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31 May 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Many thanks to Mrs Kennedy, the teaching staff and parent helpers who supported last week's Year 7 camp to Omaui. The two night stay was a good opportunity for the 50 students to come together as one and share in some challenging activities. The YMCA ran ABL games and other activities ranging from archery to frisbee golf and bushcraft skills. Later in mid June there will be an opportunity for our Year 8 to experience the outdoors when they head in to Deep Cove.



On Wednesday last week we had the privilege of Marcus Akuhata-Brown speaking to the school with a clear message about believing you can achieve beyond your wildest expectations. Marcus overcame perceived barriers and initially, not valuing school, he became a teacher, a global spokesperson for youth and an inspirational leader.

My thanks to the outgoing Board members for the service they have given to the school over the past few years. It has been enjoyable working with the Board on school affairs and being able to regularly discuss what's on top. Thanks also to the members staying, Josh Bucknell and Allister Gauldie and to the newly elected Board members, Yvonne Stewart and Rachel Wilkinson. With some big property projects, a possible ERO visit and general core Board business there are exciting times ahead. A particular thank you to Carlyn Stewart who has acted as Chair since February 2019. It has been a pleasure to work with her and experience her passion for governance and community service.

On Wednesday teachers across the country took industrial action to vent their frustrations with their pay and work conditions. Listening to the Minister Chris Hipkins on Wednesday he has made it clear that there is no more money for salaries. At the same time the PPTA are taking a strong stand and further action is planned. **On Tuesday 4 June Year 9 students have been scheduled home. Information will continue to be provided through our school App and website.**

Earlier this week I attended the SPANZ (Secondary Principals' Association of NZ) conference in Wellington and was fortunate to hear some high quality presenters. In brief the theme across them all is the need to provide high quality care and experiences for children from birth. That every child/student needs a mentor type of relationship with a quality adult role model who believes in them regardless of their situation. They need consistent relationships with teachers at school for a duration of longer than three years.

Gerry Ward
Principal



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Learning Conferences

Week 5:

Wednesday 5 June - Year 9-13

Year 7 and 8 student conferences were held from 27-31 May. Year 9-13 students will have Whanau conferences on Wednesday 5 June from 3.40pm.

These Whanau Conferences are 20 minutes long and involve a discussion about the learner as a whole, information will be shared from subject teachers and student reflection, as well as data on Attendance, Managing Self and Relating to Others. There will be an opportunity to discuss student learning as a whole and set goals that the Whanau teacher will help the student monitor as the year progresses. If there is a need to meet with a particular teacher this can be discussed at the Whanau teacher conference. If you are unable to attend either conference, teachers will be in contact with you to arrange another time to meet.

Please follow the instructions below to make bookings.

To book the conference for parents and caregivers of Year 9 -13 students:

1. Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (also available through the school app)
2. Click on 'Make a Booking'
3. Use the code **kcmwvk** – all lower case
4. You will be asked to enter an email address; this must be the same as the address that the school uses to communicate with you
5. Fill in caregiver and student details
6. Select your child's Whanau teacher (students know which Whanau teacher they are meeting with)
7. Select a time to meet (conference times are 20 minutes in length)
8. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office and they will book a time for you

PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

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

Week ending 24 May: Maria Lindsay, Paulo Ameto, Dontay Fusitua-Joass, Lachlan Stewart and Mrs Matthews

Week ending 31 May: Rayden Kahu-Wright, Chad Jalac, Maxine Lomboy, Selina Sell and Mr Wilkinson

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

Important Dates

June	3	Queen's Birthday Observance
	14-17	Deep Cove camp - 8BY
	16-18	Tautuku pre camp
	17-20	Deep Cove camp - 8CL
	24	Incubator #2
	24-27	Year 9 Tautuku camp

July	1	Market Day (YES - Young Enterprise Studies & Business Studies)
	3	Incubator #3
	5	Last day of Term 2
	22	First day of Term 3
	31	Campion College Rugby visit

Menzies College Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results 2019

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

JOSH BUCKNELL
ALLISTER GAULDIE
YVONNE STEWART
RACHEL WILKINSON

Declaration of Staff Election Results 2019

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:
SUE CRIGHTON



Sue Dyer
Returning Officer
24 May 2019

English Department

The year goes by faster than any of us ever expect and it is so tricky to fit everything in! Our students have been working hard to gain credits in the senior school and to make as many academic gains as possible in the junior school.

Year Nine and Ten students are in the process of getting their CAT writing and E-asTTle Reading grades back. As a whole, the department is very happy with these results. They show that our focus on writing is making beneficial gains. We also appreciate the way these two pieces of assessment highlight areas we can target for improvement. In all, they are very positive teaching and learning tools.

