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Upcoming Events:

- Thurs 13th May Teacher Only Day
- Sat 15th Hillary Challenge
- Mon 17th Yr 13 History Trip
- Tues 18th Albury Cottage Meeting
- Wed 19th Cross Country
- Thurs 20th Ashwick Sherwood Cottage Meeting
- Fri 21st Pink Shirt Mufti Day



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou katoa, greetings to you all

The finalised NCEA results for 2020 are in. Again, Mackenzie College students have shown that even under adverse conditions (such as a global pandemic) we can still come out on top. Congratulations to the Year 11 class of 2020 for gaining the top achievement rate in South Canterbury! Well done to the Year 12 class for coming within 3% of the highest achievement rate at Level 2 - so close! Take a look at our 'awards' page later in this newsletter for other notable achievements over the last three years.

Even though our school's achievement rates are consistently awesome, we are not resting on our laurels. At our upcoming Cottage Meetings, we discuss the things that are going well and tackle the challenges we face in an ever-changing educational environment. Join us to have your say in the direction that Mackenzie College plots for the future.

Also, don't hesitate, attend our Open Day on May the 25th to see our classes in action on a typical school day. This event is open to anyone who would like a tour of the school. When you see our teachers and students in action, you can see why our achievement rates are phenomenal.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, have a good weekend!

Jason Reid Principal



Term 1 Wananga

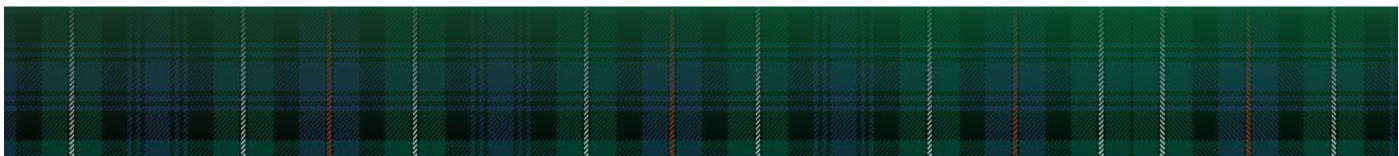
Mackenzie College has been invited to be part of an exciting new initiative from Karati Metcalfe from Twizel Area School. This initiative allows for students who identify as Māori, and those with a passion for Te Ao Māori, to be part of four wananga throughout the year that look at what it means to be Māori in today's society.

Six very brave and nervous students set out for Twizel with Mrs Linklater on Friday 26th of March. We were based at Te Mahana wharenui in Twizel. Here we meet with students from Twizel Area School and Maniototo Area School. We were welcomed with a powhiri before spending some time getting to know one another.

Over the course of the weekend, we played traditional Māori games, had in-depth conversations, walked to the foot of Aoraki via the Hooker Valley walk, sung waiata, performed haka, made traditional rope from harakeke, made traditional harakeke darts, and shared kai and laughs. This was a wonderful experience. It was amazing to see our students shine and make new friends from other schools. Our next wananga is in June at Maniototo.

Karati is also available as a resource for us at Mackenzie College. He has already joined us for kapa haka.

Rachael Linklater







Cottage Meetings

'Cottage meeting' is Mackenzie College's name for our *annual community consultation*. This involves four meetings where we discuss things that the school is doing well, areas we've identified for improvements and where we seek our community's ideas, concerns or praise. We will also be asking each group their opinion on key events or initiatives planned for the future.

These are held in four locations across our district, but you don't need to choose the nearest one if the timing of the meeting is not convenient.

18 May - **Albury** at Sharon and Tony Holtham's place

20 May - **Ashwick/Sherwood** at Alistair and Mandy Hay's place

25 May - **Tekapo** at Pip and Phil Robinson's place

27 May - **Fairlie** at the Mackenzie College Soft Tech block.

If you can not make these meetings but want to contribute your ideas, remember our door is always open (during office hours). Your opinion counts, make sure that it is heard.

Teacher Only Day

On Thursday May 13th, our teachers will be travelling to Twizel Area School to take part in an NZQA mandated Teacher only Day. The purpose of this is to familiarize and inform staff of the upcoming changes to NCEA.

All secondary schools in South Canterbury are having a Teacher Only day at the same time and secondary schools will be closed for the day.





