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30 August 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Today I announced to staff and the Board of Trustees of my intention to resign as Principal at the end of this year. Having worked at Menzies College for 12 years, nine of that as Principal, I am ready for a different direction in education.



Kimberley McDonald - Year 7

Workday

Many thanks to the families and students who supported our Workday yesterday. We are grateful for the effort students put in and the support they receive from home and our community. We had a good response from students returning their money and we are most grateful for the amounts they have contributed.



Brock Kelly - Year 7

Well done to the seniors on their practice exams last week. Every student seemed well organised and the supervisors reported that they applied themselves well to the task in front of them. NCEA externals begin on 8 November, just 38 more school days away. This is a short time and it is essential that students and their family plan for the busy period ahead as they meet assessment deadlines and study for the externals. Many staff will be offering support to our senior students with tutorials and the like and it's imperative that students engage in these. Also, full attendance remains an important feature to learning at this time.

Next week we have four teams involved in winter tournament week with our Senior A Netball in Nelson, the Under 15 Rugby in Christchurch, Girls Football in Invercargill and the Boys Football in Dunedin. To all students, we wish you the best and expect nothing but a true Menzies effort in each game. Look after the wonderful parents that are assisting you and remember school rules apply at all times. I'm sure you'll do us proud. All players are expected to be at school for assembly on the Friday morning after their return.

While on sport, congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball team who won the Eastern Southland Competition last Saturday defeating St Peters 47-35 in the final. This is the second consecutive year they have taken out this grade and completes an excellent year of Basketball for the school with seven teams now playing in the Gore based competitions. We also had an outstanding Netball season and those results are on the next page. Well done to our Development Team and Menzies B teams on winning their grades.

Congratulations to Brian Tyrell and Garoth van der Straaten who have been selected for the Southland Under 18 and Southland Under 16 rugby teams respectively.

We remind families that if you intend to enrol a child in Year 7 next year we would like those applications in by 20 September so we can arrange our staffing and timetable structures in advance.

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Thanks to students Bree Bastiaansen and Ellena Alanquihan who helped prepare Tutarau Primary and Rayden Kaahu-Wright who helped Longbush Kindergarten with their Haka-Waiata presentations at this week's Polyfest in Invercargill. This was greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

The school intends to celebrate its 50th Reunion in February 2021 and a working committee has been established to organise this weekend. If you would be keen to join this group or contribute in some way you are welcome to attend our next meeting on Wednesday 11 September in the staff room at 7.30pm.

*Gerry Ward
Principal*

PB4L - Achievement Slip Draw

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

Week ending 23 August: Locky Jacobsen, Oscar Waldron, Ben McLellan, Allianz Tuhao and Mrs L Lee

Week ending 30 August: Leevi Wilson, Maximus Ashman, Breana Harvey, Marina Ferguson and Mr P Wilkinson

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

Menzies College Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Nominations are open for the student representative on the Board of Trustees. William Ranstead spoke to Year 9-13 students today at Whanau meeting about the role and expectations etc. of being the Student Representative. Nomination forms have been available at the office and will close at 1.20pm on the Wednesday 11 September. Nominees will speak on Friday 13 September to a combined Year 9-13 assembly. Voting will be carried out on Monday 16 September during Whanau time.

This is a position of responsibility and not to be taken lightly. Any interested students are invited to run a campaign i.e. posters and be prepared with your speech. Any questions please see Mrs Morris.

*Mrs Caroline Morris
Returning Officer*

Science Department

Level One Agriculture

The Level One Agriculture class have recently been upskilling in the area of motorbike mechanics. As part of their two Motorbike Unit Standards students had to pre-check bikes for safety and also carry out basic maintenance. We enlisted the expertise of Mr Landreth's friend from the Wyndham Rugby Club, Mr Craig McIntyre. Craig has been a mechanic for over 20 years and has worked on various engines such as trucks, cars and aircraft. After working on the motorbike side of things for the last 10 or so years he recently started up his own business 'Outland Mechanical Ltd'. Craig went through many things on the day, from explaining how engines work, to carrying out oil changes, chain tensioning and other important things we should know about bike care. It was a fantastic day and many students who had no knowledge of the tools used, were right in amongst the action!

