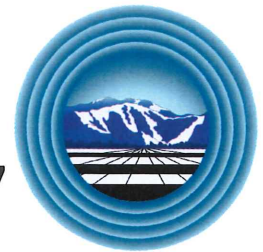


# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER

## 11th May 2017

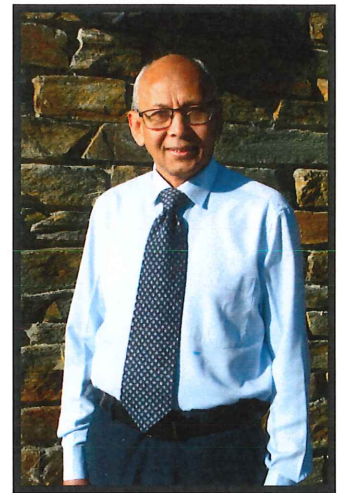


Term 2 is well under way, and it is full steam ahead. It is very good to note that most of the students are wearing the correct school uniform.

On a more personal note, I feel honoured to take on my new responsibility knowing that I have the support, the good will and the assistance of the staff, the students, the Board of Trustees and the Maniototo community at large.

A lot has been happening in the very first week of this term. We have spent time listening to the students about what they would like to learn and how they would like to learn. This is the starting point of a whole new focus and direction that we at MAS are taking. We have embarked on a journey that will bring us to speed with modern teaching and learning techniques. The world is moving at a rapid pace, and so must we.

We look to your continued support and feedback in the months ahead.



### *Joe Ferdinands*

Principal



Head Students Candy Ferdinands & Ben Smith are pictured at the ANZAC Day service in Patearoa.



Pictured below are the Kahurangi students dressed up on STAR WARS mufti day with Anton Hood.



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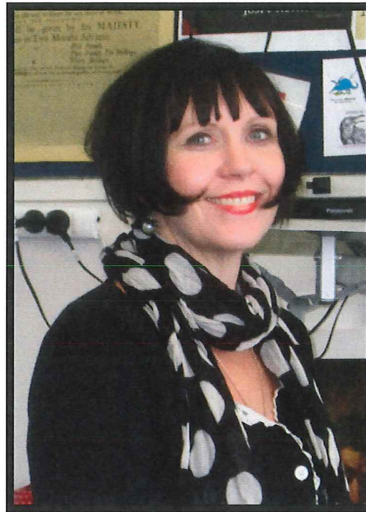


## WELCOME TO THE MANIOTOTO

I am delighted to be teaching English at Maniototo Area School this term and have been charmed by the friendly and inclusive community environment which has been evident from day one. I am looking forward to sharing and encouraging a love for language and effective communication with all my students.

I live with my husband on his family farm in Poolburn and have been thoroughly converted to rural life after being a city-girl until five years ago. I was brought up in Auckland and before becoming a teacher worked in the television and film industry there after studying costume design.

I love the big sky country and incredible scenery of Central Otago and thoroughly appreciate the lack of traffic on my beautiful drive to work each morning. I look forward to becoming involved in the local community and getting to know my students and their families as the term continues.



**Joanna Brooks**

I have always been a creative person. Some of my earliest memories involved making toys using my father's tools while my parents milked on their Northland dairy farm. This love of making things has never left and has been a major part of my life. I have a huge number and wide variety of personal hobbies and interest. Currently at home in Alexandra I have an old DT125 motorcycle in bits (waiting for parts), a 3.6m ply and glass skiff under construction and a renewing interest in RC model aircraft. I also dabble in a bit of watercolour painting and am a skilled bone and stone carver. I became a technology teacher with the aim of sharing this love of being creative with others. I get a great deal of satisfaction from seeing the pride students have in completing something made with their own hands.

My working life started by completing a building apprenticeship, qualifying and working as a carpenter for several years. Having developed a great deal of respect for a high school woodwork teacher was influential in me giving teaching a go. As a teacher I have so far accumulated 37 years of experience working in school workshops.

Rosemary and I have been married for 35 years and have two married adult sons and I am a proud Grandad.

In the days I have spent at Maniototo I can sense the school has something quite special and I am enjoying the down to earth attitude of the students. I am looking forward to helping shape the future direction of this unique country school.



**Grant Jefcoate**

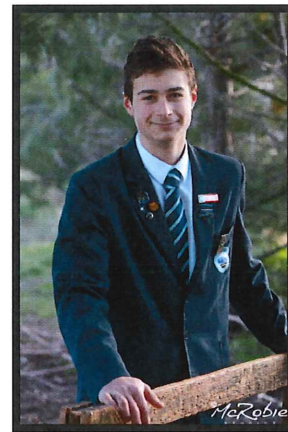
## SENIOR STUDENTS ACHIEVING GREAT THINGS

Courtney Smith is one of the first New Zealand recipients of the Diana Award which is given out in Diana, Princess of Wales' name to young role models who are selflessly transforming the lives of others. This award recognises young people going above and beyond in their daily lives to create and sustain positive change. Congratulations Courtney, what a great accolade.



We are very excited for Year 13 student Dylan Boulton-Voice who received his official offer of service as a Gunner in the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery and leaves school in July. Well done Dylan, you will do us very proud.

Anton Hood (Year 13) is a member of the Naseby Volunteer Fire Brigade. He is going to be racing up the Auckland Sky Tower on Saturday 13th May in full firefighting kit to raise vital funds and awareness for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC). Anton is hoping to get a time around 11 minutes but would be happy to just finish it!



The recent mufti day at school raised a total of \$281.50 for Anton's fundraising cause. Best of luck Anton, you have our full support.

