



# MENZIES COLLEGE

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**13 September 2019**

## From the Principal's Desk

### **Tēnā koutou**

This week we celebrate as a Nation Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week. Te Reo Māori is one of New Zealand's official languages along with English and Sign Language. As a school we are looking to do more than previously for a whole month. We spoke about its importance at assembly last Friday and Whanau groups have been engaged in activities this week. Some staff and students are comfortable in their Reo, others need support, but it is pleasing to feel the vibe as everyone gives it a go. While you don't need to be fluent in Māori to get by, having a few phrases under your belt certainly helps – especially since its words are very much ingrained in daily life.

Recently, the Government announced a Te Ahu o te Reo Māori programme aimed at normalising Te Reo Māori in the classroom and we have five staff completing this 13 week programme. Associate Education Minister, Kelvin Davis believes that our classrooms will sound more bilingual in six years, with having Te Reo Māori integrated into their learning. Schools have made decent strides in recent years to include Te Reo Māori and culture within classroom settings. We are trying to do better as well.

Congratulations to the students who represented the school in a variety of codes at last week's winter sports tournaments. I would like to make special mention of our Senior A Netball team who managed to win half of their games in Nelson and retain their place in A grade. Looking at the teams in that grade, we would have the smallest number of Year 9 to 13 girls by far and to finish mid field is outstanding. More importantly, it gives another group of girls who will follow next year, the opportunity to play against the best schools in the South Island.

Our First X1 girls football team finished in 8th place in the Invercargill tournament. This year the competition appeared to be much harder and is a reflection of the improving standard of female football in the southern region. It's been a big season for this team after taking out the Southland Secondary School Girls league and the tournament was a good finale for a number of the players who have been coached by Mr Lambert for upwards of seven years.

Our football boys didn't have quite the same success in Dunedin. However, when I hear the reports from their Management and the glowing email we received from one of their referees about their respect and sportsmanship we know they have represented themselves and the school exceptionally well.

The same can be said for the Under 15 Boys rugby team that went to Christchurch. This team exceeded themselves in many ways and again Management reported positively about how hard they played each game, most of which were very close until the dying stages. All the boys I have spoken to commented on how well the week had gone for them. On behalf of the school, my thanks to everyone involved in making these teams have such a successful and enjoyable week.

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*Rimu Matai Totara Rata*

Many thanks to the families and students that have contributed towards our annual workday, this is very much appreciated. We are getting close to \$6,000 which is a better response than previous years and should be put to good use once the students make a decision on which asset purchases have the best impact.

So far, we have not received advice that any of our students have contacted measles. It usually takes 10 to 14 days for someone who has caught measles to start showing symptoms. If your child develops a high fever, runny nose, cough, sore red eyes, or a rash see a doctor (and call ahead to alert your doctor of the possibility). We ask parents/caregivers to be vigilant and keep your child at home if you have any reason to be concerned and notify the school immediately.

### 2020 Enrolments

We have an expectation that 2020 Year 7 enrolments are in by the 20th of this month. This of course is not the final day but we need to get a realistic estimate of numbers so we can configure staffing and a timetable structure for 2020.

### Board of Trustees - School Donations

The Government is looking to amend the Education Act (1989) to introduce a donation scheme for decile 1 to 7 schools. We are a decile 5 school. The budget initiative will see state and state integrated Boards of Trustees able to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment instead of seeking donations from parents. Around 1,700 schools will be eligible to join the scheme. Although donations to schools are voluntary this can place pressure on household budgets. This initiative is designed to alleviate that pressure and expectation. It also recognises that Decile 1-7 schools can find it difficult to raise funds from their communities. The initiative will see schools receive their additional funding in January 2020 alongside their regular operational funding if the Boards agree not to ask parents and caregivers to pay donations.

If accepting the scheme, Boards of Trustees will need to opt-in by 14 November 2019. Boards of Trustees that opt-in to the donations scheme will still be able to ask parents and guardians for payments related to optional activities outside the curriculum, for example optional after-school sports and school camps. They may also request a payment for the take home component of technology projects. The idea of accepting or declining this donation is a difficult one for the school as to do so, would impact significantly on what we are able to offer students. It would impact most on senior classes where course fees well in excess of the donation are required for them to operate. As a headline the idea sounds good but for a secondary school the math simply doesn't add up if we are to continue to offer our students the same opportunities that currently exist.

