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1 November 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

Our Education Review Office (ERO) final report is now available online or from our school's website. It is a pleasing account of how the school is performing and a reflection of the combined efforts of our students, community and staff in making this local rural school a great place to be educated. A few of the notable comments made include:

"Students benefit from a broad and responsive curriculum that deliberately meets individual needs, interests and future career or vocational pathways. Curriculum design and teaching and learning approaches are often set in real-world contexts, practical, and emphasise building positive attitudes and relevant skills..."

The school has a very caring and inclusive culture where whanaungatanga and manaakitanga are strongly evident. This contributes to positive relationships at all levels and to student engagement. Leaders and teachers know their students very well as individuals and as learners. There are deliberate structures in place to build and maintain this positive school culture....

Very strong and purposeful partnerships contribute directly to students' learning, engagement and wellbeing...

School leaders model an unrelenting focus on supporting all students to be successful in their learning and life. To help achieve this, they have built strong relational trust throughout the school and with the wider community."

On Thursday evening Beth Scott and Marina Ferguson were presented with their Youth-Mark Awards at the Ascot Hotel as 48 senior students from across our Southland Secondary schools were recognised for their contribution to their school and community. A common theme runs across this group of outstanding students in that they have all succeeded highly in a chosen passion whether it be a sporting, cultural or a community based activity and they have also achieved exceptionally well academically. Our province is flush with talented young people and it's such an enjoyable occasion to see this celebrated.

Congratulations to our Young Enterprise group who were runners up in the Southland Wide competition last week. These students had five minutes to pitch their product to a panel of ten judges and performed exceptionally well. Thanks to their teacher Mr Joyce for supporting them so well with this project.

Next Wednesday is the last day for our Year 11 to 13 students. The Year 13s have a BBQ dinner with parents organised for Tuesday night. They wrap up their time at school with a few activities and a major water fight on the field at lunchtime. All this takes place in an organised manner with set instructions to ensure everyone's safety and with staff supervision. At all times students have the opportunity to opt in or out of activities and their wellbeing is paramount. Given what has happened in some schools we are extremely pleased with how this has panned out in recent years.

All the best to our students in their upcoming NZQA exams. Many students have already achieved well in their respective NCEA levels but I feel it is important for all young people to challenge themselves in an external setting against the rest of the country by attempting, to the best of their ability, exam papers.

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 25 October: Sophie Johnston, Stuart Gourlie, Nadine Martin, Sophie Kingdon and Mrs M Dale

Week ending 1 November: Ellie Sisley, Kimberly Orr, Maxine Lomboy, Sophie Leitch and Mrs Robertson

Your vouchers can be collected from the office.

Social Science Department

Young Enterprise Studies

On Friday 25 November, 'CountrySide Colouring' of Menzies College attended the 2019 Southland Regional YES Finals and Awards. In front of 10 Business Judges they 'pitched' their company for an allocated five minutes and then answered questions from the judges. There were seven other companies represented from Southland Boys' High, Aparima College, James Hargest College and Mt Aspiring College. To get to the Regional Finals, each company had to complete five challenges throughout the year starting with a product validation through to pitch, promotion, sales and an annual review.



The boys did exceptionally well on the day finishing in second place taking away a \$150 cash prize. Apparently they were very, very close to taking out the top prize which was a trip to Wellington to represent Southland in the National Competition. The judges, regional co-ordinator, other students and teachers were highly impressed and couldn't stop talking about their presentation and product.

I am very proud of the boys' effort and the exceptional work they have put in getting this far especially bearing in mind we were competing against Year 12 and 13 students from other schools. It is hoped they continue with this next year and win the top prize.

