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29 November 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

This is the last newsletter for the year and I wish to pass on my thanks to everyone who has assisted in allowing the school to operate in the manner it does. From the Board of Trustees and staff, to the parents and our community, my sincere thanks for everything you do for our school. The people we come in contact with makes it a most enjoyable place to work and we always feel so supported in what we do. To the students, likewise, my heartfelt thanks for your efforts during the year. School is what you make it and there is a wonderful atmosphere around this place due to positive attitudes, good humour and a caring approach to everyone in the learning environment. To you all, have a most enjoyable break and rest up for your return next year. To all our leavers, I wish you the best and may Menzie's be just the beginning of your lifelong learning.

With the end of the school year looming there are naturally some changes in staff. We give thanks to our teachers Emily Radka and Carol Hayes who have given us great service and two members of our support staff, Sam Cahill and Kaylene Wright. Kaylene has given 22 years continuous service to the school. She was originally employed as a science technician and finishing in the same role but for many years, she worked as the liaison with host families for our international students, doing general admin duties and assisting as a teacher aide alongside Toni Halliday with our special need students. We are extremely grateful to Kaylene for her input on our staff and wish her well in her retirement. At this stage the school is fully staffed for 2020 which is very pleasing.

We end the year with two prize givings - the seniors at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 December and Year 7 to 10 students commencing 1pm on Friday 6 December. It is expected that all students attend either the senior (Years 11 and 12 in formal uniform) or junior prize giving. Anyone not in attendance must notify the school office. We also have a less formal assembly on Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm to farewell staff, school leavers and to present PB4L prizes and the house shield.

Today we hosted our 'Discovery Day' for 56 new students who will be attending in 2020. Hopefully this was an exciting introduction to the school for them and we look forward to meeting them all again in the New Year.

This week our Year 10 students have been at Mavora for four days. This is always a great camp with tramping, mountain biking and water based activities while roughing it overnight in tents.

Next week our Year 7 to 10 students are involved in the Menzie's Activity Day (MAD) programme for three days. We have students spread from Twizel to Stewart Island and it's a fantastic way to finish the school year. Thanks in advance to all the staff and parent helpers who have also signed up for the programme.

Finally, I wish you all the very best for the holiday season and hope you enjoy some valued and relaxing family time over the break.

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 22 November: Jorja Wilson-Hemara, Kimberly McDonald, Shane Torrepalma, Arden Knapp and Mrs Jan Stirling

Week ending 29 November: Lisa Yorke, Bryan Bennett, Arin Read, Josie McLellan and Ms Louise Youngson

Your vouchers can be collected from the office.

Menzies Christmas Raffle

Thank you to families who have sold their raffle tickets and handed in items for the hamper. The hampers are looking amazing but there is always room for more! The raffle will be drawn at the Menzies College Junior Prizegiving on 6 December. Thank you for your continued support.

Technology Department

Technology Fabrics



At the end of Term 4, the fabrics students who had finished their projects made and donated dog beds out of scrap fabrics to 'Furever Pets'. Luana from 'Furever Pets' visited the school with her dog to collect them. Luana talked about some of the sad situations they had found with abandoned pets and was very grateful for the students' and schools' donation. It was a great opportunity for the students to help out a community group.

*Caroline Morris
Fabrics Teacher*



The Great Outdoors

Hillary Outdoors 'Get 2 Go Challenge' - Southland Secondary Schools Junior Adventure Race



On Friday 15 November our 'Get 2 Go' adventure race team competed at Sandy Point in Invercargill. A total of 36 teams of four participated in the adventure race which consisted of orienteering, mountain biking and kayaking. Throughout the day they visited check points all over Sandy Point. Team work and problem solving were key skills. Many thanks to Mr Read and Mrs van der Straaten for transporting our teams to Invercargill.



This was in preparation for our trip in which we head away on Sunday 8 December. Our team will be flying to Great Barrier Island to compete against 11 other schools in the National final of the 'Get 2 Go Challenge'. The eight students involved have been fundraising and training to make sure that they are ready for the six day adventure. A pre competition challenge that we were given was to make a team flag that was no bigger than one square metre and had to represent our school. It also had to include the event name and the major

sponsor. After a few weeks of lunchtimes making and refining our design the students have come up with a cracker of a flag! Thank you to Mrs Morris for all her help and guidance.



A big thank you to everyone who purchased Cookie Time cookies for our fundraiser and a special thank you to Titiroa Transport, Maitaia Licensing Trust and Mana Harrison at Evolve Gym for sponsoring our team.

*Pete Wilkinson
Organiser*

Important Dates

November	2-4	MAD (Menzies Activity Days)
	5	Senior prize giving - 7.30pm
	6	Junior prize giving - 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

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The end of year uniform sale will take place on **Friday 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. There will be a second uniform sale on the 30-31 January in the administration area.

2020 Triathlon

Every year some of our students compete in the Southland Secondary School Triathlon at Winton, individually or in teams. In the past this is held in February. If students are keen to compete next year I recommend that they get training over summer.

On Sunday 16 February 2020 the National Triathlon Championships will be held in Wanaka. This is a great opportunity to have a go at something that is not very often down this end of the country. Students can enter as an individual or in a team. This is for Year 7 students and older. More information can be found at <https://www.challenge-wanaka.com/events/nz-schools-national-championships/>

If you are interested see Mr Wilkinson.

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.

Community Notices

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/
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Join in on the Gore Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. Visit Gore or Maitua Library to sign up and collect your challenge booklet or teen bingo card from 2 December 2019.



