

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

30th June 2017



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have almost reached the end of Term 2. It has been the usual, hectic, and yet hugely productive term. Apart from the focus on academics, the students have been involved in House Singing (congratulations to Danseys), Matariki activities, weekend sports, spelling quizzes, and trips, since the last newsletter.

Reports and Exams: The Yr. 1 to 10 mid-year reports will be sent out at the end of this term. The NCEA students will be sitting their pre-mock exams next week. Their reports will be sent out at the start of Term 3. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held in Week 2 and 3 of next term.

Class trips: A few Yr. 6 & 8 students attended the Young Leaders Day in Dunedin in Week 5 of the term. The Yr. 11 & 12 students attended a Careers Expo in Dunedin. The NCEA Geography and Tourism have just returned from a very successful Rotorua trip while the NCEA Biology students are currently working on an assignment on crabs in Portobello.

New Students: We welcome our new students to MAS: Kiratjot Uppal (Yr.1), Harkhushmeet Sandhu (Yr.2), Micheala Allen (Yr.7), Jackson Allen (Yr.10), Mika Jockwer (Yr.10). Right now our total school roll has risen to 186 students.

Visitors: Otago University Liaison Officer Sandra Hepburn visited MAS to speak with the students of Yr.13. We also had a visit from Staff Sergeant Jake Bingley of the Armed Forces. We are happy to announce that Dylan Boulton-Voice will be joining the Armed Forces in a few weeks. We wish Dylan every success. There was also a visit from some Otago University medical students who met up with our senior students who are interested in pursuing medicine.

Adieu: We wish Mrs Susan Feron our AP farewell as she leaves us at the end of the term. We thank her for the years spent here with us at Maniototo Area School. Mr. Rowan Feron is also finishing up as Sports Coordinator, and we thank him for organising the various sports activities over this period of time.

Communication with parents: As you may be aware, we have embarked on a new system to communicate with parents and caregivers. Important information is now being texted to you. I hope this is helpful, timely, and informative. We will get better as we become more familiar with the app. You will also be able to fix appointments for the upcoming Parent-Teacher interviews.

I wish all students and staff a relaxed term break, and I'm sure all will be looking forward to the start of Term Three on 24th July.

Regards,

Joe Ferdinands

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Southern Area Schools Communities of Learning/ Kahui Ako

Maniototo Area School has been part of a CoL (Community of Learning) which comprises four other areas schools. We have joined Roxburgh Area School, Lawrence Area School, Catlins Area School and Twizel Area School to make up what is known as the Southern Area Schools Community of Learning.

Our aim is to form collaborative networks between our staff and the staff of the other Area Schools. We are very aware that one of the drawbacks that all the Area Schools face is one of isolation. This Community of Learning is a great way of overcoming this and enabling our teachers to work closely with teachers from these other schools. The main goal is to form collaborative networks with our staff in order to help them share best practice and new ideas that will impact positively on the progress and achievement of all of our students. In this way our students can get the best that is on offer from not just one school but five.

Each school has appointed one 'In-school' teacher of CoL. Our in-school teacher is Chelsea Edmondston. The CoL Lead Principal is Gary Pascoe of Roxburgh Area School. We have also appointed an expert partner and have applied for professional development hours from the Ministry of Education to help us achieve our CoL focus.

Our first focus for the Southern Area Schools Community of Learning is writing. We aim to raise the level of writing across all levels, from Yr. 1 to Yr. 13, and across all curriculum areas, including NCEA.

We shall also be organising a Jumbo Day for our five schools where all the teachers will meet and form collaborative networks and share best practice and new ideas that will impact positively on the progress and achievement of all of our students.

There is no doubt that education and the teaching-learning process are accelerating in a whole new direction because of the strides being made in our digital world. We as teachers need to keep up and adapt to this constantly changing world in which our children live.

We are confident that our newly formed Community of Learning with the other Area Schools will have a positive impact on our students' learning.

Change is not something that happens overnight. But it is inevitable and we want to be at the forefront in order to provide the best for our children. Our success depends to a great deal on your support and encouragement as parents. We are confident that we do have your backing in this venture.

If you would like more information on our CoL and the direction we are taking, please do not hesitate to contact me or Chelsea our in-school teacher or any of our teachers for that matter.

Thank you *Joe Ferdinands* (Principal)

DRAMA OPPORTUNITY

The Ranfurly Musical & Dramatic Society are staging a Production in September as a fundraiser for the Hospital rebuild. It is a modern day version of Sleeping Beauty. They are looking for singers, dancers and cast members as well as helpers behind the scenes. If any students from the Middle or Senior school would like to be involved please contact Mrs Kirk or Miss Dowling for more information.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAMME

For the last few years we have been running a Unit Standards based practical Agriculture program here at MAS. This course aims to give students who are interested in farming a range of skills and experiences that will help to make them more confident when using machinery and handling livestock.

