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Upcoming Events:

- Wed 24th Aoraki Futsal / Aoraki Golf
- Thurs 25th AgriLearn day out / School Social
- Fri 26th Yr 7 Vision testing
- Sat 27th-Sun 28th SISS Athletics
- Tues 30-Thurs 1st Apr 3DLE
- Fri 2nd Good Friday
- Mon 5th Easter Monday
- Tue 6th Easter Tuesday



Principal's Message

He waka eke noa
We're all in this (boat) together

Kia ora whānau

Thank you for all the messages of support for our staff and students in this tough time.

We would like to thank all of the parents and community members who have contacted the school, either digitally or in person, over the last few weeks. Your positive and proactive response to a difficult and distressing situation has been highly appreciated. Your contributions have gone a long way towards the school developing a robust response to recent events. As the whakatauki (proverb) above - *we're all in this together*.

This newsletter has a few extra bits of information around procedures that schools follow - and some of the reasons behind these processes. This information is a summary of answers to recent frequently asked questions. Take a look at 'NZ Schools' responses to serious disciplinary events' and 'Schools' response to social media.'

Again, the school is always open to hearing from our parents and community.

Kia kaha Jason Reid

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



Schools' Responses to Social Media (e.g. Facebook)

Short Version - How do we respond to social media posts:

We won't. No matter how poorly the truth is handled.

Long Version:

Schools are required by legislation to keep anything relating to individuals confidential, including where serious disciplinary action has been taken. This means the wider community may only have access to the general procedures around a school's response to such events. Due to maintaining confidentiality, there could be a significant amount of misinformation that cannot be publicly addressed by schools, particularly as social media posts are susceptible to the release of unverified and incorrect information.

Why are schools legislated to maintain confidentiality?

There are several reasons, but primarily, publishing disciplinary information online jeopardises the chance that a student will get a fresh start elsewhere. It may even affect their chances with future employers.





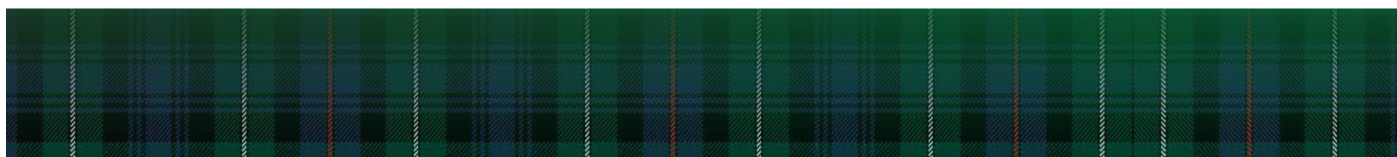
Schools Responses to Serious Disciplinary Incidents

This article is a grossly simplified outline of the suspension process. For more detail see: <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/managing-and-supporting-students/student-behaviour-help-and-guidance/stand-downs-suspensions-exclusions-and-expulsions-guidelines/>

If an event occurs in a school that may require serious disciplinary action, the following series of actions takes place:

1. A member of the SLT extensively investigates the event. Multiple witnesses are interviewed (if possible).
2. An incident report is drafted and presented to the Principal for decisions around the response e.g.:
 - a. Stand-down - a maximum of 5 stand-down days per term are allowed before it automatically becomes a suspension.
 - b. Suspension - the student goes before the school's Board of Trustees for a decision about their future at the school.
3. If the Principal decides to suspend, then the evidence must be verified. Additional witnesses, clarifying statements, reports from any victims and the perpetrator must all be sought. Any discrepancies must be noted.
4. Once the decision to suspend has been made, the school only has seven days to complete the process.
5. The Principal constructs the final report and presents it to the perpetrator and their family 48 hours before the scheduled meeting with the Board.
6. The Board meet with the Principal, student and student's family, after which the Principal and the family leave the meeting. The Board decides if the Principal's decision to suspend was appropriate and if so, they have four possible options:
 - a. The students returns to school without conditions.
 - b. The student returns to school with conditions.
 - c. The suspension is extended for a set number of days while strategies for their return are put in place.
 - d. The student is excluded (under 16 years old) or expelled (over 16 years old). If excluded, the school must attempt to place the student at another place of learning.
7. If the student is returned with conditions, these conditions are passed on to school management to find the best way to enact them.

This information is a highly simplified version of a very complex process. For more information, see the link above.