Mathematics Department

Calculator buy back

If you have a Graphics Calculator or Scientific Calculator in good condition that you no longer require the Maths Department is interested in purchasing these at a negotiated price. Please contact Mrs Crighton if you are interested.

Science Department

Congratulations to Kendal Wallace who was selected for a place on the 2020 OUASSA (Otago University Science Academy). This academy is designed to introduce high achieving Year 13 students to cutting edge research by means of practical projects held over two 5-day residential science camps and online support through their Virtual Academy.

The goal of the science camps is to introduce the students to the world of science research through a range of practical projects that will excite, challenge, inspire, and motivate them to excel in their final year of school and on their way to a possible career in science.

Taylor Stewart who participated in this programme in 2019 commented *"I'd describe it as an invaluable experience that allowed me to gain insight into University life that could only be achieved through actually existing within that environment"*.

Margaret Dale
Science Department

End of Year Reporting & NZQA Information

NZQA Exams

Well done to all students who sat external exams. We had a total of 32 exams sat between Friday 8 and Thursday 28 November. It was great to see that our students were well organised and showed up on time and ready to go in to their exams. A special thank you to Mrs Karina Clement for being our Exam Centre Manager. It is not an easy task making sure that everything is ready to go and keeping the students at ease. We really appreciate Mrs Clement's professionalism during the exam period. To our students - best of luck with your results!

NCEA Internal Credits

If there are any students finishing internal standards please get them to your teacher as soon as possible. They will mark the work and give results to Mr Wilkinson to upload from 11 December when the 'late internally assessed results' facility opens.

Year 11-13 students

All senior student NCEA grades are available to view on Edge at any time. The 2019 final results (internal and external) are made available on NZQA mid to late January 2020. All subject comments are available in student Learning Logs in Google Sites. Information about class progress has also been sent out via email during the year. The final 'Attitude to Learning' grades for seniors were uploaded in September. All Year 13 students (and any Year 12 leavers) will receive a testimonial.

Te Kura Summer School

If any student thinks they are going to be 'short' some NCEA credits to pass Level one, two, or three (or maybe need some credits to gain University Entrance) we recommend that they look in to completing an online paper with Te Kura - The Correspondence School of New Zealand. Just google 'Te Kura' and you will find the website and be able to see what is available.

Year 7-10 students

On Monday 9 December junior reports will be made 'live' on the Edge parent and student portal. These will also be available on the Edge App. These are grades only.

All subject comments are available in student Learning Logs in Google Sites. Information about class progress has also been sent out via email during the year. The final 'Attitude to Learning' grades (Managing Self and Relating to Others) for November will be uploaded early December.

Pete Wilkinson
NZQA Co-ordinator

An Invitation

Parenting Through the Tricky Stuff and Taking Care of Yourself in the Process

We would like to invite parents/caregivers to a 90 minute evening discussion with Ms Bonnie Scarth (WellSouth) on how to have tricky conversations with young people. Topics will include (but are not limited to) death, grief, social media, self-harm, alcohol and other drugs and mental health. There will be facilitated discussion and question time including a question box for anonymous questions. We will also discuss the importance of caring for yourself during challenging parenting times.

Time - 7.30pm

Date - Wednesday 4th December

Venue - Menzies College Library (unless otherwise advised)

Please RSVP to Menzies College office so we have an indication of numbers attending - 03 2064979 or email admin@menzies.school.nz

Sports Department

New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

Hayden Stuart has entered the National Athletics Championships for his final year as a Menzies College student. He will be competing in the Senior Boys 800m in Wellington from 6 to 8 December. We wish him all the best for this event and his future in athletics.

Junior Sports Day

On Tuesday 26 November over 30 Year 9 students from Menzies College travelled to Gore for the day to compete in a Junior Sports day where they had an opportunity to try a new sport. The aim of the day was for students to have a go at a new sport or for students to encourage their non participant friends to have a go at a sport with them. We entered 11 teams in a range of traditional and less traditional sports and it was great to see the Menzies students all getting stuck in and trying new things. Congratulations to all the students who participated and showed great sportsmanship on the day. Thank you to Mr Kerslake, Mrs Keil and Mr Joyce who helped support the teams and provided transport.



Hayley Adam & Katie Keil
Sports Co-ordinators



Lost/Found Property

A reminder to parents/caregivers to call in to the school office to check the lost property. Any unclaimed mufti clothing will be donated to charity.

Last week of term 2019

Monday 2 December: MAD

Tuesday 3 December: MAD

Wednesday 4 December: MAD

Thursday 5 December: P1-4 as normal with some students working on integrated curriculum presentations

Seniors in for prize giving practice Period 4

Whanau time (seniors welcome)

P5 Whole school assembly (2.15pm) for staff farewells and announcement of House Shield winners

Senior Prize Giving – seniors are to assemble in the following rooms prior to the ceremony which starts at 7.30pm (parents/caregivers please bring a plate)

Year 13 Common Room

Year 12 Room 10

Year 11 Room 6

Any students unable to attend are to put an apology in writing to Mr Ward.

Friday 6 December:

Whanau Time

P1 MAD groups to prepare presentations

P2 assembly for prize giving practice and presentation of integrated curriculum items

Interval from the end of assembly until 11.30am

Core class from 11.30am – 12.15pm

Lunch Break 12.15pm -12.45pm

Junior Prize Giving starts at 1pm.

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