

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

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BOOK
WEEK



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From the Principal

Ms Patsy Inder



Kia Ora

The end of term has raced around and I am sure we are all looking forward to a relaxing holiday break. We have had quite a number of absences with some really nasty stomach bugs so hopefully the holidays will give everyone a chance to recover, relax and re-charge their batteries!

National Area Schools' Tournament: We have 11 students competing for the Southern Regional Team and we wish Anton, Ben, Courtney, Damian, Dylan, Keagan, Lakita, Liam, Matthew, Natasha and Reuben all the best for successful and enjoyable competition. The tournament is held in Dunedin from 10th until 14th of July with competition from Monday to Thursday, predominantly at the Edgar Centre or Bayfield Inlet grounds. The team really appreciate the support of everyone who donated prizes or bought tickets for raffle night and for the other fund-raising.

Book Week was very successful and a great deal of creativity and ingenuity went into the book character costumes. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. Your generosity is much appreciated. Our children and classes have benefited from all the books bought. Thank you to Chelsea Edmonston and the whole junior team for all the work that went into Book Week.

Assembly: Our end of term Assembly is in the gym on Friday afternoon at 2.15. Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate this term's achievements.

Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees has received a further draft of the planned re-development of our school buildings. It will cause a lot more discussion and will be displayed in the office at school.

Farewells: A number of our students are leaving at the end of term as their families are leaving the district. We will really miss Matthew L, Huntah, Chevy and Gagana and wish them all the best in their new schools. We also thank Mrs Anna Jeffries very much for her work here and wish her all the best for her work on the farm.

Year 7 & 8 Science Fair: Miss Reid's class has been learning a lot about native, endemic and introduced animals and the ecosystem. Their inquiry was titled 'It Seemed a Good Idea at the Time' and started with the introduction of mustelids which were brought in to bring the rabbit population down. Year 7 & 8 have found out about the terrible effects the mustelids have on native birds and also on hens. They have learned about biosecurity, pests and predators and methods of predator control. They are presenting their work in their room on Thursday afternoon, starting at 1.25. Anyone interested in seeing their work is very welcome to come along and hear their presentations and look at the creative way they have presented.

Reports and Interviews: Reports for Years 1-10 will be issued this week. Interviews will be held on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of August for Year 1-8 and August 8th and 10th for Years 9-13. Booking sheets will be given out next term. Please return your form early so that the schedule for interviews can be made as convenient as possible. We encourage you to meet with your child's teacher as this really helps support your child's achievement.

Year 11-13 students are currently sitting exams and will get their reports early next term.

As it is the end of term and the end of the first half of the school year I would like to thank all of the staff for their work. It has been lovely to welcome new teachers to the team as well as have the benefit of our established staff. Thank you to all of you who have made yourselves known to our new teachers and thank you to all of our supporters who come to events, coach teams, support our fundraising and take an interest in all that happens here at school.

Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to Term 3 which has a number of extra events starting with the Ice Programme in Week 2.

JUNIOR SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Thanks to everyone who supported the recent Book Fair at the School. The total books sold was \$1875 resulting in a profit of \$562.50 which will be used to buy new reading resources for Junior school classes.

PTA BOOK RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone that bought tickets for the book raffle, and to all the students who sold tickets. The PTA made a total of \$721 from the raffle.

The winners of the 2 book hampers were: Alice Summers & Sharon Thompson

SCHOOL SKI TRIPS

Students are bringing a notice home later this week about possible Ski trips. The possible dates are the weekend of 30th and 31st July. Friday 9th, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th of September. Also Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th September.

Any enquiries to Kylie McSkimming.

GRANDPARENT READING

We are running the Grandparenting in Schools programme, in association with CO REAP, during Term 3 and Term 4 this year.

This programme offers selected children a quality relationship with an older adult and learning opportunities in their reading skills, having conversations and learning to love books. 'Grandparenting age' adults spend about an hour a week with two different children- usually a half an hour each.