MACKENZIE COLLEGE

ARA O TE TIKA - THE PATHWAY TO WISDOM

Your Award Winning School

South Canterbury and Oamaru are privileged to have some of the top achieving secondary schools in the country. Mackenzie College has been competitive with the best. We proudly present the following 'Awards' comparing us to the fourteen local secondary schools over the last 3 years:

2018 - NCEA Achievement (Level 1)	Bronze
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2020 - NCEA Achievement (Level 1)	Gold
2019 - NCEA Achievement (Level 2)	Bronze
2018 - NCEA Achievement (Level 3)	Silver
2019 - NCEA Achievement (Level 3)	Gold
2018 - University Entrance Achievement	Gold
2019 - University Entrance Achievement	Silver

Come to our Open Day to see how a small rural school can compete so effectively with the other top schools in the country.

Open Day - Tuesday, 25th of May
Tours start at 9:15am, 11:35am and 2:20pm





Helping others

Well done to Stella who was seen assisting Phoebe during Music class.



Winter Uniform Changeover

In Term 2 and 3, students are required to wear the correct winter uniform. Students have two weeks for this changeover to occur from the start of Term 2.

Students are to wear either the summer or winter uniform in this changeover period, but not a combination of both.

See our school website for full details of our uniform requirements.





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:

Feeling a sense of social connectedness to family, friends and a number of peer groups, and having empathy for others needs and feelings, generates uplifting positive emotions in students. They feel the natural highs of serotonin and oxytocin. Teenagers thrive and flourish when they feel connected.

Well-functioning families and friendship groups look for what they are doing well. A great family exercise to support this, is to do the free Character Strengths Survey at www.viacharacter.org . Then download the Strengths Wheel from the Character Strengths section of the website www.learningcurve.com.au , so all of your family can fill in their top strengths and put their wheel on the fridge. Doing this will enable conversations about how you can use your strengths together to achieve what you set out to.

Receiving and accepting developmental, non judgemental feedback from family and friends on how they are travelling enables students to use their strengths to self-assess and then set goals and process self-expectations to live by.

Be aware that the adolescent brain is a turbulent place, with the good decision making-centre, the pre-frontal cortex, not completely wired up. As such, while they can create emotions just like adults, they don't yet have the capabilities to consistently control them, which often leads to any family feedback being seen by students as criticism.





Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kieran, Hamish & Ollie for being selected in the Roncalli/Aoraki Combined team that competes in the Miles Toyota Championship, formerly known as the UC Championship. All 3 boys have made the starting line-up for tomorrow's first game against St Thomas of Canterbury College in Christchurch. Having students representing Mackenzie College at this elite level of 1st XV rugby is something the school is very proud of. Both Ollie and Kieran will debut tomorrow, and Hamish is 3 games off earning his cap!

During preseason games the team has successfully beaten Waitaki Boys 1st XV and a West Coast/Buller Combined side. All the best, boys! The side is also coached by former Mackenzie rugby senior coach, Justin Geary and we wish him and his team all the best for the season.



Kieran, Ollie and Hamish





Lost Property

Fish shaped cushion	Several drink bottles	Medium size school jersey
Flotation ring for pool	Planet 8 Navy hoodie	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
Vention inhaler case	Gold bracelet with BFF charm	Blue Kathmandu jacket with 'JC'

Agrikidz

Junior students competing and senior students from the Mackenzie College Teen Ag Club helping.





Hockey

The South Canterbury Field Hockey competition began on Monday night. This year we decided to push for mixed teams to enter the Division 3 grade and after some strong negotiation from Coach Simon Taylor, the committee agreed to trial it this season. On Monday we came up against Mountain View High School and dominated the match and were 6-0 victors.

May it continue.

Mr Ross

Assistant Coach and Specialist Van Driver.





Geraldine Adventure Race

Mackenzie College shone today at the Geraldine 6hr Adventure Race picking up 2nd and 3rd in the secondary school's event behind Cashmere High School. Congratulations to Ben, Luke, Ollie & Hamish, placing 2nd and Maya, Molli, Abbi & Katrina, finishing in 3rd. It was great to see Kim Jordan, Fiona Cutler & Karen Clarke placing second in the open women's category and motivating our Mackenzie kids along the way.





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MĀNĀAKITĀNGA

KINDNESS AND RESPECT



ASPIRE

WAWATA



GRIT

NIWHA



INTEGRITY

TIKA



CREATIVITY

AUAHA

MANAAKITANGA - ASPIRE - GRIT - INTEGRITY - CREATIVITY