L to R: Garoth van der Straaten, Richard Ranstead, Ryan Smith, Keegan Knapp

*Lincoln Joyce
Teacher in Charge*

Careers/Transition Department

Year 10 Star Taster Day

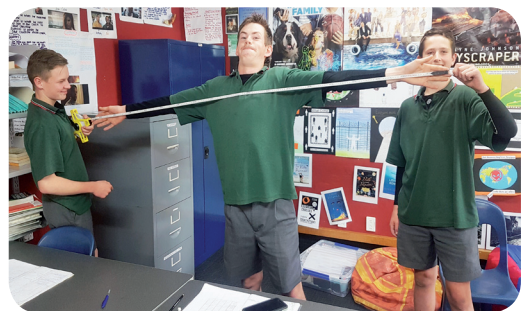
All Year 10 students will attend a STAR (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource) day at The Southern Institute of Technology Invercargill campus on Wednesday 20 November 2019. Students will travel in by bus to attend one of the workshops they have selected from many options given. If a student was absent when this was done they need to see Mrs McFadzien in the Careers office as soon as possible. School will pay for the cost of the workshop and the majority of the bus cost. Students will only need to pay \$5 towards the cost of the bus and have money to buy lunch at the onsite café, if they do not wish to take their own lunch. The permission form with further details, including the workshop students have been allocated from their choices, will be given to the students closer to the date of the trip. We ask that parents/caregivers avoid outside appointments during school time on 20 November.

*Barbara Williams, Coralie McFadzien, Katie Keil
The Careers Team*

Mathematics Department

Class 10PW Maths

We have been collecting and crunching data for our statistics unit. Yesterday we learnt how to use excel spreadsheets to calculate mean, median, upper and lower quartiles. We also started to graph two sets of data to see if a relationship exists between the two.



L to R: William Johnston, Luke Barnfather, Ryan Crump

*Pete Wilkinson
Teacher*

NZQA Exams

Today at Deans assembly senior students received their exam admission slips. These slips list all the exams and papers that each student is entered in. Whanau teachers have the admission slips for students who were away from school today. **Students must carefully check that the exam(s) and paper(s) they are entered in are correct. Also, they must get the day and time of the exam correct. Unlike school exams, if a student does not turn up to the exam at the right time there is no ability to sit later.** Any queries about exams can be directed to the Whanau teachers in the first instance and then Mr Wilkinson.

English Department

It is testament to our busy day-to-day lives that this newsletter marks the last opportunity to comment on our senior classes for the year. 2019 has truly flown by. Along with the usual day-to-day activities and programmes we have welcomed the ERO team, held another incredibly successful Junior Speech Competition, re-introduced the ICAS English examinations (results not far away!) and as we mentioned in the previous newsletter, are currently working with the Year 10 cohort 'en masse' as they study towards their first Achievement Standard.

Through this, we have been supported by the most amazing senior students. I would like to take some time to compliment in particular our leaving group of Year 13 students. As a cohort they have worked tirelessly since Year 11 in order to produce the most amazing sets of results over the years. I have no doubt that the results our current Year 13 students produce when they sit the Level Three English examination later in November will be equally as impressive. This is a group of young people who find real joy in learning and continually strive to uphold our school values of Integrity, helping others to Feel Safe and continually Striving for Excellence.



A clear example of this was the manner in which they recently found passion for debating! Whilst the task was set in order to help us focus on developing arguments which would support our essay writing, the class quickly became almost obsessed with the activity. Very soon they were requesting an actual 'competition' and so on the last day of Term Three we held our first Debating Competition. Judged by Mr Ward and Mrs Cowley and cheered on by

Mr Joyce and his Young Enterprise class, the Level Three English students quickly went to work! Battle lines were drawn and no quarter given. The competition was as fierce as it was tight. One team emerged victorious and the Non-Avengers (Marina Ferguson, Erin Norman and Taylor Stewart) just managed to sneak in and beat the Avengers for first place.

Amongst the chaos and confusion, one student was judged 'Best Speaker': Allynah Paderanga. Allynah really does exemplify the values of our school. English is her second language and yet she speaks and writes with eloquence and maturity which belie her years. The teamwork and camaraderie between this group of students is quite phenomenal and we applaud their efforts and wish them luck in the forthcoming exams. As a Department we wish them well in their future endeavours. Please keep in touch!

Housekeeping

Year Nine and Ten classes will sit in-class CAT assessments in Week Five and Six which will help us to inform their report grades. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Physical Education Department

Year 11 Physical Education

Mr Wilkinson's class have been learning about Interpersonal Communication. We use verbal and non verbal communication to try and get the best out of our teams. These skills differ depending on what role you have in the team (captain, coach, manager, team player). Students have chosen and have been working on their interpersonal communication skills by training for and playing games of Volleyball. Team Armadillo Airforce (wearing tutus) and Team Pink Panthers have played each other four times with a win, a loss and two draws. The final game on Monday will decide who the champions are.