Learning logs are always at the front of our minds. We endeavour to put information on them which is of value to you, the parents and caregivers. As such, if there is something that you would like us to put on, but you aren't seeing, please feel free to email your student's English teacher and we will try to cater to your needs. When you are having a look at the learning log, please write a comment back to the teacher or to the student. These comments are invaluable to the learning of the student. There is so much pride to be gained when the students see that someone from home has left them a comment on their log.

Level Focus

Year 12 has the newsletter focus this week. The class is currently finishing their second internal assessment which has asked them to study four Marvel films and make connections between them. These connections should show how the films portray an aspect of the superhero genre. The Marvel films have provided us with a mountain of different connections to make, from the representation of women, to the sacrifices heroes make, and to the way the bad guys abuse their power to get what they want. We have thoroughly enjoyed studying the Marvel Cinematic Universe!

We will be moving on to our extended text on Tuesday. Our text is 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine'. This text was released in 2017 and was written by Gail Honeyman. Eleanor is the main character and it becomes obvious very quickly that she is certainly not fine. She is dealing with issues from her past, problems with her family and struggling to fit in. The text will make us think about trauma, how we deal with challenging situations and really ask us to respect the journey other people go on.

House Keeping

Conferencing next week is a great opportunity to chat to your child's whanau teacher about their progress. If questions or comments about English come up during these conversations, please don't hesitate to contact the appropriate teacher.



ICAS exams are on at the beginning of next term and I will be asking for entries over the course of week ten Term Two and week 1 Term Three.

Nga mihi nui
Sharee Knapp - Teacher

Life Experience at Burnham Camp

During the recent school holidays, I was lucky enough to be one of 60 senior secondary students to be selected to go to Burnham Military camp to do basic training and get an insight into what the defence forces really do. After a long hour drive on the bus to Burnham we arrived at the camp at 1900hrs. We were given our dinner and were told what the following week had in store for us. That night we met our group leaders and our group peers. Everyone then was given their uniform (military pants and top) and our rooms. Lights out was at 2200hrs.

Our first morning was a 0500hrs start followed quickly after with P.T. (physical training) where we had to do the minimum of what you would need to do to pass your physical training for joining the defence forces. After breakfast my group was taught how to march or as those in the defence forces say, double. We then had the opportunity to do high ropes which was amazing. Lights out was again at 2200hrs.

The following morning was another early start at 0500hrs and PT and we were taken around to see all the defence forces - Airforce, Navy and Army. My favourite was the Army as we were able to go on to one of the trucks, cock the machine gun and operate the diesel pumps. After we had seen all the great things that the defences do we had to set up our tents. Lights out was a little later at 2300hrs to prepare us for the next day, the longest day.

The day began with a 0500hrs start. Tents were dismantled and the longest day began. This day consisted of us working as a team, trusting each other with lots of running and doubling involved. My toughest activities that day were pushing the Army truck three kilometres with a jerry can and log carrying.

Being able to attend this camp was amazing. It tested me both physically and mentally and it gave me an insight into what those in the defence forces really have to go through. If you ever get the opportunity make sure you apply because it's a great experience.

Kailey Yeoman (Year 13)

Social Science Department

Young Enterprise Studies (YES)

The following is a report from the Southland Chamber of Commerce/Young Enterprise Southland

"Tuesday 21st May

An excellent morning at Southern Institute of Technology today with 17 Lion Foundation Young Enterprise (YES) students making their business pitch to the following judges - Dave Anderson, Suzanne Prentice, Paulette Halstead, Margot Hishon, Judy Goble, Mike Sanford and Sheree Carey. During the morning the judges invested \$700 in seven businesses.

- *Head First, James Hargest (\$200, to help develop a male pamper pack)*
- *CountrySide Colouring, Menzies College (\$200, to help the development and bring product to market)*
- *Taskmasters, SBHS (\$200, to put a deposit down on a new lawnmower or other tools)*
- *The Baking Box, James Hargest (\$25)*
- *Herb Box, SBHS (\$25)*
- *Bee Clean, Menzies College (\$25)*
- *Share the Love, Aparima College (\$25)"*

Congratulations to the Menzies businesses, their ideas and presentations. Students in the *CountrySide Colouring* business were Richard Ranstead, Garoth van der Straaten, Ryan Smith and Keegan Knapp. *Bee Clean* involved Jacob Leith.



L to R: Ryan Smith, William Ranstead, Keegan Knapp, Garoth van der Straaten



Jacob Leith

*Lincoln Joyce
Teacher in Charge*

Science Department

Spawning Giant Kokopu were discovered by the Science research class last Friday. This is really exciting and it is the first proof we have of Giant Kokopu breeding in the Oxbow Lake. It is only the second time that Giant Kokopu breeding has been observed in the wild in New Zealand and the first for breeding in a still water environment. We hope to find the eggs which are laid in long grass over the next few weeks.

