

# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER

9th November 2018



Dear Parents,

We are well into Term 4 and it's flying fast, like the first three terms that have gone by. A lot has been taking place in school.

We have had a very successful International Food Day organised by the Secondary teachers and students. A first for Maniototo Area School was our participation in the Queenstown Polyfest. Our Kapa Haka group, ably guided by Lauren Becker was absolutely fantastic. A shout out to all the students who participated. Thanks also to parents and caregivers who supported our kids by attending the competition. Then there were the Mana Pounamu Awards. We are so proud of our recipients Ayeasha Tapatu and Harmony Devitt.

The Junior Athletics Day was yet another success. Our thanks to the teachers, students, to our parents and members of the community who helped out, and to the wonderful St John Ambulance crew. We are thankful to the Community Board for organising the field marking for us. Ruby Hore and Ethan McSkimming won the Matchett Cup (for most points Yr 3-6) with a fantastic score of 35 points. William Helm, along with Briar Duncan and Hannah Cormack from St John's won the McSkimming Cup (most points Yr 7 & 8), again, with 35 points. A fabulous effort!



On the academic side, we have just farewelled our NCEA students who are now into their final exams. We wish them every success. Wednesday 7th November was their last day in school for the year. For the Yr. 13's yesterday was their last day 'ever' of their school life. (*I hope passers-by yesterday ignored the 'FOR SALE' sign in front of the school.*)

We have also selected our Head Student for 2019. Out of a group of five contenders from the current Year 12's, Danielle Mapley was elected the Head Student for next year.

The master plan for our new school is currently being finalised to be sent to the Design Review Panel of the Ministry of Education in the coming month.

Our PTA is working away in the background, supporting us so well. We would like to see some more parents at our PTA meetings. Your support for our students is very valuable.

Meanwhile other activities continue. Pet Day is coming up fast, as is the Otago Athletics. Then there are camps and tests and exams and the rest.

Once again, thank you for your confidence in us.

**Nga mihi, Joe Ferdinands**

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# MANIOTOTO PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSN

## ATHLETICS RESULTS

### 7 Years

1st George Dowling (St J), 2nd= Sam Elworthy (St J) & Shannlee Fetalver (St J)

1st Jody Velenski (MAS), 2nd= Indianna Hepi (MAS) & Marley Hore (MAS)

### 8 Years

1st Thomas Helm (MAS), 2nd Callum McSkimming (MAS), 3rd Fred Dowling (St J)

1st Amelia Smith (MAS), 2nd= Chloe McAuley (St J) & Ali Leslie (Str T), 3rd Patricia Noi (MAS)

### 9 Years

1st Toby Duncan (St J), 2nd Ryan Crossan (St J), 3rd= Latrell Houppapa (MAS) & Ollie Scott (Str T)

1st Ruby Hore (MAS), 2nd Tessa Steele (St J), 3rd Georgia Gillespie (MAS)

### 10 Years

1st Ethan McSkimming (MAS), 2nd Justin Pink (MAS), 3rd Jake Smith (St J)

1st Lily Blakely (MAS), 2nd Isabelle Helm (MAS), 3rd= Sam Roxburgh (MAS) & Georgia Graham (Str T)

### 11 Years

1st Jock Duncan (St J), 2nd William Tisdall (Str T), 3rd Jack Steele (MAS)

1st Perri Hore (MAS), 2nd Zoe Simpson (MAS), 3rd Abby Ferdinands (MAS)

### 12 Years

1st William Helm (MAS), 2nd Sage Paterson (St J), 3rd Hayden Becker (MAS)

1st Briar Duncan (St J), 2nd Ella Gibson (St J), 3rd Sandee Barroga (St J)

### 13 Years

1st Phoenix Tapatu (MAS), 2nd Jeremy Dumapis (St J), 3rd Harry Graham (Str T)

1st Hannah Cormack (St J), 2nd Emma Kinney (MAS), 3rd Hope Devitt (MAS)

### McSkimming Cup

1st =William Helm (MAS) 35, Briar Duncan (St John's) 35, Hannah Cormack (St John's) 35

2nd Jock Duncan (St John's) 31

3rd = Perri Hore (MAS) 29, Phoenix Tapatu (MAS) 29

### Matchett Cup

1st = Ruby Hore (MAS) 35, Ethan McSkimming (MAS) 35

2nd = Thomas Helm (MAS) 34, Toby Duncan (St John's) 34,

3rd = Lily Blakely (MAS) 28, George Dowling (St John's) 28

### House Shield

1st O'Neill (St John's), 2nd McAuley (St John's), 3rd Hamiltons (MAS)

## OTAGO ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations and Best of luck to these students who have been selected to represent the Maniototo at the Otago Primary School Athletics Championships in Dunedin on Tuesday 20 November. We know you will make us proud!