*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 6 September:** Tom Ayers, Savannah Costello, Josie McLellan, Rachel Moncur and Mrs K Keil

**Week ending 13 August:** Luke Goatley, Ezekiel Johnston-Brown, Marina Ferguson, Jacob Leith and Mrs M Dale

Your vouchers can be collected from the office.

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## NZQA Information

Now is the time of year for students to check their credits. This can be done on the Edge portal or App. Students should also check to see if their credits on Edge and NZQA student login match. With NZQA external exams in Term four it is important that students are aware what exams they have and when. General exam timetables were handed out to senior students today. Whanau teachers will have spare copies on Monday for those that were away at courses today. The office will also have spare copies and NZQA has the timetable available online. **Reminder, students no longer have to pay NZQA fees to gain credits.** If you have any questions or queries please contact the office.

*Pete Wilkinson  
Assistant Principal*

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## Important Dates

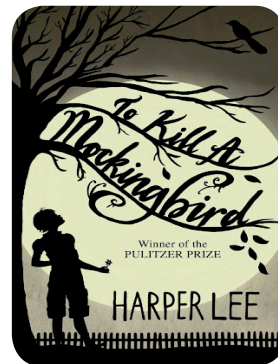
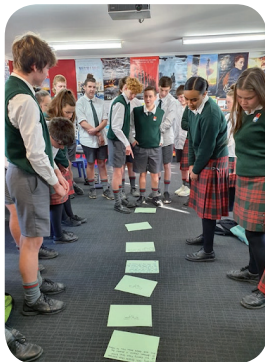
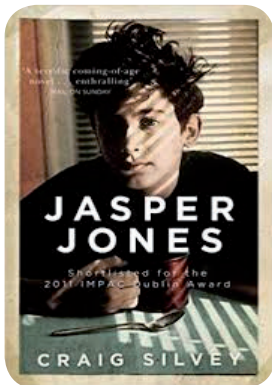
<b>September</b>	16	Year 8 conferences
	17	Year 7 conferences
	24	Sports & Culture photos
	25-26	Variety Performance school hall 7.30pm
	26-27	'Real Game'
	27	<b>Last day Term 3</b>
<b>October</b>	14	<b>First day Term 4</b>
	17-22	Life Education Bus
	28	Labour Day
<b>November</b>	6	Last day for senior 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 Prizegiving
		<b>Last day of school</b>

## English Department

On Wednesday night the school held its second round of Whanau Conferences. As a department we are proud of the comments, images and videos we included on our student's learning logs and we hope that you found these useful during your conference with Whanau teachers and when you are looking at them at home. We encourage parents to make comments on their child's learning log to ask questions, express concerns or praise their child for their achievements in class. Following these conferences the Year 10 teachers will conference with each student in their class around class placement next year: 101, 102 or 103. If you require further clarification around these choices, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Department.

### Focus: Level One English

**101 English** have recently sat school exams which has allowed students to identify their strengths and any areas of concern. Overall, students achieved pleasing results and are now back into full revision mode in preparation for the NCEA exams at the end of the year. The class have been unpacking the texts 'Jasper Jones' and 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and are now starting to make links between these two texts.



**102 English** have been busy this term studying three war films 'Dunkirk', 'Hacksaw Ridge' and 'Saving Private Ryan'. The students are using their knowledge on the directors purpose, themes and characters to complete one of the two achievement standards on offer; AS:90852 Explain connections across texts and AS:90855 Create a visual image (static image). Alongside the film study, some students have been working towards finishing their literacy portfolios. Congratulations to Molly Yeo, Taurus Harden and Brayden Leggett who have recently completed their portfolios and gained literacy, many others in the class are close to achieving this.



**103 English** are continuing to work towards gaining their literacy credits through producing reading, writing and speaking samples for their literacy portfolios.

### Housekeeping

A reminder that the Year Nine and Ten Speech Competition will be held during period 4 on Thursday 19 September and parents are welcome to come along and listen to these wonderful speeches.

