

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

2 November 2017



Dear Parents and Caregivers

With Board of Trustees nominations opening shortly I thought it would be a good idea to give everyone in our school community some insight into what happens on the Board and some things that will be happening over the coming years at Maniototo Area School.

The board consists of 6 parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative and the Principal. From a business point of view the Principal is the CEO and is in charge of everything day to day. It is the Board's job to instruct the Principal on how they want the school to run.

Here at MAS we have board elections every 18 months, this is to ensure that the whole board is not renewed at once, therefore making sure that there are always people there that have some idea on what is going on. There will be three positions being renewed in this election. Some of the current Board members may opt to stand again but others may decide not to. If you have ever thought about being involved in the governance of the school that educates your children now is your chance to put your hand up.

What is happening at MAS in the near future?

We have appointed a new Principal in the past year and I can assure everyone that we have the right person in the CEO's position. Over the coming year we have to come up with how we want our school buildings to function and look like for the next 50 years or so. This 'Master Plan' will take a lot of input from the Board along with input from everyone else. Work on the new buildings will begin later in 2019 so if you would like to be involved in this why not put your nomination forward for the Board.

It is a good idea to attach a statement about yourself with your nomination, this allows you to let people know what you believe makes you the right person for the Board. It also gives people a chance to learn something more about you.

So what are you waiting for? Get your nominations in...nomination forms will be posted out to all eligible caregivers. Completed nomination forms (along with your candidate statement) need to be handed to Anne Kirk the Returning Officer at the school office by 12 noon on Friday 17th November.

If you would like more information or to discuss anything further don't hesitate to give me a call on 0274863676.

Regards

David Hutton-Atkins

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PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD TERM 3 2017

Peta Smith

Peta is a hard working, conscientious student of Kakariki. She has great initiative and ideas, and is always willing to help out around the class.

Peta cares about our school and class. She is interested in what is going on and she likes to be involved in all aspects of school life, often volunteering to take part in extra-curricula activities like ODT quizzes and sports teams like curling and Rippa Rugby. Peta has excellent leadership and organisation skills.

Peta is a great role model for her peers and the junior students know that she will help and support them. In group situations she motivates, organises and encourages her group members. People look up to her.

Peta is polite and respectful towards others. She enjoys interacting with people of all ages and she is well liked by students and staff throughout our school.

Peta's willingness to help out others, without being asked makes her a worthy recipient of the PTA citizenship award for Term 3.



TERM 3 PRIDE AWARDS FOR DETERMINATION



We are really proud of all these students who received Determination Awards at the end of Term 3:

Year 2 Trevor Copland, Year 3 Maisie Hore, Year 4 Latrell Houppapa, Year 5 Mahaliya Pike/Brooke Huddleston, Year 6 Isabella de Haas, Year 7 Michaela Allen, Brooklyn Harrington, Year 8 Tayla Munro/Harry McAslan, Year 9 Courtney Parata, Year 10 Paris Anderson/Will Becker/Libby Francis, Year 11 Thomas Smith, Year 12 Arryn Hawthorne/Tessa Jorgensen, Year 13 Anton Hood

HADLEE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Hadlee Trust also known as the Maniototo Area School Sporting & Cultural Trust, originated from monies that were raised and Sir Richard Hadlee was the guest speaker at the event. Hence the name that has popularised.

The idea was to have funds available upon application to help encourage and support pupils domiciled in the Maniototo Area. It's aim is to give a one off monetary grant as determined by the Board recognising significant Sporting or Cultural achievement.

The current Board of Trustees comprises Stewart Hawkins (Chairperson), Sharon Thompson (Secretary), Dave Hutton Atkins, Principal, John Pyle, Alastair Watt, Jo Weir.

It is approaching that time of year to get your applications in for consideration.

2017 Application forms are available from the school office and completed applications need to be returned to the office by Friday 10th November 2017.