The course is run on a 240ha working farm in Poolburn. Students take the Oturehua bus to the farm and are typically on site from 8.15am through 3.15pm. Students are exposed to a wide range of farming situations when on site. These include drenching and vaccinating sheep and cattle, shifting K-Line irrigators, feeding out silage, baleage or hay and shifting electric fences during the winter.

We also have the ability to work in with other farmers if needed to offer more variety for our students. There are credits available in Dairy Farming and these can be completed on other farms if need be. Students do not need to do all their work in Poolburn, holiday jobs and helping out on a parents or friends farm can all be counted towards the students final result.

The day starts with a briefing around the farm map where tasks for the day are set and any hazards identified. We take safety on farm seriously and I am a qualified Health and Safety rep as well as holding a current First Aid Certificate. From the morning briefing students will generally be expected to work on their allocated tasks with the amount of supervision given dependent on the students' level of confidence and experience.

This year in Term 3 we are moving to having the students on farm for two days a week and offering 40 Level 2 credits instead of 20. This means we can offer a wider range of skills for our students and we will be offering extra credits in fencing and general woolshed tasks based around what a farmer would do at shearing time. We are now also accredited to teach some Unit Standards to level 3. These credits are primarily based around using the tractor and ATV with implements attached and on hilly terrain. What we are hoping to achieve here is a that a student can gain over 2-3 years between 40 and 60 credits at Level 2 and 3 if they should choose to do so.

This is an exciting time for the Ag program and we look forward to continuing to develop the program to suit the needs of our practically minded students so that they can gain confidence and work based skills that will serve them well when they look to enter the workforce.

You can see what the students are doing on farm at our Facebook page at MAS Ag.

Sam Stevens Teacher



EXTRA SPELLING QUIZ

On Wednesday the 14th and Thursday the 15th of June the ODT held their annual spelling quiz in Cromwell. Seven teams of 3 students represented Maniototo Area school. The quiz tested not only their spelling knowledge but also their knowledge about word origins, abbreviations and word endings. All of the teams did very well with the year 9 and 10 team placing 4th and the other teams all ending on over 80 points out of 100.

Year 5 & 6

- Perri Hore, Lucy Falconer and Isabella De Haas
- Abby Ferdinands, Anya Pieterse, Peta Smith

Year 7 & 8

- Hayden Clarke, Tayla Munro, Joshua Feron
- Charlotte Gregan, Charlotte Paterson, Max Hore
- Tom Duffy, Reef Becker, Brooklyn Harrington

Year 9 & 10

- Sam Flanagan, Oliver Copland, Ben Voice
- Amanda Voice, Lucy Neilson, Anna Stuart

Thank you to the parents who helped out with travel and the teachers that accompanied each year group.



ART DEPARTMENT

Wanted some rusty Number 8 wire. Contact Juliet Sorrel 027 565 7713

DUNSTAN CHOIR VISIT

We were very fortunate to have the Dunstan High School choir visit our school to perform.

Before they came here they have been singing in the Big Sing in Dunedin and they won a trophy for the best performance in the own choice song category.

There was the girls choir, also there were a boy and girl singing while the guitar was playing, and there were two boys playing an instrument while singing.

The best part was the big haka, and the ending song was great absolutely great and well done.

The choir was something that we won't forget, and we would like to say thanks for taking your time for performing at our school.

Antonia Davis (Year 9)

ARTS ON TOUR NZ PRESENTS

NEW ZEALAND GUITAR QUARTET

"...technical brilliance and emotional depth..."
~ Christchurch Arts Festival

SUNDAY 9 JULY 7.30PM
THE CELLAR DOOR, ALEXANDRA
ADULT \$25, GOLD CARD \$20, CHILD \$10
BOOK: ALEXANDRA I-SITE
AND DOOR SALES (CASH ONLY)

SOCIAL SCIENCE TRIP TO ROTORUA

From the 13th-17th June, 14 senior Tourism, History and Geography students, two teachers and 2 parents went to Rotorua to study aspects of tourism. We looked at the history of tourism, where it originated in Rotorua, the destruction of the Pink and White terraces, to today's new growth area, sustainable tourism. Cultural and natural tourism, what tourists are wanting and facilities that are provided for them. We were fortunate to have a total of 23 activities/speakers while we were there. The highlights varied for each person, but Mitai Maori village, cultural performance, glow worm walk and Hangi was a real favourite. The students got to see the Hangi being lifted and what a Maori Pa was like before Europeans arrived. While not tourism in Rotorua, we went to Hobbiton, an hour away to visit the film set of the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings movies. This was a great opportunity for the students to see tourism in operation in a different setting. We thought it was really busy, but it was one of their quietest days with only around 500 visitors. They can get up to 3,000 people in one day. We were fortunate that due to the Lions supporters being in town, the Matariki celebrations were brought forward. We got to take part in the Matariki parade and watch the concert and fireworks display.

