

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

9th June 2016



HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION



Who will win the 2016 House Dance competition???



....find out this Friday 10th June

Starting at 1.45pm in the Gymnasium.



All welcome

Maniototo Area School

15 Caulfeild Street

Ranfurly 9332

Central Otago

Phone

03 444 9341

Fax

03 444 9562

E-mail

office@maniototo.school.nz

Website

www.maniototo.school.nz

From the Principal

Ms Patsy Inder



Kia Ora

What a lot of events are being held at school at the moment. A large number of our students are very involved in winter sport and it is great to see the support of parents and families at practices and at matches. We have also had lots of trips and visits and have been delighted by the positive feedback from people who have worked with our students. An example is the feedback from the Orokonui Sanctuary educator who commented that our students were a dream to work with and that they were really well informed, prepared and engaged.

Our senior netball team is competing in the Secondary Tournament in Dunedin on Sunday and Monday and we wish them well for this competition. We also wish Courtney Smith well in her Spirit of Adventure voyage which starts the day after the tournament.

Dance Competition: Reminder that our dance competition is this Friday, 10th of June starting at 1.45pm in the gym. Lots of practice has gone into this event and we are grateful to the judges, who have the difficult task of sorting out the winners.

Matariki: Following the excellent hangi last year, this year we are celebrating Matariki on Friday 17th of June with a session sharing waiata and artwork followed by a sausage sizzle. Come along to the Senior Learning Centre at 5pm to join in the celebration of the Maori New Year.

Board of Trustees: Thank you to everyone who made themselves available for election. It was good to get such a good turnout and to get so many votes returned. Congratulations to the successful candidates, Belinda Colling, Rose Voice and Alastair Watt. The first Board meeting for the new Board is next Wednesday (15th) at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. The agenda includes a curriculum report on English and further discussion on property.

Attendance: One of the most important ways of ensuring success at school is to have high levels of attendance. There is a great deal of research from New Zealand and overseas that shows that lower attendance impacts very negatively on progress and achievement at school. We know this is the season for winter coughs and bugs and it is important that students stay home if they are unwell, but it is equally important that they attend every day possible to maximise their learning opportunities. We have a significant number of students whose attendance is too low for them to achieve well at school and we ask that you closely monitor how often your child is away.

Southern Area Schools: Lawrence, Roxburgh, Twizel, Catlins, Waiau and Maniototo Area Schools compete in the Southern Area Schools' tournament then represent the South of the South at the national Area Schools' tournament. We are now looking to extend the sporting relationships into a 'Community of Learning' which means we will work together to improve learning and results for all of the Area Schools' pupils. Area Schools are unique in that they have children of all class levels and this creates opportunities as well as some issues for everyone, from ensuring that timetables suit all class levels to making sure that school activities don't impact on senior students' preparation for exams. By working together we are able to draw on a variety of ideas and structures to ensure the opportunities for Area School students are absolutely top quality.

Raffle Night: On Friday 24th June there is a raffle night at the Ranfurly Hotel to raise funds for our team for the National Area Schools' tournament. We would really value support for this. Any donations of prizes can be left at school or dropped off at the hotel from 5.30pm.

Staffing: Welcome to Mr Stephen Bryant who started work with us this week. He is filling a number of roles in the senior school and we are delighted to have him on the teaching team.

STICKS N STONES SLEEPOVER

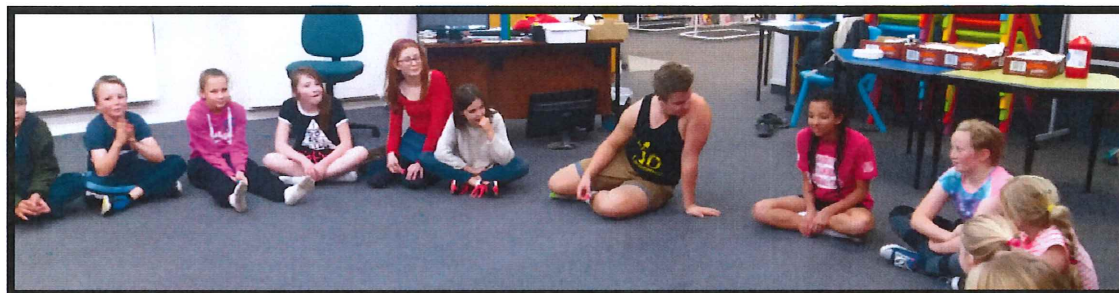
Who:

Year 7/8 students from St John's & MAS, Senior Sticks n Stones members

What :

An afternoon of fun activities (e.g. pirates in the gym, team building games), spotlight @ night, watched a movie, talked about the importance of being careful about what we say both in the real world and in cyber world. Then, off to bed in the classrooms. Up in the morning and away home.

Thanks to the seniors, they did a great job of organising . It's really good to see their involvement with junior members of the school.



JUNIOR SCHOOL BOOK WEEK

This term our inquiry focus is on books and why we need them. In addition to this we have decided to hold a Scholastic Book Fair. This is a special event that enables us to purchase quality books at reasonable prices, helping our school to raise money for more books within our classrooms.

