

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER 8th February 2018



Tena Koutou Katua

A very warm greeting to all as we embark upon a new journey that takes us through 2018. We have a lot to look forward to as the year unfolds.

PLANS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS: Between May 2018 and March 2019, we shall be working on and finalising the master plan and design for our new school rebuild. Your ideas and input is important to us so please feel free to share these with us.

THE SCHOOL FOCUS: Underpinning all our work and effort at MAS are our P.R.I.D.E values. Our School Purpose is to ensure that **"MAS students will recognise and strive to achieve their potential as skilled lifelong learners and positive, actively involved community members by upholding the school P.R.I.D.E values at all times."**

Meanwhile we have already embarked upon innovative and collaborative ways of teaching and learning, both in the primary and secondary sections of the school. Our aim is to ensure that no child is left behind and that every student is taken from the level they find themselves, to get where they need to be and beyond.

UNIFORMS & ATTENDANCE: This year, we aim to have our students coming in correct school uniform. The Year 13 students are permitted to wear smart casual on Fridays. Your support in this area, dear parents and caregivers, is greatly appreciated. Attendance is another area where we would like to see an improvement this year, especially in Senior School. Teachers of NCEA students will be reminding them of the attendance requirements for the respective subjects.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE: The internet and the worldwide web along with all the online social media apps are now a part and parcel of our lives. The impact, good and bad, is felt by all people and all ages. This is especially true of our children who are easily drawn into this cyber world. It is our duty as parents, caregivers and teachers to keep them safe and to teach them how to keep themselves safe. To this end we have John Parsons visiting us and speaking to the students and parents of St. John's School, Poolburn School, and Maniototo Area School. I wish to thank Ms. Lauren Reid for organising John's visit and undertaking the coordination of this visit.

NEW STAFF: We welcome Mr. Nakamura to our teaching team. He takes over as P.E. teacher from this year. Though not new, we still welcome back Ms. Lucia Dowling as Deputy Principal (Primary) and Mrs. Heather Dowling as Yr.3 Homeroom teacher.

I ask each one of you to accompany us as we journey through this year. I thank you for your support, your encouragement and your feedback so we can do the best for your child.

Best wishes for the new year.

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STUDENT LEADERS 2018

HEAD STUDENTS

Rina Watt & Ayeasha Tapatu

School Sports Captain

Keagan Mulholland



HOUSE LEADERS

Danseys: Ana Alexopolous

Garibaldi: Ayeasha Tapatu

Hamiltons: Kenzie Stuart & Lucy Neilson

**Serpentine: Cheyan Vowles,
Bevan Clark (Deputy)**

HOUSE SPORTS CAPTAINS

Danseys: Doug Smith

Garibaldi: Keagan Mulholland

**Hamiltons:
Tipene Patena-Fortune**

Serpentine: Rina Watt

SCHOOL PRIDE DAY

PRIDE afternoon on Friday the 16th of February after lunch. Students need to wear their house colours.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Richard Duffy, Ranfurly Transport Ltd and the Maniototo Community Trust for their generous contribution towards the establishment of our new school Horticulture programme. The Community Trust grant of \$500 was used towards the wood for the raised beds within the tunnel house, pavers and irrigation and Richard Duffy donated topsoil and cartage.

BYOD

BYOD is compulsory for students in Years 11-13, and the use of laptops is encouraged in other secondary school classes. While Apple computers can access the network they have no printing ability and the format of some documents is a problem. Similarly Chromebooks and iPads have limited value within the system.

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 students are likely to be needing the laptop through to Polytechnic or University they may want to look at a more powerful 1#-15 processor but even the Year 13 Statistics students manage quite well with basic processors (Celeron etc) as the main demands are word processing, e mail, 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.

Cellphones are not permitted to be used in class, all students are required to place their phone on the teachers table at the start of each lesson and may collect them at the end of the lesson.

Failure to do so will result in the device being confiscated. Any device that is confiscated must be collected from the office by a parent/caregiver.

