



Staff Farewells: Miss Rachel Culberson

To say Miss Culberson left a void at Northern Southland College is an understatement. As the story goes, Miss Culberson was visiting New Zealand when the first round of lockdowns hit, and her choice to start teaching was happenstance – an almost spur-of-the-moment decision. But for that, NSC was all the better for it.

Her boundless enthusiasm, fierce support of Takitimu, and willingness to go above and beyond her call of duty made her more of an older sister to the students that just happened to teach maths. As the other 'baby teacher', Miss Culberson and I both had to come to terms with what teaching is all about. But it soon became apparent that while I happened to focus on the difficulties, Miss Culberson focused on the positives of the students and celebrated their victories – no matter how big or small. And so it was no surprise that she would very often get the best out of her students, both in and out of the classroom.

During her stay at Northern Southland College, Miss Culberson took to coaching the volleyball and girls' basketball teams. The losses were learning moments, and the wins were celebrations. It wouldn't be too far-fetched to say that some students signed up for the teams just to be coached by her more so than their love of the sport. All of this is to say that Miss Culberson had a knack for getting the best from her students as well as her colleagues – her baking skills were highly rated in the staff room.

When she announced her departure, we were understandably disappointed. Not with her, mind you – it made sense that a young teacher would spread her wings and seek new opportunities. Wherever she is, however, I'm sure she is still armed with her trusted beanie and her favourite mug, and that her new school is – just like we were – all the better for it.



By Mr Lee



Staff Farewells: Mrs Fleur McKenzie

Miss Egerton arrived fresh from Menzies College and started teaching at NSC at the beginning of term two, 2021. While she was here in her two years she achieved a lot, including gaining a husband and changing her name to Mrs McKenzie (no mean feat). It was immediately apparent that we liked her and that she was going to be a good fit here at the college. She got our sense of humour and recognised how crucial a good morning tea was, you know – the really important things. She also understood the students (also kind of important). Coming from a rural southern background herself, she straight away was able to converse with all and sundry about what was happening in the world of Southlanders. I know the students really appreciated her common sense way of approaching things and her ability to form a rapport with her classes. This was no more apparent than her whole-hearted support for Eyre House and any contest or competition that was happening on campus. It was not uncommon to hear her trademark hearty cackle as she urged them on, yelling that the refs were biased or that we were “unlucky” on this occasion. Mrs McKenzie took over coaching the year Senior B Netball Team and her team were appreciative of the knowledge and skills that she shared with them, as well as the endless amounts of time and energy.

Mrs McKenzie also became the chief facilitator for PB4L in our kura and along with Mr Naidu undertook a complete revamp of the system as we knew it. This was also a very time heavy commitment and again, one that was recognised by staff and students alike. I know the akonga certainly appreciated how Mrs M would listen to their suggestions and implement them into the programme. We also managed to convince her to come on the year 8 camp to Mavora twice, in which we would see her get fully involved in all the activities on offer. Although, the first year was a bit stressful, as she was due to become an aunty for the first time. She was terrified it would happen whilst we were in Mavora, with no cell reception and it meant that each evening there would be an NSC van trundling down the road till cell reception could be obtained and Mrs McKenzie could ascertain that the event had not yet occurred!

The staff also appreciated her concerted efforts on our Social Committee, another very important part of Mrs McKenzie's job description. We have had some fabulously planned events that were meant to inspire and encourage staff in their day jobs. However, all of these pale in comparison to Mrs McKenzie's efforts in the English Department. I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside Fleur and it was great that we thought alike in many aspects of our teaching and learning processes. When she told me that she and Matthew were going to be heading away on their OE at the start of 2023, I was very pleased that I was able to talk her into returning for term 1 of this year. Together, we implemented the Level 1 Pilot English Programme for 2023, which has not been without its challenges. It was fabulous that she stayed on in order for this to happen a bit more cohesively.

We have had lots of updates and photos from the McKenzie's happenings abroad and they are having a fabulous adventure over in Europe. I am hoping that one day she may return to NSC in some capacity. Until then, I thank her for her dedication, commitment and thorough professionalism in our English Department. Ka pai te mahi.

By Mrs Coghlan

YEAR 13 CLASS OF 2023



Adam Bayer

Best Known For: Being tall

Favourite Quote: : 'Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think' – Ephesians 3:20

Plans For 2024: Ball out at University of Canterbury

Will Probably End Up As: That old teacher who swears he "coulda gone pro".

