

Maniototo Area School



NEWSLETTER 13th June 2018

REPRESENTING MAS AT SPORTING EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS

Students wishing to represent the school must first be signed off by the respective subject teachers on the following:

- Must have an attendance of not less than 85% in the year to date. This applies to attendance in school and at practices
- Must have an attitude and behaviour record that indicates that they will be a good ambassador for our school.
- Must be able to show that they are keeping to all assessment deadlines and classwork in a satisfactory manner.

MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Please note that written permission is required for any fundraising activity that is to be done in the name of Maniototo Area School.

SNOW DAY PROCEDURES

Winter Weather Conditions

During winter, it is important that parents are aware of the school procedures in the event of snowy/icy conditions disrupting normal school routines.

In the morning if school is closed, or if any of the buses are running late - this information will be posted on the school website, Facebook page and on local radio stations. Burn 729am/87.9FM & Radio Central 104.3FM. (Parents will also receive a text notification).

If there is reason to send **bus children** home early **during school hours**, all parents will be contacted personally and notified of the departure time of buses.

If we are unable to contact any parent/caregiver then those children will remain at school.

It is important that all parents ensure their contact details are kept up-to-date.

(You can check your personal information on the Musac parent portal).

<https://parent.musac.school.nz>

In extreme circumstances if the whole school is to close during the school day, all parents (Yrs 1-10) will be contacted and **town pupils** should be collected from the Gymnasium by their caregiver/parent.

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ATTENDANCE / BUS NOTIFICATIONS

- * Parents/Caregivers should notify the Office if your child is not going to be at school, (unexplained absences will be marked as Truant)
- * Messages regarding absences or changes to bus information should be directed to Office (not classroom teachers), this will ensure the information is received. (especially as a teacher might be away)

Making sure your child attends school

Every single day counts towards your child's learning at secondary school and gives your child the best chance to gain qualifications and do well in life.

Does my child have to go to school every day?

Yes, if your child is under 17 years old they must go to school every day. Under the Education Act 1989, parents and carers of children between 6 and 16 years old can be prosecuted if their child is away from school without a good reason.

Why do they need to go every day?

Attending school every day is just as important at secondary school as it was at primary school.

The first two years of secondary school prepare your child for the NCEA years, so going to school regularly right from the start is important so they don't miss any of this learning.

Once your child reaches year 11, or "old" 5th form, they begin NCEA. They will have an NCEA assessment approximately once a week and sometimes more often. Many NCEA assessments take place in class time, so if your child is away they will miss out on important NCEA work. For subjects with external examinations, it is crucial that students attend every day because the exams test their knowledge about what has been taught in class.

Going to school every day also sets your child up with good life skills like having a good work ethic, being reliable, commitment. It teaches them that they can achieve and will help them stick with school for longer.

What can I do to help my child go to school?

- expect them to go to school every day - don't accept excuses, or let them stay at home unless they are too sick to be at school
- talk to your teenager about why it is important to go to school regularly and encourage them to give themselves a fair chance to achieve. Let them know they are more likely to do well if they go to school each day.
- help them get to school on time by waking them early enough, having a morning routine and making sure their transport is reliable
- get to know the form teacher and dean at the start of the school year – it will make it easier to talk to them if an issue arises
- find out how the school manages attendance. What time does your child have to be at school? What happens if they are late? How should you let the school know if your child is going to be away? How and when will the school let you know if your child has not turned up?
- check often that your child is in fact attending class
- if you have any concerns about their attendance, talk to the school earlier rather than later – don't wait until the end of the term or year when it's too late and their non-attendance has started to have an impact on their learning
- keep family holidays outside of term time – it's more difficult to catch up if they have missed several days in a row
- if your child needs to be away, check with the school on how they can catch up on work missed or ask the teacher for work they can do while away.

HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

Come along to the Gym at 1.30pm on Friday 15th June for the House Dance competition.
All welcome.

FOOTWEAR IN THE GYM

Gym shoes can be worn in the gym. However, the shoes must be an extra pair brought to school only for use in the gym and should be clean. These gym shoes must be shown to the teacher in charge.

PRIDE

Georgia Gillespie made this representation of our PRIDE values at home during the recent snow day.

Great to see PRIDE being valued!



THANK YOU

MAS wishes to thank Enoch Hawea for his donation to the school raised from his recent busking.

LOCKERS

The school is in the process of purchasing new lockers for students of Year 9 to 13. These will include combination locks and will enable students to be able to secure their belongings.



OUTWARD BOUND

School Holiday Parent & Teen Course

Leaps & Bounds is the ultimate shared adventure for a parent/caregiver and their teenager (13 - 15 years).

Over 8 days learn about yourself and each other in a challenging but supportive environment. Form a relationship that is real, open, honest, and based on respect while sharing the experience with other adults and teenagers in your group.

Activities include tramping, camping, kayaking, running, sailing, swimming, rock climbing and high-ropes.

“ Outward Bound provided my daughter and I with a gift of experience and language/stories that we now share. ”

Upcoming course dates

Sun 15 July - Sun 22 July
Sat 6 Oct - Sat 13 Oct

To find out more get in touch on 0800 688 927

outwardbound.co.nz

HI -VIS BUS VESTS

To improve the safety of our bus children as they get on and off the bus, we have purchased a hi-vis vest for every bus child from Year 1 -8. Each child will receive a numbered vest in the next few weeks. The school will record what vest each child gets. Bus students will be expected to wear it to and from school every day during Term 2 and Term 3.

