

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

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Ngā mihi o te rā, greetings of the day.

You may have noticed a few ads making the rounds on TV, radio and even podcasts, encouraging young people to engage in sport. Aotearoa has seen a substantial drop in people taking up sport and other extra-curricular activities.

At the assembly on Wednesday, I added my voice to the message to "keep your life colourful." As you've heard me say before, Mackenzie kids are fantastic at being active - we've got a history of high achievement, top participation in physical activities and outstanding numbers of performing artists per capita. However, with the current climate, students across our country are trying to simplify their lives. This has the danger of lowering participation in those things that boost our wellbeing.

I encourage whānau to discuss this at home - are we doing less of the things that give our lives colour?

Kia tino pai te rā whakatā, have a great (and eventful) weekend! Jason Reid Principal

Upcoming Events:

Wed 16th Mar BOT meeting Thurs 17th Mar AgriLearn Bus monitor training Tues 22nd—Thurs 24th Mar Portobello





COVID - CPF Phase 3 Overview

Here is the short version of what happens under the CPF Red - Phase 3:

- If you've got any COVID symptoms, stay home and get tested.
- If you test positive you will have to isolate with your household for 7 days.
- If a student (or school staff) tests positive, notify the school immediately. You can text this information to 027 3298919 at any time of the day or night. The specifics of this information will be kept confidential. A generic message will be sent to selected groups of parents/caregivers that there was a positive case within a group, and to monitor for symptoms. There are no isolation requirements for 'close contacts' under Phase 3.
- Keep up the wearing of masks and other hygiene measures while at school.

Reports and Parent Teacher

Interim reports will be emailed to parents on Monday March 14th. These reports give an indication of how students have settled into school this term and how their attitude and engagement has been.

Parent Teacher interviews will be held 4-7pm on Thursday March 17th. Due to Covid restrictions these interviews will be via Zoom. There will be no face-to-face Interviews. Parents will make interview times as normal via www.schoolinterviews.school.co.nz

Log in using this code mnx3p

Choose which teachers you would like to book a time with

Please note we are booking 15 min time slots, but you will actually be talking to the teacher on zoom for 10 mins. This is to ensure that there is no overlap in the Zoom meetings.

When you make your booking, you will be emailed a link alongside your confirmation.

If you have specific concerns and would like to meet a specific teacher or with me in person, do not hesitate to make contact with me and we will make the necessary arrangements.





Farewell Mr Nelson

Sam Nelson was farewelled by school, students and staff last Friday. The students leaders arranged an epic ceremony which involved speeches, line-dancing, haka and bagpipes. Why 'line-dancing' you may ask? Mr Nelson's first student social at Mackenzie left him gobsmacked with the outstanding (and almost universal) skills of our students in this art form.

Mr Nelson - you have made a phenomenal impact on us all and you will be missed. We wish you all the best for your future at Timaru Boys High. Maybe you can help it become almost as awesome as Mackenzie College.

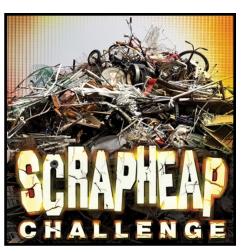


3DLE Materials needed

Greetings school community. I am asking for your help. I am running a Scrapheap Challenge for 3DLE this term. I am looking for odd bits of scrap. It can be metal or wood and I am happy to come and collect it.

If you have anything you think may be helpful would you please let the office know or email me davidh@mackcollege.school.nz

The students who choose this 3DLE will be bringing home awesome sculptures for your garden so any help with materials on this would be great.







