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5 July 2019

# From the Principal's Desk

It seems that school terms are going quicker or maybe it's just old age, but we are now well past the mid point of the school year. Our students deserve an opportunity to refresh but it is also crucial that they manage the assignments and study that must be completed during the break. Thanks to everyone in our community who has assisted us this term in various areas of the school.

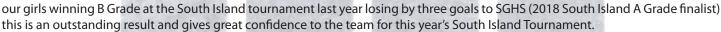
Next term we will be visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) for about four days starting on 29 July. The purpose of ERO is to give an external perspective on a school's teaching and learning, governance and management. The review will take account of what is special about our school and how well the school's curriculum helps all students to be engaged in learning and how well they achieve. In the end the review will provide the school and community with an independent view of our curriculum.

Over the month of June we had our Year 8 students at Deep Cove and our Year 9 students were at Tautuku. Given that it is winter, we were fortunate that most groups had great conditions to undertake set activities in and all parties have come back enthused by the attitude of the students and the challenges they completed. Many thanks to the staff, parents and senior students who made these camps so enjoyable.

Congratulations to our school band 'Back on Road' who gained second place in the Regional Smokefree Rockquest competition last Friday night. The band, France Torrepalma (bass), Allynah Paderanga (vocals), Regie Cordova (lead guitar) and Ellena Alanquihan (drums) will now put together a video entry of four original songs with the hope of making the National finals in Auckland in September. Our duo, Shaz Harvey and Ahliyah Paderanga were equally as impressive in the earlier section of the evening. Many thanks to Mr Peter Power who gave his time so generously in preparing these musicians.

Yesterday whanau groups performed a Haka Waiata which they have been preparing for all term. The performances were outstanding and students need to be commended for the time and commitment they put towards this performance. Independent judges awarded the following results Rimu 1st, Totara 2nd, Rata 3rd and Matai 4th. Well done to everyone - what a great way to end the term!

Congratulations to the Senior A netball team who finished runner up in the Southland Secondary School's competition run over two days recently. With





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 21 June: Sophie Johnston, Molly Burgess, Bastiaan Schonberger, Telly Curtis and Mrs Dale. Week ending 28 June: Tyler Olive, Amethyst Kaal, Lisa Yorke, Locky Jacobsen and Mr Wilkinson. Week ending 5 July: Josh Olive, Brianna Ferguson, Renee McLellan, Josh Read & Mrs Gibbs. Your vouchers can be collected from the office. It is good to see so many achievement slips coming in!

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure all students return to school in full uniform including correct footwear. This will be checked in the first week back to school. If for some reason it is not possible to be in correct uniform students are to come to the office with a note explaining the situation.

On Fridays only Year 13 students have the privilege of wearing mufti. Other Friday classes such as Building and Agriculture may wear mufti if the teacher requests it. Everyone else should be in full school uniform.

# **Careers/Transition Department**

#### **Careers Interviews**

Mr Clark has been interviewing senior students in regard to their future pathway choices. Letters are posted out to the parent/caregiver with the date and time of the interview plus they are in the daily notices.

Well done to the Year 13 students who had a great turn out to interviews. Year 12 students had a very disappointing turn out so if you have missed your interview please contact Mr Clark to reschedule. Mr Clark is about to start interviewing Year 11 students.

This is a free service to make sure you are on the right track in regards to your chosen pathway or to help you narrow down your pathway ideas or to help you explore options. There are many opportunities available out there but if we don't know what you are interested in, then we can't direct these opportunities your way. We can't help you if you don't help yourself! If you attend your interview who knows what kind of experiences could come your way. So far this year we have had students out and about on work experience, attending the 'Defence Careers Experience' where they have had five days at the Burnham Military Camp, students out on STAR courses to try out different subjects they were interested in and to upskill in a chosen area. Quite often these courses are on the daily notices and in the 'All things Careers at Menzies College' Facebook page but if we know you are interested in them we can contact you directly.

Mr S Clark, Mrs C McFadzien & Mrs B Williams Careers/Transition Team

# **Science Department**

Last week the Year 13 Chemistry class travelled to the University of Otago Chemistry Department in Dunedin to complete the practical component of their Chemistry Investigation Internal Standard. We completed over 120 titrations to determine a trend in salinity concentration of water samples collected from the Waihopai River. Afterwards we participated in some very fun activities including walking up the steepest street in the world, star gazing at the Museum and sliding down a 6 DNA metre slide. This was great preparation for next year as we were introduced to stressful environments. Students who attended were Kina Torrepalma, Allynah Paderanga, Marina Ferguson, Taylor Stewart, Hayden Stuart, Gabby Knapp, Tyla Adams, Breana Harvey, Sarah Andrews, Shaz Harvey, Stuart Gourlie and Caeden McGregor.

A big thank you to the parents who accompanied us on the trip.





Gabby Knapp & Marina Ferguson



#### **Notice for bus students**

A reminder to all bus students that there is to be **NO** scooters, skateboards or bikes on any of the Ritchies school buses. Also, there is to be **NO** food eaten - only water is permitted.

# **Community Notices**



#### **Cycling Southland**

Cycling Southland are now taking registrations for the Term 3 Learn to Ride Track block for 2019. This offers beginner children (aged 10 and up) an introduction to track cycling. Minimum height restriction 130cm. Starts Wednesday 24 and Friday 26 July, from 4-5pm and runs until the end of the school term. Select either a Wednesday or Friday but not both. \$85 fee includes track hire, bike hire, coach and water bottle. Phone 03 219 9325 or email office@cyclingsouth.org.nz to register now with your child's name, age, your cell phone number and email address.