We had a 6 hour stopover in Wellington to allow the students to go to Te Papa and have a guided tour around Parliament. Both were amazing.

Our trip was fantastic and the students were a credit not only to MAS but to the whole Maniototo District. We couldn't have got there without your help and support. Thanks to all of you who bought cheese rolls, raffles, toilet paper, cakes etc. We are so grateful to you! We live in a great community. A big shout of thanks to the Ranfurly Hotel, McLarens, Maniototo Pharmacy, Maniototo Four Square and Café and our wonderful parent helpers Shar Cromb and Shirley Clark.

The final word goes to one of our participants Thomas Smith- to the day I die, I will never forget the smell.



SPORTS INFORMATION

HOUSE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

1st Danseys, 2nd Hamiltons, 3rd Garibaldi, 4th Serpentine

INTERMEDIATE HOUSE SOCCER

1st Danseys, 2nd Garibaldi, 3rd equal Serpentine and Hamiltons

CENTRAL OTAGO REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

NETBALL

Central Otago Under 15 Netball Anastasia Alexopoulos (Maniototo)

HOCKEY

Hatch Cup Boys Hockey Hayden Clarke, Hayden Becker, Max Hore

Hatch Cup Hockey Development Team William Helm

Collier Cup Hockey Development Team Cassidy Pont, Peta Smith, Charlotte Paterson, Hope Devitt

FOOTBALL

Hi, My name is Stephen Dunn and I moved to the Maniototo a couple of years back from Dunedin with my wife Kay.

I have been involved in Football (Soccer) all my life ;

- Having played from 7 years old to National League level in the mid 1980's.
- Co-ordinated our Junior club (Dunedin Technical AFC) for over 5 years.
- During this time I coached Junior teams from age 6 years to 15 years.
- Coached some senior teams also
- I also went on to be President of the club for 4 years.

I am very interested in helping out in the Maniototo with Football skills training and general coaching of Children/Students that may be interested in giving this great game a go.

If there is enough interest, I am happy to work with the school and Parents to perhaps help get Football on the Map in the Maniototo.

My contact details are below should anyone have questions.

Ph 4449132 or 021 1006718 Email stephend@travelmanagers.co.nz

MCI CURLING COACHING

Free Curling Coaching this Friday June 30th trying to start at 5pm but 5.30pm is fine!! (till 6pm/6.30pm). Also we have 2 spot prize vouchers of \$100each (MCI Voucher- Curling/and /or Product ie broom) to give away this week! (Courtesy of "Kiwi" Outdoor Curling Club) - will be presented at the end in the lounge.

SPORTS COORDINATOR VACANCY

Maniototo Area School is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person to take on the position of Sports Coordinator. The position involves 7 hours a week administration, organising team entries to various competitions around the region and assisting the TIC, Phys. Ed. with school sporting events such as Swimming Sports, Cross Country, Ice skating, and Sports Day. Position commences Term 3 and continues to the end of Term 4 of 2017 with the opportunity to be extended for 2018.

Detailed information is available at the school office.

Applications can be emailed to office@maniototo.school.nz

CAREERS CORNER

On 1st June Mr Campbell, Ms Brooks and Year 11 travelled to Dunedin to the Careers Expo which was held in the Dunedin Town Hall. The Expo consisted of Employers (from all over NZ) explaining their careers and training opportunities. Then we enjoyed a game of laser strike before travelling to the Meridian for a late lunch. A great day was enjoyed by all.

On 2nd June the Year 12 students travelled to Dunedin to the Learning Place to complete the practical requirements of 3 Hospitality unit standards. The theory had been completed at school. It was a long day with an early start and late finish. All students enjoyed the experience and the chance to complete the 3 unit standards for 10 credits.

DEFENCE FORCES VISIT

Staff Sergeant Jake Bingley traveled up from Dunedin as a part of the Defence Careers to give a talk to the senior school. The talk involved information about each armed force, the Army, the Navy and the Air force. Jake covered everything from fitness criteria, NCEA achievement requirements, all job opportunities that are available and the sporting and travel opportunities. All that information answered many questions for the students. The Defence Careers makes regular visits up here to give talks and spread information about the Defence Force.

Dylan Boulton-Voice

HOUSE SINGING

On Friday 23rd June MAS students performed a House singing competition. All four houses did a great performance. The songs sang were Breaking free (Garibaldi), Slice of heaven (Hamiltons), Love, love, love & Riptide (Serpentine) with a solo by Madi Pont and the Gumboot song (Danseys).

Each house had to do a waiata Me He Manu Rere. When they did the waiata they got to choose to do actions or not.

Four weeks of singing lessons led by the house leaders and seniors were put into the singing competition. Great teamwork involved to help organise a great school event.

