

# Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

4 August 2017



## CLASS ACT

A huge congratulations to Candice Ferdinands and Ben Smith on their Class Act Awards which were presented to them by the Prime Minister Bill English at a ceremony held in Dunedin on 3rd August.

Candice has every reason to be proud of her NCEA excellence and merit endorsements and has shown great Leadership during her time at MAS. Amongst her many achievements she has been Head Student, House Leader, BOT student representative and Sticks n Stones group chairperson. Candy has jumped at every opportunity she has had available to her and has attended a Lions Leadership course at Borland Lodge, Spirit of Adventure and Outward Bound.

Candice is keeping an open mind about her future direction and is considering studying English and the Arts at University, as she was passionate about language and literature.



Ben Smith is a determined young man who has achieved great results in both academic and sporting fields. Ben has represented NZ in curling at the Winter Youth Olympics in Norway and World Junior B Curling Champs in Finland and Sweden. He will also be playing in the upcoming Audi Quattro Winter Games being held in Naseby at the end of this month. Ben played cricket for Otago Country, and rugby for Otago under 65kg. Ben had great success with athletics gaining placings in high jump up to South Island competition level. Ben has been an inspiring Head Student and House Leader. He also was selected to attend Outward Bound last year. His long term goal is to become a pilot.



## WINTER GAMES

The Winter Games are just 3 weeks away and event manager Sam Inder is on the hunt for volunteers to help run this event. The success of the Winter Games is dependent on a large number of local volunteers. If you are able to volunteer anytime for this event from 24th-30th August then please contact Sam directly 444 9884.

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## PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Term 2 - 2017 Olivia Russell

Olivia is a worthy recipient of the PTA Citizenship award. She is a quiet, diligent and hardworking student. Olivia is kind and considerate of all her peers, always offering to help others without having to be asked.

Olivia strives to achieve her best in all areas of the curriculum and has been working exceptionally hard to improve in her Maths work showing great perseverance.

Olivia always has a positive attitude and encourages others. She is respectful towards her peers and staff and is a great role model for the school, constantly demonstrating all of our PRIDE values.



## DILIGENCE AWARDS (TERM 2)

Photographed from left to right: Hayden Becker, Lucy Neilson, Anna Stuart, Perri Hore, Declan de Haas, Michaela Clark, Lachie Mackenzie, Zona Howell, Casey Mackenzie, Mikaela Woodhead, Jonty Russell, Ayeasha Tapatu, Max Gregan, Madi Pont, Peyton Baddock, Doug Smith, Nate Spooner, Thomas Smith

Congratulations to all the recipients, keep up the good work!



## REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS

Year 5 and 6 hockey: Zoe Simpson has been picked for the Development team to represent Central Otago.

Tom Duffy and Josh Smith have made the Otago Country under 38kg representative rugby team.





## NZ AREA SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Firstly thank you to all of the people that supported our fundraising efforts' it is much appreciated!

Winner of the scratchie raffles: 1. Dave C (Waipiata) 2. Kirsten Forrester

Thank you to the Community Trust of Maniototo for their sizable donation in support of our team!!

Thanks also to the Maniototo Maggots Rugby Club for their generous contribution to Keagan Mulholland for his Nationals rugby, and to the Maniototo Netball Club for their donation to our netballers: Candy Ferdinands, Lakita Taylor and Ayeasha Tapatu.

Congratulations to the team who went to Whangarei to compete in their chosen sports in the holidays. They represented our school outstandingly and they were all picked to play in the South Island Teams as follows:

Kyle Cairns- Volleyball

Keagan Mulholland - Basketball and Rugby

Ayeasha Tapatu - Netball

Lakita Taylor - Basketball

Candy Ferdinands - Netball and Volleyball

## CURLING

Ben Smith, Anton Hood, Matthew Neilson (all MAS) and Simon Neilson (ex MAS) took part in both the NZ Nationals and NZ U21 curling tournaments over the holidays. It was disappointing that not more teams entered the U21 tournament, but the boys won 2 out of 3 games against Hamish Walker's team taking out the gold medals.

The South Island Secondary School tournament is being held in Dunedin from 1-3 September and the school is hoping to enter 3 teams in this event, and then possibly taking students to Auckland for the National tournament at the end of the term.

**The Year 9 students had a fun day in Naseby this week.**





## JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORTS

Last term you received your child's report. An interview can be made to discuss your child's report with their teacher. Interviews must be made online or if you are having difficulty booking an interview time please contact the office.

An electronic survey will be sent out next week to gather feedback from parents in regards to their child's mid year report. Please take time to complete this survey as it will be beneficial to future report formats and content.

## JUNIOR SCIENCE DAY

There were lots of fun experiments happening at school today with the Junior School Science Fair. Thanks to Ms Meyer, Mrs McSkimming and the Year 10 students for their involvement.





## AMANDA'S SUCCESS CONTINUES

Amanda Voice has been selected to represent NZ at the Trans Tasman Challenge with the NZ Trans-Tasman Youth team.

5 youth Western Performance riders from all over NZ have been selected to compete at Trans-Tasman 2017 to be held at Queensland State Equestrian Centre, Caboolture, Queensland from 11-17 September 2017.

Amanda had to attend various selection weekends in the North Island including the National Quarter Horse Show in Hawera earlier this year.

Prior to the event Amanda has to also attend monthly training weekends with the team coach in the North Island.

Also to top off a great season Amanda and Wade (Amanda's Quarter horse) have been awarded on points, Overall High Point Performance Horse in NZ for Western Riding Federation NZ.

A huge congratulations to Amanda (and Wade) .



## MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

The Ministry of Education has asked all schools to let parents know where to find information to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children, and to let you know that the Ministry has recently updated their parents' website with information about where parents can go to for support and advice if they are concerned about their child's mental health. Parents are encouraged to regularly check in with their child about how they are doing and the things going on in their lives. You will find links to organisations you can contact for help and advice if you are concerned about your child on the Ministry of Education's website at [www.parents.education.govt.nz/mental-health](http://www.parents.education.govt.nz/mental-health).

You may wish to add contact information for your school's pastoral care team.

Nga mihi, Michael Williams (SPANZ President)



**Have a few hours spare a week? Think attitudes around bullying need to change?**

If this sounds like you, Sticks 'n Stones would love to have a chat with you about a part time job supporting our High School Advocate team and also facilitating a Year 7/8 Ambassador programme here at Maniototo Area School.

We are looking for someone organised, committed and confident for the young people to take the lead.

Training and ongoing support provided.

2-3 hours per week during school hours (with the potential for this to increase)      \$25 an hour

email Karla at [sticksnstonesnz@gmail.com](mailto:sticksnstonesnz@gmail.com) to find out more



## IMPORTANT DATES

7 August	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
8 August	Parent/Teacher/Student interviews continue (Years 1-6)
11 August	Junior Assembly (Yr 1-6) 2pm in the Art Room / Raffle Night Y4 pupils
14 August	Maniototo Combined Schools Cross Country 12.30pm start (Maniototo Park)
18 August	postponement date for the Cross Country
21 August	Ski Trip
31 August	Year 7/8 Netball Competition
1 September	School Photos
1-3 September	SISS Curling Tournament (Dunedin)
6/7 September	Central Otago Current Events Quiz
7 September	Maniototo Combined School Speech Contest 10am (Ranfurly Town Hall)
<b>8 September</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day—SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>
11-15 September	Year 7-8 Camp to Christchurch

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