Registrations Open

Mackenzie/Cave Hockey 2021 – Registrations open

The Mackenzie/Cave hockey club welcomes registrations for new AND existing players. Please email Lee-Ann with your child's name, DOB, and your contact details ASAP.

To see more information about our club, join our Facebook page Mackenzie Cave Hockey Club to keep up to date.



6 & 7 Aside teams play in Timaru on a Tuesday night, 11 aside teams play in Timaru on a Friday night. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Lee-Ann Hellier on leeann.hellier@gmail.com or Annabel Mackenzie on bryceandmouse@gmail.com

Registrations to be in by the 1st of April so get in touch!

Aoraki Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at Aoraki Athletics on Wednesday 17th March 2021:

Evelyn Holden, Rebecca Boon, Jack Cassie, Rhiley Reid, Maya Edmondson, Sophie Kerr and Katrina Guiney

Thank you to Kathryn Lett, Sue Kerr and Grant Edmondson, for their help on the day.

TOP 3 RESULTS:

Maya Edmondson - 1st in 3000m, 2nd in 1500m

Sophie Kerr - 3rd in Discus, 3rd in Shotput

Jack Cassie - 2nd in Javelin

Maya and Sophie have been selected to attend the South Island Athletics on 9th April in Christchurch. Fantastic results by all involved. Well done.

Kelly Cassie





PB4L Assembly





Effort Grades Weeks 5-6

Dobson	Cassie Anderson Sam Cassie Phostina Folau Kaitlyn Hawkes Katsuto Ikai Zayne McLay Rhiley Reid	Katey Anderson Thomas Crawford Emily Foote Gracie Hellmrich Brisea Lagos Diamond Pasaol Xarnie Reihana	Danielle Ball Cameron Dobbs Emma Guiney Jack Hellmrich Stella Lang Eshaa Pasaol Phoebe Wilson	Jack Cassie Daniel Dobbs Briannah Hadfield-Broatch Maggie Holtham Connor McLay Eshee Pasaol
Godley	Grace Anderson Josh Boon Ciaran Guiney Fletcher Hurst Luke Jordan Meg Murdoch Jessica Ryall	Gus Boggs Rebecca Boon Ceara Harris Jack Ineson Toby Linklater Courtney O'Neill Akeila Tong	Lexie Biggs Mackai Butt-Bain Amy Hay Ben Jordan Caleb Marris Eden Prosser Carter Wakelin	Ben Boon Damian Clements Rewan Hignett Blake Jordan Abbi Murdoch Hamish Ryall
Macaulay	William Anderson Avish Dutt Millie Howat Isabelle Miles Dequila Peaks	Elizabeth Bates Isamu Edmondson Chisa Kawasaki Courtney O'Leary Ben Slade	Hannah Bates Maya Edmondson Ananiah Luciano Molli O'Neill Dezmon Whistler	Hudson Berge Declan Gardner Ashlynn McOsker Bella Parke
Tasman	Liam Brown Lilley Johnson Willow Peake Isaac Scott	Annabel Geary Oliver Jones Payton Raj Mackenzie-May Woodrow	Poppy Geary Charlize McKenzie Cecilia Schaefer	Evelyn Holden Kaia McKenzie Breanna Scott

Congratulations to the following students who won vouchers: Dobson - Jack Hellmrich, Godley - Ben Jordan, Macaulay - Bella Parke and Tasman - Lilley Johnson.





COUNTRY KIDZ Agricultural Skills COMPETITION



**EASTER MONDAY 5TH APRIL AT
THE MACKENZIE HIGHLAND A&P
SHOW IN FAIRLIE**

**ORGANISE A TEAM AND COME AND HAVE
PLENTY OF FUN!!!**

WIN

**A CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR
YOUR SCHOOL**



**Organised by Geraldine and Mackenzie College's Ag classes and
the Mackenzie YFC**

Entries Close 26th March

NO entry fee

Entry Forms to: Country Kidz, Jodi Payne, PO Box 53, Fairlie 7949

Ph 021 713 033 or email mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com

Class 1: Aged 7 to 9 years

Report to area by 9:50am, Modules start at 10am

Class 2: Aged 10 to 13 years

Report to area by 11:20am, Modules start at 11:30am



Conditions of entry:

Teams of three (NO LONGER need to have at least one girl)

Team to wear same colour top.

Bring good footwear and a drink bottle.

For location, please check map in Programme available at the gate or map posted at the Office.





