

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

8 December 2017



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are almost at the end of this academic year. It has been eventful and interesting. I would first and foremost wish to thank you for your support and your confidence in us here at MAS. Without your assistance and backing, things would be so much more difficult.

More recently, we bade farewell to our Yr. 13 students at a formal dinner held at 2000' in Naseby. There was a very good turnout of parents, teachers and ex-teachers, all present to wish the students well for the years ahead.

We also wish Dale Byrne adieu as he retires from teaching. Having been at MAS since 1980, he has no doubt become an institution by himself. His expertise, wisdom and wit will definitely be missed both by staff and students.

I must also mention Jenny Renton, our Sports Co-ordinator, who in such a short span brought order and clarity to the job. Jenny finishes off at the end of this year. Thanks also to Heather Dowling, Sarah Paterson, Trina Steele, Kylie McSkimming and Michelle Dowling who came to the rescue in Term 4 when we had staff resigning or taking extended sick leave. Without them we could not have continued so smoothly.

Looking forward, we welcome Heather Dowling as the teacher for Whero, and Yuichi Nakamura as our PE teacher for 2018. I must also record my heartfelt thanks to Deirdre Lithgow and Fiona Dowling for stepping in to help us out this entire year and for bringing such enthusiasm and energy to our PE department.

We will be making some changes to our school uniform. We do understand that implementing these changes is not an overnight or instant change but is done over a period of time. The uniform list will be circulated at our Prize Giving night and will also be posted on our website.

Here in school, the pace is as frenetic as ever with the Junior School preparing for their end-of-year Junior Assembly, the Year 8 students preparing for their graduation, the Year 9's and 10's currently enjoying their day camps, and the whole school preparing for the Prize Giving next week.

We hope you can all make it to our Prize Giving ceremony on Tuesday 12th December at 7:00 p.m. It is an evening set aside to celebrate the successes of our students through 2017 and a fitting way indeed to finish the year.

I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards, Joe Ferdinands

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JAKE BAILEY

As Head boy of Christchurch Boys High School in 2015 Jake Bailey will always be remembered for the way he touched the lives of so many people with his speech at the end of year Prizegiving. In 2015 Jake was diagnosed with stage 4 Burkitt's Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Now in remission, his journey is teaching us all – how to live.

You can't listen to Jake Bailey and not learn lessons. His message strikes at the very core of all that we take for granted. We all strive to be someone like Jake Bailey. To have his mana. His courage.

His fighting spirit. His insightfulness and wisdom. But most importantly – his humility.

He encapsulates the good in what can be a very bad world and we owe it to him, no matter how old he is – to listen and to try to live our lives just a little bit better.

Maniototo Area School in conjunction with the Otago Suicide Prevention Trust are delighted to have Jake coming to speak at our school on Tuesday 13th February starting at 1.30pm.

Members of the Maniototo Community are invited to come along to the Gym and hear Jake speak.

YEAR 9 EOTC

Year Nine students are just back from a couple of days camping at Naseby Forest.

Most activities revolved around cycling, canoeing and mountain biking and the students camped under canvas next to the Naseby Swimming Dam. Terrific weather and a good attitude from all ensured we had a marvelous two days adventuring & chilling.

Our thanks to Ernslaw1 forestry, Naseby Larchview Camp, Ms Brooks son (James) for helping, Mr Voice from Real Dog Co., Off the Rails for bikes, Mrs Steele for helping us with food planning & preparation and to Mr Ferdinands for letting us go.



CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

MAS are bringing NZ Cyber Security expert John Parsons to the Maniototo in February 2018. John Parsons is the country's leading authority on cyber-safety for children. Based on years of frontline experience, John has developed a toolbox of highly practical, realistic and proven strategies for both children and their caregivers.



John will be having a parent information evening on 7th February and will have workshops with all our students at the school on 8th February.

MAGAZINE

If you would like to receive your copy of the school magazine on Prizegiving night then please remember to pay your \$25 by Monday 11th December.

Magazines will also be available for sale from the school office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

BLAZER RETURNS

A number of senior students have not returned their blazer to the office, remember that blazers should be drycleaned and returned before Friday 15th December.

REPORTS & STATIONERY LISTS

End of year reports for students in Years 1-8 will go home on Friday 8th together with information and class lists for 2018 plus their stationery requirements. Year 9-10 students will get their reports and stationery lists from their form teacher at the end of Prizegiving.

UNIFORM SHOP

To ensure delivery of uniform items before the start of the 2018 school year, it is advisable for parents to place their orders early.

Online orders should be placed before 15th January

(via the link found on the MAS school website).

In addition to online orders you can place your order with Jan Mackenzie our uniform co-ordinator. Jan will have the uniform shop open on

Tuesday 16th January from 10am-12pm.

(Orders received after this date will miss the delivery deadline).

TERTIARY FREE FEES & STUDENTS SUPPORT INCREASES

From 1 January 2018, eligible students will be able to access one year fees-free tertiary education and a \$50 a week boost to student allowances and living cost loan limits.

For more information on how to access these initiatives, refer to the following websites:

- StudyLink - for queries around StudyLink applications
- Inland Revenue – for queries around student loan repayments and how to manage them
- Careers New Zealand – for independent information and advice about planning for further study and career
- New Zealand Qualifications Authority – for queries around meeting qualification requirements towards further education

ATHLETICS THANK YOU

What a wonderful, successful day our athletes had in week 3 of the term.

We would firstly like to thank the children for their amazing attitudes and effort.

Secondly to the parents for their fabulous support.

Special thanks to the Chaperones and Event Supervisors for offering your expertise and time on the day.

To the Ranfurly Lions for their excellent setup, organisation, and management of the long jump pit.

Ewan Mason for supplying his sound system.