*William Helm, Hayden Becker, Jack Steele, Robert Hall, Phoenix Tapatu, Perri Hore, Peta Smith, Abby Ferdinands, Zoe Simpson, Brooklyn Harrington, Lily Blakely, Isabelle Helm, Ethan McSkimming, Justin Pink, Molly-Jo Munro, Ruby Hore, Callum McSkimming, Sam Roxburgh*

## Life Matters Presentation

Following Staff discussion on the pressures our students face and the ever-widening demands on youth, we followed up from regional Mental Health Awareness week activities (during Term Break) to bring presenters into school to discuss managing depression.

This is part of an internationally standardised programme on suicide prevention and led by Corinda Taylor, a Dunedin-based trainer on behalf of the "Life Matters" Trust.



The two sessions were optional & well received by students; the seniors staying partly into their lunch break to complete the seminar.

Three of the staff also attended their SafeTALK training on Tuesday; developing skills on recognising issues and helping students to get more professional support. SafeTALK can be likened to Mental Health First Aid training.

## ALEXANDRA BUSKERS FESTIVAL

On our way to the festival we had a great time, when we got there we had to hurry to get changed. We got small round mirrors stuck on our face by Ms Sorrel and as we were getting on the stilts a lady came and interviewed us. We started stilting around Alexandra, people were taking photos of us and smiling, They would stop their car to take photos and some people started to follow us. As we were finishing we got some selfies taken by some people and we jumped off the stilts. All of us were tired and had sore feet, arms and faces. We had a great day and made people smile, that is what makes us perform in festivals, willingly. Because we feel we make people's day, they have stories to tell their friends and family and great photos!

**Lena Hawthorne**

## LET'S TALK ABOUT TEETH

A reminder for parents and caregivers:  
**Dental treatment is FREE\* up until your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.** Has your child had their teeth checked in the last 12 months? Once your child reaches Year 9 at high school they will need to be seen by a private dentist or dental therapist. Contact your local dentist today.

*These providers offer the free U18 dental near Ranfurly*

Duncan Anderson Dental Surgeons [03 440 2119](tel:034402119)  
116 Centennial Ave, Alexandra

Tarbert St Dental Surgery [03 448 8899](tel:03448889956) 56 Tarbert St, Alexandra

Central Dental [03 448 8159](tel:034488159) 17 Brandon St, Alexandra

Palmerston Dental Surgery [03 465 1591](tel:034651591) 54 Tiverton St, Palmerston

Lakes Dental Services [03 445 1177](tel:034451177) 32 The Mall, Cromwell

Cooper & Hunt Dental Care [03 437 0466](tel:034370466) 4 Frome St, Oamaru

F & F Dental Care [03 434 8349](tel:034348349) Wanbrow House, Oamaru

Lumino the Dentists - Shearer Dental [03 434 8554](tel:034348554) Wanbrow House, Oamaru



## PET DAY

Monday 12th November—There will be a sausage sizzle for students at 12.15pm followed by the animals arriving at 1pm. Prizegiving will take place at 2.15pm with a Grand Parade at 2.30pm. This involves students from Years 1-8.

## POOLBURN SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Wednesday 21st November, Years 1-6 students are leaving at 11.30 to travel to Poolburn to watch their school production. We will be back in time for buses.

## PTA

Christmas hamper raffle. Please can every family donate a Christmas raffle/ grocery item.

Raffle cards will be sent home with students for them to sell soon.

Items should be given to class teachers by the 7th of December.

## END OF YEAR/START OF YEAR

The end of year is fast approaching and preparations are well under way for the Prizegiving and the transition into 2019.

*Here's a few tips on how you can help to make things run smoothly.*

**Hadlee Trust Scholarships**—Applications close at 12 noon on Friday 9th December.

**Trophies**—These should be cleaned and returned to the office by Friday 9th December.

**Blazers**—Senior students should have these dry-cleaned and returned to the office before 15th November, they will be re-issued to students for Prizegiving. Students are responsible for the care of their blazers and any damage will result in a replacement charge of \$200.

**School Magazine**—If you want to receive a 2018 magazine at the prizegiving, then please ensure payment of \$25 is made before Friday 7th December.

**2019 Class Stationery**—Lists will be distributed near the end of the term, parents are encouraged to purchase students stationery through the online Officemax Back to School scheme or locally at More than Books.

This will ensure that students books are good quality and will last longer.

**Uniform**—Reminder that the Sky blue polo shirts will be obsolete from the beginning of 2019 and that girls in Years 9 and above should be wearing the inverted pleat skirt (not skorts).