**ICAS English Exam** will be sat Wednesday 17 September, Week Nine. We are most certainly not slowing down as we approach the end of the term!

*Fleur Egerton  
On behalf of the English Department*

## Mathematics Department

### Year 11 Mathematics



With the Algebra MCAT exam next Thursday our students are working on improving their understanding. We have had tutorials every Tuesday for the term and at other times by request. Yesterday we had an after school session and we made great progress. On Monday we are having a practice assessment during class time. The final tutorials next week will be Tuesday lunchtime and Wednesday after school.

*L to R: Keegan Knapp, Brianna Ferguson, Latasha Rerlti, Maria Perriam & Ahna Norman*

*Pete Wilkinson  
Teacher*

## Careers Department

### New Zealand Defence Force

Are you thinking about a career in the NZ Defence Force? Go along to the free Force Information sessions and find out more about careers in the NZ Army, Navy and Air Force. These are being held in the Invercargil Army Centre, 1c Fox Street, Invercargill on 18 September from 5-6.30pm. The sessions are informal and you are welcome to leave at any point.

*Careers Team*



## Social Science Department

### Young Enterprise Studies

Menzies College Young Enterprise students attended the Southern Farmers Market in Invercargill last Sunday. The companies were: CountrySide Colouring, Bee Clean Co. and All Round Bags. Despite the weather conditions, the students did very well sales wise and I am very proud of their effort.



Keegan Knapp & Ryan Smith



Jacob Leith



Ahna Norman, Renee McLellan & Latash Reriti

Lincoln Joyce  
Teacher

## Physical Education Department

### Physical Activity Investigation

On Wednesday our Year 11 and 13 PE classes went to Invercargill to participate in a range of physical pursuits not available in Wyndham. We cycled at the velodrome, played wheelchair basketball, were taught how to Ten Pin Bowl and did Tabata training with Mana Harrison at Evolve Gymnasium. Students were full on exercising for four hours and there were some very sore shoulders on Thursday. Students will now fill in activity logs and use the activities to write about their future participation.

Pictured are the students at Evolve gymnasium.



Pete Wilkinson  
Teacher

## Science Department

The Friday Science Investigation class caught 7 Giant Kokopu in their nets this week but one of them escaped before it could be processed. Of the remaining six that were processed, four had been caught previously. One had been caught on 18 November last year and is the first piece of information we have of a fish living in the Oxbow lake for an extended period. These fish allowed us to calculate an estimate of the number of individuals in the Oxbow using a mark recapture formula - it works out at about 75 individuals in the Oxbow. This is the first time that an estimate of the number of fish in this lake has been calculated.

Kit Hustler  
Head of Department - Science



### Cardio Tennis & Triple Terror TENNIS

#### COME ON DOWN TO THE TENNIS COURTS FOR

#### FUN!!! FOOD!!!! MUSIC!!!!

Where: Menzies College Tennis Courts

When: Monday 23rd September

Time: 1.20pm - 2.15pm (lunchtime)

Run weekly in Gore after school during Term 4 & Term 1

Sign up on Monday 23rd or go online after the promotion for Cardio Tennis (Year 7-13)  
& Triple Terror Tennis (Year 9 - 13) info.

## Sports/Cultural Photos

These photos will be taken on Tuesday 24 September. All outside coaches, managers or parent helpers are asked to contact the office with the preferred time for their photo to be taken. Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

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## Writing from 7LL

7LL have been looking at creative writing this term and how to really engage the reader in their writing. They were given an opening sentence and asked to continue the story, picking up clues from that sentence to create a story opening that hooked the reader in. I think you will agree that Benjamin, Olivia and Evana did an exceptional job.

### Families

Happy families are all alike; every unhappy is unhappy in its own way.

This unhappy family was no different. All the unhappy families had run out of happiness and had no way to get more. There they were stuck, nothing they could do. That was how it was for me. My family had so much happiness, but we used it all. Oh, I remember we signed up at least ten times for more, but none came. I'd heard rumors, that if we ran out of happiness and didn't get more soon, we would never be happy again. I was scared. I needed to do something but what?