*Kit Hustler
Head of Department - Science*

Library News

What's happening in the Library?

- * We have been running Irlen tests at school with our Certified Screener Eileen Barnett. Please check out <https://irlen.com/> for information or ring the school 03 2064979 ext 830 or ebarnett@menzies.school.nz for further information.
- * Things of interest are continually updated on the Menzies College Library Facebook page in regards to books, authors and other literary news. Don't forget to check out our general main page for the school and the many other links for sports, science etc.
- * We have had Whanau Conferences taking place all week in the library.
- * Our Monday movie lunchtime session is continuing thanks to some enterprising Year 13 students. They are doing a great job!

*Eileen Barnett
Librarian*

Scholarships

The Gore Garden Club invites applications for the Helen Miller and Margaret (Peg) Dickie Horticultural Bursaries 2020. Applicants should be either attending Gore High School, St Peter's College, Blue Mountain College or Menzies College or be a resident wishing to study horticulture within these schools catchment areas. These two bursaries are designed to support those wishing to study Horticulture in 2020.

Email the Gore Garden Club President Anne Hunt - annehunt28@gmail.com for an application form and further details. Closing date for applications is 5th July 2019.

Careers Department

Incubator

On Monday 27 May Mrs McFadzien took a group Year 12 and 13 students to Southland Hospital for the day where they were introduced to different careers in the health sector. This was their first trip of three. They were welcomed and given an introduction about Incubator, Fire Safety, Hand Hygiene and Privacy and Confidentiality. Dr Steven Murugayah spoke to them about his job. Lunch was supplied and then a sum up, evaluation and reflection took place. The next Incubator trip is Monday 24 June and students will get to look around departments they have shown an interest in. Thank you Mrs McFadzien for taking this group.

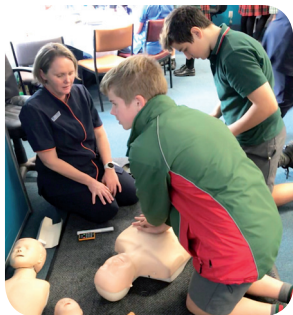
Health Careers Expo

On Thursday 16 May Mrs Keil, Mrs Matthews and 13 Year 10 and 11 students went to Southland Hospital for the Health Careers Expo organised by Jan Tait of the District Health Board. Staff talked to the group about Infection Control, Diabetes, Medical Nursing, Human Resources, Community Mental Health, Nursing, Social Work, Physio, Dietetics, Speech Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Imaging, Maori Health, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Midwifery and the Childrens' Ward. There was a chance to do some sutures, CPR and AED and students used stethoscopes to listen for heart beats on life like training dolls. There was also the opportunity to test their blood glucose and peak flow to name a few. There were lots of competitions and Lisa Yorke won a stethoscope for naming three careers in the Health sector. One of our ex Menzies students from 2018 Olivia Wallace was there with the Radiology department, she was in her third week of placement at the Southland Hospital.

Student comments were *"I liked talking to the anaesthesiologist as that is something I am interested in, it was really enjoyable with fun activities"* – Peyton Dickson

"It was cool seeing the different careers in Health and how many options there were." – Cailee Moncur

Katie Keil
Careers Advisor



Logan Andrews & Peyton Dickson learning CPR and AED, Radiology Department



Ex-student Olivia Wallace (left), Ahna Norman & Renee McLellan



Cailee Moncur & Sherlene Novo at infection control, learning to dress a wound

Home Economics Department

The Year 13 Home Economics class would like to thank those who took part in the survey a few weeks ago and tell you about some of the results.

Milo cereal has the most sugar out of the four choices that were given. According to the Food and Nutrition Guidelines, one serve of cereal is one cup. You should have around 6 serves of breads and cereals per day (depending on your nutritional needs).

Over half the participants stated that eating breakfast does not affect your performance at school - it does. Having breakfast increases concentration levels making students more interested in topics at school. You will feel less tired with more energy to be successful at school which will increase test scores.

We found that only 40% of participants from Menzies College have breakfast every day. That is only 128 out of 320 students on the roll. 25% eat breakfast 3-5 times a week, 35% only have breakfast 1-2 times a week or not at all.

We found 33% of participants don't have breakfast because they don't have time in the mornings before school. We currently have breakfast club three mornings a week but we would like to start having it everyday from 8.30am -8.50am in the Foods room.

If you would like to help with the breakfast club (setting up and putting food away) please meet in the Foods room at interval on Tuesday. This can also count towards community service for the Duke of Edinburgh programme. Students can come once a week or more if you would prefer.

Amy Porteous, Naam Whan Panto, Breana Harvey

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