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Upcoming Events:

Tues 6th Feb Waitangi Day
 Mon 12th Feb PTA Meeting
 Tues 13th Feb BOT Meeting
 Wed 14th Feb School Picnic

Please note:

School photos will take place on

Tuesday 20th February.

All students are to wear full and correct uniform please.



Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community

Today we welcomed our students and a brand new teacher to a new year of learning at Mackenzie College. It was great to be able to report some of the exciting events taking place this year to the school community at the school assembly.

To summarise a number of these:

- Year 9 and 10 students are transforming their learning environment through the use of their own digital devices. There was a lot of excitement in classes this morning as we got them all setup.
- The senior school has a set of brand new courses on offer, and the ability to choose up to six senior subjects. It was inspiring to see the vast majority of students taking up the challenge of a six subject course.
- We have listened to employers and our tertiary students in developing a primary goal for 2018. A focus this year is the continued the development of a learning environment that encourages students to take ownership of their own learning. We aim to have students graduate from school with increased resilience and a greater ability to develop their own strategies to tackle challenges that they will inevitably meet in adult life.

This a small fraction of the new initiatives on offer. Keep posted for more news as this is an exciting year for Mackenzie College.

Jason Reid - Principal

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School Picnic

You are invited to attend this annual event on Wednesday 14th of February 5.00 pm – 7.00pm

This event is open to the families of all new and 'old' students who would like to meet the 2018 Mackenzie College staff.

Follow the signs from the end of the College car park.

This is a school-wide Picnic (BBQ). The school will provide meat, cutlery, plates, bread and sauce.

If you would like to supply a salad, that would be greatly appreciated.

Sam Nelson



Lost Property

We have a few items still remaining from the end of last year. If you think your student is missing something, please call at the school office to view the lost property items.





NCEA Information

Ordering NCEA certificates

If you want to order NCEA certificates, you can do this through your NZQA login. These certificates will not be automatically sent to you, so you need to login and order them.

Use the following process:

1. Log in to the NZQA website
2. Click 'Order Documents' on the left hand side of the page
3. Tick the certificates you want to order
4. Click 'Next'
5. Confirm your postal address and your email address
6. Choose 'Standard post' (free) or 'Courier' (\$5 / certificate)
7. Click 'Next'
8. Confirm details
9. Click 'Next'
10. Your order will now be complete and should take 10-15 days to arrive. You can print off a confirmation if you wish

NCEA Guide: Mobile App

To help parents and employers better understand NCEA, NZQA has developed an app designed for mobile devices-phones and tablets.

Called NCEA Guide, the app is for parents, whanau and employers and provides quick and easy access to key information about NCEA.

NCEA Guide includes key content about the structure of NCEA, how the qualification is used after studying, how credits work, and how endorsements are earned. Users can also choose to view the content in English or Te Reo.

Importantly, parents and whanau can also get information about how they can support family members studying towards gaining their secondary school qualification.

For employers, content focusses on what they can expect to see when job candidates show them documents detailing their qualifications and what they have studied.

The NCEA Guide App is free to download - get it now from:



Or





Year 13 Leadership Camp





Peer Support





Mathletics Year 7-10

This year Year 7-10 students will be using Mathletics as part of their mathematics programme at school. Mathletics provides an individualised programme for students and parents can see how students are progressing. The extra Mathletics practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress. Students can gain up to 1000 points a week to earn a certificate, building through bronze, silver and gold across the school year.

The cost of the programme is subsidised by the Board of Trustees , leaving a fee of \$15.00 per student to be paid to the school office.

Detailed information has been e-mailed home for all parents of Year 7-10 students. If you have not received this information, please contact the school office.

Susan Fox





Student Planners

All students have been given their 2018 planners.

Parents are encouraged to have a good look at all the information they contain. Students are expected to bring their planner to every class, to keep it up to date and to get it signed by a parent each week.

The planner is one way you can contact the school.

You will be charged \$12 for your student's planner.



ERO Report

It is with great pleasure that we can report the release of Mackenzie College's confirmed ERO report. The Board and Staff have worked hard for many years to create an exceptional learning environment for our students. The ERO team acknowledged this and have given the college some well thought out next steps for the school's development.

The report has not been released on the ERO website yet, but you can grab a sneak peek at the confirmed ERO report here: <https://goo.gl/8T87ah>

Jason Reid





Welcome to Ms Clark

Mackenzie College is pleased to welcome Alice Clark to our teaching staff.

Ms Clark, an ex-student of Geraldine High School, joined our English department this week as a full-time teacher of English. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience after recently returning from two years teaching in London.

In addition to her teaching qualifications, Ms Clark has a degree in majoring in Cinema and English, along with qualifications in Theatre, Film Studies, Live Sound and Event Production.



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