During this time the Grandparent might read a story to the child, listen to the child read their readers, discuss their interests e.g. sport, hobbies etc view their schoolwork or play some board games. Some games are provided. The idea of 'grandparenting in schools' is for the children to develop a quality relationship with an older adult- many positive community relationships have been developed through this programme.

Grandparenting in Schools will run on Wednesday afternoons between 1.30 and 2:30pm.

If you are interested in being a 'grandparent' in this programme please contact
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STORIES FROM TAWA ROOM

I wrestled Dad and I counted to three. I won. I felt good. - Nicholas

I made some truffles with Dad and they were yum. - Ella-May

I am going to Grandma's house tomorrow to ride my motorbike. - Max

I hope it is going to snow in the weekend so that I can go skiing. - Marley

There are stairs in my house. - Reef

When I put my goggles on, the people look funny. - Jake

My cat tackled me in bed. Her name is Milko. It is fun playing with her. - Indianna

In the weekend I had a Frozen party. - Mahalia

I have a pet dog. His name is Ralph. I love him. - Amelia

I rode my motorbike. I chased some cows. I had fun. - Zac

Today I got two biscuits from my sister Lucia. - Jonty

My robot has two wheels. I got it from Alex. - George

I am going to see my friend in Christchurch. She is Sophie and she is three years old. - Macy

YEAR 9 DRAMA

Have you seen the Year 9 class music video 'Reach for the Stars' created as part of their drama classes?

Check it out on the
school website...

You can find it in the picture gallery.



School Holidays – creating lasting memories with fun family challenges

School holidays are upon us yet again and as a parent you may either dread or love the thought of having your children at home for 2 weeks. Holidays are a chance for children to relax, kick back, families to connect and make memories. Over the years I have created a special family tradition in the school holidays, which creates memories, fun and laughter, bonding and learning. They are holiday challenges. We use the word challenge with our children as all four of us have a keen competitive spirit, however you might wish to soften the experience with other words. And best of all it has cost us nothing... well except 30-60 minutes each day, oh and an ice cream!

Here are some of my favourites:

The no technology challenge: 3 days – yes three whole days with no technology – no phones, no computers, no TV! I'm such a mean mum – according to my children, however they secretly love it. Out come the board games, the make and do, their bikes, books etc and best of all they start to develop the very important life skill of creativity. While children are hooked into screens, the creativity muscle of the brain does not get a workout as images and ideas are supplied. Having nothing to do and being bored is an ideal time for the brain to think, create and imagine. Create a space for this – warn your children which days it will be, keep to your word and leave them to their own resources. Resist filling in the time for them, unless you are playing with them. You can do this challenge every holidays!

Note: Give them a few days notice of this event, as then it is easier to remove the phones, remotes and chargers while they are asleep. Then they wake up fresh, with no access to technology. Let the fun begin!

Holiday challenges: Each holiday I work on a special family challenge – some have been very simple and others a bit more complex. These have included:

The Knuckle Bones (Jacks) Challenge: I didn't really play knuckle bones as a child so we were all starting off on a fairly even playing field – or so I thought. Each night after dinner, the four of us, Mum, Dad and 2 kids, sat on the floor and learned the game. We googled the rules and levels and off we went. Competition started getting fierce when we all realised that Dad (who have never played in his life before) had bigger hands and could catch all 5 knuckle bones on the back of his hand and therefore skipping up the levels very quickly. The children would 'secretly' practice during the day in a bid to beat their Dad. The last day of the holidays was the crowning of the Champion of Champions – we played until there was a clear winner.

The Gratitude Challenge: This was rather simple, yet caused a great deal of conversation and thinking over the 2 weeks. I stuck a huge piece of blank chart paper to the wall in our kitchen. Each day, usually after dinner, each of us would write 3 things we were grateful for that day. Every person who visited us during that 2 week period also added their ideas and gratitudes to the chart. After 2 weeks we simply talked about how grateful we are as a family and the impact on this in our lives.

