

# Maniototo Area School



**NEWSLETTER**     **10th May 2018**

Ki Ora, parents and caregivers,

Our Term 2 has begun in earnest. Hopefully, we can focus more on a little more continuity in the academic aspects of school life.

**SCHOOL VALUES FOR TERM 2:** Our school-wide focus this Term is INTEGRITY. To put it in simple terms, it means 'doing the right thing even when no one is watching'. This is the theme that both staff and students will be focusing on in the coming weeks. Your help, dear parents and caregivers, in this regard is crucial. After all, we all want what's best for our children.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS:** We are trying hard to ensure that all students come in correct uniform to school. This is one way of creating in our students a sense of pride in their school and pride in themselves. Here again, we look for your support.

**PUNCTUALITY:** It has been noticed that some of our senior students have been coming late to school. The secondary teachers are making an effort to ensure that all our senior students come to school on time. Being late to school does result in students having to make up that time during the lunch break and writing a letter home to explain why they were given this detention. If we don't teach them the importance of punctuality now, then how will they cope in the big, wide world when they join the workforce? With both teachers and parents insisting on punctuality, I am sure our children will become aware of the necessity of punctuality both in school and in any future jobs or professions they may take up.

**NCEA (Yr. 11, 12 & 13):** Please note that all NCEA students require a minimum of 85% attendance in each subject area that they have chosen for this year. An attendance lower than this makes it very difficult for students to succeed. Students will also require at least 14 credits in each subject if they are to opt for that subject the following year. This applies especially to students of Yr. 11 and 12. Parents are encouraged to keep a check on their child's progress as the year unfolds. After all, they have only about 20 to 24 weeks of the year left, to achieve the NCEA level they are attempting.

**STAFFING:** As you may be aware, our Woodwork teacher Grant Jefcoate has only recently had a hip replacement surgery. We have been unable to find a Hard Materials Technology teacher to replace him while he is on sick leave. Hence, Juliet Sorrel, who is also a hard materials technology teacher, is looking after the NCEA students in woodwork. We also have our NCEA Graphics students being coached by Daimer Farrell of NetNZ and assisted now and then by Keith Edwards of the hardware store, who was a Technology teacher some years back. We expect Grant to resume work in Term 3. We have also taken on Trina Steele, Kylie McSkimming and Michelle Dowling until the end of the year.

**SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR:** Our Sports Administrator is Susan Pike. We welcome her to the team.

**BEATS (Rural) Survey:** The University of Otago is conducting a survey of students in rural areas. Even though we live in such a beautiful, rural setting, the presence of personal digital devices sometimes may prevent our children from living the healthy lifestyle on offer. We, as a school, support this survey, so that we can get a clearer picture of the situation. Your participation will be appreciated. Please do fill in the consent form which your child will bring home along with more information on BEATS. We would also appreciate your participation in the survey.

As always, we want to say a great big thank you to all our parents and caregivers for your support, your ideas and your time. Remember, feel free to come in and have a chat any time you wish.

Ngā mihi nui,     *Joe Ferdinands*

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## JAKE BAILEY PRESENTATION

Otago Suicide Prevention Trust is hosting Jake Bailey for school presentations in Central Otago and will be visiting with Year 7-13 MAS students at the town hall on 31 May from 1.30pm. Members of the community are welcome to join us.

Jake is a former Head Boy of Christchurch Boys High School who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in 2015. He is well known for his 'Head Boy' address, which was given from his wheelchair a week after his diagnosis.

Jake is now telling his inspiring story through public speaking engagements. His insightful delivery includes pieces of his story and battle with cancer. He shares the lessons he's learnt and the resilience he has developed from challenging life experiences. He also speaks about self leadership skills, his own mental health and the stigma associated with asking for help and speaking out. Delivered with a mix of humour, deeper moments, wisdom and life lessons.

## CANCER SOCIETY DONATION

A donation of \$190 has been given to the Cancer Society from the Mufti Day held on the last day of term 1. Thanks to everyone who took part and to the student council for organising it.

## DARK SKIES ASTRONAUT VISIT TO NASEBY

On Wednesday the 11th of April several of the Maniototo students from year 10 and 11 travelled up to the Naseby town hall for the Naseby Dark Skies Initiative opening and to meet Colonel Michael S Hopkins, an astronaut who has spent 166 days on the international space station orbiting above our earth, conducting 2 spacewalks while he was at it. Mr. Hopkins talked to us and the crowd at the opening about his experiences in space and how it really was the best but most challenging things he's ever done in his life. Commenting on how one of the things he missed the most alongside his family was the weather, he said "there is no weather in space. It's always the same temperature in the station, there's no wind and no rain it just doesn't change so when he got back to earth he said that the first time it rained he stood in it and thought of how much he really had missed it". I found Mr. Hopkins very inspirational and a really nice guy. Unfortunately, he had a tight schedule and could only stay for a short time but I'm sure all of the students took a great deal out of the occasion.





## PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Brooke is a worthy recipient of the PTA Citizenship award.

She is a diligent and hardworking student, always offering to help others without having to be asked. She has helped new students follow routines and offers guidance to those in need.

Brooke is a natural leader, working hard to ensure her group completes tasks. She perseveres when learning becomes challenging and gives everything 100 percent.

Brooke always has a positive attitude and encourages others. She is respectful towards her peers and staff and is a great role model for the school, constantly demonstrating all of our PRIDE values.



## TERM 1 'RESPECT' PRIDE AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who were recognised at our Term 1 assembly for demonstrating Respect as one of our school values: Bonnie Spooner, Peyton Baddock, Callum McSkimming, Grace Paterson, Alexie Mackenzie, Mahaliya Pike, Zoe Simpson, Brooklyn Harrington, Tayla Munro, Michaela Clark & Courtney Parata, Will Becker, Bevan Clark & Arryn Hawthorne.

## LIONS LEADERSHIP COURSE—BORLAND LODGE

On the 16th to the 21st April I was lucky enough to attend a challenging week-long camp at Borland Lodge, near Invercargill with 14 other fortunate strangers who I got to know reasonably well by the end of it.

Our first three days of camp we tramped away from Borland lodge and slept under a massive rock as our shelter with a campfire and our sleeping bags, we spent a lot of our free time playing leadership and team building games to get to know each other a little bit. For the remaining of our trip we did all sorts of outdoor challenges such as, kayaking as a team, canyoning, underground caving with and without water, archery, navigating, rock climbing and abseiling and abseiling freely off a bridge.

On this trip I learnt how to do so many cool new things that I didn't have a clue about before and how to bond as a team with new people. I made so many nice new friends, most importantly I gained better communication skills and leadership values and what it means to be a leader. This course I believe is for anyone and I highly recommend it as a great opportunity that is not given to everyone and has definitely taught me many new things that I will use in my life.



Special thanks to Mark and Mandy Crawford, the Lions club and Pakeke Lions club, and Alec Campbell because without them I wouldn't have had this great experience.

Cheyen Vowles  
(Year 13)

## NEW BELL TIMES

### Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

- 8.40am Form Time (Year 7-13)
- 8.50am Period 1 & Junior School starts
  - 9.40am Period 2
  - 10.30am Interval
  - 10.50am Period 3
  - 11.40am Period 4
  - 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.10pm Warning Bell to go to class
  - 1.15pm Period 5
  - 2.05pm Period 6
- 2.55pm Form Time (Year 7-13), Junior Bus Lines
- 3.00pm School ends

#### New Lost Property Plan for the Primary School

This term the lost property is going to be a bit different. The lost property box will still be located in front of Tawa. Every Friday if there are clothing items in the box we will lie them out on the junior school court at the end of the day. Parents and children can come and find their lost clothing.

*Kind Regards  
Lucy Falconer, Molly-Jo Munro,  
Lilly Lowery, Alexie Mackenzie  
and Xavier Connell.*

### Tuesday

- 8.40am Form Time (Year 7-13)
- 8.50am Period 1 & Junior School starts
  - 9.35am Period 2
  - 10.20am Interval
  - 10.40am Period 3
  - 11.25am Period 4
- 12.10pm P.R.I.D.E. Time & Assembly (12.35pm)
- 12.45pm Lunch
- 1.25pm Warning Bell to go to class
  - 1.30pm Period 5
  - 2.15pm Period 6
- 2.55pm Form Time (Year 7-13), Junior Bus Lines
- 3.00pm School ends





## OTAGO PRIMARY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had some awesome results at the Otago Swimming Champs this year, Lexi Mackenzie, Lucia Russell, Nicola Kinney and Vanessa Paterson were placed 3rd in the 200m Freestyle relay, and Brooke Huddleston made it into the 50m Freestyle final for her age group and was placed 6th. Congratulations girls!