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:

There are many wonderful things happening every day in our lives that we all should be grateful for. Unfortunately, our news media prefers to report on negative events 75% of the time to feed our evolutionary negativity bias. It sounds silly, but we are more interested in bad than good in most cases, and negative feelings narrow what we see.

To contest these negative messages continuously being put out, we need to cultivate an Attitude of Gratitude in both ourselves and our young people. Looking for, appreciating and being grateful for good things that are happening, no matter how small they may seem, generates positive feelings in everyone. These positives, particularly for students, broaden their attention and build their engagement with what they are doing.

This is why, sitting as a family every night for 15 minutes sharing the good things that each of you experienced that day, is such a powerful builder of gratitude and wellbeing. Also, regularly doing a family stock take together of the positives happening in your lives and being grateful and happy with what you currently have, will boost all of your wellbeing. An enemy of wellbeing and resilience is falling into the trap of listening to advertising that you need, need, need more. Be grateful that less is best.





Lost Property

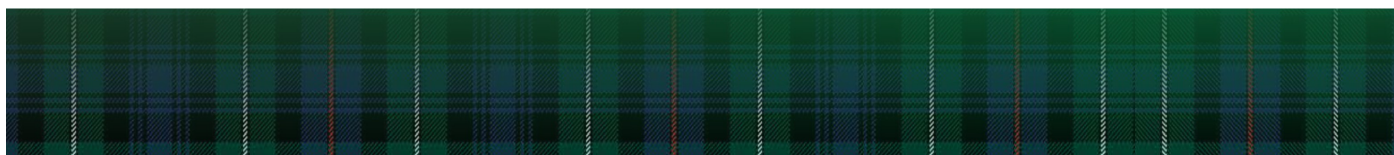
2 x clear lunchboxes	Several drink bottles	Medium size school jersey
Flotation ring for pool	Just jeans bag with togs, towel and white goggles	Pair of boys' B52 school shoes, size 9
Black North Beach bag with boys' togs and towel	Pair of black swim goggles	3 x PE tops
Pair of black shorts	Boys' grey school socks	Green hoodie with Everlast on front
Green lunchbox	Gold bracelet with BFF charm	

Term 1 3DLE

Just a reminder that Term 1's 3DLE is Tuesday 30th March - Thursday 1st April 2021.

Students - please make sure you are prepared for your event.

Parents - please remember that school finishes at 1.30pm on Thursday 1st April. Supervision is available for students if required.





Term 1 School Social

The Term 1 School Social will be held on Thursday 25th March in the school hall.

The theme is **Disco 80's**

Time 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

\$2 for students dressed in theme gear. \$4 for those not dressed in theme.





All you need is a bike
& a pair of sneakers!

LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

Geraldine Adventure Race

Sunday 18th April 2021

**Includes 3 and 6 hour options with trekking,
biking, navigation, and mystery challenges.**

Event centre is a 20 minute drive from Geraldine.

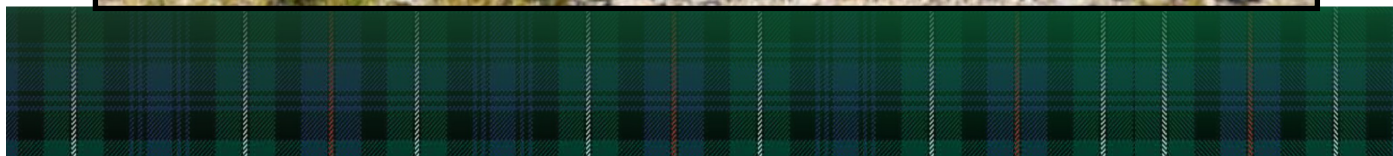
3hr race is designed for families & beginners

This event is a fundraiser for Geraldine High School.
Expect rolling farmland, pockets of native bush, and
awesome views over the Canterbury Plains.

**Visit crazykeaevents.nz for more
information, or find Crazy Kea
Events on Facebook**



Crazy Kea Events





MACKENZIE COLLEGE

ARA O TE TIKI - THE PATHWAY TO WISDOM



MĀNĀAKITĀNGA

KINDNESS AND RESPECT



ASPIRE

WAWATA



GRIT

NIWHA



INTEGRITY

TIKA



CREATIVITY

AUAHA

MANAAKITANGA - ASPIRE - GRIT - INTEGRITY - CREATIVITY