SUMMER UNIFORM (Terms 1 and 4)

Year 1-8 Girls

Navy Polo (sky blue detail)
Navy Skort, Cargo shorts or Pants
Navy Merino or Polar-fleece (choose 1)
Under-tops (navy only) (optional)
Navy socks (ankle length)
Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat
Shoes: sensible - no jandals, gumboots or shoes with heels

Year 1-8 Boys

Navy Polo (sky blue detail)
Navy Cargo shorts or Pants
Navy Merino or Polar-fleece (choose 1)
Under-tops (navy only) (optional)
Navy socks (ankle length)
Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat
Shoes: sensible - no jandals or gumboots

Year 9-13 Girls

Navy Polo (sky blue detail)
Navy Skirt
Navy Merino or Polar-fleece (choose 1 option)
Navy socks (ankle length)
Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat
Shoes: Black leather shoes; black leather flats or sandals

Year 9-13 Boys

Navy Polo (sky blue detail)
Navy Tab shorts
Navy Merino or Polar-fleece (choose 1 option)
Navy socks (ankle length)
Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat
Shoes: Black leather shoes or sandals

- Non-uniform jackets may be worn to and from school but MUST NOT REPLACE the Merino Top or Polar-fleece or school blazer.
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back and off the face
- Jewellery is not permitted, apart from small studded earrings. Any necklace or bracelet that does not have a medical, spiritual or cultural significance is not permitted
- Makeup is not permitted, apart from the use of a moderate concealer for girls of Yr. 9 up
- PE Uniform is a requirement for students from Yr. 7 to 13. Students are required to change for PE classes.
- Please make sure all uniform items are named, especially with swimming lessons happening. The junior school lost property box is outside Kowhai/Tawa Rooms. The gym is also a good place to look.

AMANDA VOICE—EQUESTRIAN

We are so proud of Amanda Voice (Year 11) who has been selected as a riding team member for AQHA-NZ to compete at the Youth World Cup in Texas June 28 2018 for 3 weeks .

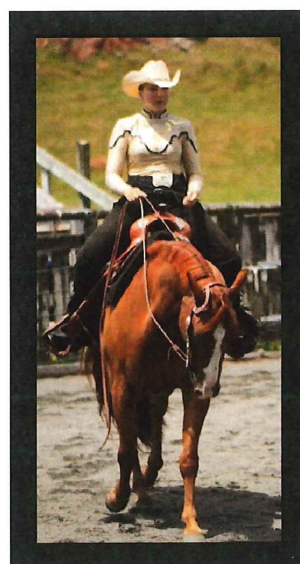
Over the holidays Amanda attended the final selection /training camp near Palmerston North with American trainer Brett Maxwell.

There are 5 riding /competing team members, 1 reserve & 3 leadership positions all going.

When the team, with their Coach & Manager arrive in Houston, Texas they travel to a top American trainers facility & receive coaching for some days before the actual event.

The World Cup is held at College Station, Texas.

This is a self funded trip so look out for raffles from Amanda.





Warbirds over Wanaka International Airshow 2018 is delighted to extend an invitation to our pupils to attend the Student Day on Friday 30th March 2018. Students and their parents are invited to join the Air Training Corps 50th (Alexandra) Squadron cadets on short tours running at 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am. Tours will visit: RNZAF, RAAF and French Air Force displays, Sport Aircraft display, Packard cars from the USA and NZ, stationery engines and the Warhorse (military vehicle) displays. Students are also welcome at any time during the Friday. The meeting point for the tours is outside the Warbirds Over Wanaka Office in the carpark to the right of the main airport entrance. After the tour students and parents are free to wander around the airshow. Many aircraft will also be practising their flight displays that day.

If you would like to attend the students day with your family and would like a free students ticket then parents/guardians need to contact Mrs Kirk at the school office before Friday 23rd February to register your interest.

NEW BELL TIMES AT MAS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8.40 Form-time
8.45 Period 1 starts
9.35 Period 2
10.25 Interval
10.45 Period 3
11.35 Period 4
12.25 Lunch
1.10 End of lunchtime
1.15 Period 5
2.05 Period 6
2.55 Form-time
3.00 End of school day

Tuesday

8.40 Form-time
8.45 Period 1 starts
9.30 Period 2
10.15 Interval
10.35 Period 3
11.20 Period 4
12.05 Pride time & Assembly
12.40 Lunch
1.25 End of lunchtime
1.30 Period 5
2.15 Period 6
2.55 Form-time

Mindfulness & Meditation Course

FREE

Friday 9 March	7pm – 9:30pm	
Saturday 10 March	9:30-12:00	1-4:00pm
Ranfurly Service Centre	15 Pery St	

Feel more relaxed and able to deal with stresses & challenges of daily life

Understand causes and effects of stress, anxiety and worry on your mind and body

Learn and practice meditation and mindfulness techniques

- recognise, understand and calm your thoughts and emotions
- notice and shift your reactions to stressors

Facilitator

Liz Maluschnig lives in Wanaka and is a counsellor, parent coach, meditation and mindfulness teacher and previously registered nurse. In this field she trained with the Gawler Foundation in Australia.

