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Upcoming Events:

Mon 22nd Feb - Te Ara and Diploma Information evening
Wed 24th - Athletics
Thur 25th-Sat 27th Product Design trip
Mon1st-Tues2nd Mar Gateway First Aid
Wed 3rd Mar Swimming Sports
Thur 4th Mar Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 5th Mar Year 7&8 Fun Run at lunchtime

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa

It is a new year and time once more to celebrate the awesomeness of our students. Let me list a few of the ways:

Year 13's - a big thanks for your support of our Year 7 students as they start a brand new school. Your work with them as peer support leaders has been critical in making them feel welcomed in our school. Well done on your fabulous Manaakitanga.

Coast to Coast competitors (Ben, George, and Declan) - what an exciting race. Your district was watching and cheering you on, some in person, some through multiple updates on the Coast to Coast app. Congratulations to the team for not only completing such an epic ordeal but also securing second place in your class. To the staff competitors, Kelly Cassie and Kim Jordan, outstanding efforts resulting in first and second places in their class!

Lastly, congratulations to the Year 11, 12 and 13 students of 2020 for their NCEA endorsement and achievement rates. Most noteworthy of the achievements are:

- Our average Level 1 achievement rates were a whopping 18% higher than other Decile 8-10 schools (and 22% above the national average)!
- Average Level 2 achievement rates were 8% higher than other Decile 8-10 schools (and 14% above the national average)!

There are plenty more opportunities for our students to show how spectacular they are over the upcoming weeks, so we'll update you with their achievements in next fortnight's newsletter.

Ngā mihi mahana

Jason Reid
Principal

"Providing a unique and rich learning environment for our students built on a foundation of excellence and care: the college of choice"



Coast to Coast 2021

The College entered a team into the 2 Day 3 Person Male School Section of the Coast to Coast.

Ben Jordan - cycling, George Kerr - kayaking and Declan Gardner - mountain run teamed up to tackle the 243km's from Kumara to New Brighton beach.

The race included a 3km run, 55km road bike, 33km mountain run, 15km road bike, 67km kayak and finally a 70 km bike to the finish. The boys were placed 3rd at the end of Day 1 so pushed themselves hard on the final day to place 2nd in the Boys School Team section and 8th overall in the Male 3 person team, 2 day event.

It was an awesome experience for the boys and a fantastic result for them.

Thanks to the support crew over the weekend of Nigel Gardner, Colin Jordan and Alastair Holmes.





Welcome to our new Teacher Aides

Kia ora, I'm Bronwyn Stocker, a Teacher Aide here at Mackenzie College.

Many years ago I was a kindergarten teacher, but most recently I have been a Teacher Aide at Pleasant Point Primary school. Nigel, my partner and I, have a beef and sheep farm in Taiko. We have three busy children who love to play sport, Jack (16 years), Archie (11 years), and Helena (9 years).

I have been enjoying getting to know all of your children and look forward to working with them and their whānau at Mackenzie College.



Kia ora, I am Sharryn Reid.

It's so cool to be back at Mackenzie College again. I'm looking forward to an exciting year and I'm already enjoying meeting the students. We're so lucky in the Mackenzie to have such a great group of kids.

I am a Teacher Aide and also the new Arts Coordinator. If you have any questions about your student's music lessons, please get in touch with me via my email: sharrynr@mackcollege.school.nz

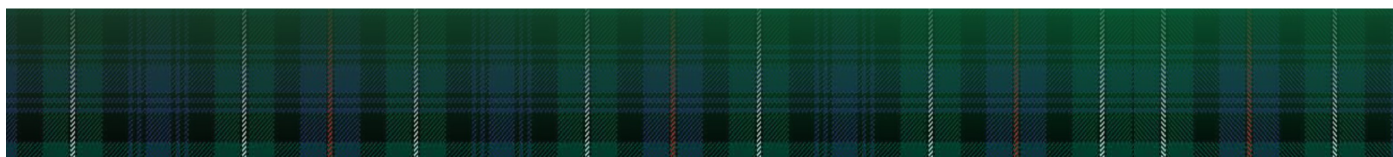


Maths Tutoring

Is your child struggling with maths?