*Pete Wilkinson
Teacher*



L to R: Garoth van der Straaten, Latasha Reiti, Ryan Smith

Last day for Year 13

Wednesday is the last official school day at Menzies College for our Year 13 students which is a day of celebrations and farewells. They have been a great bunch of students and have contributed generously to the culture of our school over the years. Wednesday will be a memorable day for them for all the right reasons. Other students are welcome to be part of some of the activities provided they honour the spirit of the day. The main event is a water fight at lunchtime. If students want to be part of this they need to observe the following rules:

- Water balloons and water guns only (no high powered soakers)
- Students must have a change of clothes
- Get changed in the gym changing rooms before and after the water fight
- The fight happens on the field behind the gym

If students don't want to be involved in the water fight they need to stay away from the field. Staff will be on duty to supervise and keep things safe.

Kath Luoni

End of Year Prize Giving Trophies

It is that time of the year again where we ask for the return of trophies that were handed out at last year's prizegiving. It would be appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

J R McKenzie Youth Education Trust - Financial Assistance

This trust supports families in need of financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform. Applications will be accepted from those students who are entering intermediate and high school for the first time specifically:

- * Year 7 students provided that the school only accepts entrants at the Year 7 level onwards and also provides High School education at the Year 9 level.

This includes basic school clothing and footwear (excluding roadshoes/runners). Further information and application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 6 December 2019**. Late applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

Menzies College Rugby AGM Monday 11th November, 7pm Menzies College Library General Meeting to follow Everyone is welcome Apologies to Tracey McLellan

Community Notices



Roslyn Wakari A.F.C. Scholarship

Roslyn Wakari AFC (RWAFC) extends an open invitation to all association male or female football players planning to study or continuing their studies at either Otago University, Otago Polytechnic or partaking in a trade related apprenticeship in Dunedin in 2020. These scholarships are open to applications in any year of study, training or apprenticeship. If you would like more information and application forms then please contact Wayne Facer, Roslyn Wakari AFC (Dunedin), wayne@educationenterprises.co.nz 027 354 6077

Southern Field Days

Southern Field days are once again looking for non profit community groups to help at the upcoming event on the 12th, 13th and 14th February 2020. Please go to the Southern Field Days website to register your group for fundraising opportunities - www.southernfielddays.co.nz or contact Justine Williams at publicity@southernfielddays.co.nz for more information.



The SBS Tour of Southland

The SBS Bank Tour of Southland gets underway on Sunday, 3 November. In conjunction with the tour, there is once again the opportunity for up-and-coming cyclists to join cycling superstars from this year's SBS Bank Tour of Southland in the 'Share the Road Ride' with the Stars from 3:15pm. Bring your bike or scooter and enjoy a short ride in Queens Park with cycling superstars and don't forget your helmet! New for this year is the SBS Bank Gala which will also be held at the Feldwick Gates in Queens Park. There will be a range of family friendly activities including face painting, bouncy castle, active play and more!

Vetco Wyndham & District Pet Day

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A reminder to all families that the Vetco Wyndham & District Pet Day is being held next Tuesday, 5 November. In order to get everything set up for Pet Day, there will be a working bee at the Wyndham A & P Showgrounds on Monday 4 November starting at 12:30pm. We would encourage all those who can to come down and give a hand. The more people who turn up, the less time it will take. This year there will be free entry (in the past there has been a gold coin entry) but we would still like to encourage you all to donate a can of pet food for the SPCA. A heads up for 2020: we are happy to let you know that there will be calf entries for next year's Pet Day.

