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Wed 16th Feb BOT Meeting  
Wed 23rd Feb School Athletics  
Fri 25th Feb Paid Union Meeting



## Principal's Message

Kia ora whānau,

It has only been one week of having all students onboard, yet we have so many things to publish in this newsletter.

In summary, we're trying to ensure that as many activities that can happen safely do happen under Red restrictions. Unfortunately, whānau and the wider community may feel out of the loop as only students, staff, and specific volunteers will be in attendance at most of these events. We do apologise for this and hope that we return to Orange (or Green!) as soon as possible.

Our ākonga (students) are doing a fantastic job of adapting to Red restrictions. We're continuously promoting the message 'People are granted exemptions for good reasons - don't hassle a person who can't wear a mask. Where you can, wear your mask to protect yourself and to protect others.' The students are doing a great job of adhering to these rules - we should be very proud of them.

Enjoy our first newsletter for the year. It has been such a busy start that we have had to omit certain articles of events that have occurred since the start of the school year. However, never fear, these will be published in the next fortnight's issue.

Kia tino pai te rā whakatā, have a great weekend

Jason Reid

Principal





## COVID Protection Framework (CPF) Update

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Here's a quick summary of how we're putting the CPF into action. Do not hesitate to contact us if you want more detail or have any questions.

- Students wear masks at all times indoors (if you can see the sky above you, you can take off your mask).
- Outdoors, masks can be removed (if you want), but make sure that you maintain distancing (if you can flap your wings (arms folded) and contact someone you're too close). Teachers will be reminding you if you're too close by mentioning the 'daylight rule' (if we can't see daylight between, you're too close).
- Rooms are to be ventilated as much as the weather conditions allow. Therefore, dress warmly.
- Teachers may choose to run some periods outdoors to give an extra breath of fresh air.
- Continue the hygiene rules we put in place last year - e.g. catch sneezes in elbows, wash hands etc.
- Don't come to school if feeling unwell. See the previous letters home or ring the office for further instructions.

## Union Paid Union Meeting

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The school will be closing early on the 25th of February for a teacher's paid union meeting (PUM). School closes at 12:30 pm, but supervision is available for students who require it. Buses will run at normal times.

### Event Update

School Athletics will be held on Wednesday 23rd February.

Swimming Sports will be on Wednesday 2nd March.

Students will be able to participate in these events in their age grades. However they will look a lot different to other years events and will be in a restricted capacity in order to adhere to covid regulations.

Unfortunately, parents and the community will be unable to attend these events this year. We thank you for your understanding.







## Peer Support 2022

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The Peer Support programme started last week with our Year 13's completing three sessions with our new Year 7's last Thursday and another session on Wednesday. Peer Support provides our newbies with a Year 13 mentor that can provide support while they transition to Mackenzie College. Sessions have been full of fun and laughter. We are hopeful the year 7's are starting to feel at home.





## New Staff for 2022

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### Ms Cutler

Tena koutou katoa

Ko Fox Peak toku maunga

Ko Opihi toku awa

No Pleasant Point ahau

Ko Cutler toku whanau

Ko Fiona toku ingoa

No reira, tena kuotou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Born and raised in Pleasant Point, I'm a rural kid at heart. I moved home from Australia about 4 years ago with my sons and kelpie. We live out Hanging Rock way. After some fun and learning at Otago University I travelled and worked in different places and jobs overseas. Teaching has always been a thread in my life that was first sewn by my parents as they were teachers and also instilled a passion for learning and making the most out of life. Being a Teachers Aide at Mackenzie College (2019/2020) put me back on the path towards achieving my goal of becoming a teacher. I learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this supportive and diverse school. Fortunately for me, the timing has worked out as I completed my GradDip Teaching last year. With Miss Clark leaving, I have been able to take on the role of teaching English and Social Studies. It's wonderful to be back! I look forward to becoming a part of the College and community again.

Nga mihi nui. Fiona.



## Best of luck Ms Cutler!

Fiona participates in the One Day Coast to Coast event this Saturday. We wish her the best of luck. If you want to follow her progress on the Coast to Coast, go here:

<https://www.coasttocoast.co.nz/spectators> and look for her number - 278







## New Staff for 2022

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### Ms Blake

Kia ora. My name is Annie Blake and I have joined Mackenzie College as both a cleaner and a teacher aide.

Life for me started out as a registered nurse and somehow morphed into a world of different work from looking for bugs on fruit, to reception, to flipping lamb intestines at the freezing works.

I have been lucky enough to have participated in a couple of teaching volunteer positions - one being helping adults to improve their literacy skills, and the other was teaching kids with disabilities to ski.

I am excited to get into the classroom, meet the kids and to help make a positive impact with learning.

My partner and I have recently relocated to Fairlie and love to put on our packs and boots and head to the mountains as often as possible.