Help is available here in Fairlie.

Please phone Christine 0210654041 or 6858280.





Congratulations



Congratulations to Grace McHaffie whose painting 'Delusion' won an award at the Fairlie 20.20 Vision Art competition at the end of 2020.

The painting was inspired by the fluidity of people's transformations under intense circumstances and has been on display at the local 77 Art Gallery on the main street.

This work was also part of her Level 2 Painting folio.





Congratulations

Well done to Jordan Butters and Lochie Foote who were recent scholarship recipients from the DMC & CMB Burnett Charitable Trust.

They travelled to Wellington these holidays to attend the Royal NZ Pipe Band Association Summer School to take part in an intensive 5 days of learning and honing their drumming skills.

Congratulations to Lochie who also received another scholarship to attend the 2022 RNZPBA Summer School. This was awarded for the most improved drummer and was a reflection of his enthusiasm and dedication over the week.





Effort Grades Weeks 1-2

Dobson	Cassie Anderson Emily Foote Maggie Holtham Zayne McLay Greta Pudney	Sam Cassie Emma Guiney Katsuto Ikai Lenny Nicolson Marcus Wilson	Thomas Crawford Briannah Hadfield-Broatch Hamish Johnson Eshaa Pasaol	Phostina Folau Kaitlyn Hawkes Stella Lang Eshee Pasaol
Godley	Gus Biggs Talen Hignett Carys Lloyd-Forrest Jessica Ryall	Ben Boon Fletcher Hurst Abbigail Murdoch Melissa Smith	Rebecca Boon Ben Jordan Ollie Nelson Carter Wakelin	Rewan Hignett Blake Jordan Eden Prosser
Macaulay	Elizabeth Bates Ananiah Luciano Dequila Peaks Dezmon Whistler	Hayden Divers Grace McHaffie Lilly Price	Ayla Hendry Ashlynn McOsker Ben Slade	Hope Herrick Molli O'Neill Sam Wansbrough
Tasman	Liam Brown Evelyn Holden Sophie Kerr Willow Peake Renee Sullivan	Annabel Geary Mac Holmwood Nathan Kirkbeck Payton Raj Mackenzie-May Wood-	Jamela Gorospe Lilley Johnson Charlize McKenzie Cecilia Schaefer	William Gorospe George Kerr Kaia McKenzie Breanna Scott

Congratulations to the following students who won vouchers: Dobson - Eshaa Pasaol, Godley - Abbigail Murdoch, Macaulay - Elizabeth Bates, Tasman - Sophie Kerr.





Tekapo Power Scheme

Community open day & tours

This is your chance to tour our Tekapo Power Scheme, visit our two hydro power stations and learn about where your electricity comes from.

In the town square, there will be information, free coffee, spot prizes and activities for kids.

Tour times

9.00 am to 12.00 pm

10.30 am to 1.30 pm

12.30 pm to 3.30 pm

All tours will leave from, and return to the Lake Tekapo Town Square, 10 Rapuwai Lane.



FREE event: Saturday 13 March 2021

Places on the tour are limited, go to our website for more information and to book your spot: www.genesisenergy.co.nz/tekapo-open-day

Alternatively call 0800 846 8253 or email lisa.reeve@genesisenergy.co.nz



The tours will be guided by members of our Genesis team and will stop at key features of the Tekapo Power Scheme, including tours inside Tekapo A and B power stations.

Site tours are approximately 3 hours. Buses will depart from, and return to Lake Tekapo's Town Square.

This tour is suitable for families with children aged 8 years or older. Parents will need to directly supervise their children.

We require that all attendees on the power station tour wear flat closed-toe shoes. We'll supply any other necessary PPE.





Netball Coaches Required

Netball Coach/es needed for Mackenzie College 2021 A/B teams

We have a group of eager young netballers excited about the 2021 season!

Coaching will involve one practice a week, and one game weekly in Timaru.