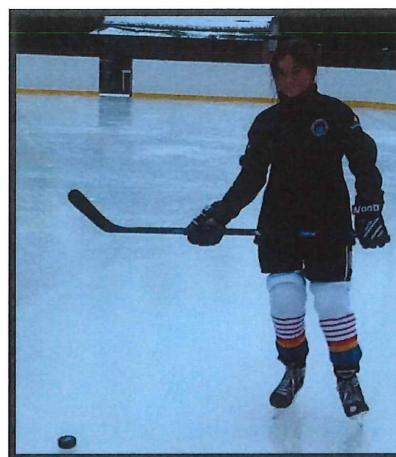
ICE HOCKEY

In the Holidays Harry McAslan attended the U14 Pee wee National finals, playing for the Dunedin Thunder.

The team came home with the Bronze medal and Harry was awarded with two MVP pucks one in Christchurch and one in Queenstown.

Harry has been very fortunate to be selected into a rep team playing in an International Tournament in Adelaide between the 3rd and 13th of November. Well done Harry!

Congratulations to Rina Watt who has just been selected to represent NZ as part of the NZ Women's Under 18 Ice Hockey team at the Challenge Cup of Asia (Top Division) International ice hockey tournament to be held from 7-11 March 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



HALBERG GAMES

Mum and I flew to Auckland to the Halberg Games. We stayed at St Peters College where they had a huge pool. I ran in the 100m, 200m and 400m races. I swam in the 25m freestyle and backstroke. I also did the long jump. I played wheelchair basketball with a huge ball and played table tennis and badminton. It was so much fun. I met lots of people from all over New Zealand.

Libby Francis

(Year 10)

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 27th of September, Mrs Lithgow and Jenny Renton (sports coordinator) took a team of Year 9 and 10 students to the new Events Centre in Wanaka for the Central Otago Junior Volleyball Tournament. Maniototo were entered in the mixed grade, however, we had a very difficult draw as we were up against all boys teams. The team played outstandingly, both in attitude and ability. They beat Cromwell Boys Black, Cromwell Boys Red, and Dunstan Year 11 boys with some hard fought matches. The team won their pool and had to play Mt Aspiring boys who were the winners of their pool also. Maniototo never gave up and fought hard against this well-drilled team and sadly lost the playoffs. This was a fantastic day with all students showing true PRIDE. Well done!

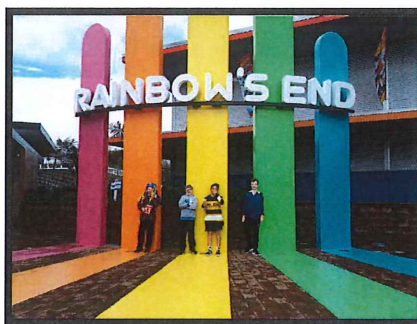
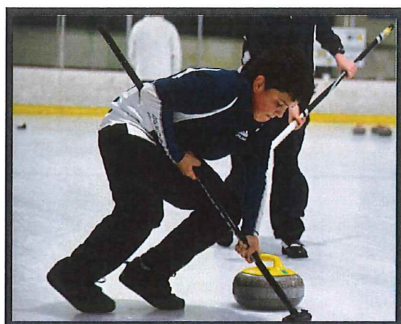
CENTRAL OTAGO TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 26th October the Year 10's and some Year 9's travelled to Cromwell to play in the Central Otago Touch tournament, it was very hot and the players were excited to play. Unfortunately both teams we entered in the touch tournament lost all their games but no one ever gave up. Special thanks to Harmony who kindly stepped in for the girls team. Also a special thanks to Mrs Lithgow for organising us and Angela and Jen for transport and parent help. Well done to everyone.

Doug Smith (Year 10)

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL CURLING TOURNAMENT IN AUCKLAND

At the beginning of the holidays Will Becker (Skip), Sam Flanagan (3rd), Ben Voice (2nd) and Damian Carson (Lead) travelled to Auckland to compete in the National Secondary Schools Curling Tournament. After many challenging games, the team finished up at 2nd place in the boy's grade of the competition, runner-up to John McGlashan College. A big thanks to Ms Meyer who accompanied the team on the trip, as well as the South Island tournament in Dunedin. Thanks to all the people that supported our fundraising efforts. **Sam Flanagan**



MCI KIWISPORT CURLING TOURNAMENT

MAS had 3 teams from Year 5/6 and 3 teams from Year 7/8 take part in the annual MCI Kiwisport inter-school curling tournament with St Johns and Omakau schools.