A special mention must go to Zac's mum Steph Egerton who bought down fresh whitebait patties for the crew for lunch, we ate like kings!



Kassidy Tahana-Payne learning how to change an oil filter



*Craig McIntyre from Outland Mechanical with Year 11 students
L to R: Kassidy Tahana-Payne, Sam Gutsell, Regie Cordova, Ellena Alanquihan
Susana Kaufononga, Lachlan Stewart*

*Tim Landreth
Teacher*

Year 10 Science Sustainability Projects

A group of Year ten students are replanting an area near the school with several thousand natives in the hope of increasing the health of the waterway beside it and increasing the bird life. We are asking if any local community members could donate any stakes for holding trees up against the weather or any fertiliser that could be used to help the plants with their start once planted. As this is a volunteer project our budget is limited and we would really appreciate any support we can get.

If you are able to help or have any questions please contact Mrs Hayley Adam at Menzies College or email hayley.chalmers@menzies.school.nz

Important Dates

September	2-6	Tournament week
	9-13	Green week (interruption free week)
	11	Whanau conferences
	12	Netball Prizegiving 7pm school hall
	16-20	Year 7 & 8 conferences
	24	Sports & Culture photos
	25-26	School Production school hall 7.30pm
	26-27	'Real Game'
	27	Last day Term 3
October	14	First day Term 4
	17-22	Life Education Bus
	28	Labour Day
November	6	Last day for senior students
	8	NCEA Examinations commence
	12	Second HPV Vaccination
	29	New Entrants Day
December	2-4	MAD Activity Days
	5	Senior Prizegiving
	6	Junior Prizegiving
		Last day of school

"THOSE WERE THE DAYS"

Menzies College presents a Variety show spanning the decades from the 60's up to the present time. Whether you are old enough to remember doing the 'twist' or you've been 'flossing' with your teenagers, there will be dance moves for everyone if you wish to join in.

There will be songs and memorable moments from the past 59 years to delight you and send you down memory lane.

Menzies College Hall
Wednesday 25 September
Thursday 26 September
7.30pm

Coffee & Cake \$5.00
Ice Creams \$2.00

Ticket prices Adults: \$15.00
Students: \$8.00
Family Ticket : \$35

Social Science Department

Young Enterprise Studies



L to R: Ahna Norman, Renee McLellan, Latasha Reriti

On Friday 23 August the Young Enterprise class visited the Young Enterprise Co-ordinator, Jo O'Connor at the Chamber of Commerce in Invercargill. In conjunction with this they also met up with their business mentors which was a most invaluable experience. 'All Round Bags' represented by Ahna Norman, Renee McLellan, and Latasha Reriti did their business pitch to a panel of four judges. They were very impressed with the pitch and the innovativeness and recyclable nature of the product itself. The girls are to be highly commended for their effort. Well done girls!

On Sunday 8 September all three companies, 'Country Side Colouring', 'All Round Bags' and 'Bee Clean' will be at the Southern Farmers Market in Invercargill from 9.30am till 1.30pm. If you're in town on the day please pass by and support our budding entrepreneurs.

Lincoln Joyce
Teacher in Charge

English Department

Our senior students have had a very busy two weeks sitting the school 'mock' examinations. The 101, 201 and 301 English classes have all sat a three hour exam which is created to be as closely aligned with the NZQA examinations as possible. These exams are a wonderful time for our students and teachers to evaluate what has been taught thus far this year and to identify any areas of concern before the official exams in November. The English Department has been very impressed by our students. They have taken the task seriously and shown respect during the two weeks. The English teachers work to ensure exams are marked and returned to students as quickly as possible so if you haven't heard anything about their results have a chat to your child and see how they got on. You might even like to write something on their learning log about them.



Focus: Level Two English

The Level Two class is currently working on their last two internal assessments. The first is an inquiry. The inquiries require the students to create a hypothesis, essential questions, complete research and then write up their findings in a report. We have a broad range of topics being researched, from gaming to post traumatic stress disorder. The second assessment is the writing portfolio. The students will spend some time in the second half of this term really polishing their writing to create two pieces of work. I was very impressed by the quality of the essays the class wrote during the exam. They showed that they have a strong understanding of the written

or visual text. Tiyla McNaught wrote a great essay about the use of colour in Marvel's Captain America: the First Avenger. It shows a whole new world to the Marvel film that many people might never even consider.

