

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

22 September 2017



Dear parents and caregivers,

We are delighted to confirm that we will be provided with a school that is in keeping more with 21st century teaching and learning. The media release was made on Tuesday 12 September by the Associate Minister of Education Tim Macindoe.

The new buildings and classrooms will be designed to student needs; by that we mean the needs of the students of today, rather than a design that would have been great 60 years ago, but simply does not work in today's world. Our children of today are media savvy and technologically way ahead. It is not just the classrooms that will change. The whole pedagogy and teaching approach is already being changed here at Maniototo Area School. There is collaboration, team teaching, individual learning programmes, and flexible learning areas being trialled. Our job as teachers is to prepare our tech savvy kids to live in a world that at this point of time can only be imagined. Change is inevitable. Change is rapid. We as a school, we as teachers cannot be left behind.

In the coming months we shall be holding consultation meetings with not just the staff and students of the school, but with you parents and caregivers as well since your voice and input are important when deciding the future direction of the school. I strongly believe that it is the community, the whanau, who nurtures and shapes our children for the future.

It is heartening to know that small communities have not been forgotten or left behind when it comes to educating our youth of today.

As and when we receive more information on the time-line for the rebuild, we shall share it with the community. Meanwhile, if you do have ideas and thoughts about our new school, please don't hesitate to share it with us.

Joe Ferdinands (Principal)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

September sees the change of Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. The Board farewells Courtney Smith as Student Representative and thanks Courtney for her contribution over the past 12 months. We welcome Rina Watt to the Board of Trustees and look forward to Rina's input.

3 Parent Representative positions will be up for renewal next term, nomination forms will be sent to all eligible voters at the beginning of November...so it is a good time to make sure your address details are up to date.

Anne Kirk—Returning Officer

MANA POUNAMU AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2017 Mana Pounamu Award recipients from MAS—Tessa Jorgensen & Madi Pont. The objectives of these awards are to: Celebrate the success and achievement of rakatahi Māori, encourage rakatahi Māori to participate in tertiary study, identify leadership potential and provide positive role models to rakatahi Māori.

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AMANDA'S TRIP TO AUSSIE

Amanda & Team NZ have just returned from the Trans Tasman Challenge at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre, Caboolture in Australia. Competing with Australia, NZ & New Caledonia youth.

Gold Medal's in both Ranch Riding & Hunt Seat Equitation also Silver in Trail Class & Bronze in Hunter Under Saddle. She was nominated her Quarter Horse "Blaze On By" to ride.

Next weekend the selection process (World cup team to go to Texas) starts all over again with a training & selection camp in Taupo.

LIBBY'S AWARD

On Friday 15th September I flew to Wellington to go to a deaf film festival. The Dunedin deaf children and I won an award for a short film. The film is called "Falling on Deaf Ears" which is now on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shkDY9DffNo>

I had so much fun in Wellington. We went to the Zoo, shopping, Te Papa and on the cable car.

Thank you to everyone for their support, and thanks to Mrs Whyte for going to Wellington with me.

Libby Francis (Year 10)

Libby also received the Runner-up to Best Actress as well. What a STAR!



PRIDE

Students that have completed 3 pride cards were awarded a special certificate at this weeks assembly. Pictured are:

Mahalia Tapatu, Jade Shepherd, Zaviah Spooner, Max Gregan & Reef Becker. What a brilliant effort!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Proofs have been sent home last week. Please can you get your orders into the school office by Friday 29th September. Photos will arrive back at the beginning of Term 4.

PARENT FEEDBACK ON REPORTS

Parents in Years 1-6 will have received an e-mail link to a survey requesting feedback on student reports. Please can you complete these asap. We appreciate your input.

SUNHATS

With summer on its way it is really important that students keep sunsafe and wear their sunhats at school next term. Sunhats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4.



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

With the unavoidable move to BYOD, parents need to know what their children need at different levels of learning.

In 2018 Senior Students need to be supplying their own laptops and need to understand Course and Technology requirements.

While Apple computers can access the 2018 Network they will have no printing ability within the School and the format of some documents is a problem. Similarly, Chromebooks & iPads have limited value within the system.

So we strongly recommend a Windows-based laptop, running Windows 10. The School has student licences for Microsoft Office and these can be installed (You do not need to purchase these!).

If your child is likely to be needing the laptop through to Polytechnic or University they may want to look at a more powerful i3 – i5 processor but even the Y13 Statistics students manage quite well with basic processors (Celeron etc.) as the main demands are word processing, email, spreadsheets, and internet –based programmes requiring only good connectivity.

Ex-Lease units are available at good prices from several re-sellers but, if buying new, you might consider a solid state drive (storage) even though we ask all our students to save work in the Cloud for security.