### Ms Cox

Kia ora, I'm Libby Cox a new Science, Physics and Chemistry teacher here at Mackenzie College. I am originally from the UK where I completed a BSc in Chemistry from Imperial College in London and then a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of Warwick. I also worked as a Development Chemist for a company that produced plastic cards (driving licenses etc).

I grew up in a town called Kenilworth near Coventry, and came over to Christchurch in 2016; my immediate family are still in the UK. I worked at the Art's Centre in their education department, then went to work at Kapiti College as a Science Teacher for 3 years. The pull of family in Christchurch brought me back down at the beginning of 2021 where I taught at Christchurch Boys' High School for a term. After that I taught at St. Andrew's College for the rest of 2021.

I was lucky enough to secure the Science Teacher role here at Mackenzie College. I'm excited to be working in a smaller school environment where I can really get to know each and every student in the school. I'm also looking forward to what I believe is a slower pace of life here in Fairlie and what it has to offer!





## Driver Simulation

Mackenzie College is privileged to be a trial school for G-Factor's CoDriVR driver simulation device. We have been selected along with Roncalli College and Ashburton College to beta-test their awesome equipment.

The current education module uses simulations of South Canterbury roads to teach students how to approach intersections. Students are given guidance and feedback on how safely they responded to gaps in the flow of traffic, for example: "You could have made that turn safely but, it may have caused other drivers to become anxious."

More modules are being produced and uploaded to the device as the first module is trialled and feedback is received.

Booking for this device will be available to senior students next week.



## The Dean Team 2022

In 2022 the school is trialling a horizontal approach to the Dean structure. Before this year Deans oversaw the pastoral care of an allocated house group. This year Deans have been assigned to year groups:

Year 7 & 8 - Rachael Linklater

Year 9 & 10 - Lisa Holden (Term 1)

Year 11 - 13 Jo Parke

The Dean's role is to monitor and support a student's pastoral, academic, behavioural and attendance needs. Please make contact with your students' Dean if you have any concerns.

The first point of contact for academic concerns is the subject teacher or Head of department, and for pastoral concerns the student's form teacher.





## New Staff for 2022

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### **Mrs Williams**

Kia ora, I'm Sarah Williams. I'm teaching Year 7/8 Integrated Studies, Maths, Art and Te Reo.

I graduated Christchurch College of Education in 1999 and started teaching at Amuri Area School in Culverden working with Year 8s. After leaving there to have my daughter, I returned to teaching at Omihi School working with Years 0-8 (we only had 12 students), before leaving to work with Year 6-8 at Greta Valley School. For the last 13 years I was working at Pleasant Point Primary teaching with in the senior school.



I was born in Canterbury and lived in Christchurch until my husband and I bought a property in North Canterbury. We then moved our family down South 14 years ago. Our son was already boarding at Christchurch Boys' High, and loving it, so we decided to keep him there, and our daughter started at Pleasant Point in Year 3. She went off to board at Craighead in Year 9. My son Nick lives in Christchurch and works for a civil engineering company. He and his partner Erin have just got engaged so we are beginning wedding planning, which is very exciting for our family. Grace, my daughter, is in her 3rd year of studying Sciences at the University of Canterbury

We bought our property in Fairlie 6 years ago. My husband continued to work locally and I was commuting to Point. However I'm really enjoying the change of not having to drive 30 minutes to work everyday now! Because my background is in the primary sector, working in a secondary setting is new to me and I'm enjoying the challenge of learning again – I've got lost a few times around the school and mastering a 6 day timetable has been a bit of a trial. However, the staff have been amazing and I've found many of the senior students very helpful and tolerant when I say I'm new and still learning how we do things here at Mackenzie College.

I'm looking forward to getting more involved in school life and experiencing all the different events that happen throughout the year.







## Powhiri

Last Friday all our new students were officially welcomed to Mackenzie college with a powhiri. This is the start of a new chapter in their learning journey and we hope they all soon feel part of the Mackenzie family.







## New Staff for 2022

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### Ms Willcocks

Kia ora Mackenzie College whānau. My name is Lydia and I'm delighted to be the new Soft Technology and Hospitality teacher. I come from Auckland and I've been in Fairlie for 3 years after moving to this beautiful spot with my husband and son. Some of you might know me as the Fairlie Crêpe Lady and I've also had the pleasure of working at the library and running a Te Reo Māori Course last year.

I come with a Bachelor of Design and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching. As a Technology teacher, I have taught a range of programmes from Years 7 – 13. These include Product Design, Digital Media Design, and a Creative Industries course, which combined Food Tech., Product Design and Digital Creativity. We had fun doing everything from Laser Cutting and 3D Printing to making jewellery, fused glass platters and food. Basically, my job is to equip students with the skills they need to confidently use technology to explore and develop their creative ideas.

