

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2018



Thanks to Mrs Whyte for the awesome photos! More images can be seen on the school website photo gallery.

PET DAY

Monday 12th November saw a range of wonderful pets arrive at school for our Pet Day. Lots of well loved pets were on display and we all enjoyed seeing their antics, skills and amazing costumes. A big thank you to all of our judges and sponsors and to Mrs Hore and Miss Edmondston for organising the event. Also thank you, parents, for making it possible for your child to bring along their pet.



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STAFF NEWS

We farewell Chelsea Edmondston at the end of this year. On behalf of the Board and the entire staff, I wish to thank Chelsea for being such an asset to us over the years. Thanks also to Fiona Dowling and Trina Steele for helping us out this year, they did a superb job!

We are excited to announce Katrina Hunter has accepted the Yr. 7 & 8 teaching position for 2019 and Donna Mapley has accepted the Kahurangi position for 2019. We look forward to welcoming them to the MAS team in the new year! *Joe Ferdinands—Principal*

BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY 2019

Back to school has been made easy! It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone.

You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz/maniototo

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Choose when to pay and when to receive your order

Plus, you'll receive a FREE magnetic family organiser

- * Option 1—Pay Now (December) & Receive Now (December)
- * Option 2—Pay Now (December) & Receive Later (January)
- * Option 3—Pay Later (January) & Receive Later (January)

FREE Delivery for orders over \$46. Earn rewards for our school.

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We love the Four R's:

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- Recyclable
- Rebate (5 cents from every cover sold goes to our school)
- Really EZ to put on!

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Choose Maniototo Area School from the dropdown list at the online checkout and use the code EZ15 to increase our donation from 5 cents to 15 cents for every cover purchased!

PTA

We held a meeting at the start of this month. It was decided that the PTA is to purchase a new BBQ for the school to use for sausage sizzles and such events as we are in desperate need for an updated one.

We were also asked by the Maniototo Athletics Association to help with the purchase of a new set of uniforms for the children that qualify to go to Otago Champs in Dunedin, they asked for \$600 to help purchase these, the PTA voted for this to go ahead (please know that St John's and Strath Taieri were also asked to contribute). Many thanks to Sarah Smith and Lucia Dowling for applying for the new school bus hi-vis vests through Fonterra. We have been granted a full set for the school and they are on their way. They will be distributed to the bus kids in the new year! Date for next meeting is the 5th of December at 3.10pm and we would love to see some more faces there. Remember, you are the PTA so come along and have your say. The Christmas hamper raffle items are looking great. Items should be given to class teachers by the 7th of December. Raffle cards are being sent home with students for them to sell. Thank you for your support.

Thanks, Jenna Huddleston PTA President

JAPANESE CULTURE TRIP

I have been studying Japanese through NetNZ online correspondence school for around 5 years. I was presented with the amazing opportunity to travel to Japan for a 3 week trip, thanks to Mr Campbell asking OGHS if I could join in on their annual trip to Japan! I was absolutely ecstatic to be able to try out my language skills and travel to a foreign country.

So, on the 21st of September 2018, I departed from chilly Dunedin airport, and arrived in sunny and humid Osaka 14 hours later. Osaka was a city filled with surprises, amazing fashion, delicious food and filled with Japanese pop-culture. The most interesting thing I saw in Osaka was a vending machine selling tiny hats for your cat for 200 yen (about \$2).

I travelled by Shinkansen (bullet train) from Osaka to Hiroshima, and stayed with my lovely host family. Hiroshima is a very beautiful city, as all the buildings are very new. In 1945, all of Hiroshima was destroyed by an atomic bomb, so the whole city had to be rebuilt. During my stay, I visited the Hiroshima Peace Park that was built to remember the very sad event that happened 72 years ago. Departing from Hiroshima was sad as I had to say goodbye to my wonderful host family, they gave me lots of awesome gifts to remember them by.

The Shinkansen ride to Kyoto only took around 1 and half hours, whereas by car that same journey would have taken almost 5 hours, the Shinkansen is amazingly fast! Kyoto is a city that is rich with Japanese culture, with girls in kimono walking the streets, and temples around every corner. I visited too many temples to count while staying in Kyoto, and I even got to drink from the famous "fountain of youth" at Kiyomizu Dera temple that is supposed to keep you young and healthy forever.

My favourite part of the trip, was staying in a tiny seaside town about the size of Ranfurly called Amanohashidate. It was the most beautiful place I have ever seen, with warm beaches, beautiful blue sea, towering mountains and traditional Japanese style buildings. The last stop on my amazing trip to Japan was staying in the huge bustling city of Tokyo with another host family. My host sister took me to an area of Tokyo called Asakusa, where we wore kimono and visited a shrine, ate okonomiyaki (Japanese fried pancake) and tried kaki gouri (flavoured shaved ice).

