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**2 August 2019**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia Ora

This week we have had three members of the Education Review Office (ERO) visit our school as part of their review cycle. It has been over four years since they were last at our school. Their purpose is to evaluate and report publicly on the quality of education provided in New Zealand schools and their review of Menzies College contribution. Though not everyone enjoys any sort of review or audit, it has to be said that they made us feel particularly comfortable and enabled some rich conversations to occur around learning, where we can do better as a school and what we already do well. It was enjoyable and our students and staff were a credit to our school displaying a strong sense of pride in being part of our school community. The team have reported verbally to the Board on their findings and will present a draft written report in about four weeks.

A number of sports teams are starting to finish their season with play-offs and finals underway. Many thanks to the parents/caregivers and friends of the school who have assisted with sport by coaching or managing a team this season.

Congratulations to the senior boys basketball team who won their final last Friday night against Fiordland College. This was a particularly close game throughout as the lead ebbed and flowed but in the end they kept their composure and got home by five points. Thanks must go to Mrs Adam for coaching these Year 11 boys.

Happy birthday to our caretaker Sneds who celebrates the 'big 60' on Monday.



Back row L to R: JM Nunez, Jayden Suddaby-McKeever, Brock Stuart, Ryan Smith  
Front row L to R: Nick Palmer, Keegan Knapp, Richard Lingard, Dontay Fusitua-Joass

### PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

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

**Week ending 26 July:** Chloe Laurie, Phoenix Moir, Hayley Porteous, Micah Karamaena and Mrs Williams

**Week ending 2 August:** Zayden Moir, Josh McLellan, Maria Lindsay, Stuart Gourlie and Mrs Luoni

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

Gerry Ward  
Principal



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## English Department

Regardless of the curriculum area reading is such a huge component of our teaching and learning programmes here at Menzies College. In our Year 9 and 10 English classes we have begun to 'wonder' about the manner in which we run our across school testing. As such, we decided this year to run a more traditional test (PAT Reading Comprehension) alongside the E-Asttle electronic testing. We are wondering how the results compare and what this tells us about the manner in which our students best read and understand text. Our Year 9 and 10 students have completed this test and been given the results. These are in the form of Stanines which we convert into curriculum levels. The results of these tests can be found on Learning Logs.

There are many ways that you can support reading at home, regardless of the 'age and stage' of your child/children. As teachers, we often encourage our students to read widely. This means to pick up texts which they are not usually drawn to. This helps students to understand the format and structure of a variety of texts and enables them to learn new vocabulary and derive new meaning. At home, you could encourage your son/daughter to read a film review of a movie you might be interested in. Alternatively reading the manual for some new gadget / technology could prove useful and again help to widen knowledge of language. Reading should be an enjoyable past-time, but for a lot of our students it can be a real challenge. Therefore, asking them to read a little each day is really helpful to their learning across ALL curriculum areas and improves their functional literacy.

### Level Focus: Year Nine

Our Year Nine classes have been or are currently busy researching, writing and presenting in-class speeches. Our timing guideline for this is three minutes. We are always impressed by the courage our students show when delivering their speeches to their peers. Public speaking is an incredibly daunting activity! On top of this, 9FE and 9SR have been continuing their literature studies.



9FE are currently studying 'The Greatest Showman' which was released in 2017. It is a musical about the life of P.T. Barnum who is commonly called the 'father of the modern day circus'. This film is both fun to watch and discuss. There are many themes in it which link to our Semester One study of Facing Challenges. The photo on the right shows Tony Gourlie and Ollie Gutsell learning about film shots in class! (Please note this activity occurred on Mufti Day!)



9SR are also studying the NZ film 'Hunt for the Wilderpeople'. This is a comedy but the film also has elements of drama and so slots very nicely into the 9SR programme and overarching theme of overcoming obstacles.

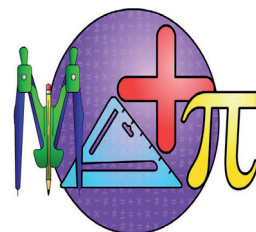
### Housekeeping

Entries are open for the ICAS English Competition. This competition runs annually and allows students to compete with others all around Australasia. The focus is on reading and will give students a placing within all students who participate. Permission forms are available from the office. The fee is \$15 and needs to be taken to the office, along with the permission form, by Friday 9 August. The competition will be sat during week nine of Term Three. This competition is a really great way for our students to see how they fare against students from New Zealand and Australia. It might be a particularly useful exercise for our senior students who will soon be sitting external examinations.