MANIOTOTO SCHOOLS COMBINED SPEECH COMPETITION RESULTS

Year 3: 1st= Paige Smith (St Johns) & Tessa Steele (St Johns) 3rd Alyssa Janerol (St Johns)

Year 4: 1st Kate Williams (Omakau), 2nd Lucy Stevens (Poolburn), 3rd Alexie Mackenzie (MAS)

Year 5: 1st Annie Dowling (St Johns), 2nd Nicola Kinney (MAS), 3rd Grace Farquhar (St Johns)

Year 6: 1st Maia Macdonald (St Johns), 2nd Anya Pieterse (MAS), 3rd Jock Duncan (St Johns)

Year 7: 1st Hannah Cormack (St Johns), 2nd Briar Duncan (St Johns), 3rd Judde Paris (Omakau)

Year 8: 1st Kate Kinney (St Johns), 2nd Tayla Munro (MAS), 3rd Andrew Fetalver (St Johns)

MAS POETRY RECITAL

Year 1: 1st Tiaan Pieterse, 2nd Peyton Baddock,
3rd = Mache Hodgson & Hugo Paterson

Year 2: 1st Max Gregan, 2nd Macy Finlayson, 3rd Callum McSkimming



SISS RUGBY

On 3rd September Jotahn Croawell, Te Ariki Tapatu, Fletcher Dowling, Peter Cheesmur and Doug Smith travelled to Greymouth to play in the South Island Under 15 rugby tournament for Dunstan High School.

Dunstan played their first two games on Monday but sadly had two close losses against Motueka and St Andrews. The next day they played Geraldine and Verdon and managed to get two good wins which put them into the semi final of the second division. Dunstan took on Roncali and beat them 10-5 to move into the final where they played Lincoln but they were too good, coming away beating Dunstan 17-10.

Dunstan attended the prize giving, John McGlashan beat Gore in the division 1 final and Wakatipu won division 3. Doug Smith was selected in the South Island tournament team, it was a very good effort from all the boys and they came away happy with their results.

All the boys are very thankful for the sponsors that supported them. Ancient Briton Hotel, Ranfurly Contracting, Pine Terrace, Aunty Vicky and Waipiata Pies—without this sponsorship the boys wouldn't have been able to go to tournament, so a huge thank you to all for their support.

OTAGO CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Well done to our three participants who competed in the Otago Cross Country held in Dunedin at Kaikorai Valley High School on the 1st September.

Results:

Year 5 Boys: Nic Pieterse Time: 9.25.59 Placing: 49 out of 82 boys Ran approx 2km

Year 5 Girls: Nicola Kinney Time: 9.47.40 Placing: 16 out of 83 girls Ran approx 2km

Year 7 Girls: Emma Kinney Time: 11.10.54 Placing: 48 out of 70 girls Ran approx 2.4km

HOCKEY PRIZEGIVING

Year 7&8: Most Improved Player- Hope Devitt

Year 5&6 Saturday Competition: Most Valuable Player - Peta Smith

Year 3&4 Magic: Most Valuable Player - Ruby Hore, Most Improved Player - Isabelle Helm

Year 3&4 Titans: Most Improved Player - Lachlan MacKenzie

Year 3&4 Rockets: Most Valuable Player - Charlie Falconer, Most Improved Player - Amelia Smith

No Year 1&2 special awards given out but they all get certificates and are all super stars!

RUGBY & LEAGUE TEAM SELECTION

Congratulations to these students who have been selected in the following representative teams: Te Ariki Tapatu - South Island U15 Rugby League Tournament Team.

Doug Smith - South Island U15 Rugby Tournament Team.

YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP

Last week the Year 7 and 8 class went to an urban camp in Christchurch. The week was jam-packed full of activities such as The Antarctic Centre, Life Saving Education, The Museum, The Arts Centre, Margaret Mahy Playground, Issac Theatre tour and viewing a live stage show called Sister Act. We finished the week off with Orana Park and Quake City.

On Tuesday morning we went to the Antarctic Centre. We learned about Antarctica. We went into a simulator so we could experience an awful Antarctic blizzard. We also learned about penguins and enjoyed having a haaglund ride. The highlight of the trip was experiencing a 4D movie, which took us to Antarctica. Water even sprayed in our faces and snow fell from the ceiling. Later that day we went to Waimairi beach for a surf lifesaving programme. We had Fraser and Jackson come to talk to us about rips, beach safety, when to know not to come to the beach and lots more on beach safety.