Charlotte Stalker

Best Known For: Being protective over her seats

Favourite Quote: "I think I'm dying"

Plans For 2024: Studying Bachelor of Viticulture and Oenology at Lincoln University

Will Probably End Up As: Farmer's wife



Makenzie Appleyard-Drake

Best Known For: Quoting *The Office* (US) and making terrible dad jokes/puns

Favourite Quote: "She'll be right"

Plans For 2024: Study criminal justice at the University of Canterbury

Will Probably End Up As: Race car driver or a Boss

Jordan Kington

Best Known For: Pens in my blazer

Favourite Quote: "J Dog out!"

Plans For 2024: Law and Commerce at Canterbury University

Will Probably End Up As: Accountant/Librarian

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Lachy Elder

Best Known For: Always being adventurous

Favourite Quote: 'Get that on the big jobs'

Plans For 2024: Study for a commerce degree at Lincoln Uni

Will Probably End Up As: A deer farmer, hopefully

Halle Cañada

Best Known For: Handing in things late

Favourite Quote: 'When you don't know, you don't know'

Plans For 2024: M, double O, L, A

Will Probably End Up As: A teacher



Ruby Menlove

Best Known For: Snoring loudly at camp

Favourite Quote: 'I can't be late, I have to get my seat in the common room'

Plans For 2024: One more year at school and work experience at Roasted and Toasted.

Will Probably End Up As: Helping dad with tailing on the farm

Grace Duthie

Best Known For: Playing rugby

Favourite Quote: 'I have no idea what I'm doing next year!'

Plans For 2024: A Bachelor of Science studying Forensic Analytical Science at the University of Otago – or at least I think that's what I'm doing.

Will Probably End Up As: A rugby player's wife

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Madeline Moyles

Best Known For: Donald Trump's fake tan but it's getting better...

Favourite Quote: 'Breathe in, breathe out, and smile!'

Plans For 2024: NZ CERT in study and career prep - pre entry to applied science

Will Probably End Up As: A house wife

Maddison Price

Best Known For: Not being at school

Favourite Quote: 'I might just go home.'

Plans For 2024: Hair dressing apprentice

Will Probably End Up As: A farmer



Rhea Rashee

Best Known For: Not showing up to school

Favourite Quote: 'My whole life is just 'oh okay''

Plans For 2024: Otago University, FYHS

Will Probably End Up As: Med school dropout

Giavana Santelli

Best Known For: Being late to school

Favourite Quote: 'Have fun, be yourself, make mistakes'

Plans For 2024: Study Psychology and Sport and exercise science at Otago

Will Probably End Up As: A hiking instructor somewhere in Europe

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Christian Seno

Best Known For: Always playing basketball with the Year 10s

Favourite Quote: 'Everything happens for a reason'

Plans For 2024: Nursing

Will Probably End Up As: Nurse/short basketball coach with a dad bod

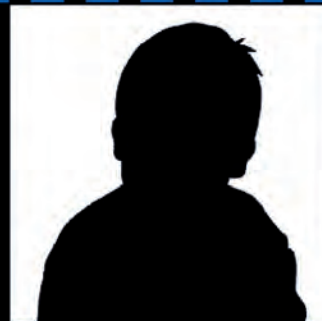
Catherine Villamayor

Best Known For: My height

Favourite Quote: 'Good for you'

Plans For 2024: Gap year working + travel

Will Probably End Up As: A bartender



Harrison Wilson

Best Known For: Always managing to achieve the bare minimum

Favourite Quote: 'Never waste your diamonds on a hoe'
(It's Minecraft Reference)

Plans For 2024: To join the Navy and earn lots of money

Will Probably End Up As: A dairy farmer making not so much money

Valen Reidt

Best Known For: No response given

Favourite Quote: No response given

Plans For 2024: No response given

Will Probably End Up As: No response given

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Mitch Salviejo

Best Known For: Being always confused

Favourite Quote: "I want to go home"

Plans For 2024: Otago University bachelor of commerce with a major in marketing

Will Probably End Up As: An artist

Angela Asor

Best Known For: No response given

Favourite Quote: No response given

Plans For 2024: No response given

Will Probably End Up As: No response given