I made heaps of friends while staying in Japan, and I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to visit such an awesome country! I would like to say thank you to Mr. Campbell and thank you to Otago Girls' Boomer Sensei and Thompson Sensei, for making my dream come true!

Kenzie Stuart (Year 13)



GRAEME LAING SWIM SCHOOL

27th-31st December 2018

New Format: 9am 27th—Length swimmers 10am 27th—All other swimmers

Times for the rest of the week will be given after this

Enquiries/Bookings to Margo Hall 021 052 8255

CREATIVE CARD MAKING COURSE

Maniototo Community Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly

Saturday 1st December 2018 Attendance cost \$2 per child

Children 5-9 years (10 am - 11.30 pm) Children 10+ (1 pm - 3.30 pm)

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 if you would like to register your child. *This course has kindly been funded by a Creative Communities grant.*

AA NEW ZEALAND DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next Alexandra course is to be held on December 5, 9, 12 & 16 from 7-9pm.

Please contact kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz or txt 027 623 3534 for further course information.

SUNSMART FACT



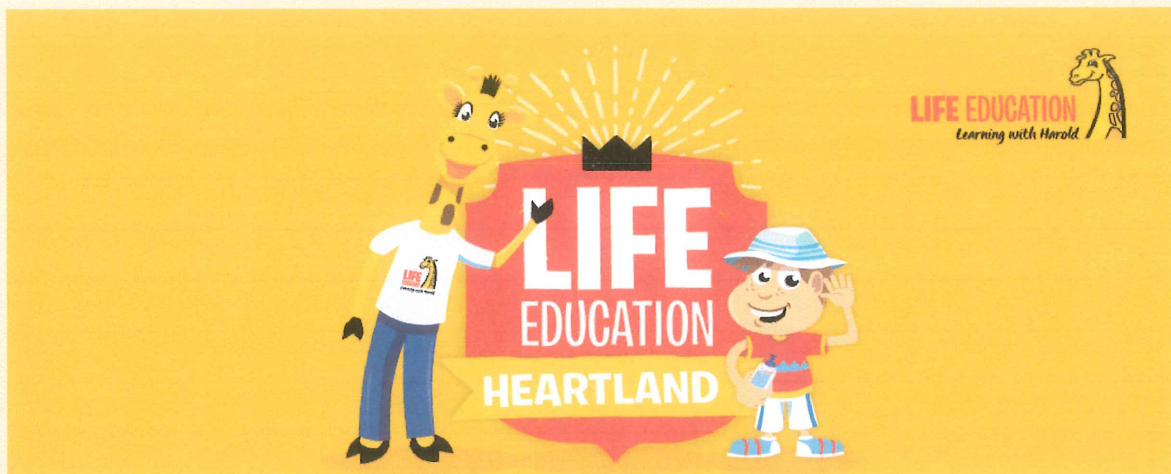
Sunscreen at school

Children with fair skin that burns easily may wish to apply sunscreen during school hours. We recommend at least SPF 30+ or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.



IMPORTANT DATES

27 November	Attitude to Learning Reports published online
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)
4 December	Vision Hearing Technicians visit school
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 1pm close / Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
14 December	Teacher Only Day



Heartland Harold Rail Trail Duathlon Challenge

Life Education, with Harold the Giraffe, is a well known education-based children's charity, which visits the region's schools with a mobile classroom, delivering a health and well-being programme that teaches and inspires children to make positive choices for a healthy mind and body.

[Life Education Trust Heartland Otago Southland](#), the local regional Trust that includes the Otago Central Rail Trail area, is running a unique Fundraising Challenge in conjunction with the Otago Central Rail Trail Duathlon which is happening on 23rd and 24th February 2019.

The Challenge:



1. Get a team of schoolmates, staff, parents, workmates, friends or family together and enter your team via the official Rail Trail Duathlon website www.railtrailduathlon.com/
2. Head to <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/life-education-trust-heartland-otago-southland> and set up your own "fundraisers" page
3. Fundraise as much as you can! Following the event we will donate half of what you have fundraised, to your chosen school or charity, on your behalf.
4. Be sure to share your progress! Let everyone know what you're doing and why. We can help share your progress with our followers. Remember, everybody loves Harold...
5. Get training!!! 6 week training programme available on the duathlon website.

- ✓ A great team building exercise, or just the chance to get active.
- ✓ Support your own favourite cause, or school, as well as a unique and valuable organisation.

For more:

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