Your Commitment

WellSouth is pleased to be able to offer this course for free.
We ask in return that you commit to attending **all three sessions**.

Questions? Please contact lizmaluschnig@gmail.com, ph 027 4334 520

Registration

Telephone/text Jo O'Connor ph 027 210 4716 or email jo.oconnor@wellsouth.org.nz
Please note places are limited and registration is essential.



PTA MEETING

A meeting will be held on Friday 9th February at 3.15pm in the Senior Learning Centre. We would like as many parents/caregivers as possible to attend this meeting to discuss our major fundraiser (the Cavalcade), plus a few other matters arising. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Kind Regards, Tina Becker—President


IMPORTANT DATES

9 February	PTA Meeting 3.15pm in the Senior Learning Centre
14 February	Senior Athletics (Roxburgh)
15 February	Food Safety Course (Year 11) Cromwell
16 February	PRIDE afternoon (Whole school) *students to wear house colours
19 February	Year 7/8 Girls cricket (Balmacewan—Dunedin)
20 February	Year 9-13 Girls cricket (Bates Cup)
21 February	Maniototo A&P Show Day—SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1PM
27 February	Year 7/8 Boys cricket (Weston)
1 March	Ugly Shakespeare Group visit
2 March	Disco (fundraiser for Year 7/8 Camp)
5-9 March	Swim week (Years 4-8)
14 March	Drive to Survive (Year 11) Dunedin
16 March	EOHS Sports Exchange / Year 7/8 Raffle Night
20-22 March	Senior Tramp
21 March	Central Otago Triathlon
26 March	Otago Anniversary Day—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
30 March-3 April	Easter Break —SCHOOL IS CLOSED
6 April	Teacher Only Day—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
7 April	School Formal

Ex Maniototo Area School pupil Ashleigh Smith (Nursing student/Queens Young Leader 2017) is on her way to New York for the Status on Women Conference on 3rd March 2018 to the UN as a NZ delegate. We are holding a raffle night this Friday night 9th February at the Ranfurly Hotel to help Ashleigh with all her incidental costs ie. Taxis, food etc. and would love it if anyone could come along to help support her in the amazing work that she has been doing.

Any prizes would also be very much appreciated.

*Many thanks,
Richard & Cheryl Smith*



ALEXANDRA GYMNASTICS CLUB

SEASON START

MINI GYM (under 5 yrs) STARTING WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

10am to 11am, Community Centre, Skird St, Alexandra

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS, STARTING MONDAY 12/ WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

MOLYNEUX STADIUM, ALEXANDRA

JUNIOR RECREATIONAL - 5 years to 7/8 years, Monday OR Wednesday, 3-15pm to 4pm

SENIOR RECREATIONAL - 8 years & older, Monday OR Wednesday, 4pm to 5pm

SQUAD - Invitational only Monday AND Wednesday, 4-30pm to 6-30pm

AEROBIC GYMNASTICS STARTING TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

MOLYNEUX STADIUM, ALEXANDRA

Recreational & Competitive (Over 8 years) Tuesday, 4-00pm to 5.00pm,

All session prices, family discounts and more information on classes are available to view on our website. Please message us if you have questions.

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/alexandragymclub/About-Us/About-Us>

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 Middelmarsh

ONE DAY DUATHLONS:

SATURDAY: Clyde Railhead to Ranfurly

SUNDAY: Ranfurly to Middelmarsh

MTB RACES:

SATURDAY: Clyde Railhead to Ranfurly

SUNDAY: Ranfurly to Middelmarsh

INDIVIDUAL

Open to all ages and abilities. No experience necessary.

TEAMS

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Find us on:



FUNDRAISING

The Year 7/8 class are currently taking orders for Cheese Rolls. These will be made on Thursday 22nd March. If you would like to order cheese rolls please contact any of the Year 7/8 students.

\$7 per dozen or 3 dozen for \$20



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