## Menzies College Rugby

### 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. 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.



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