Leanne Johnston
Secretary

Important Dates

November	5	Pet Day (Year 7 & 8)
	6	Last day for senior students
	7	Junior Sports Forum
	8	NCEA Examinations commence
		Fireworks Extravaganza
	12	Second HPV Vaccination
	20	Year 10 STAR Taster Day
	25-28	Year 10 Mavora Camp
December	29	New Entrants Day
	2-4	MAD (Menzies Activity Days)
	5	Senior Prizegiving - 7.30pm
	6	Junior Prizegiving - 1pm
Last day of school		
2020		
January	30	Year 11-13 Course Confirmation
	31	Year 12 & 13 only
February	3	Teacher Only Day
	4	All students attend
	6	Waitangi Day

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FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday 8th November
(cancellation 15th November)

Wyndham Race Course

\$5 per person

Gates open 7.00pm
Display at 10.00pm

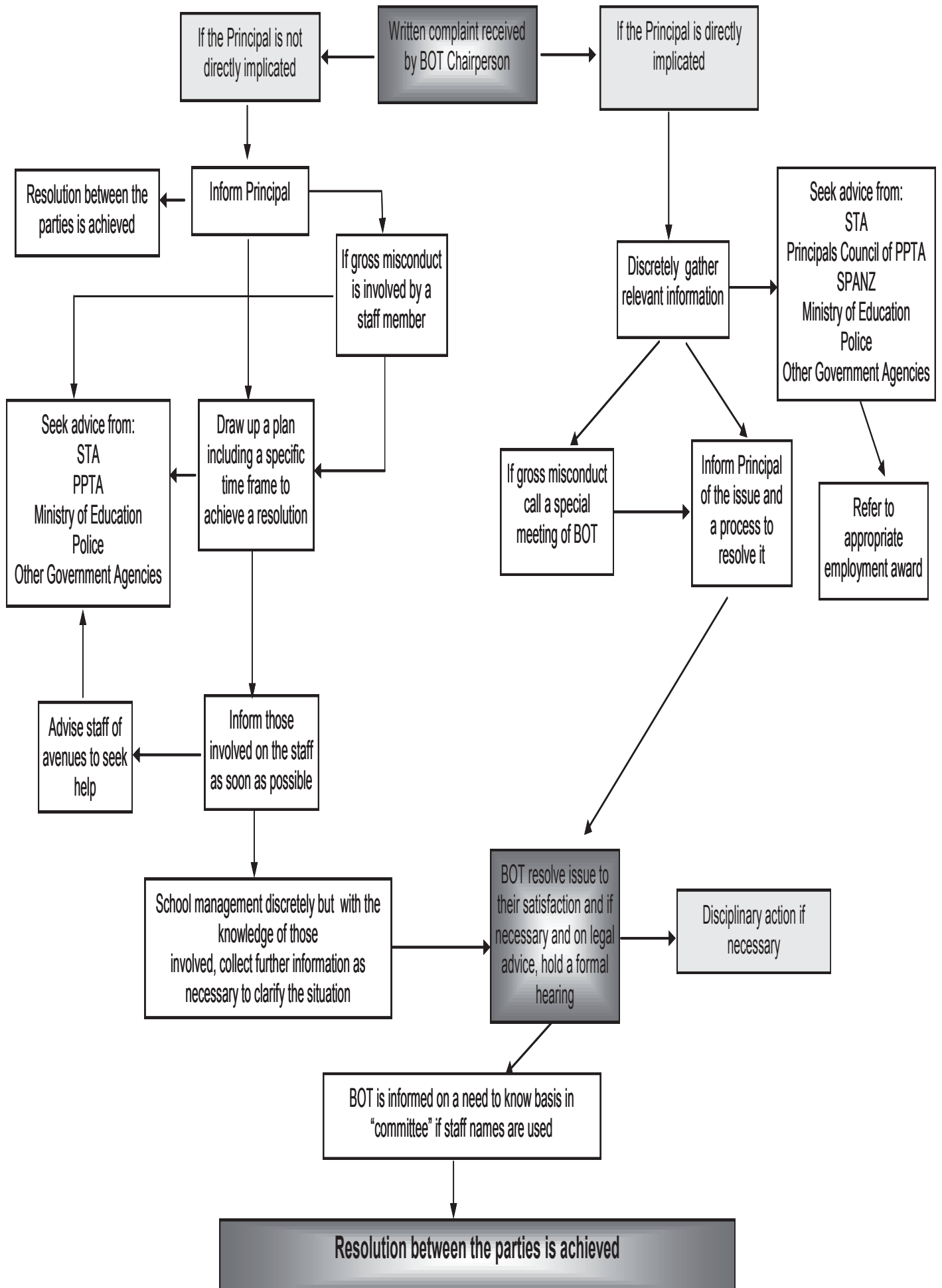
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**come along to our annual family event and support us
in fundraising for our local community pool**