Our Book Fair will be set up at school in our Art Room from Monday the 20th of June until Friday the 24th of June. The Book Fair will be open to anyone to come in to view and purchase books during our lunchtimes from 12:40 – 1:20pm and after school from 3:00 – 3:30pm every day that week. The children will each get to go in with their class at some stage throughout the week to have a look at the books as well.

Throughout the week we will be having other fun book-related activities. On Tuesday we have Kyle Mewburn who is an author coming in to work with the children on their writing and on Thursday we have illustrator Donovan Bixley coming in as well.

On Wednesday the 22nd of June we will be having a dress up day. All children from Years 0-13 are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and have that book at school to share with their peers. We will then have a parade in the afternoon where you are all invited to come along and see our book characters. More information about the time of this parade will come out closer to the day.

Thanks again for your support.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to come and speak to any of the junior school teachers.

WINTER

During winter, it is important that parents are aware of the school procedures in the event of snowy/icy conditions disrupting normal school routines.

In the morning if school is closed, or if any of the buses are running late - this information will be posted on the school website, social media and on local radio stations. Burn 729am/87.9FM, The HAWK 104.3FM.

If there is reason to send **bus children** home early during the day, all parents will be contacted and notified of the departure time of buses.

If we are unable to contact any parent/caregiver then those children will remain at school.

It is important that all parents ensure their contact details are kept up-to-date.

In extreme conditions if the whole school is to close, all parents (Yrs 1-10) will be contacted and **town pupils** should be collected from the Gymnasium by their caregiver/parent.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS NOW AT MAS

Enviroschools is on fortnightly on a Tuesday in the Art Room for all ages. Inquiries to Mrs Feron

BYOD Computer Clinic students with their own devices can come and learn how to solve any computer problems they are having. This will happen once a month on a Tuesday in the Art room.

Inquiries to Mrs Feron.

Code Club students come and learn to write computer code to make awesome stuff happen. This happens weekly on a Wednesday in the Art Room. This is for students who are Year 4 and older.

Inquiries to Mrs Feron

Lego and Board games free play time in the Art Room on a Thursday. All ages welcome. Inquiries to Mrs Feron

Glee Club is happening on a Friday in the Year 7 & 8 classroom for students in Years 4 to Year 13. Inquiries to Mrs Reid

Sports programme with Mr D in the Gym everyday at lunchtime for senior kids (Year 9+).

Glee Club



Lego Club

PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Congratulations Hope Devitt for being the recipient of Term 1 PTA citizenship Award.



Hope has been very welcoming to all of the new students in Kakariki this year. She ensures they know what to do and often gives guidance or advice when they are unsure.

She does all of this without having to be asked.

Hope is a bright and cheerful personality in the class. She

actively and positively contributes in all MAs activities and can often be seen in the playground helping out others. Hope demonstrates strong leadership skills and negotiates with others to try and solve their problems.

Hope has taken on extra responsibilities both in Kakariki and in the wider school environment, making sure she completes them to the best of her ability. She is certainly not afraid to make the most of opportunities and 'gives it her all.'

All of these attributes make Hope a worthy recipient of the PTA award and excellent role model for the junior school.

SELF-MANAGEMENT AWARDS (Term 1)

Congratulations to our award winners from last term. These students have been recognised for their awesome self-management skills.

Callum McSkimming, Kane Huddleston, Ethan McSkimming, Sienna Christian,

William Christian, Perri Hore, Mark Smith, Mia Steele, Lucy Neilson, Chelsey Cromb,

Hamish Easson (absent from photo), Mikaela Woodhead and Dominick Geoffrey.



Friday the 17th of June 5pm

MATARIKI

Matariki is the beginning of the Maori new year.

Join us in the Learning Centre at Maniototo Area school in celebrating Matariki. We will gather to sing waiata, share artwork and legends around Matariki. We will finish with a sausage sizzle.

IMPORTANT DATES

10 June	House Dance Competition 1.45pm in the Gym
12-13 June	Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament (Dunedin)
15 June	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm in the Staffroom
15 June	Central Otago Spelling Quiz (Years 5-8)
16 June	Central Otago Spelling Quiz (Years 9-10)
17 June	Matariki Celebrations 5pm (see information above)
20-24 June	Junior School Book Week (see more information in this newsletter)
24 June	Raffle Night @ Ranfurly Hotel (NZ Area School Tournament team)
8 July	Last Day of Term 2
11-15 July	NZ Area Schools Tournament (Dunedin)
25 July	Term 3 Commences
27 July	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
5 August	Raffle Night @ Ranfurly Hotel (Kakariki Class)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION DECLARATION OF PARENT ELECTION RESULTS

COLLING, BELINDA	81
DOWLING, MICHELLE	42
MCDIARMID, KARL	10
VOICE, ROSE	71
WATT, ALASTAIR	63
INVALID VOTES	4

I HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING DULY ELECTED: BELINDA COLLING, ROSE VOICE AND ALASTAIR WATT

ANNE KIRK—RETURNING OFFICER