My chance came at dawn three days after this all happened. I had woken up to my alarm, something noisy amidst the quiet. The moon was still silently floating by. I had heard something rustle outside and decided to investigate. Pulling on one of my now tattered old jerseys and a pair of jeans with too many holes to count. I crept out of my door. Trying to creep down the stairs with no noise was pretty impossible. Creak ... creak. The kitchen door was swaying on a breeze that seemed to come out of nowhere. Whoosh! One of the windows was open and it was making the curtains rustle in the silent breeze that came from outside. I crept quickly to the back door. I pulled my jersey closer around me as the biting wind blew through my jersey. There it was! A small prick of light in the dark. Surely this was the happiness I had been waiting for.

As I crept closer I could hear murmuring as if two people were there, but as I peered over at it I saw no one. Shooting a glance over both shoulders I quickly snatched the happiness up and sprinted as fast as I could go back home. Back at the door I kicked my boots off and rushed inside...

*By Evana Bradfield*

### Mr and Mrs Dursley

Mr and Mrs Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were perfectly normal, thank you very much.

Mr and Mrs Dursley are just a normal, ordinary couple. They have jobs, they have a perfectly normal house made out of red, shiny bricks and they eat perfectly normal meals. They have no neighbours at all, probably because Mr and Mrs Dursley live in 'Privet Drive' and it's only a few minutes from town.

If you head inside their house you will find normal spaces and a few normal inventions everywhere but every single day there is something odd that happens, something which isn't normal! Every single day you will hear a large bang and you will always see a large hole in the roof. How do I know? Well, that's a secret and that's what you call well, not normal.

*By Benjamin Laurie*

### Families

Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.

My 'family' was no exception.

"Get up you ugly twit!" Dad's girlfriend yelled, the smell of rust hit my face as Karen (my Dad's girlfriend) threw the cheap blanket off my cold skin. I rolled my eyes and chucked my matted uniform on. My eyes had big bags under them from last night, Dad and Karen were fighting again. I wasn't surprised they were always fighting, it's like a routine they have.

I quickly bolted to my bus stop and ran up the bus steps, everyone started laughing at me, I was confused, then I sat down next to my best and only friend Marty. Marty pointed down, so I looked down and there was a big hole showing my underwear!

That whole day I got bullied by Jonah, the school bully he was a cold, ugly, big boy that had no heart, everyone was scared of him! I finally arrived home and got treated the same way I always do, abused, treated like nothing. I need to get out of here I said to myself. So I began to make a plan...

*By Olivia Shepherd*

## Tournament Week Reports

### Girls Soccer - Girls Finish in the Top 8 Again!

MLT Menzies College Girls 1st XI team competed at the Lotto Sportswear National Tournament in Invercargill. The girls had a fantastic time and produced some very impressive results against some schools 2-3 times bigger than our school. The girls qualified for the top eight places of the tournament for the third time and eventually were unlucky to play off for 7th and 8th place which they lost 0 - 1 to Villa Maria College from Canterbury in a very even game.

Unfortunately, it was the final games that Sarah Andrews, Tyla Adams and Breana Harvey play for our school and we wish them all the success they deserve as they head into the next phase of their lives.

We have some very promising up and coming girls to fill the void with Maria Perriam and Taurus Harden standing out in defence. Brooke Loveridge and Leah Maxwell had very strong tournament games which resulted in Brooke receiving the Most Valuable Player award for the Menzies tournament team.

The team has finished the year on a high by finishing in the Top 8 of the South Island tournament and for the second year in a row (2018 and 2019) are CHAMPIONS of the Girls College Football League for Southland and Central Otago.



### Tournament Results 2019

Menzies College 3 - 2 Gore High School (Southland)  
Menzies College 2 - 3 Queens' High School (Otago)  
Menzies College 1 - 3 Craighead Diocesan School (South Canterbury)  
Menzies College 0 - 6 Mount Aspiring College (Central Otago)  
Menzies College 1 - 1 St Kevins College (North Otago)  
Menzies College 0 - 1 Villa Maria College (Canterbury)

Carl Lambert  
Organiser

### Boys Soccer

Last week our Boys 1st XI football team travelled to Dunedin to take part in the Linwood Football Tournament at Logan Park. The tournament had 20 teams taking part with most coming from the South Island but also included Massey High School from Auckland and Mr Lewis's old School, Trident High School from Whakatane.