*On behalf of the English Department  
Mrs Lucy McKelvie (HOD English)*

## Mathematics Department

Seniors in many classes will be close to completing all their internals and the focus will be on external assessments. We are looking at a number of students gaining endorsement in Mathematics so the focus needs to be on high success in externals. Most will have been given NuLake write on work books for external topics and these have been charged to student's accounts.



SMAC Maths (Southland Mathematics Association Competition) will be held in the last week of Term 3 and we have entered two teams at each year level from Years 7 to 10. This is a great competition where students solve problems using logic and mathematical strategies. When teams are confirmed we will be asking for parent help in transporting students to and from James Hargest College.

*Sue Crighton  
Head of Department - Mathematics*

### 101 Maths

Students are currently working hard on Algebra (or what I call MATHS FUN WITH LETTERS). We will be sitting the Maths Algebra exam on Thursday 19 September. To make sure that students are fully prepared they have been receiving past exam papers (two each week) to work on in class and for revision. We are also having tutorials every Tuesday lunchtime for any student who wants support or extension but I can also do other times by request.

*Pete Wilkinson  
Teacher*



## Social Science Department

**Year 7 & 8 Social Science Presentation - 8 August 6pm-7.30 pm - Menzies College Hall**

Year 7 and 8 are pleased to invite everyone to view their Social Science presentation boards next Thursday evening. Year 7 have focused on their 'Ancient Civilization' unit while Year 8 have presentations on their 'Disaster' inquiries along with information and photos from their Deep Cove camp.

There are also some stunning models which were made in Term 1 during the 'Icons' unit. Please bring the family and enjoy the success of our students. Voting for 'people's choice' will be available. \$2 entry. Ice blocks will be available for sale. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

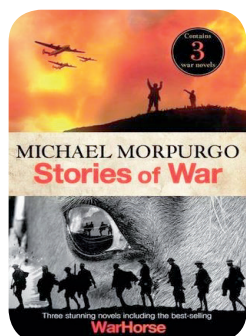
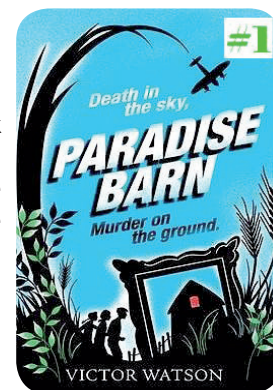
Year 7 & 8 Students

## Library News

We have purchased some new books that you may be interested in.

***Paradise Barn* by Victor Watson - September 1940** (4 books in the series so far)

This will be placed in the War Fiction area but first it will be in the new books display. Remember to check them out and see what else is available. Life in the quiet village of Great Deeping goes on much as usual until an unthinkable event takes place - a murder. Molly, Abigail and Adam, an evacuee from London, are determined to solve the mystery of the Paradise Barn. With the war bringing so many strangers to the village who can they really trust?



***Stories of War* by Michael Morpurgo - War Section**

***War Horse - Friend or Foe - Waiting for Anya***

I've read two of these and will catch up with the last one when I can. War horse is a great animal and humanitarian story. It's simply amazing. Do read it!

***Waiting for Anya*** is set during the time of WW2 during the holocaust in a village that is near the border. Jewish children are smuggled over the border but the Nazis are at the border and Jo has decisions to make and - oh just read it! It's all very exciting.

Mrs Barnett  
Librarian

## Physical Education Department

### 101 Physical Education

Mr Wilkinson's class has just started a unit called 'Provide Physical Activity for Others'. We are lucky enough to be working with students in Room 3 at Wyndham Primary. Last Monday we interviewed the students to see what activities they would like us to do with them and we will start with soccer skills this coming Monday. Pictured left to right is Garoth van der Straaten, Ahna Norman and Latasha Reriti interviewing their groups of Room 3 students.