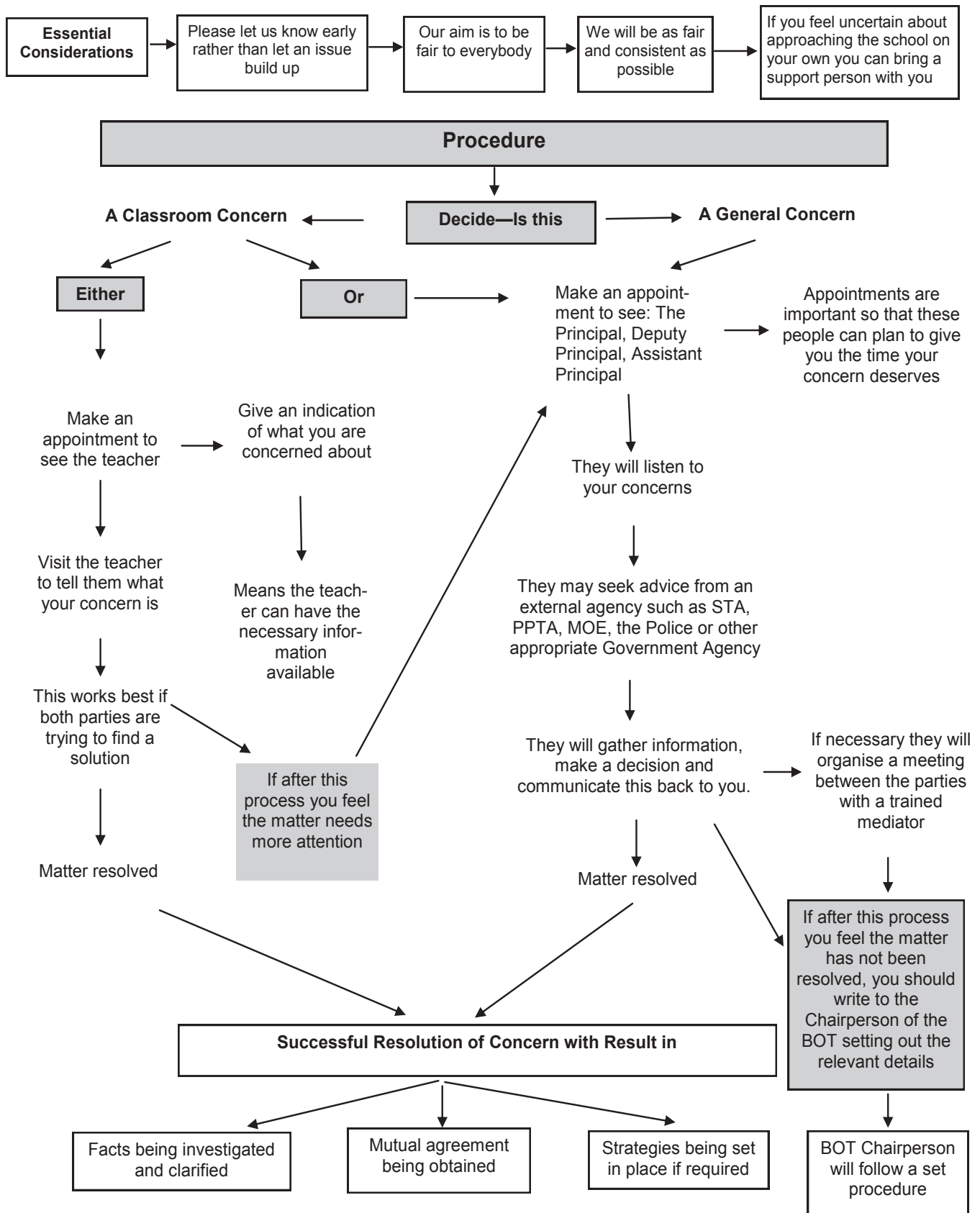
as this is a family event, NO ALCOHOL is to be consumed on the premises

Board Chairperson Procedure to Deal with Parental Concerns



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Please follow this procedure if you have a concern regarding the schooling of a family member who attends Menzies College



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