



MENZIES COLLEGE

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15 November 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

School Donations

Recently the Government announced they will pay schools \$150 per student in lieu of schools asking for any donations or contributions towards the curriculum. There are exclusions to this and information about donations was provided as an attachment in the 18th October newsletter. The intent is to reduce the financial burden for families in decile 1 to 7 schools as part of the Government's desire for a free education.

The Menzies College Board was placed in a challenging situation but have decided to accept the offer and will receive approximately \$49,000 in next year's operations grant to assist in delivering our curriculum. Take from that what we currently receive in school fees and donations along with the recoveries from families for school excursions, printed workbooks and general curriculum costs and the school will face a significant shortfall (even more if it was not to accept the Government's donation scheme.) Parents will be aware what it costs for their child's education and I'm sure you'll agree \$150 doesn't come close, especially for students from Year 10 upwards. Providing an enriching curriculum is what schools across the country want to offer. The main issue is the Government believing that they fund schools adequately and having no real idea of the true costs of running schools. There is a massive difference in the learning expenses of a 6 year old compared to a 16 year old, yet schools receive \$150 equally for both. Some Southland Secondary Schools will opt in while others will choose not too but all will rely upon parents meeting the costs of experiences, courses of learning and materials. Furthermore, the demand for recoveries on non-curriculum activities like school sports teams will be unrelenting or the financial deficit widens and there is no space for the subsidising of these activities. Right now we want to continue offering all of the current opportunities our students have. We appreciate the financial contribution and support our families give to ensure we can provide rich learning experiences but the landscape is changing.



Congratulations to our Year 8 students Olivia Perriam, Logan van der Straaten and Lewis McKelvie who received their Rotary Young Achievers' Award at a dinner on Monday evening. As well as working consistently hard in everything they undertake, all three students epitomise integrity and excellence when representing our school and we congratulate each of them on their success.

L to R: Logan van der Straaten, Olivia Perriam, Lewis McKelvie

Congratulations to Matt and Bianca Gibbs on the birth of their first child, Fergus Elliot on 5 November weighing in at a healthy 9lb 6oz. We are all excited for Matt and Bianca who literally taught right up to the last minute - how's that for devotion from our wonderful Art teacher and Year 9/10 Dean.

New Entrants Day

Our New Entrants 'Discovery' Day is scheduled for 29 November and all students new to the school for 2020 are welcome to attend this by meeting in the hall at 8.50am. Students are to wear their school uniform and bring their lunch although the canteen will be open. They can also bring along their swimming gear in case the pool is available.

*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 8 November: Shadanae Karetai, Ben McLellan, Riley Blackmun, Oscar Waldron and Miss Emily Radka

Week ending 15 November: Macy Hill, Micah Karamaena, Taejin Karetai-Erihe, Chloe Laurie and Mrs Barbara Williams

Your vouchers can be collected from the office.

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.

Transition/Careers Department

Dr Victor Harris Memorial Trust Award

Applications are now open for Bursary funds for those students wishing to attend further study in the medical related fields in 2020. This year it was decided that due to time constraints, only one Bursary will be awarded and will be presented at the recipient's school end of year prize giving. There will be no interview process this year. Bursary applications must be returned by e-mail before the closing day of Friday, 29th November to e-mail address: drharrismt@outlook.co.nz

Application forms are available from the school office.

Menzies Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home with Year 7-10 students. We are asking each family to sell 5 tickets at \$2.00 each or make a cash donation. We also ask that you donate non-perishable grocery items for the hamper. Senior students who do not have younger siblings at school are asked to collect their tickets from the office and drop off their grocery item when attending their exams or when passing. All ticket butts, money and grocery items can be left at the school office. Please also return any unsold tickets. If you feel you are able to sell more tickets please collect them from the school office. The raffle will be drawn at the Menzies College Junior Prize Giving on 6 December. Thank you for your support.

Top-up your NCEA credits

Study online with Te Kura Summer School

Don't let a few NCEA credits stop you from going on to further study, training, or employment in 2020.

Te Kura (The Correspondence School) accepts short-term enrolments over the summer break for students to earn additional credits or specific internal standards in NCEA.