The first couple of days proved a bit of an eye-opener to us all. Firstly, playing on the new artificial turf which was a new experience and also playing some pretty sharp teams! The likes of Waitaki Boys and St Peter's showed their class with 11-0 and 13-0 wins over us. Then came the real test in the form of Massey High. After the final whistle blew the score was 17-0 but you wouldn't have known it from the boys' attitudes - they kept the chatter and banter up right till the bitter end. Well done boys! Many thanks to the Read and Adams families who travelled up to support us! The last games on Thursday saw us take on more similar skilled teams with us going down 3-2 to Southland Boys and also losing 4-2 to South Otago. MVP for the tournament was Luke Humphries and top goal scorer Caeden McGregor. Well done boys!

The character, integrity and 'never say die' attitude of our boys (with only one reserve on the side line for the tournament) could not be missed by anyone. The team was awarded the 'Fair Play' award by the tournament director who made special mention that the umpires had awarded Menzies maximum points for each and every one of their games for this. Upon returning to school the team recieved an amazing email from one of the match referees for the week which is well worth sharing with you all. Well done boys!

### ***"To: The Board of Trustees and Principal***

***I had the privilege of refereeing a couple of your team's games at this week's tournament here in Dunedin. These boys (and there coach and manager) were just fantastic. Their sportsmanship, politeness, friendliness and kindness left every other team for dead over the four days of the tournament. Although the results didn't quite go your boys way, they remained so up-beat and fought hard to the very end of each game whilst playing larger schools that were far better resourced.***

***In my view, your boys won the tournament in all respects that really count. I receive a match fee for officiating in this tournament and would love to donate it to the team to help them celebrate a very successful effort, so I'd be grateful if you could forward me a bank account.***

***Mike Wennekes***

***Lynwood Cup Referee"***

Tim Landreth (Manager)  
Dave Lewis (Coach)



## Boys Rugby

Menzies College rugby rounded out their season last week with the SISS tournament in Christchurch where we fielded an U15 team. The team played well under testing weather conditions tallying one win, one draw and three narrow losses throughout the tournament. Captain Harm Davers and Vice Captain Connor Wilkinson did an admirable job of leading the squad through the tournament.

Congratulations to Max Bryson who was named on the wing in the SISS Tournament team. This is a huge achievement for Max. The independent selectors had 23 teams to choose from and only 20 spots available in the U15 Tournament team. Well done, Max! (Pictured on the right).

Thanks to the Coaches and Managers who supported the squad. Whilst you are too many to name individually your efforts were all greatly appreciated.



*Lucy McKelvie*

## Senior A Netball

The Senior A Netball team travelled to Nelson on Sunday 1st September for five days to attend the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament. Throughout the week we played some of the South Islands top netball teams and had the opportunity to show them how well a small school can perform. Each day we played two full games of netball (10-minute quarters), this meant it was going to be a very full-on week.

On Monday we played eventual winners Christchurch Girls which was a tough game but everyone was able to get out on the court and have some game time. After the first three games, the whole grade split into two (top 16 and bottom 16) we were placed in the bottom 16.

We won our next three games against (Taieri, Geraldine and Cashmere) which meant we were playing off for 17-20th. After coming up against a strong Waitaki Girls side and going down, our last game was against South Otago High. We won and finished the whole tournament in 19th place out of 32 teams. This was a great way to end the tournament especially since it was the last ever game for Maria Lindsay, Beth Scott, Erin Norman and Marina Ferguson in a Menzies dress.

Being 19th in A grade at the SISS netball tournament in Nelson is a fantastic achievement and was the best Menzies has placed in A grade for many years.

The whole team should be very proud of their efforts! We can not go away to the tournament without 10 people so whether they were on or off the court they should be really proud of what they brought to the team. The support coming from the sidelines was amazing and helped keep positive energy flowing throughout the whole tournament.

A huge thank you to Fleur Egerton and Mel Rodgers for giving up their week and taking time from work to support, manage and coach us. We really appreciated all they did for us on tournament making the week flow smoothly. The team environment was great, everyone was well supported and constantly encouraged which was terrific.

*Marina Ferguson (Captain)*



# "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  
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