Housekeeping

The date has been set for the Year Nine and Ten Speech Competition. It will be held during period 4 on Thursday 19 September. We thank Mrs Barb Cowley and Mr Chris Crighton for taking the time to judge these speeches.

ICAS English Exam: will be sat Wednesday 17 September (week nine).

Nga mihi nui
Sharee Knapp
English Department

Whanau Conferences

Year 9-13 student Whanau conferences are on Wednesday 11 September from 3.40pm-7pm. You can book your appointment at **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code j7b9d or by ringing the school office.** Please make sure you meet with the same Whanau teacher as you did at the start of the year.

Year 7-8 student conferences can also be booked on the School Interviews site using the code zkuf8.

Year 8 Conferences are on Monday 16 September from 9am - 4pm.

Year 7 Conferences are on Tuesday 17 September from 9am - 4pm

Conference appointments can be booked from now up until the day before the conference.

Pete Wilkinson

Menzies College Netball

Congratulations to all teams that have represented Menzies College this season. Year 7 and 8 teams have recently played in the Moffet Cup and Southland Primary Schools competition. Thank you to Mrs Johnstone for managing these teams and the following student coaches: Arin Read, Lisa Yorke, Nikolas Shirley and Courtney Gaven.

There were six teams playing in the Saturday competition in Gore over winter. Senior A finished third in A Grade and took out the trophy for the top secondary school in the Eastern Southland competition. Next week they travel to Nelson to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament. They are hoping to finish in the top 16 in A Grade. Good luck to Coach Melissa Rodgers, Manager: Fleur Egerton and the team consisting of Marina Ferguson, Erin Norman, Beth Scott, Maria Lindsay, Sophie Johnston, Sophie Kingdon, Rhylee McGregor, Briana Ferguson, Ahna Norman and Lisa Yorke.

Gabby Knapp will also be attending the tournament as an umpire. She was the recipient of the Most Outstanding Secondary School Umpire trophy at the recent Eastern Southland Netball prizegiving ceremony.

Other trophy winners included Menzies Development team who won Second Grade, Menzies B who won Third Grade and Menzies Seniors who were runners up in Third Grade.

Thank you to the following Coaches and Managers who have contributed to a successful and enjoyable season for all: Melissa Rodgers, Fleur Egerton, Debbie Mercer, Pam Yorke, Kath Luoni, Lilly McKenzie, Flora Marshall and Sheba Turipa.

Also congratulations to the players who have gone on to higher honours this season:

Eastern Southland Under 17: Marina Ferguson

Eastern Southland Under 15: Brianna Ferguson, Rhylee McGregor

Eastern Southland Under 14: Sophie Ferguson, Josie McLellan

Umpires Centre Practical Award Endorsed: Megan Lindsay, Alex Guthrie

Most Dedicated Eastern Southland Umpire: Belinda Knapp

The Netball prizegiving will be held at 7pm on 12 September in the Menzies College hall.

Mrs Kath Luoni

Rifle Shooting

On Monday 12 August Josh Olive, Kimberley Simmons and Olivia Milne competed in the Southland Secondary Schools Sport Rifle Shooting Competition in the Invercargill shooting range.

We competed against Southland Boys High School and Northern Southland College. We had to shoot 2 single cards. The top six single scores in each team were added for a team total. Southland Boys High came first scoring 553.10, Northern Southland College was second scoring 551.15 and Menzies came third scoring 510.9. For the individual, Brooklyn Neuman from Northern Southland College was first with 188.6, Kimberley Simmons was second with 188.3 and Josh Olive was third with 184.5.



L to R: Kimberley Simmons, Josh Olive, Olivia Milne

We had a great time and a big thank you to Bob Dunstan who 'coped for Olivia and Kim and organised our team. Also thank you to the Invercargill Range for having us.

Kimberley Simmons - Year 10

Uniform

We are getting towards the time of year when students change from winter to summer uniform. We do not have any particular change over date and students are free to move between winter and summer uniform based upon the weather. However, it is expected that all students wear their uniform respectfully and with pride. If for any reason your child can not be in full school uniform please send a note with them explaining the reason. Where possible students will be given alternative uniform items to wear.

*Mrs Kath Luoni
Deputy Principal*

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