Swimming Results 2022

Tournament House Results:

1st Godley 277 points

2nd Macaulay 213 points

3rd Dobson 157 points

4th Tasman 121 points

Tournament Champions:

Year 7 8 Boy Samuel Cassie (Dobson)

Year 7 8 Girl Cassidy Anderson (Godley)

Year 9 10 Boy Blake Jordan (Godley)

Year 9 10 Girl Hope Herrick (Macaulay)

Year 11 12 13 Boy Kaleb O'Neill (Macaulay)

Year 11 12 13 Girl Kaia McKenzie (Tasman)

Tournament Runners Up:

Year 7 8 Boy Cade Slocombe (Dobson)

Year 7 8 Girl Emma Habraken (Macaulay)

Year 9 10 Boy Jack Cassie (Dobson)

Year 9 10 Girl Rebecca Boon (Godley)

Year 11 12 13 Boy Kieran Harris (Godley)

Year 11 12 13 Girl Molli O'Neill (Macaulay)













Aoraki/SISS Triathlon Results

Aoraki SISS Triathlon / Duathlon was held in Oamaru on Sunday 6th March. There were some great results on a very hot day.

Mixed Senior Teams Triathlon:

1st Kaia McKenzie, Luke Jordan, Hamish Ryall 2nd Molli O'Neill, Ollie Nelson, Emma Guiney 5th Senior Girls Triathlon Maya Edmondson 6th Intermediate Girls Triathlon Emma Herrick 10th Intermediate Boys Triathlon Jack Cassie 3rd Intermediate Girls Duathlon Lexie Biggs

Well done to all our Mackenzie College competitors and supporters.







10km Assessment Run



Successfully completed!

Lost Property

Several school jackets	White Evolution bike helmet
Girls brown school shoes	Pair of blue headphones
Several drink bottles	Silver ring
School tie	Boys green school shorts
White sports bag	Dark blue board shorts
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Year 13 Building Class

Mr Hignett's Y13 building class are renovating the common room as their final year project.

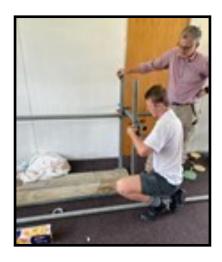
The students are Molli, Kieran, Brock and Alex. Their plan is to demolish the old cupboards and shelving, install an outside door to access the deck area (a previous Y13 Tech project), repair and repaint the walls and trims, install and plumb a small kitchen and lay linoleum in the kitchen.











This is the students' Idea and they have already secured some funding thanks to the College BOT. They are also fund raising through BBQ's at school. They have also had donations of materials and paint and I am sure you have probably seen their post on Fairlie recycles asking for various items. If you have anything you think may be useful to the students could you let the college know and we can arrange collection.

I am really proud of these students as they have chosen to do this for the College. I think it says a lot about them personally as they are leaving a great legacy for the students who follow them.





Welcome to our new Deputy Principal

Kia ora koutou, I am very excited, and privileged, to take up the role of Deputy Principal at Mackenzie College. After meeting Sam Nelson briefly, it is clear that there are big shoes to fill! I have started part time for term one, Wednesday and Thursday, and I will join the school full time from term two. I am moving from Christchurch with my partner and young daughter (8 months). We are excited to join the Fairlie community, and explore the Mackenzie district!

I am a specialist history and social studies teacher, with a real passion for engaging young people in New Zealand, and local histories. I completed a Bachelor of Arts (History), and Masters of Teaching and Learning at the University of Canterbury prior to beginning my teaching journey. Initially I moved to the United Kingdom to teach and to travel, before returning to Christchurch and a role at Linwood College in Christchurch. I had been at Linwood College for five years where I was able to gain experience in leading a pastoral team and social sciences curriculum.

Part of the appeal of this role, and Fairlie in general, was the amazing natural environment in the surrounding area. Myself, and my family, are excited to get stuck into the various outdoor pursuits available, with snow sports and hiking top of the list. My partner has some experience skiing, while I am a complete novice!

In the short time I have spent at the school so far I can clearly see what a special place this is, and I would like to thank all of the students and teachers who have made me feel welcome. I look forward to getting to know everyone over the coming weeks and months.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ethan Smith

