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**16 August 2019**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Kia ora

We had a most enjoyable Open Night on Wednesday with a good contingent of locals and others visiting the school. We feel well supported by our community and early indications show we may have upwards of 55 students coming into Year 7 in 2020 pushing our roll out towards 340. It was nice to catch up with parents and students and hear their comments on how they enjoyed the night. Thanks also to the many staff, guides and student helpers who enabled this successful evening to occur. Ideally we would like enrolments in by 20 September so we can plan our 2020 staffing. The Open Day for the new intake will be 29 November. For those families that were unable to attend the night, feel free to contact the school and arrange a walk through while classes are in action. A prospectus can be collected from the school office during school hours.



Next week our seniors start their practice exams. These are of significance as they give a reasonable indication of progress, are good practice in writing for 2 to 3 hours and should motivate seniors to get into serious study in preparation for the NCEA Exams that begin officially on 8 November. It is expected that all students give due credit to next week's exams and are prepared to challenge themselves in this form of assessment.

On Thursday 29 August we will run our annual Work Day. We hope to raise approximately \$6000 on this day and fully appreciate family and friends that are able to accommodate a student with employment for this fundraiser. We have good prizes for students who raise the most as well as spot prizes for those who bring in \$25 or more.

In the admin foyer we currently have a number of our Year 7 and 8 students' Social Science projects on display. These are excellent examples of collaborate work with well chosen themes written up and illustrated. Well done to these students!

Congratulations to Cailee Moncur and Deniz te Lindert who had acting parts in the recent Gore production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. It's fabulous to see these aspiring actors on the stage following their passion.

### PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

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

**Week ending 9 August:** Ellie Sisley, Daniel Frew, David Winn, Shane Torrepalma and Mrs C Morris

**Week ending 16 August:** Kent Andit, Sarah Andrews, Aliyah Wilson, Marina Ferguson and Mrs M Dale

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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## Outdoor Education Department

It's been a busy start to the term for our Outdoor classes. Year 13 Outdoor wasted no time in getting into their activities as they travelled to Snowfarm in the Cardrona Valley to experience the amazing landscape and activities to be had in the Alpine environment. A small but very keen contingent of students took to the trails in their snow shoes and X-country ski gear and skied in to Meadow hut, a journey that took around an hour and a half. Once there, everyone was straight into action shovelling snow frantically as the light slowly started to fade.

After a couple of hours our large mound of snow was soon packed down and started to bond nicely. From here we dug into the mound and started pulling our stacked up packs out gently revealing a large cavity. After an hour or so of carving and smoothing out the inside our snowcave was ready for use. Five students packed themselves in tightly and slept in relative 'comfort' which is more than likely, a once in a lifetime opportunity these students will never forget!



*L to R: Josh McLellan, Naam Whan Panto, Luke Humphries, Becky McEwan, Kieran Coyle*



*Rhylee McGregor abseiling*

Year 12 Outdoor have just finished their 'Rock & Ropes' topic with some amazing sessions being had at Stadium Southland, Adventure Southland High Ropes Course and YMCA Indoor Climbing. We now move on to 'Bear Grylls Bush Craft & Survival Unit' which will see students gain knowledge in map and compass work, shelter building, alternative fire lighting methods, search and rescue techniques and traditional hunting and gathering. The unit will finish in Week 1 of Term 4 with an exciting 'Overnight' experience staying at Tawanui in the Catlins where groups will construct a shelter to sleep in for the night and attempt to hunt and gather kai using traditional methods.

*Tim Landreth, Marcia Kennedy, Pete Holden*  
*Outdoor Education Department*

## Science Department

### Level 1 Agriculture - Friday Programme

Students have been able to undertake many different experiences so far this year because of the structure of the Friday programme. It has allowed for some very flexible and varied days of learning, sometimes venturing out to local farms for a couple of hours to complete such things as tutoring from local tractor mechanics, animal handling and tagging, fencing and the like, while still being able to finish the day on-site if needed to complete other course work. We are very thankful to local farmers who have hosted us at their farms for various activities and experiences. Many thanks to the Bryson, North, Winter, Clement, Creighton and Kennedy families for these great opportunities.