# 2019 MENZIES COLLEGE SENIOR EXAMS TIMETABLE

TERM 3 WEEKS 5&6		TUESDAY 20 AUG	WEDNESDAY 21 AUG	THURSDAY 22 AUG	FRIDAY 23 AUG	MONDAY 26 AUG	TUESDAY 27 AUG	WEDNESDAY 28 AUG
9AM - 12PM	LEVEL 1	101 ENGL – 25		101 SCIE – 24	101 AGRI – 4	101 HIST – 13	101 ACCO – 3	
	LEVEL 2	201 ENGL – 8	201 CHEM – 16		201 MEDIA – 7	201 PHYS – 10	201 HIST – 4	
	LEVEL 3		301 GEOG – 6	301 CHEM – 15	301 ENGL – 6	301 HIST – 17	301 PHYS – 7	301 PHYS – 7 9AM – 1PM LAB 2
1PM - 3PM	LEVEL 1	101 ART – 10 ART ROOM	101 MATH – 27			101 GRAP – 5 GRAPHICS ROOM	101 FOOD – 8	
	LEVEL 2	201 ART – 4 ART ROOM	201 FOOD – 8			201 GRAP – 5 GRAPHICS ROOM	201 BIOL – 17	
	LEVEL 3	301 ART – 11 ART ROOM 301 BIOL – 15	301 FOOD – 8			301 GRAP – 2 GRAPHICS ROOM		

- Students who are not in exams will have class as normal.
- Online learning students will be advised by Mr Wilkinson when their exams will be.
- Students to wear full and correct uniform to exams.
- Most exams are in the hall. Be at the exam venue 15 minutes before the start time.
- Exam grades are used for external emergency grades and for places in class.
- If a student is absent for their exam they will sit at the next available time slot.
- Equipment needed for exams is to be in a clear plastic bag.
- Phones may be taken in to the exam room but must be turned off and left with the exam supervisor.

## Important Dates

<b>August</b>	5	Lincoln University Course Planning 1.20pm
	8	Year 9 & 10 speech competition P3 & 4 Otago Polytech planning 11am Otago University course planning Southland Bowls Championships Gore High School & St Peter's College Careers Expo - 5.30-8pm
	14	Open Day/Night
	23	SIT Open Day
	20-27	Senior exams
	29	Work Day
<b>September</b>	2-6	Tournament week
	9-13	Green week (interruption free week)
	11	Whanau conferences
	16-20	Year 7 & 8 conferences
	24	Sports & Culture photos
	26-27	'Real Game'
	27	<b>Last day Term 3</b>
<b>October</b>	14	<b>First day Term 4</b>
	17-22	Life Education Bus
	28	Labour Day

**Menzies College Rugby**  
**U15 Rugby Tournament Fundraiser (Christchurch)**

*Have you ever wondered what is at the bottom of the world?*  
*Antarctica – "Land of the Midnight Sun"*

In February this year Maria and Michelle went to Antarctica via South America on an expedition ship. Maria, who is an amateur photographer, will show you Antarctica through the lens. Come and join us to hear about this awesome adventure!

**Tuesday 20 August 2019 - Edendale Rugby Club**  
**7.30pm – Coffee & cake served**  
**7.45pm – Presentation will start sharp**  
**Cost \$15.00 (extra donations welcome)**

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## **Southland Secondary Schools Target Shooting**

### **Southland Secondary Schools Match**

The following are the qualifying scores of three of our students for the secondary schools target shooting match being held in Invercargill on 12 August at 7 pm at the Invercargill Range:

Kimberley Simmons	99-8	91	190-8
Olivia Milne	85-4	79-1	164-5
Josh Olive	94-3	95-3	189-6

They now move on to the final stage. We congratulate these students and wish them all the best for the big night!