The Bucket List Challenge: one of our most in depth tasks was to create a book of notes and a poster of our bucket list. Inspired by Travis Bell, the Bucket List Guy, we went through a process of each day looking at one aspect of our future and what we would like to be, do or have. The categories were:

B = Buy that something special

U = Ultimate Challenge

C = Conquer a fear

K = Kind Acts of Others

E = Express Yourself – we also talked about the words we wanted to define us eg: inspiring, passionate

T = Travel Adventures

L = Leave a legacy

I = Idiotic Stuff

S = Satisfy a Curiosity

T = Take Lessons

M = Meet a personal hero

We brainstormed these in a random order each night and at the end created a poster with photos, pictures and words. These are still displayed in our kitchen today. For step by step ideas, please see my blog [Our Family Bucket Lists](#).

Other family challenges include; the board game challenge, the ukelele challenge and the step challenge! I'm making them up as I go along!

The clean your room challenge: This one I love – each holidays (and occasionally mid term) I offer the ice cream challenge – clean your room, to my standard in less than an hour and I'll buy you an ice cream! Simple, fun and the rooms actually get tidy – including dusting, vacuuming and clearing out the clutter. While they sometimes moan and complain throughout, they put on their favourite music (loud) and I constantly give the countdown – "40 minutes to go", "20 minutes to go", "5 minutes to go." It is fun and effective and of course one child does not want to miss out on the ice cream, so they both participate fully.

In what ways might you engage your children in the form of challenges over the next holiday break? For a free list of great ideas in the school holidays -please email info@spectrumeducation.com

IMPORTANT DATES

8 July	Last Day of Term 2
11-14 July	NZ Area Schools Tournament (Dunedin) @ Edgar Centre & Bayfield Inlet
18 July	First Aid Course
25 July	Term 3 Commences
1-2 August	Parent Teacher Interviews (Years 1-8)
1-5 August	Junior School Ice Programme (Years 1-8)
4 August	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm (<u>note change of date</u>)
5 August	Raffle Night @ Ranfurly Hotel (Kakariki Class)
8 & 10 August	Parent Teacher Interviews (Years 9-13)
23-25 August	Kakariki Class Camp

Central Otago Dance Development

Your Chance To Dance Holiday Workshop is on Friday 22 July 2016

Hip Hop & African Drum and Dance Sessions for all ages from 6-Adult

All classes are held at Dunstan High School

Contact Anna for further info: 022 6522779 or email centralotagodance@gmail.com

Winter Holiday Programme - Stretch Your Imagination

Central Otago Libraries are inviting children to come exercise their imagination during the upcoming July holidays.

"Tell Me A Story" is the theme for the Winter Holiday Programme. The activities will be based on 'The Story House', a multi-platform storytelling and story making programme designed by Tanya Batt, a Kiwi children's author and professional storyteller. It draws its inspiration from the tradition of illustrated storytelling, in particular from Japanese Kamishibai.

It engages children in creating their own story and presenting it via their drawings in an open door of a house.

The librarian will use a classic fairy tale as a starting point, but get children to lead the way changing its course. The first session will involve plotting out the story; the second session we be about making the house; in the third session kids will illustrate the story; and in the fourth and final session the story will be presented to parents and caregivers.

Create a Story	Maniototo Library	Wednesday 13 th July	2 - 3pm
Illustrations	Maniototo Library	Thursday 14 th July	2 - 3pm
Story House	Maniototo Library	Wednesday 20 th July	2 - 3pm
Presentations	Maniototo Library	Thursday 21 st July	2 - 3pm

Sign up by contacting your local library.

There will also be a "How many colours can you read?" reading challenge running for the holiday period. And don't forget the holiday DVD special – hire three DVDs for the price of two all school holidays.

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