*Ethan McLellan servicing a tractor*

Today, promises to be a great time of learning for our class with experienced motorbike mechanic Craig McIntyre coming to run a motorbike mechanics course. Also in the pipeline in the next month is an exciting forestry field trip day with Southern Forests in which Forestry Manager Josh Cairns will take us through the whole process of preparing and clearing a site for forestry, planting and also the final step of harvesting the logs.

*Tim Landreth*  
*Level 1 Agriculture Teacher*

## Careers/Transition Department

### Senior Students - Study Link - School Leavers email series

**Sign up for our emails by 19 August and go in the draw to win a \$50 book voucher. We're about to start our six-week series to students who've signed up for our emails.**

The series will talk about the costs of study, budgeting, trades training, fees-free study and how allowances and loans work. Information will be tailored to the areas of interest students selected when they signed up. All students leaving school this year who sign up before 19 August will go into the draw to win a \$50 book voucher. There are five to be won. Make sure you sign up to get these emails even if you're not sure what you want to do yet. If you don't end up getting support from StudyLink you will stop receiving emails.

There's also a sign up link on the Study Link homepage.

# 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>	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
<b>November</b>	6	Last day for senior students
	8	NCEA Examinations commence
	12	Second HPV Vaccination
	29	New Entrants Day
<b>December</b>	2-4	MAD Activity Days
	5	Senior Prizegiving
	6	Junior Prizegivin
		<b>Last day of school</b>



## Mathematics Department

Thanks to all the Year 6 students who tried our mathematical challenges on Open Night. The following students were the winners: Ollie from Edendale who correctly guessed the area, Jacklyn from Edendale for the Fibonacci sequence, Cheyda from Waverly Park for Pascals Triangle, Emily from Tutarau for the tetrahedron and Taine from Woodlands who guessed 78 which was the exact number of lollies in the jar.

Mrs Sue Crighton  
Head of Department - Mathematics

## 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)**

## Menzies College Soccer

**Menzies College Football has had another fantastic season!**

Both the boys and girls 1st XI teams have had an amazing season with the boys finishing runners-up in the Boys College League Division 2 Championship and the girls team had a back to back win in the Girls College Football League Division 1 Championship for 2019.

The girls team has gone through the league unbeaten with 8 wins and 2 draws in their 10 games and finished on 26 points, one more than Southland Girls High School. The girls have played schools from Southland and Central Otago in the League.



Well done to both teams as they now concentrate on preparing for tournament week at the beginning of September.

Carl Lambert  
Organiser

## Community Notice

Rugby Southland

Registrations are still open for the rugby programme. This is for boys and girls born in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 only. The cost for the programme is \$10 for attending 3 sessions.



### Locations are:

Gore at St Peter's on 24 August  
Invercargill at Verdon College on 31 August  
Mossburn Rugby Club on 7 September  
Invercargill at Verdon College on 14 September  
Midlands Rugby Club on 21 September

We encourage the country kids to go to St Peter's and Mossburn while the town kids go to the Invercargill sessions. Kids born in 2007 and 2008 will have the morning session from 9am until midday. Kids born in 2005 and 2006 will be in the afternoon sessions from 12pm until 3:10pm. All Players to come to Midlands on the 21 September for a day of games.

Please email RDO [peter.firth@rugbysouthland.co.nz](mailto:peter.firth@rugbysouthland.co.nz) to register.

## Social Science Department

### Young Enterprise Studies



Jacob Leith

On Sunday 11 August two of our companies 'Bee Clean Co.' run by Jacob Leith and 'Countryside Colouring' run by Richard Ranstead, Garoth van der Straaten, Ryan Smith and Keegan Knapp, went to the market for the first time. This was at the Southern Farmers Market in Invercargill.