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

***Jack 'n' Jill Portraits - \$10 Family Portrait Fundraiser***

***At: 8 McQueen Avenue, Maitauna***

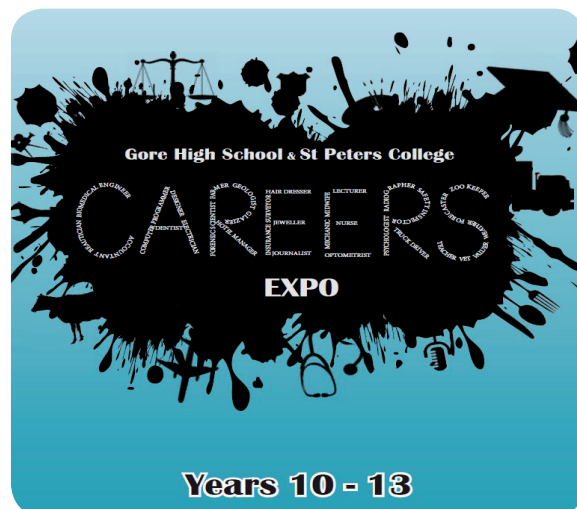
***When: Saturday 10 August 2019***

***Contact: Turiana on 027 381 4837***

***Book online: <http://jnjsouthern.co.nz/book/10862>***