If you're keen to coach, co-coach, or manage a team this year, please email me: bridgetturt@gmail.com

Many thanks Bridget Anderson



Athletic Sports

This full school event takes place on Wednesday 24th February on our school fields and runs for the full school day. All students are expected to compete throughout the day. Regardless of your placing, you will gain house points.

Parents, caregivers and other supporters are welcome to attend to watch the action. There will be a full schedule of events emailed to parents closer to the time.





Peer Support

Mackenzie College has had an exciting start to the year with our Year 13 students going off on peer support camp. These students spent camp at Raincliff learning how the peer support system is run and gaining a few more leadership skills at the same time. The teachers who went on camp commented on what an exceptional group they are. The students enjoyed getting to know each other a bit better and learning some activities to use during their peer support sessions.

At the same time back at school the Year 7s enjoyed a couple of days of having the school to themselves to figure out where everything is. Upon coming back from camp the Year 13s joined the Year 7s for a peer support session. The Year 7s commented that they enjoyed getting to know the bigger kids a bit better as they were fun to be around and made them laugh.





Student Planner

The manufacturer of your children's planners produces some items for parents to consider as they help their child make good use of their planner. Here is an item that relates to what's in the planners over the coming fortnight:

The greatest single influence to living a meaningful and fulfilling life is high quality personal relationships. Nearly everything that we will achieve in life will be through people, with people and by people, so we need to develop our students' interpersonal skills to communicate including:

- using and reading positive body language messages
- recognising inference, bias and emphasis in conversations
- developing relationships through face to face conversations
- learning to listen with their eyes, their ears and their hearts
- valuing and considering other peoples' opinions because they matter
- being present and mindful in each and every moment

Our students are digital natives, who in most situations, prefer communicating with their devices rather than having face to face personal conversations with others. And because of this lack of in person interaction, many students are not learning how to read or send appropriate body language messages, meaning that the development of their interpersonal skills can often be stunted. They are also missing out on the magnificent feelings which come from serotonin and oxytocin, the brain chemicals released during in person interactions. We all possess mirror neurons, which copy the intentions, expressions, moods and feelings of those around us, but not from screens. We need to create opportunities for them to experience the beauty of in person connection.

Welcome to our new Head of PE

Welcome to Kelly Cassie, a mother of three boys, Jack and Sam (Mackenzie College) and Will (St Josephs).

Kelly is an owner with husband Nick, of Cassie Plumbing and Gas. Kelly was born in Fairlie and grew up here on a farm. Kelly has previously taught at Cashmere High School as the Head of PE and Health for 8 years. Kelly and her family love living in Fairlie and she looks forward to working with all the students and their families.





Student Leaders

Head Girl and Head Boy



Katrina and Josh

Deputy Head Girl and Boy



Cassie and Ben

Committee Captains



Sport - Izzy and Emma

Committee Captains



Service - Damian and Hayden

Committee Captains



Arts - Grace and Cameron

Committee Captains



PB4L - Abbi and Isaac





Student Leaders

Committee Leaders



Academic - Talen and Cameron



Magazine - Brock and Millie



Environment - Melissa and Jamela



Te Kaiawhina Tikanga Māori
Xarnie and Greta



BOT - Hamish



House leaders - Dobson - Daniel and Maggie

Godley - Ollie and Amy

Macaulay - Mollie and Declan

Tasman - Macy and Sophie





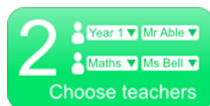
Book School Interviews Online

We will publish interim reports on 1st March. These give you a simple indication of how your student has started the year. Teacher interviews follow on Thursday 4th March from 4.00 - 7.00pm. Appointments are made on line and these will open from Monday 22nd February.

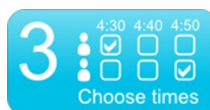
To book your interviews, go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code** in your browser, and enter the event code (**7jra**). Then follow these three simple steps:



First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address so that a copy of your interview times can be emailed to you. If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



On the next page, pick the student's form class.



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and enter the event code (**7jra**) again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you don't have internet access or have any problems, please call the school office (phone 6858 603).

If you have any other questions please contact me.

Denise Dooley





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