# **Maniototo Area School**

# NEWSLETTER

26th May 2017



# SELECTION FOR NZ AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

A big congratulations to these students who were selected to represent the Southern Area Schools at the National tournament in Whangarei in July.

Kyle Cairns - Football, Volleyball, Basketball

Candice Ferdinands - Volleyball, Netball

Anton Hood-Rugby, Volleyball

Keagan Mulholland - Rugby, Basketball

Matthew Neilson - Rugby, Basketball, Volleyball

Ben Smith - Rugby, Volleyball

Ayeasha Tapatu – Netball, Basketball

Lakita Taylor - Football, Netball, Basketball

Damian Carson - Golf

Doug Smith - Rugby

A huge thanks to the *Ranfurly Hotel* for supporting our trip to Owaka with a raffle night. We raised \$600.00.

Thankyou to the *Ranfurly* 



**Lions Club** who supported our recent trip to Area Schools Tournament. Your generosity is appreciated by all students involved! Thanks to the local community for their support.

Also a special thanks to Phil and Donna Smith, Adrian Hood, Lauren Reid, Cheryl Smith, Alec Campbell and Nikki Meyer for being amazing parent helps, coaches, supporters, and van drivers. What a successful trip!

Thanks, Deirdre Lithgow



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On the 17th, 18th and 19th of May a group of 30 students from year 10 - year 13 travelled down to Owaka in the Catlins to attend the Southern Area Schools Tournament.

Overall Maniototo did very well with coming 1st Rugby (3 years in a row), 2nd Netball, 1st Boys Basketball, 3rd Girls Basketball, 1st Boys Touch Rugby, 3rd Girls Touch Rugby, 1st Indoor Bowls, 1st Table Tennis, 1st Squash, 1st Indoor Hockey, 1st Petanque, 2nd= Golf, 3rd= Mixed Football, 5th Rogaine, 5th & 7th Quiz.

At the end of the three days there is a national tournament team selected and only a limited number of people from each school are given the opportunity. There were 10 students selected from our school. Kyle, Candy, Anton, Keagan, Matthew, Ben, Ayeasha, Lakita, Damian and Doug.

A special mention to Lakita Taylor and Emmett Dowling who received Fair Play awards. Each student showed true P.R.I.D.E in our school and in each sport showed extreme determination not to give up until the final whistle was blown.

**Dylan Boulton-Voice (Year 13)** 



Term Two is when the many distractions of summer, School Ball & the like are behind us. In Mr Campbell's words "It's time to do the business!"

As well as the benefits of small class sizes, many students find it useful to use school facilities before & after school to get assignments & study done.

The Senior Learning Centre is warm, reasonably quiet and has good access to the internet. On Wednesdays & Thursdays, there is at least one staff member there until 4.30pm to assist students who might need a hand.

NCEA students will have pre-mock exams at the end of this term (3rd-5th July)

# SKY TOWER CHALLENGE

On 13th of May, I competed in the Firefighters Skytower challenge in Auckland to raise awareness and money for Leukemia & Blood cancer Foundation with 900 other fighters. It was a very physical challenge and was a lot harder than I had once thought it to be. I'd like to thank everyone know supported the cause as I fundraised \$1984.60 which I was very proud of! I got a time of 15min 4secs, I'm looking forward to doing it next year.

Anton Hood (Year 13)

# **SPORTS REPRESENTATION**

Well done to Bailey Lowrey, Tom Duffy and Josh Smith (all Year 8) who have been selected for Central Otago Rugby teams. Bailey (Under 65kg), Tom and Josh (Under 38kg). Congratulations boys, have a great season.

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# A WARM WELCOME TO MS SORREL

I grew up in Central Otago. My favourite memories are feeding my pet goats, swimming in the Lindis River and going to the Blossom Festival. I went to boarding school in Christchurch and Art school in Dunedin. As well as being a secondary trained teacher, art specialist and educator, I am also a visual artist working in the disciplines of drawing and sculpture. My work has been collected and exhibited extensively throughout New Zealand.

I have been the artistic director of the Dunedin Midwinter Carnival for 17 years and have also been a stilt performer and performed at events all over New Zealand, including the Ranfurly Art Deco Festival.

I am delighted to be teaching art at Maniototo Area School and have been made welcome by friendly and helpful staff, students and people in the community.

I look forward to making a significant contribution to the creative life of the school and our students.



Juliet Novena Sorrel

# **GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME**

Thomas Smith has been selected to take part in the Year 11 Gifted and Talented programme at the Marine Studies Centre in Portobello in July. He is one of 25 students from all over Otago. Congratulations Thomas!

# STRIKE PERCUSSION VISIT

On Friday 18th May we were honoured to have the Strike percussion group visiting our school. St Johns, Poolburn and Strath Taieri schools joined us to watch the performances before breaking into age groups for other activities such as Co-operative Games, Technology Challenge, Dance and Drama. The drummers (Kate, Murray and Jimmy)



performed a fantastic show for us . Their humour, drumming skills and teaching was great to listen to. Throughout the day all the age groups had a lesson with the drummers. It was awesome getting to know them and learning skills on the drums. Thanks to the people

who helped organise lunch for everyone and the staff that helped run the day. It was a valuable experience and we wish to see them next year.