Joe Donald for being our problem solver and overseer.

The Council for their excellent marking out of the grounds.

McLarens for carting and supplying sand.

Trevor Mulholland for his time and energy prior to the day.

Anne, Sue and Sharon for all of their amazing administration.

Jenny Renton for her incredible sports coordination and systems management.

Thanks to all of the staff who were dedicated to this event also.

A special thank you to Belinda Hore and Miranda Smith for organizing all of the uniforms for the Otago Athletic sports

We couldn't have done it without you all!!

Deirdre and Fiona (Physical Education Teachers)

OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSN CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS

Ethan McSkimming - 3rd= Long jump U10

Phoenix Tapatu = 4th in both Discus U13 & Shotput U13

Ruby Hore = 6th Long Jump U10

U10 GIRLS relay team - 2nd - Lily Blakely, Annie Dowling (St Johns), Ruby Hore, Isabelle Helm (MAS)

U10 BOYS relay team - 3rd - Nic Pieterse, Ethan McSkimming (MAS), Toby Duncan, Ryan Crossan (St Johns)



U13 BOYS relay team - 2nd - Hayden Clarke, Todd Duncan, Patrick Reid (MAS), Andrew Fetavler (St Johns)

WOW CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP TO CROMWELL

On the 21st of November 28 Year 5 & 6 students, Mrs Hore and Miss E travelled to Wanaka for the start of our camp. Our first mission was to climb to the top of Mt Iron. Everyone felt the heat as we climbed but we proud of our accomplishment of making it to the top.

We headed to Base Camp and continued with climbing, learning how to rock climb using ropes and belaying back down again. Everyone's physical abilities were challenged, as was their fear of heights as some students made it to the roof!

The day finished off with a trip to Wanaka's puzzling world. We were amazed by the illusions and managed to complete the mazing without losing anyone!

Wednesday was our water day and with the heat we experienced it was nicer being in the water than out of it. We were split into 3 groups and each group learnt how to sail, kayak and biscuit. For some of us this was our first time in a boat. It was fantastic to see some many students experiencing sailing and boating for the first time. By the end of the day the confidence of all of the students had grown and you couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces.

The last day of camp was more sedate with a visit to the Central Otago Polytechnic to learn about growing cherries and grounds keeping. The students were quite handy in chasing the birds out of the cherry nets. They were rewarded with as many cherries as they could pick and eat! The day finished of with a quick dip in the Cromwell pool before we begun the journey back to Ranfurly.

A big thank you to Reon Smith and John Falconer for providing their boats for the day, Belinda, Jenna, Aaron, Dave and Lisa for coming on camp with us and Margot, Jenny, Lexi and Benita for coming up for the day to help us. Our camp would not have been a success without the help and support of our fantastic parents.



BYOD (Bring your own device)

This is a helpful link for parents buying devices for their children.

www.netsafe.org.nz/BYOD/

MUSIC LESSON INFORMATION

Peter and Linda Kesha provide private music tuition for students/adults in the Maniototo and are taking registrations for 2018.

Lessons available on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning

- They offer Professional tuition for Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Vocals, Electric, Acoustic and Bass Guitar as well as ukulele
- Registered ABRSM Music school that delivers Practical and Theory curriculum for grading exams
 - Peter is an International Musician who has over 2 years experience in Music Education, Composition and Performance
- Peter and Linda also have band mentoring and song writing programmes available.

Contact Linda Kesha 021 498 764 or 03 476 3441 peterkeshamusic@xtra.co.nz
Creating excellent music...remembering what you love!



Tawa class have made some amazing masks in Art



The Year 10 students have had a lot of fun making volcanoes in Science



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Central Otago Libraries invite you to come along and have some Christmas Holiday fun with us! Make some colourful Christmas crafts to take home and meet the jolly man himself 'Father Christmas'

The Christmas Holiday Programme is being held on the following days and times at the Maniototo Library:

Tues 19 th December	11.30 – 12.30	Santa's Visit and Popsicle Snowman
Thurs 21 st December	2.00 – 3.00	Christmas Tree Decorations



Book now with your local librarian to secure your spot as spaces are limited!

Ask our librarians for times and dates at other libraries if you are unable to make this one

Under 5's to be accompanied by an adult

Merry Christmas

2018 TERM DATES

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

Year 11-13 students will start on Tuesday 30th January, Year 9-10 students will start on Wednesday 31st January and Year 1-8 students will start on Thursday 1st February

Term 1: 30th January – 13th April

Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6th February

A& P Show (1pm close) - Wednesday 21st February

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



We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!

Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded on myschool.co.nz. You can shop online, in-store, by phone or simply download a copy of your child's list.

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IMPORTANT DATES

8 December	Year 8 Graduation 11am / Assembly in the Gym @ 2pm
12 December	Prizegiving 7pm in the Gym
13 December	PRIDE day Year 1-6 / Year 7/8 Fieldtrip
14 December	Last day of school (1pm close)

MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

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The 19th

OTAGO CENTRAL LIONS

RAIL TRAIL

DUATHLON

& MTB RACES

SAT 24 & SUN 25 FEB 2018

DUATHLON:

Day 1: 90kms Clyde Railhead to Ranfurly

Day 2: 60kms Ranfurly to Middlemarch

ONE DAY DUATHLONS:

SATURDAY: Clyde Railhead to Ranfurly

SUNDAY: Ranfurly to Middlemarch

MTB RACES:

SATURDAY: Clyde Railhead to Ranfurly

SUNDAY: Ranfurly to Middlemarch

Individual:

Men / Women Open and Veteran Men / Women (40+)

TEAMS:

Men / Women / Mixed / Corporate and Veteran Men (40+). Secondary Schools: Boys Team / Girls Team / Mixed Team



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