It is always a great day and this year we were pleased that 4 of our teams finished in the top 4 spots and ended up played against each other in the finals.

The winning teams (pictured below) were:

Year 5/6: Archie McDiarmid, Nic Pieterse, Anya Pieterse, Abby Ferdinands

Year 7/8: Josh Smith, Hayden Clarke, Harmony Devitt, Amy Simpson

A big thanks to Ewan and the team at MCI for organising the tournament.



JUST BEING ME

I may as well be in the bin,
Because I'll probably never fit in.
Kids are mean behind the screen,
But I don't see why, I'm just being me.
They don't think that I'm cool at all,
They only believe that I'm a fool.
I'll never be able to fit in you see,
Even though, I'm just being me.
I may as well not try my best,
I'll never be as great as the rest.
I get called a nark wherever I go,
But that's just part of their everyday flow.
You can see how bad some days can be,
But all in all, I'm just being me.
I am creative, I am loud,
I am awesome and I am proud,
But with the bullies on the prowl,
I am left with absolutely no crowd.
So now you may see,
That this is what I get from just being me.
Obviously, I'm out of luck,
Because everyone still says I suck.
But... No matter what the bullies say,
I'm gonna make them pay,
But, only by doing things my way.
I say, there will be no bullies,
I will make them flee,
And I will do all this, by just being me,
Just being me, that's how I like it

Tayla Munro (Year 8)

Maniototo Area School PTA

Christmas Hamper

The annual PTA Christmas hamper is happening again this year and the PTA are asking that each family please provide a grocery item or 2 for this

Items can be given to your class teacher

Tickets for selling are due out soon

Many thanks for your support

GRAHAM LAING SWIMMING LESSONS

27th to 31th December 2017

Bookings to Margo Hall 021 0528 255

Wastebusters Alexandra are looking for a reliable person to look after the towns Recycling containers.

The job involves changing fadges and fadging up product stacking in back of container ready for our truck to pick up. Also counting glass bins and letting me know how many we need to bring out to Ranfurly each Monday. This is a paid part time position. If you are interested please call Lauree O'Neill on 0221998204 or email lauree@wanakawastebusters.co.nz

FOOD LOVERS MASTERCLASS 15TH NOVEMBER 2017

Poolburn Hall, Moa Creek Road, Poolburn

Wednesday 15 November 2017 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tickets \$25 - Includes a \$100 Goodie Bag

'Food Lovers Masterclass' with Kate Meads

During this 2 hour masterclass, you will get lots of exciting and inspiration education around ways you can reduce your food waste (especially at home with the kids) from meal planning to smart shopping to smart storage.

You will learn about the first in first out approach/method, what is the difference between use by and best before and when all else fails the last resort options.

The best news you will get to take home \$100 worth of goodies from sponsors and Kate Meads.

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

Teacher Only Day—Friday 6th 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

3 November	Maniototo Primary Schools Sports Assn Athletics Day
6 November	Athletics postponement day
7-12 November	Bike & Road Safety Week
7 November	Vision Hearing Testing
8 November	Last day of school for Year 12 students
9 November	Science Roadshow (Years 4-10) / NCEA exams start / BOT meeting 7.30pm in the Staffroom
10 November	Last day of school for Year 11 & Year 13 students Scholarship applications due in by 3pm
15 November	NCEA Parent Teacher meeting for Year 10 students 6-7pm
21 November	Otago Primary Athletics Championships (Dunedin)
21-23 November	Year 5-6 Camp (Cromwell)
12 December	Prizegiving
13 December	PRIDE day Year 1-6 / Year 7/8 Fieldtrip
14 December	Last day of school (1pm close)