On Wednesday morning we went to the Museum where Marissa taught us about the Antarctic explorers and we had races pulling a wooden sled like they use to use. We then went to The Arts Centre to learn about Earnest Rutherford in the old lecture

theatres. For lunch we walked to the Margaret Mahy playground which was an unreal playground. On our walk around Christchurch it was quite overwhelming to see how Christchurch looks now, 7 years after the earthquakes and the building that is going on. We even walked passed the Cathedral and all of the work happening in the city.

Later we went for a tour of the Isaac Theatre Royal. It was such an honour that we were able to see how a theatre operates, from front of house to backstage. The theatre is the newest/oldest building in Christchurch and the General Manager explained how the theatre was restored after the earthquake. We were lucky enough to sing on the stage, not many people can say they've sung on the Issac Theatre Royal Stage! The main actress and other people in the show came along so we could ask questions. We got some cool bracelets that called us a VIP. Later than that evening, we dressed up in our Sunday best and went to the musical stage show, Sister Act. It was spectacular and quite funny.



On Thursday we went to Orana park where we were put into groups and set off on our animal tour. The Year 7's started the gorillas and the Year 8s went to the meerkats and porcupines. We were able to see all of the animals in the park as well as feed the giraffes and trout. Afterwards we went to Quake City where Marissa took us around the new building, which hadn't yet been open to the public. It was interesting to see the impact of the earthquakes on

Christchurch, how the responded and how some of Christchurch has been rebuilt.

Overall camp was an excellent experience many of us had not been to some of the things we went to and it was fun being in a big city. It made the long drive worthwhile!



CURLING

Best wishes to Anton Hood on his upcoming trip to Champéry, Switzerland for the World Mixed Curling Championships from 6 - 14 October 2017. Play well!

Our boys team (Will Becker, Sam Flanagan, Ben Voice & Damian Carson) will be heading to Auckland at the end of this term for the NZ Secondary Schools Championship.

Please contact them if you would like to support their fundraising. They are currently selling cheese rolls (\$7/dozen or 3 dozen for \$20) as well as Spice Craft packs: Mixed pack \$24 (Kiwi rub, Original grinder, smokey garlic shaker). Salt grinder pack \$32 (Original, lamb, beef, chicken) or Rubs/Seasonings \$32 (Moroccan, Kiwi, Mexican, Jerk) or 90gm Smokey shaker \$8, 270gm Smokey pouch \$12 or Smokey Combo (shaker & pouch \$18. www.spicecraft.co.nz

ATHLETICS COACHING PROGRAMME

Dates: Wednesdays 20th Sept, 27th Sept, 18th Oct, 25th Oct, 1st Nov

Time: 3.15-4.30pm

It is open to all students from Maniototo, St Johns and Strath Taieri who would like to improve their athletic skills. We would like as many coaches/parents as possible with specific areas of expertise, to cover a wide range of skills.

The Coaching programme will run Wednesday after school for the 5 weeks leading up to the Maniototo Interschool Sports Day held on Friday 3rd November. The coaching will then continue for the remaining few weeks for those children selected to compete in Dunedin at the Otago wide competition (Tuesday 21st November) so they can further their skills in their chosen events.

We need parents to volunteer to help run these sessions, and also to help chaperone groups on Sports Day (Friday 3rd November). Please contact the school if you can assist.

ISABELLA'S STILT WALKING

What is that girl doing up there on a pair of metre high stilts? This is what people first said when I walk outside the Learning Centre for the first time showing people what I'm made of.

It all started in the Orange Room of MAS at the start of Term 3. I was looking for something to do when I hit the jackpot. I found a bucket full of 10cm high stilts and from then on I loved it.

One day Miss Sorrel told me that she was a professional stilt walker and offered to teach me the way to walk on 1metre high stilts.

On Monday 28th August I walked my first few steps like a baby with a wet nappy, of course it sounds funny but you have to walk with your legs apart. 3 days later I was walking with Miss Sorrel holding my hand and then out of the blue she let go and I was walking on my own. For me this was a great achievement and now my next goal is to do kicks and tricks. Thank you to Miss Sorrel and the senior students that helped.

Isabella de Haas (Year 6)



EDUCATION SUPPORT WORKER

We are looking for an Education Support Worker in the Ranfurly area to join our Early Intervention Team. The position will involve working with children with special needs in early childhood centres. The Education Support Worker will support children's presence, participation and learning in the centres and will be for 5 hours per week although the number of hours available may change from term to term.

Ideally you should have:

- Experience in working in the early childhood setting.
- The ability to work as part of a team.
- A sensitivity to cultural and ethnic diversity.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- A current driver's licence.