## BORLAND LODGE

From 18th-23rd of April we went on a Lions Leadership Course at Borland Lodge in Southland. It was an incredible experience to go on and we participated in a wide range of activities, including a three day tramp, caving, canyoning, rock climbing, abseiling, team bonding (roast sessions), and rafting. During this camp we were placed in different groups so we could get to know the other people on the camp.



During these camps you meet some great people including our team mentors, fellow team members, and the Lions members who put this camp together.

This unforgettable experience gave us many skills and lessons for us to take home and bring into the real world. We would like to give a huge thanks to the Lions for their support on our endeavours on this camp and Mr Campbell for helping us get to the camp in one piece.



**Declan de Haas and Rina Watt Year 12**

At Maniototo Area School  
we show **PRIDE** by:

**P**

**Participation**

Being cooperative and contributing.

Taking part with a positive attitude.

Being a reliable member of the group.

**R**

**Respect**

Treating others the way you want/the way they want to be treated.

Caring for property & the environment.

Taking care of one's own self.

**I**

**Integrity**

Being truthful to yourself, friends, whanau and community.

Being strong enough to do what is right.

**D**

**Determination**

Using your initiative & persevering when the going gets tough.

Committing to do the best we can.

Kia kaha - Be strong.

**E**

**Empathy**

Showing aroha towards others.

Being kind and tolerant.

Being aware & considerate of people's feelings and culture.



## EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Please note that if you are transporting students (your own or others) on behalf of the school you are required to have current a Drivers Licence and your vehicle a current WOF and Registration.

We will be endeavoring to put reminders of this on our permission slips when transporting of students is required.

Also note that if you are involved in an accident or have a breakdown your first responsibility is to ensure the safety of all your passengers, call the appropriate emergency services and then contact the school office 03 444 9341 who will help you formulate a plan and communicate with the teachers and parents concerned. This will leave you free to manage your incident.

Please put our office phone number into your mobile now if you haven't already.

If your contact information has changed,  
don't forget to let us know!



# FORMAL COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

## Rationale

To provide a means of insuring that due process, including meeting the requirements of fairness and natural justice, actually occurs in the event of a complaint against an employee of the Board of Trustees. Concerns (as distinct from formal complaints) should be dealt with informally by the Principal (or Board as applicable)

## Procedures

1. Formal complaints may be made to the Principal\* or Board.
2. The complaint is "received" and put to the employee/student concerned in writing. The person making the complaint is to be identified.
3. The person making the complaint and the employee/student complained against are advised of avenues of advice and support.
4. The employee/student concerned is given reasonable time to respond to the complaint.
5. The Principal is charged with the responsibility of investigating the complaint and reaching preliminary conclusions.
6. Where the complaint is not resolved by the Principal, or is of a serious nature, the matter will be referred to the Board.
7. The Board will appoint a committee\*\* consisting of one or more members as may be considered appropriate to investigate the complaint and recommend a course of action to the Board.
8. The Board (excluding members of the above committee, and any member deemed to have a conflict of interest) decides whether or not to accept the findings and recommendations of the committee, after giving the employee/student complained against the opportunity to be heard.
9. The employee/student and complainant are informed of the decision of the Board.
10. All above procedures are fully documented.

\* Where the complaint is against the Principal, the Chairperson shall replace the Principal in steps 1 - 6, and neither the Principal nor the Staff representative shall be members of the committee or part of the subsequent meeting of the Board.

\*\* The size of the committee will be such that the remainder of the Board is at least a quorum of members.

## KAKARIKI CLASS MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

1st	#40 Marshall Macdonald	\$100 Waipiata Meal Voucher
2nd	#372 Hilary Allison	\$50 Hair Studio Voucher
3rd	#351 Alfred de Haas	Hamper of Goodies for Mum
4th	#367 Anne Kirk	Hamper of Goodies for Mum

Proceeds will go towards Kakariki class camp to Cromwell. Thank you for your support.

## IMPORTANT DATES

10-11 May	Parent Teacher Interviews (Year 9-13)
12 May	Strike Percussion Group visit / Raffle Night (Area Schools Tournament)
17-19 May	Southern Area Schools tournament (Catlins)
19 May	Raffle Night (Rotorua trip)
22 May	Year 7/8/9 trip to the Planetarium
25 May	PTA Meeting 3.15pm / Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
26 May	Kowhai, Tawa & Whero classes trip to Dunedin
29 May	National Young Leaders Day
31 May	Junior School Assembly 2pm
31 May-1 June	Year 13 Biology Fieldtrip (Portobello)
5 June	Queens Birthday observed—School is closed
8 June	Rippa Rugby Tournament (Years 3-8) ... more details to come soon
9 June	Raffle Night (Kakariki class)
13-17 June	Geography/History/Tourism Trip to Rotorua
30 June	Matariki Assembly
3-5 July	Year 11-13 Pre-mock Exams

Some parents received a surprise in the mail this week.... their child has been recognised for displaying exceptional school values.

Maniototo Area School....taking PRIDE in our students.



A promotional banner for Pulse Energy. On the left, a group of children and adults are posing on a playground structure. A red sign above them reads 'VOTES CLOSE SUNDAY 25TH JUNE'. On the right, a blue background features a green ribbon with the word 'WIN' in white. Below the ribbon, the text 'THE ULTIMATE HIGHLANDERS EXPERIENCE' is written in large white letters. At the bottom, a green banner says 'for your school with Pulse Energy'.

Help us win afternoon tea and tickets to a Highlanders game by clicking on the link below and voting for Maniototo Area School.

Spread the word to all your family and friends. How cool would it be to have the Highlanders at our school? <https://www.pulseenergy.co.nz/.../win-the-ultimate-highlander...>