#### **NZ Police Non Emergency Number**

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened' which don't require Police assistance immediately. You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft in a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- To get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency always call 111 for 'Things that are Happening Now'

#### **Kids Fest Winter Online Cooking Programme**

This online programme is happening over the holidays at a special price of \$25. If you have any questions please feel free to email cheryl@internationalculinarystudio.com Find us on the Kids Fest Website.





# Fundraiser to help Levi Smith (Year 9) get to the Kick Boxing World Championships

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## **Important Dates**

July	<b>5 22</b> 28-29 30	Last day of Term 2 First day of Term 3 Girls Soccer tournament at Menzies Ki O Rahi tournament
	31	Campion College rugby visit
August	1 8 20-27	Careers Fest 11am Year 9 & 10 speech competition P3 & 4 Otago Polytech planning 11am Otago University course planning Senior exams
September	6-9 9-13 11 16-20 24 26-27 27	Tournament week Green week (interruption free week) Whanau conferences Year 7 & 8 conferences Sports & Culture photos 'Real Game' Last day Term 3

First day Term 4

# **Menzies College Netball**

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October

Last Sunday (23rd) and Monday (24th) the Menzies Senior A Netball Team competed at a Southern Wide School age Netball Tournament in Invercargill. We were playing the top schools in Southland. On the first day we played Wakatipu, Verdon College and Gore High. We had a great win and a tight game against Wakatipu and then went on to win two very convincing games against Gore High School and Verdon College. This meant we finished top of our pool and were playing in the semi-finals.



On Monday we played our semi-final against James Hargest College who had finished second in their pool. We had a great but tight game against Hargest and won by one goal in double overtime



which meant we were going to meet Southland Girls' High School in the final. What a battle this game was, going toe to toe. The score was even at half time, we were up by one at three quarter time, but unfortunately we lost in the last couple of minutes when they managed to score off our pass and then scored off their own pass to go ahead and win by three.

Menzies has never made the final of this competition before, so this was a fantastic effort and one we can all be really proud of. Everyone played really well both days giving 100% and we couldn't have made it without every single player in the team giving their all.

Back Row L to R: Beth Scott, Brianna Ferguson, Sophie Johnston, Rhylee McGregor, Maria Lindsay Front Row L to R: Erin Norman, Ahna Norman, Marina Ferguson, Sophie Kingdon

Marina Ferguson Captain

### Year 9 &10 Development Team

Good luck to the Year 9 and 10 students travelling to Christchurch on Sunday to represent Menzies College at the annual South Island Junior Netball Tournament. The team plays at Hagley Park Courts Monday to Wednesday and would welcome any support if you are in the city. Thank you to Pam Yorke and Kath Luoni who will coach and manage the team.

# **English Department**

It is the last week of a very busy term. Our senior students are completing assessments and the Year Nine and Ten students have either recently presented or are currently working on speeches.

Reading is one of the main foci of this subject. A very strong emphasis is put on the importance of reading across the entire English curriculum. In Years Nine and Ten teachers establish their own reading programmes to extend students' skills and knowledge through exposure to different genres of texts and through various activities. All classes have the opportunity to visit our well stocked library and to avail themselves of the in depth knowledge our librarian, Mrs Barnett, has of both of our students' reading ability and the texts available in the library. She continually challenges our students to widen their reading interests and to increase their reading ages.

The English department offers our junior students the opportunity to gain a reading certificate by reading four out of nine categories of books of their choice. Keen readers can gain a further certificate by completing four more different genres. Further details of these certificates are either in students' exercise books or are available from students' English teachers.

If you or your student do all or most of your reading online or on digital devices the following article 'How Reading in a Digital World Affects Your Brain': https://www.noted.co.nz/currently/social-issues/reading-digital-world-affects-your-brain-development/?fb clid=lwAR17Omgtc5xZ420CawvEk8gtZY9ltpiA5D6Wpga17QQqYz2Qs6Ft8p\_49BM published in the 'New Zealand Listener' last October will provide thought provoking reading. It provides research that has shown that high volume reading online or on digital devices seriously affects the 'deep reading' processes of our brains. These processes affect not only our comprehension skills but also our ability to: apply critical analysis, discern the truth, empathise, imagine, gauge inference and to appreciate beauty. The facts provided in the article influenced my decision to permit my English students to only read hard copy texts for their reading logs.

#### **Level Focus: Year 10**

Class 10SU and 10PW have swapped teachers for their current unit of work. This has exposed them to different teaching styles and enabled the teachers concerned to share one of their areas of strength. 10PW are working on their speeches while 10SU are studying Shakespeare.

Mrs Barbara Williams English Teacher

# **Mid Year Reports**

# **Junior Reports**

These will be made available on the Edge Parent and Student Portals on Monday 8 July. We also intend to send a bulk email with the reports attached. As this is the first time we are trialling this please be patient if there is a hiccup in the process. We will send an alert via our School App when the reports have been made available. These reports are grades only and have been generated for Year 7 - 10 students.

#### **Senior Students NCEA**

These grades are available on the portal and Edge App as usual. Comments about progress are available via regular teacher emails and updates on student Learning Logs.

#### **Attitude to Learning Grades**

June A2L grades will be available to view on Monday 8 July.



#### Matariki

On Wednesday Aaliyah McDowell-Peek, Peyton Dickson, Mya Brooking and Bree Bastiaansen visited Tuturau School and helped students prepare for Matariki.



Peyton Dickson working with students

Bree Bastiaansen showing her flax weaving skills

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