#### **NEWSLETTER**

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

Tues 24th May Aoraki Cross Country

Fri 27th May Aoraki Swimming Sun 29th May Hillary Challenge Qualifier

Tues 31st May Tekapo Cottage Meeting

Thurs 2nd June Fairlie Cottage Meeting

Fri 3rd June Whole School Conferencing / School Ball



# Principal's Message

Ngā mihi o te rā,

It was great to see so many students (and staff) enjoying the cross-country yesterday, on a beautiful autumn Mackenzie day. A big thanks to Kelly and Kim for their outstanding organisation of this event.

Mackenzie students are well known for getting involved, and it has been pleasing to see so much success despite the challenges to attendance and fitness that Covid has thrown at us.

School winter sport has started in full, with our teams earning some impressive wins over the last two weeks. We are so proud that our smaller school gives others a real run for their money and we will include a sports results page in future newsletters.

Lastly, we also wish our Hillary Challenge teams all the best for this weekend's competition - let's hope the weather treats you well. We look forward to publishing their results next week.

Kia tino pai te mutunga wiki - have a great weekend.

Jason Reid Principal







# **Covid Update**

We are continuing to highly recommend masks for all students. Currently, all non-exempt staff are wearing masks for the protection of themselves and others. Buses remain mask-compulsory zones for all non-exempt students 12 years old and over. We moved our outdoor assembly indoors this week with all students in masks.

We are seeing steady numbers of positive cases reported within the school community, and a sizeable number of students are isolating at home.

A big "Thank you" to whānau and students who are staying home and testing whenever Covid symptoms appear. Please remember that the school has Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) available if you need a last-minute test. These are available from the school office.

# **Library Visits**



It's been great to welcome the students back into the library at breaks and lunchtimes. We've missed their chatter and presence.



Work is beginning on this year's Mackenzie College Magazine, so the students have been checking out past publications for inspiration, ideas, and having the odd giggle at old photos



## Introduction to the Board of Trustees

A lot of schools have trustee elections in September this year. If you're curious about what this involves, you are welcome to attend an introductory seminar at 6:45pm on Thursday 7th July in the Mackenzie Community Library. See this document for details: <a href="https://www.bit.ly/Trustee22">www.bit.ly/Trustee22</a>

### Kahui Newsletter

Our local Community of Learning has released its latest monthly pānui (newsletter). You can access it on the Kāhui Facebook page here: <a href="www.facebook.com/manahunakahui">www.facebook.com/manahunakahui</a>

## **Cottage Meetings**

Mackenzie College meets with parents each year to discuss what's going well and what we need to prioritise for the next year. This community consultation is called Cottage Meetings.

Here are the details of this year's meetings:

- Tekapo 31st May, 7pm at Lake Tekapo School.
- Fairlie 2nd June, 7pm at Mackenzie College.
- Albury/Cave 7th June at Kate Anderson's place (1346 Pleasant Point Highway, Cave)

Can't make it on the night closest to you? No problem, feel free to attend any of the meetings.





# **Performing Arts**

Totara have just finished up their Performing Arts option by performing their plays at the Mackenzie College Theatre (aka the hall). Names, scripts, costumes were all their own creations.

They did really well with a larger audience than expected which was really awesome as it made for a great atmosphere. Some last minute absences meant classmates stepped in to help, which was really cool.











# **PB4L Awards**

<u>Manaakitanga</u>	<u>Aspire</u>	<u>Grit</u>	Integrity	<u>Creativity</u>
Maggie Foote	Eshee Pasaol (Silver)	Jack Cassie (Black)	Cade Slocombe	Katie-Marie Clarke
River Lang	Lachlan Mckerchar	Emily Foote (Black)	Hyato Ikai	Sam Cassie (Black)
Cass Willetts (Black)	Cooper Hessell	Lachlan Mckerchar	Gus Biggs (Black)	
Rewan Hignett (Black)	Ted Simpson	Rebecca Boon (Black) Sam Linklater (Black) Mackai Butt-Bain	Cassidy Anderson	
	Maggie Hessell		Jack Ineson	
Greta Biggs	Elizabeth Bates (Black)		Mackai Butt-Bain	
Alex O'Loughlin			Ted Simpson	
Payton Raj (Black)		Cass Willetts	Archie Drummond	
Xavier Story		(Green)	Greta Biggs	
		Johnny McCabe (Black) Emma Parke	Sam Mehrtens	
			Emma Parke	
			Riley Slade (Black)	
		William Gorospe (Black)	Jack McCabe	
			Kayde Whistler	
			William Anderson	
			Renee Sullivan (Black)	
			Lacia Lamborn	





#### PB4L

These past few weeks, the PB4L team has been working towards engaging students during our online PB4L assemblies. They seem to be enjoying the activities given to them. In week four we are going to try an in-person assembly and determine which is better for students and the PB4L team. We're still figuring out the technology, so that comes with some technical difficulties, but we're working through them and everyone is being very patient with us!

The green top badges have run out which means students have been working very hard to earn their badges! More have been ordered and are on their way.

On Wednesday this week we had our annual cross country. A huge congratulations to everyone who participated and tried their best. Remember, in events like this it's all about participation, no matter where you place, you still won house points!

In week 4 we will be announcing our 'Good Sort'. A good sort is someone who is just awesome! These are some of the qualities that a Good Sort might display:

- showing Manaakitanga.
- trying to be the best they can be and always giving everything their all.
- doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.
- contributing lots of good ideas to the things they are part of.

So don't forget to nominate a 'Good Sort' by filling out the form which can be found digitally on our google classroom, or at the front office.

We have decided as a team to have a focus on our creativity value, so look out for the announcement, and make sure to let your creativity flow to earn some points! Your teachers will be looking out.

House singing is another big event coming up at the end of the term, which we're sure everyone is excited for and has many ideas. House singing is a great chance to show creativity and have fun with your friends in your house. Make sure to give the house singing event your all!





## **PB4L** (continued)

The student pie draw for week 2 this term went to Gus Biggs, and the teacher pie draw went to Mrs Linklater. Congratulations, and we hope you enjoy your Bakehouse pie! A big thank you to Fairlie Bakehouse for their generous donations of pie vouchers.

The photo below shows everyone who had their name called out in the last PB4L assembly for earning a badge.



### 2022 School Prom

This year the school ball will be held on the 3rd of June in the Fairlie community center. The students have chosen the theme 'Summer Holiday'. The walk in will commence at 6:30pm at the Gall Street carpark.

Senior students can put their name down for tickets at the school office for \$70 and a formal invitation to Year 13 parents will be sent very soon.

### Pie Warmer

The pie warmer is back in action from Monday next week. For those new to the school - students can drop heatable food items at the pie-warmer at interval and pick them up at lunchtime. Please ensure all food items are tinfoil covered, suitable for heating (e.g. not cake or frozen blocks of soup) and clearly labelled with the student's name (e.g. 'John Q.')