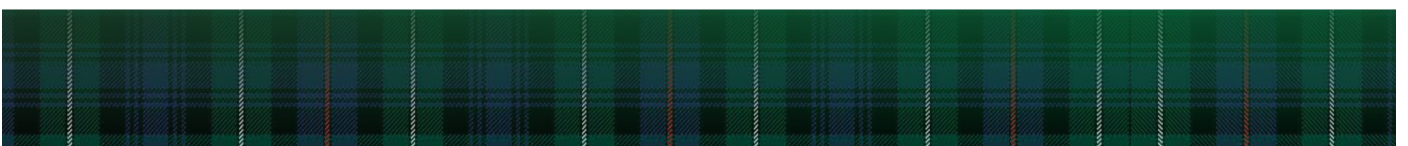


I'm really excited to join the team here at Mackenzie College and I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone better throughout the year. Once we get out of the 'Red setting' come and say hi at the Soft Technology block (there's good coffee and kai)!

## Mufti Day

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We are holding a mufti day on Friday the 18th of February to raise money to help our neighbouring Whānau in Tonga. Students are to dress in red and white and a gold coin donation would be gratefully accepted and appreciated.





## Leadership Camp

We have started 2022 with an amazing bunch of year 13's on peer support camp at Lindisfarne. An action packed 3 days with a visit from the defence forces who tested our students in leadership scenarios as well as some previous school leaders (Katrina, Cassie & Izzy) sharing their wealth of knowledge. We are proud of what our 2022 leaders will offer our school! Many thanks to all involved.



## New Staff for 2022

### Ms Mitchell

Kia ora koutou, I'm Hayley Mitchell from Ōtautahi, Christchurch. Born and raised rurally in West Melton but have lived in the CBD for the last 8 years.

I am a brand new beginner teacher, having completed a GDipTchL at Canterbury University College of Education last year. I have a BFA (Hons) Majoring in Photography, Minor in Classical Studies and Philosophy from Canterbury University. Prior to teaching I worked in Graphic Design and website management, along with Makeup Artist - Special Effects and Character Design.

This year I will be teaching 9-13 Visual Art, Painting and Photography, and 9-10 Performing Art.

I am excited to be part of a close knit school community that is passionate about each student's learning journey and having the flexibility within small class sizes to help each learner succeed.

I am looking forward to having the best of nature through the seasons right on my doorstep, many star-filled nights and taking my dog Chester on adventures.







## Head Students 2022

My name is Amy Hay, and I am the Head Student at Mackenzie College. I have grown up on a mainly deer and beef farm by Lake Opuha and over my last 6 years of attending Mackenzie College, this school has provided me with many valuable experiences. Among these have been Snowsports, Young Enterprise Scheme, Spirit of Adventure, 'Three Day Learning Events', 'Wednesday Sport' and many others. These experiences have helped me to realise my passion for outdoors, agriculture, sport, and business. I plan to study Commerce and Agriculture at Lincoln and pursue a career in Farm Consulting. I am grateful for this opportunity and excited for the year ahead working alongside the students at Mackenzie College.

Hi, I'm Isaac Ryall and I'm the Head Student of Mackenzie College for 2022, I have lived in Burkes Pass my whole life and have been going to Mackenzie College since year 7. I love to get out and explore the great backyard that the Mackenzie district has to offer by Skiing at Mt Dobson or Boating on Lake Tekapo. I have played Ice Hockey for both the school and club for the past 10 years. I also work for the Mackenzie District Council as an IT Intern. I can't wait for the awesome opportunities that I am going to have as Head Student and look forward to leading the school this year.

I'm Sophie Kerr and I've grown up on a sheep and beef farm just out of Kimbell. I have played rugby since I was 5 and love farming and spending my holidays in the high country at Erewhon Station. I would like to go to Lincoln University and pursue my dreams of shepherding and farming and becoming a Black Fern. I have attended Mackenzie College since year 7 and have been lucky to take part in many amazing opportunities. Some of these include Snowsports, tramping at Stewart Island, surf kayaking and now taking on the role of Deputy Head Student for 2022. I'm looking forward to leading the school alongside the other head students and the opportunities and challenges in the year ahead.

Hi, my name is Ollie Nelson, and I am Deputy Head Student at Mackenzie College for 2022. I moved to Mackenzie College halfway through year 10 and have loved the opportunities that the College offers in sport and the outdoors. Some highlights have been Kakanui surf kayaking camp, Stewart Island tramp, Wednesday snow sports and adventure racing opportunities like the Coast to Coast. I also represent the College in the Miles Toyota 1st XV 15 Championship as a member of the Roncalli-Aoraki combined side. My goal for this year is to encourage all students to participate in the numerous activities that Mackenzie College provides and to also push myself outside my comfort zone.



Sophie, Isaac, Amy and Ollie







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