Courses are delivered online, so with access to a computer and the internet, you can learn anywhere and anytime.

The standards and subjects offered can be viewed on our website shortly before registration/enrolments open on 25 November – please note these may be subject to change.

Te Kura's qualified teachers are available online to answer questions and assess students' work.

You can reach us on 0800 65 99 88 or by email at hub@tekura.school.nz



"Thank you so much! I'll keep working twice as hard when uni starts. I really appreciate the encouragement and support! This was the last internal I needed for my course and I'm very happy that it ended on a great note." – Summer Student

"Yay! I'm so happy. Thank you for helping me gain these 2 excellence credits! This has helped me to get Excellence endorsement in level 2, 2018!" – Summer Student

"I would like to say thank you so much for your support and efforts during my summer school. Your attitude and positivity encouraged me to work." – Summer Student

Key Dates

- **25 November:** Enrolments open
- **19 December:** Summer School starts
- **5 February:** Enrolments close
- **12 February:** Students must have final work submitted for the credits achieved to be counted towards their 2019 Record of Achievement

 **Te Kura**

Freephone: 0800 65 99 88

www.tekura.school.nz/summerschool

Important Dates

November	20	Year 10 STAR Taster Day
	25-28	Year 10 Mavora Camp
	29	New Entrants Day
December	2-4	MAD (Menzie's 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

Community Notices



Vetco Wyndham & District Pet Day Thank You

The Vetco Wyndham & Districts Pet Day Committee would once again, like to take this opportunity to publically thank all the people who volunteered at our recent LMV Pet Day, in particular the judges. We could not run this day without their help! A big thank you to all the parents and children for preparing entries and taking part in Pet Day and to the Menzie's College students who volunteered to help us run this event. We would also like to thank Vetco who generously sponsor this event, Price's Four Square,

Wyndham Freight, Farm Source, Pioneer Lions, ANZ, SBS and Farmlands who kindly support our Pet Day as well. (Please consider supporting these businesses.) We also enjoyed a great demonstration from the Wyndham Pony Club. Despite the weather, a fun day was enjoyed by all!

*Leanne Johnston
Committee*



Parent Help is a non-profit organisation that supports parents in New Zealand by operating a free parenting helpline for parents/caregivers. The helpline provides personalised, practical support and strategies to parents/caregivers on a diverse range of parenting issues and challenges.

Their aim is to ensure that parents in New Zealand feel fully supported to do the best parenting job they can and to know that they can call on us whenever they need that extra bit of parenting support. If you need free advice or someone to talk to they are there to help.

Summer Reading Challenge

As the school year ends, regular reading encouragement doesn't have to! The 'Summer Reading Challenge' begins at Southland District Libraries, Gore District Libraries, and Invercargill Public Library on 1 December. There are two prize draws for readers at Southland District Libraries - student and family. Read eight books, fill out the reading log on the entry form which is available from 1 December and drop or email it into one of our eight branches. All books read during the period 1 December to 31 January are eligible, including e-books which are free to download using your Southland District Library card through Borrowbox or Libby/Overdrive. Enter as many times as you are able. Have you downloaded the Southland District Libraries App? The last 4 digits of your library card number is your PIN. Go here to find out more https://ent.kotui.org.nz/client/en_AU/southland/

Raewyn Patton, Digital and Community Librarian, Southland District Council, Phone: 0800 732 732 www.southlanddc.govt.nz

Wanted for MAD Week

The 'Wearable Arts' group need the use of a mannequin for their activity. If anyone has one the school could borrow it would be really appreciated. Please contact the school if you can help us. Thank you.

NCEA Exams

Exams have started! They are in the school hall and run until Thursday 28 November. We are very lucky to have Karina Clement as our exam centre manager. She will oversee the exams and make sure the students have the best shot at success while making sure that the rules are being followed. Please encourage your child to be fully prepared for their exam(s). Teachers are still available for tutorials and we encourage students to keep coming to school to study.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

The end of year uniform sale will take place on **Friay 13 December from 10am to 3pm in the office administration area**. Anyone with uniform to sell are asked to get it to the office with a list of prices and your contact details before that date so it is readily available for sale. In particular we are short of summer skirts.

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