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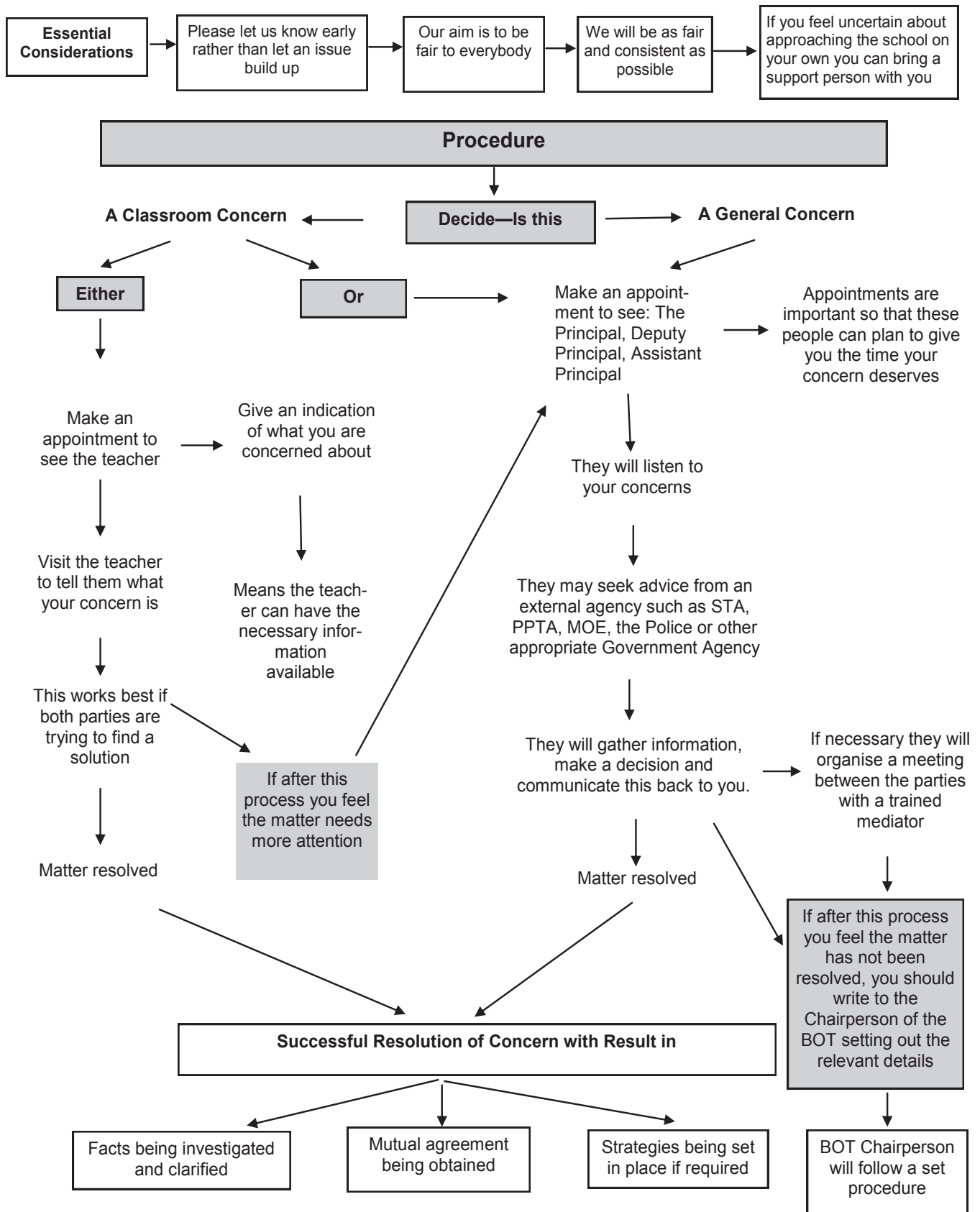
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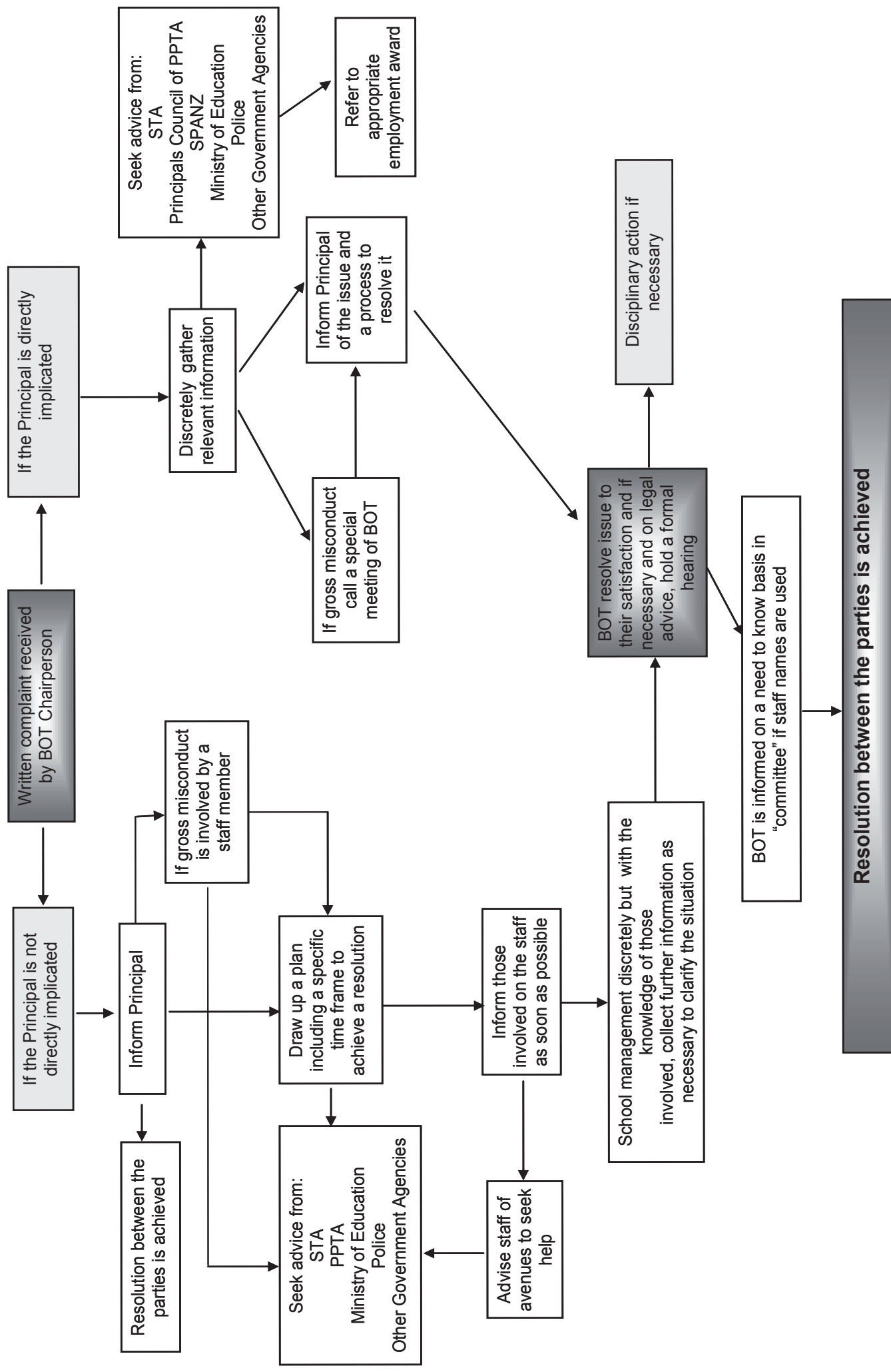
**Thursday 8 August 5.30-8pm**  
**Gore Town & Country Club**

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