If this opportunity interests you please contact Trevor McDonald at trevor.mcdonald@education.govt.nz or on 03 445 3751.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The AA New Zealand Defensive Driving course is going to be held in Alexandra on October 3rd 5th, 10th & 12th (inclusive) from 7-9pm.

Please email kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz;
or txt 027 623 3534 for further course information.

SHOE CLINIC SCHOOL REWARDS

Shoe Clinic's school rewards are only available in-store (not for purchases made online).

For every pair of school shoes sold, Shoe Clinic will give a \$10 donation to our school.

For more information visit Shoe Clinic (315 George Street, Dunedin)

LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary release of the First Harry Potter book. Discover what house you would be in, and make your own identity cards, gain a wand permit and learn to use a quill!

Monday 2nd Oct, Wednesday 4th Oct, Mon 9th Oct, Wednesday 11th Oct
Sessions will run from 2pm – 3pm. Under 5's to be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential...contact the Maniototo Library 444 9348

YOUTH MURAL WORKSHOP

On the 6th & 7th October artists Aroha Novak and Maxine Williams will be presenting a 2 day creative workshop to design a mural for the Ranfurly swimming pool exterior wall. It is being held at the Maniototo Art Centre in Ranfurly from 10am until 4pm each day. The workshop is free for local young people from Year 5 up to Year 13. Students will practice mural painting techniques and be brainstorming to plan and design the new mural for the pool.

To register call into 'The Practice' to pick up a registration form or phone Kim Gibson on 03 444 9652. More information on www.maniototo.co.nz or like the Facebook page 'Art Blast Youth Mural Project'

Following on from this workshop on 18th & 19th November from 1am-5pm the whole community are invited to join in painting the mural at the Ranfurly Swimming pool site.

CRICKET

Maniototo Junior Cricket meeting for coaches & any interested parents

Wednesday 4th Oct 7.30pm at the Ranfurly Hotel

Junior cricket registration (Year 0-8) Thursday 19th Oct 3pm at MAS

Cost \$10 per child

Any queries please call Lauren Shaw 0274171130 or 4449026.

OTAGO COUNTRY CRICKET SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Where: Dunstan High Gymnasium

When: 2nd & 3rd October

Time: 10am– 12pm (year 3-5) 12:30pm – 3pm (year 6-8)

Cost: \$40

To register please visit: www.otagocountrycricket.co.nz/junior-cricket.html

And click the holiday programme button.

These programmes prove very popular right throughout Otago. It is a chance for kids to come along have some fun and to put some existing skill into action through bowling batting and fielding games. It also gives opportunity to improve on these skill sets

Any questions please contact Willie Miller at willie@otagocricket.co.nz or 0212790979

GIRLS SMASH CRICKET

FREE COMPETITION FOR GIRLS YEAR 5-8

No experience necessary! Teams are 6 aside but individual girls are also welcome.

Monday Nights | 3:30pm | Molyneux Park in Alexandra | Term 4

Contact Willie Miller willie@otagocricket.co.nz

NETBALL PRIZEGIVING

Year 5/6: Most Improved Player: Keisha McFadyen Beck, Most Valuable Player: Perri Hore

Year 7/8: Most Improved Player: Libby Francis and Jasmine Balloch,

Most Valuable Player: Harmony Devitt

Senior: Most Improved Player: Rina Watt, Most Valuable Player: Tyla Spooner and Tessa Jorgenson



2018 TERM DATES

There will be a “staggered” start for pupils in 2018

Year 11-13 students will start on Tuesday 30th January, Year 7-10 students will start on Wednesday 31st January and Year 1-6 students will start on Thursday 1st February

Term 1: 30th January – 13th April

Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6th February

A& P Show (1pm close) - TBA

Otago Anniversary - Monday 26th March

Easter - Friday 30th March - Tuesday 3rd April

Term 2: 30th April - 6th July

Queen's Birthday - Monday 4th June

Term 3: 23rd July – 28th September

Term 4: 15th October – 14th December

Labour Day – Monday 22nd October

There will be 2 Teacher Only Days in 2018 (dates to be advised)

IMPORTANT DATES

20 September	After school Athletics Coaching begins
25 September	El Greggo Performance 9.30am
25-27 September	Mock Exams (Year 11-13)
26 September	Kiwi sport Inter-school Curling Tournament in Naseby (Years 5-8)
27 September	Volleyball Tournament in Wanaka (Years 9 & 10)
28 September	Junior Science Fair
29 September	End of Term 3
30 Sept—2 Oct	NZSS Curling Tournament (Auckland)
16 October	Term 4 begins
18 October	HPV vaccinations
19 October	PTA Meeting 3.15pm
23 October	Labour Weekend
12 December	Prizegiving
14 December	Last day of school (1pm close)