### ROAD RACE RESULTS

Year 1 Boys: Hugo Paterson, James Meehan, Brodie McAtamney

Year 1 Girls: Vanessa Kinney, Laura Paterson, Bonnie Spooner

Year 2 Boys: Adam McSkimming, Noah Spooner

Year 2 Girls: Lexi McFadyen-Beck, Ariaah Spooner, A'esha Cairns-Whitcombe

Year 3 Boys: Callum McSkimming, Max Gregan, Jonty Russell

Year 3 Girls: Hayley Carter, Samara Moir, Indianna Hepi

Year 4 Boys: Thomas Helm, Nate Spooner, Xavier Connell

Year 4 Girls: Amelia Smith, Briar Diack, Patricia Noi

Year 5 Boys: Ethan McSkimming, Justin Pink, Charlie Falconer

Year 5 Girls: Ruby Hore, Sam Roxburgh, Isabelle Helm

Year 6 Boys: Casey McKenzie, Archie McDiarmid

Year 6 Girls: Nicola Kinney, Lulu McKenzie, Keira O'Neill

Year 7 Boys: Jack Steele

Year 7 Girls: Peta Smith, Abby Ferdinands, Olivia Russell

Year 8 Boys: William Helm, Hayden Becker, Liam Connell

Year 8 Girls: Emma Kinney, Charlotte Paterson, Jessica Lyon

Year 9 Boys: Andrew Fetalver, Rhyllie Spooner, E J Brillo,

Year 9 Girls: Charlotte Gregan

Year 10 Boys: Ben Voice, Dylan Connell, Raeven Araneta

Year 10 Girls: Tyla Spooner, Antonia Davis

Year 11-13 Boys: Keagan Mulholland, Hamish Easson, Peter Cheesmur

Year 11-13 Girls: Rina Watt, Amanda Voice, Danielle Mapley

### SOUTHERN AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

This years Southern Area Schools tournament is being hosted by Waiau Area School in Tuatapere from 16-18 May. We have 30 senior students travelling to represent our school in 3 days of activities against Roxburgh, Twizel, Lawrence, Catlins and Waiau schools. Students are billeted out within the community and take part in a wide range of sports with events planned into the evening on day 1 and a social event of the second night. A highlight of the opening ceremony is when each school performs a freestyle dance and our students have been practicing this over recent weeks.

Day 1) basketball, touch, table tennis, hockey, chess, double saw, football, quiz, indoor games, squash, target shooting Day 2) netball, rugby, golf, badminton, Ki O Rahi, indoor cricket, mini golf, Day 3) volleyball, ultimate frisbee, claybird shooting.

Results from the tournament will be posted on the schools Facebook page and website as they are available.

Area Schools share a common bond and the annual tournament is an opportunity for students to meet up with old friends and make new friends which often result in a lifelong bond and precious memories. In 2019 it will be our turn to host the tournament.



# BOOK WEEK



Students dressed up as their favourite story book character and shared the book with their classmates. It was also great to have some guests reading stories to the students throughout the week.





## SCHOOL FORMAL

It was great to see the Grammy awards 2018 Maniototo Area School formal a great success! Thank you to all staff, parents, and students who helped with the night. It was lovely seeing both students and teachers having a fun night!

Dante Devitt and Amanda Voice were named Prince and Princess.

Dion Voyce and Kenzie Stuart were named King and Queen.

Best dressed went to Bevan Clarke and Chelsey Cromb.

Thank you! :)



## ANZAC DAY

A whole school assembly was held commemorating Anzac Day





## IMPORTANT DATES

8-11 May	Life Education Trust
11 May	Year 3 & 4 Bake Sale from 3-4pm outside More than Books
11 May	Area School Tournament Raffle Night—Ranfurly Hotel
16 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm in the Staffroom
16—18 May	Southern Area Schools Tournament (Waiau)
18 May	Primary School Assembly 2.15pm in the Gym
21 May	HPV vaccinations (Year 8)
21-23 May	Year 13 Biology Field Trip
25 May	Year 5 & 6 Raffle Night—Ranfurly Hotel
28 May	National Young Leaders Day (Dunedin)
31 May	Jake Bailey Presentation (Yrs 7-13) 1.30pm at the Town Hall. Open to the Public.
<b>4 June</b>	<b>Queens Birthday observance—SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>
5 June	Year 12 Ecology Field Trip
13 June	Board of Trustees Meeting
13 June	Spelling Quiz (Years 5-8) Cromwell
14 June	Spelling Quiz (Years 9-10) Cromwell
15 June	House Dance Competition
21 June	Rippa Rugby tournament

### AFTER SCHOOL ART

TERM 2 some places still available

Have fun, explore new techniques and develop creative thinking!

WEDNESDAYS 3.10 - 4.30

\$20 per child each class, materials and afternoon tea provided.

To register contact Juliet 027 565 7713 or [birdseyeviewnz@gmail.com](mailto:birdseyeviewnz@gmail.com)

### ADULT ART WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY MAY 10th 5.30 - 7.30 pm

Make a beautiful paper lantern in your own design

THURSDAY MAY 17th 5.30 - 7.30 pm

Create a watercolour floral or still life painting

\$40 per person for each workshop, includes materials.

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