At the beginning of Term 4 the vests will be returned to the class teacher. We will be encouraging the bus students to look after their vests as there will be a \$10 replacement cost if it is lost. Thank you for your support.



FROST

As I walk on the slippery ice I feel the cold breeze fly past my face.

When I stroll on the crunchy frozen grass I hear the crackling of the snow covered trees.

Fog covers the land ahead of me. I can see the sugar covered trees crackling in the darkness.

It's a winter wonderland.

By Macy Finlayson

The trees look like crystals hanging off the leaves.

When I walk on the grass it crunches under my feet.

It looks like an Ice Land.

It is slippery like a worm.

By George Wadsworth

AS I walked across the cold crunchy grass my feet feel the frost.

When Sophie shook the tree branch, small icicles fall onto my cold head.

Fog comes out my frosty mouth.

When I look at a cold naked tree it looks like someone sprinkled sugar on top of it.

When people run across the frosted court, they find it is slippery!

The frost felt furiously cold because it is winter.

When I held the frost, it melted.

That is winter.

By Maisie Hore



JAKE BAILEY

There was a great turnout of people to hear Jake speak.. His message was "it's okay to talk about your mental health". Photographed are some of our Year 13 students with Jake Bailey.

If you are worried about your or someone else's mental health, the best place to get help is your GP or local mental health provider. However, if you or someone else is in danger or endangering others, call 111.

If you need to talk to someone, the following free helplines operate 24/7:

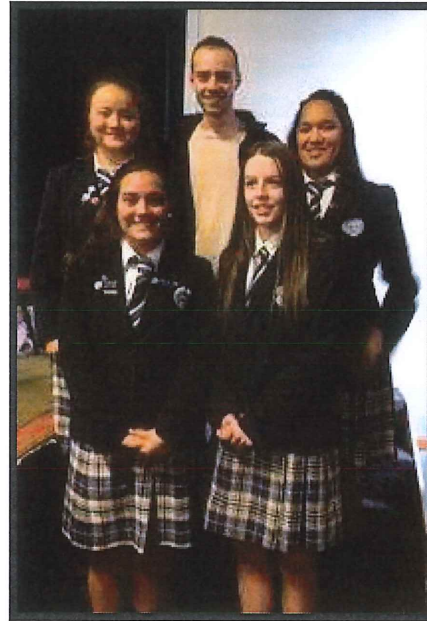
DEPRESSION HELPLINE: 0800 111 757

LIFELINE: 0800 543 354

NEED TO TALK? Call or text 1737

SAMARITANS: 0800 726 666

YOUTHLINE: 0800 376 633 or text 234



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Sunday the 10th of June the Year 9/10 netball girls drove down to Dunedin to compete in the Otago Secondary Schools netball tournament. We were accompanied by senior students Ayeasha Tapatu and Danielle Mapley, Ms Meyer and Mr Robertson.

When we arrived at the Edgar Centre the team captain warmed the girls up and they were on their way with their first game. Sadly we lost that game and the rest as well but all the girls put up a great fight.

We spent one night at the Dunedin Holiday Park and were up early and ready to go by half past eight. We played four more games before we left Dunedin and the hardest was the last game against Cromwell, by this time all the girls were exhausted.

There were some injuries throughout our time in Dunedin but we all enjoyed the experience and games even though we lost all our games.

The netball girls would like to thank Ayeasha and Danielle for coming down to coach us and push us to the hardest that we could play also Mr Robertson for driving a bunch of girls down to Dunedin and watching us play I'm sure that was very interesting.

Our final thanks is for Ms Meyer, thank you so much for coming to the tournament and helping the girls perk up, coaching us and bringing pizza to our rooms.



Harmony Devitt

IMPORTANT DATES

14 June	Spelling Quiz (Years 9-10) Cromwell
15 June	House Dance Competition in the Gymnasium 1.30pm start. All welcome
21 June	Rippa Rugby tournament (Alexandra)
2 July	NZ Mountain Film Festival (Wanaka) Year 10 students
2-5 July	Primary School Ice Sports Week
2-5 July	Pre-mock Exams (Years 11-13)
8-12 July	NZ Area School Tournament (Christchurch)
25 July	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

10-11 July	NZ Curling Training Camp (Naseby)
13-15 July	NZ Curling U21 Tournament (Naseby)
9-13 July	Luge Camp (Naseby)
16-20 July	Ice Camp (Naseby)

Maniototo Ice Rink & Luge

Phone: 034449270

www.nasebyicerinkluge.com

icerinkluge@gmail.com

Opening hours: 10am - 5pm

Food available

School Holiday Special:

- multiple sessions tickets

Programme:

- Sundays 5.30pm,
social ice hockey

- June 30, 2018

Ice Festival (skating, snow park,
luge & indoor & outdoor curling)

- July 14, 2018, 6pm - 8pm

Costume Dance

- July 9-13, 2018

Luge Camp

- July 16-20, 2018

Ice Camp

- July 28, 2018, 1pm

Auckland Vipers Ice Hockey
vs Maniototo

- August 3-5, 2018

Ice Hockey - Erewhon Cup

PTA UPDATE

President: Jenna Huddleston

Secretary: Sarah Paterson

Treasurer: Michelle Dowling

Thank you to the PTA for these recent purchases:
Year 7/8 camp subsidy, portable sound system with
microphones, display cabinet, ice skating for primary
school subsidy.

We really appreciate your support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

To order your book or digital
membership online visit:

www.entbook.co.nz/26120g1

Support the PTA, Dunedin, Invercargill
& Queenstown edition only \$60

\$12 profit from each book goes to our
local PTA