Danseys won in the end with the other 3 houses coming second equal. We would like to thank Mrs Blakely Miss Dowling and Liz O'Neill for judging the contest.



HEADLICE

Head lice, nits, or kutis, are very common in kids and easily spread around school. They can be annoying but are treatable.

How can I tell if my child has head lice?

Your child may have an itchy scalp, especially around the nape of the neck, crown and ears. You may see live lice on the scalp, or hard, pale grey or yellow-white eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to the hair, close to the scalp. Or the first indication you may have is when the school tells you there's an outbreak.

How do I treat them?

The key to dealing with lice is to check, treat and inform.

1. Check: check your child's hair regularly - once a week is a good guide. In the past, teachers and public health nurses lined kids up for public and humiliating checks at school. These days schools don't do checks so it's up to you to check at home.

2. Treat: If you find live lice or unhatched eggs, treat your child as soon as you can. Your chemist can advise you on the best way to deal with the problem. Schools also give good advice and can refer you for further advice and treatment. Treatments don't need to be expensive, although they can be time-consuming, for example using a fine-toothed comb every day.

3. Inform: Let the school know when your child has lice or nits. They can then tell other parents that there is an outbreak, so everyone can check and treat their own children. Teachers can make adjustments in the classroom – such as removing the 'dress-up' box until the infestation is over, or reducing close group work where students' heads are touching. Many schools work with the public health nurse when there is a school-wide infestation.

Will my child have to stay away from school?

No, the school shouldn't exclude your child or ask you to keep them at home because they have lice. You don't need to keep your child at school while you're treating lice either.

How can I stop my child getting head lice?

Head lice is really common in children. There are some things you can do to help prevent them:

- brush your child's hair every day (or remind them to do this)
 - don't share brushes, combs, towels or hats
 - check that the school doesn't store children's hats all together
 - check your child's hair for lice regularly, and act straight away if you find any
- you don't need to shave your child's hair, but it can help to keep it short or tied up when at school.

What can I do if my child keeps getting re-infested?

It is very frustrating when you have treated your child and find they keep getting re-infested.

Tell the school every time your child comes home with a fresh batch of lice – so that the whole school community can take responsibility for the problem. If head lice are an ongoing problem the public health nurse may assist the school to provide information and advice to parents.

It's also common for children to re-infest themselves - it only takes a stray nit or lice to start the cycle again. Make sure you complete any treatment, keep checking, and follow the prevention tips.

NZ AREA SCHOOL TOURNAMENT WOOD RAFFLE RESULTS

Winner #86 Courtney Smith

IMPORTANT DATES

3-6 July	Year 11-13 Pre-mock Exams
3-7 July	Junior School Ice Week
5 July	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
7 July	End of Term 2 & End of Term Whole School Assembly 2pm in the Gym
24 July	Term 3 begins

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

ICE & LUGE CAMPS

Ice Camp Monday 17 to Friday 21 July 2017

Luge Camp Monday 10 to Friday 14 July 2017 (with races on 14, 15, 21 & 22 July)

If you are interested in attending the 2017 Ice Camp, or finding out more information, please email the following details or contact: Geoff Balme, President - NZ Olympic Luge Association Inc

Email gbalme@xtra.co.nz or phone/txt 0274 958 923

Register on-line at <http://goo.gl/forms/gdTD4OvyPt> or by emailing gbalme@xtra.co.nz:

LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Luck be to any who venture down to Central Otago District Libraries these school holidays. Seek your fortune and delve into exploration with Central Otago District Libraries' "Gold Fever".

Explorers should get ready to follow the paths once journeyed by the Otago gold miners in the 1960s in the 'Gold Fever' Board Game.

See the real gold left behind from the 1960s Gold Rush.

Test your luck and fortune with 'Otago Gold Rush Bingo'.

Get creative and craft some colourful Rainbow Twirlers, and even construct your own Marble Drop Mineshaft.

Spots are limited, so book today! Contact your local library to find out more.

<http://libraries.codc-qldc.govt.nz/>

Mon 10 July 2-3pm 'Gold Fever' Board Game
Wed 12 July 2-3pm Rainbow Twirlers

Mon 17 July 2-3pm Marble Drop Mine Shaft – Part 1
Wed 19 July 2-3pm Marble Drop Mine Shaft – Part 2

NZ CURLING TRAINING CAMP

The New Zealand Curling Association has confirmed dates for this year's Junior Training Camp at the MCI rink in Naseby. The camp will run on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 July. For an application form please visit the NZ Curling website.

<http://www.curling.org.nz/index.php/2017-junior-camp>

COOKING CLASSES IN OTUREHUA

17th, 18th, 19th July. 9.30am - 12.30pm Classes suitable for 7-12 year olds.

Bookings essential - phone Philippa Pope 444-5030 or 0274-897704.