The companies made good sales and enjoyed the opportunity to display and sell a minimal viable product/prototype of their final version.



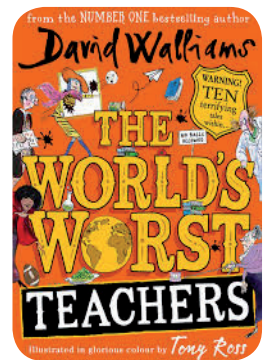
Richard Ranstead & Ryan Smith

The aim is to build on suggestions from the public, their business mentors and teacher and take a final version to the market again in about 3-4 weeks. This is part of two Internal Assessments which will be completed by the end of term.

Lincoln Joyce  
Teacher in Charge

## English Department

Our annual Open Night is a great time to reflect on what we all do here at Menzies College. We enjoy meeting prospective parents and talking with them about the successes and challenges their children face. Often these conversations revolve around how safe and supported students feel and how closely this links to their academic success. When we ask each year for volunteers to assist us on Open Night we are always overwhelmed with offers of help. As such, we would like to thank Briley Yeoman, Abby van der Straaten and Charlotte Bell for helping us and a special mention also to Joshua Hamilton and Tyler Olive for helping us to set up and prepare for the occasion. During the night we ran a competition using the game 'Four Letters'. The game provides four letters from which a word needs to be made. There is a time limit in which words can be made and the game becomes really competitive very quickly! We are thrilled to announce the winner this year is Nicholle Bedrijo who is a Year 6 student at Wyndham Primary School. Nicholle scored a massive 41 words! (The next nearest score was 21). Nicholle wins the David Walliams book 'The World's Worst Teachers'.



### Focus: Level Three English

The year continues to run at a break-neck pace. We are focussed on three main internals (with a fourth being optional) and it was a relief to start this term with two completed. Our third (and most taxing) internal is commonly known as the Portfolio and is worth six credits. This will be assessed when ready, from this point onwards and several students are very close to completing this assessment. One of the pieces the students have been working on is writing a film review. I would like to share some of Erin Norman's review of the film 'The Aftermath'. I think you'll agree that it reads just like it had been taken off the pages of the New York Times!



The Aftermath- James Kent covers a smouldering Hamburg in a thick layer of tragi-romantic syrup.

*"It doesn't matter how much you like historical dramas, with The Aftermath you are probably better off staying at home. It definitely had the potential to be a great film; unfortunately it missed the mark. The opening aerial shot of the smouldering post-war Hamburg had me prepared for a heavily historical storyline about the destruction of Hamburg and the detrimental effects of the Second World War. However, these details were substituted for star-crossed lust and steamy, but unconvincing, Knightley-Skarsgard scenes. The performances of the lead actors and actresses,*

*while they were well intentioned, lead to nowhere and seemed to have no purpose. The characters have about as many layers of depth as Knightley and Skarsgard have clothes: not a lot.*

*James Kent's The Aftermath is a predictable, but adequate period drama set in the aftermath of World War Two Germany. It follows the story of the gentlemanly Lewis Morgan (Jason Clarke), a British soldier who has been tasked with the cleanup of the smouldering Hamburg and the deNazification of its citizens, and his lonely, grieving, Germanophobic wife, Rachael Morgan (Keira Knightley)....."*

I'm not sure that this review will entice you to view the film, but I'm sure you'll agree it is a convincing piece of writing!

Classroom learning for Level Three revolves around our study of the James Bond franchise. These films (with a particular focus on Skyfall) become the basis for our Level Three examination. With school examinations looming we wish the class (and our other senior groups) all the very best.

### Housekeeping

Entries for the ICAS English Competition have now closed. This competition runs annually and allows students from Year 7-13 to compete with others all around Australasia. The focus is on reading and will give students a placing within all students who participate. The competition will take place 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)



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