By Emma Kinney

(Year 7)



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Our excitement was bubbling over and out of our heads as we strode into the Otago Museum. We were greeted by a colossal moa and its egg.

We split into two separate groups, Kakariki and Kahurangi. My class Kakariki, first went with Emily to the Tangata Whenua gallery. We walked into a wonderous room with carvings here and pictures there. We learnt about tikis, manias and lizards. Emily said that if a tiki was holding a lizard by the neck the tiki would have had a significant death. We also drew some art of what we saw in the gallery, like carvings, pendants and weapons.

Next We hurried over to the Planetarium and took our seats. We squirmed around on the soft leather lazyboys that were slightly reclined backwards. Our eyes gazed up at the dome shaped roof that arched over us. Before we knew it, it was pitch black and slowly one by one little stars emerged on the roof. The laser pointed at a bright glowing star we zoomed out of earth and started hurtling to the star... the star was Mercury!!! Eden said that if we lived on Mercury you would have to times your age by four. Golly gosh I thought that means I would be forty!

We looked at the whole solar system and some constellations. Did you know one of the brightest stars are in Orion's foot? Some of the stars in space are way bigger than the sun and are very old. The bright lights turned on and we all stumbled down to our bags. "Gobble gobble, munch munch"! We licked up the last of our lunch and set off to the Toitu Museum. We hopped out of the van as the freezing breeze hit us, pounding against our faces but the comforting warmth welcomed us as we entered the building. We went and sat down in front of the Josephine, which was a bright red train. A lady came and took us down some long corridors where we were going to be learning about the people who first came to Otago and our ancestors. After awhile another guide lady came and took us through some galleries, as we were doing activities in partners where we had to find different things. One was drawing ourselves with olden day clothing on.

As a surprise the teachers took us to the Chinese gardens so once again we chugged outside and got into our car groups to do another fun activity. We had to find different patterns and objects. Poor Chinese I thought, they said they built the Chinese gardens because the Chinese got treated badly.

When 3:30 came we all sped to our transport and zoomed home. Every one of us learnt so much that our brain was filled to the brim with information.

**By Abby Ferdinands** 





# **SCHOOL DONATIONS**

Statements were sent out for School Donations and Tech Fees on Tuesday 23rd May. The Magazine has not been included. Invoices for the Magazine (which is optional) for \$25.00 will be sent out separately at a later date.

# First Aid Tip - Concussion

Concussion is a mild form of brain injury caused by a blow or jolt to the head. People can get concussion without having been 'knocked out'. Scans and x-rays are not helpful because they do not diagnose concussion.

### **Symptoms**

The symptoms vary from person to person. They are not always present directly after injury and some people develop them several days later. Common symptoms include:

- headache
- nausea and/or vomiting
- feeling 'hazy, groggy or foggy'
- difficulty concentrating
- difficulty remembering things.

The symptoms of concussion usually last for 2-10 days. Occasionally they may last longer and if this is the case, you should see a doctor. Warning signs of severe brain injury are usually noticeable within 24 hours.

### A person with concussion should

- not play sport or take part in strenuous activity for at least three weeks
- · see a doctor for review within one week
- not drink alcohol, drive a vehicle or operate machinery for at least 48 hours
- Take medicine eg: paracetamol or ibuprofen regularly for headache following instructions on the packet.

### What family and friends should do

An adult should stay with the concussed person for at least 24 hours after the injury and wake them briefly every two hours. This is because the brain injury may get worse and the person may need to go to hospital.

# Dial 111 and ask for an ambulance if they develop any of the following

- Are very drowsy or difficult to wake up
- Are very confused
- Have a headache that gets much worse
- · Vomit more than twice
- Have a seizure (or fit)
- · Develop a weak arm or leg
- Become very unsteady on standing
- Have difficulty speaking.





# **PINK SHIRT DAY**

Students had fun showing their support for the Pink Shirt Day organised by our Sticks n Stones group.







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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

29 May National Young Leaders Day

31 May Junior School Assembly 2pm

31 May-1 June Year 13 Biology Fieldtrip (Portobello)

1 June Otago Secondary Schools Cross Country (Kaikorai Valley College)

5 June Queens Birthday observed—School is closed

8 June Rippa Rugby Tournament in Alexandra (Years 3-8)

9 June Raffle Night (Kakariki class)

13-17 June Geography/History/Tourism Trip to Rotorua

14/15 June Central Otago Extra Spelling Quiz in Cromwell

30 June Matariki Assembly

3-5 July Year 11-13 Pre-mock Exams

3-7 July Junior School Ice Week

7 July End of Term 2



# FRIDAY EVENINGS 5.00-6.00PM STARTS 26th MAY

# **MUSIC TUITION**

Peter and Linda Kesha provide private music tuition for students/adults in the Maniototo.

Lessons are available on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

- They offer Professional tuition for Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Vocals, Electric, Acoustic and Bass guitar as well as ukulele.
- Registered ABRSM Music school that delivers Practical and Theory Curriculum for Grading Exams
  - Peter is an International Musician who has over 20 years experience in Music
     Education, Composition and Performance.
- Peter and Linda also have band mentoring and song writing programmes available.

Contact Linda Kesha 021 498 764 or 03 476 3441 peterkeshamusic@xtra.co.nz

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