Uniform orders can be placed online anytime, and the school uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 16th January from 10am—12.30pm. This will be the final date to place orders for the start of the 2019 school year.

**BYOD**—Bring your own device will apply to all students in Years 9 and above from the beginning of 2019. If you have any queries, please check the school website for more information.

**Office**—The school office will re-open on Tuesday 29th January 2019. NCEA students begin classes on Thursday 31st January and students in Years 1-10 will begin on Monday 4th February.

## On-line Learning; NetNZ and the Virtual learning Network

While it has been essential for the diversity of student course choice for well over a decade there will still be many parents not familiar with our Virtual (internet-based) School.; NetNZ

Maniototo was one of a core of Otago Schools that initiated & developed on-line teaching in the early 2000's as part of OtagoNet and we are now part of a larger cluster of South Island schools that provide over sixty courses New Zealand-wide. Our model is now being adopted for 2019 by Ireland, teaching their courses in Gaelic-medium. Our teachers will be mentoring theirs in the initial phase.

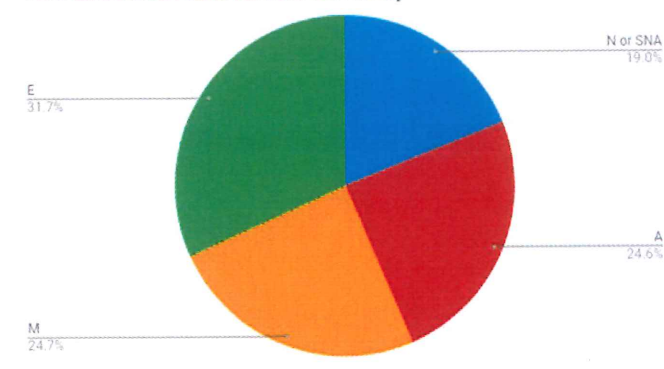
On-line learning consists of one hour direct video learning with the teacher each week complemented by text, email & web-based interaction with classmates & teacher during the rest of each week's programme.

While face to face learning is preferred by most students, those with a real passion for an uncommon subject can pursue their goals with high quality teachers from other areas. Subjects as diverse as German & Calculus, Korean & Physical Education can be taken by a keen student set on a particular future. It is also a flexible way of completing a sixth subject or particular module outside the timetabled hours.

At Maniototo, Mr Robertson is the e-Dean, supporting students with their on-line subjects and also, as an e-Teacher, teaching Physics to students from Tuatapere to Taihape.

Competition for places is keen, nationwide, so our own students need to put a good case to the Secondary Dean, Ms Meyer, & to Mr Robertson as we see this style of learning as harder for most students. However, successful students also report strong development of self-management skills, useful in later study, as a consequence of their study.

NetNZ Course Achievement Summary



The Year 13 students celebrated their last day of school with several leavers pranks...including a visit from Hootie



## RANFURLY SWIM CLUB

I'm looking at starting up swim club to give keen swimmers some guided help to improve their skills and fitness. There will be structured length programmes and skills in the finer aspects of swimming.

Certain criteria applies, as I am not a trained instructor, but I am excited to see if we can get the club going again.

Please contact me on 027 600 5092 for more information. *Thanks, Becky McAuley*

## CREATIVE CARD MAKING COURSE

Maniototo Community Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly

Saturday 1st December 2018

Children 5-9 years 10 am - 11.30 pm

Children 10+ 1 pm - 3.30 pm

Attendance cost \$2 per child

Join Karen and Debbie to create unique Christmas Greeting cards using scrap booking and card making techniques

All materials are supplied. Please Phone Karen 444 9455 or email [threekss@xtra.co.nz](mailto:threekss@xtra.co.nz) if you would like to register your child.

*This course has kindly been funded by a Creative Communities grant.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

12 November	Pet Day (see details in this newsletter)
13 November	Cricket coaching / Firewise presentation
19 November	HPV (Year 8)
20 November	Otago Primary Schools Athletics Champs (postponement date Thursday 22nd)
21 November	Poolburn Production / Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
27 November	Attitude to Learning Reports published online
28 November	Year 8 Orientation Day
28-30 November	Year 9 & 10 Exams
29-30 November	Year 3-4 Camp (Dunedin)
3-6 December	Year 9/10 E.O.T.C. (Naseby)
3-7 December	Swimming lessons (Years 0-3)
5 December	PTA Meeting 3.10pm
7 December	Year 8 Graduation ceremony 12pm
12 December	Prizegiving 7pm in the Gymnasium
13 December	Last day of school <b>1pm close</b> / Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
14 December	Teacher Only Day