

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

8th February 2019



Nou Mai Haere Mai,

Welcome to a new year and a fresh start to 2019 and a warm welcome to our new students. I hope the students have had an enjoyable summer break. This year has a lot in store for us, both challenging and exciting. Our message to our students is to constantly challenge themselves. We believe they can succeed and we want them to believe in themselves too.

New Staff: We are delighted to have Katrina Hunter (Yr. 7&8 Homeroom teacher) and Donna Mapley (Kakariki Homeroom teacher) on our team.

Parent-Teacher Meet & Greet: Our first Parent-Teacher interviews have been set for Tuesday 12th February and Thursday 14th February. We would like parents/caregivers to bring their children with them for this meeting. Your child will then speak about the goals and aspirations they have set for 2019. At the risk of being repetitive, I urge all parents/caregivers to find time to attend this very first meeting.

Education Review Office (ERO) visit: We have our ERO visit scheduled for the week beginning 18th March 2019. This is when an external evaluation is conducted of our school.

School Uniforms: This year we want to focus on correct school uniform being worn by all students. We want our students to keep their wellbeing in mind through personal hygiene and attire. We want them to be proud to belong to Maniototo Area School

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD): From this year, the school implements BYOD for students of Yr. 9 to 13. Students are expected to have their own devices by the end of Week 3 of this term. For more details on suitable devices please refer to our website or contact Mr. Robertson.

Attendance and Punctuality: Another area of focus for this year is daily attendance at school and being on time. The correlation between attendance and academic success is very clear. We want to instil these values in our students so they can be confident and successful citizens of society.

Construction of the new school: The plans for the construction of our new school are progressing as per schedule. We hope to be moving into the Design Stage in a couple of months.

Maniototo Area School Strategic Plan: Our Mission & Vision Statements are given below. Please do read through them. We would like some feedback from you about our Strategic Plan.

We have a lot planned for this year. We do know that we can count on your support in order for us to succeed. And at all times we do not lose sight of the main reason we do what we do - it is for our tamariki to bloom where they are planted.

Nga mihi nui,

Joe Ferdinands

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MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2019

Mission - 'Why we are here'

MAS students will recognise and strive to achieve their potential as skilled lifelong learners and positive, actively involved community members by upholding the school P.R.I.D.E values at all times.

Vision—'Where we are going'

Through positive influence, example and efforts our students will:

Live the P.R.I.D.E values of the school
 Become independent learners
 Be confident risk takers
 Have regular success
 Enjoy school & learning
 Be supported and encouraged to develop their physical, mental and emotional, social, and spiritual dimensions of health and wellbeing

Values—'How we live'

Our core values guide how we live, and conduct ourselves in our work and our relationships with others in the school. Specifically, our values are:

Participation
 Respect
 Integrity
 Determination
 Empathy

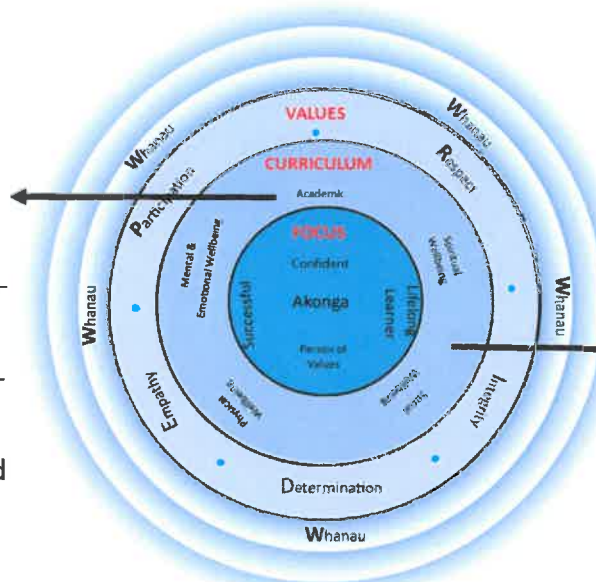


By Learning We Live

Our Strategic Foci at MAS

Teaching & Learning

Quality teaching is the most important aspect of our school
 Teachers encourage each student to reach their highest possible intellectual, practical, social and recreational abilities
 Provide planned and varied learning opportunities in a challenging, caring & stimulating environment
 Set high expectations, foster cooperation, responsibility and mutual respect.



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Provide a positive & safe environment where the physical & emotional needs of every student is cared for and nurtured
 A socially inclusive school where all students feel safe and happy
 Encourage students to be supportive of others and to keep themselves safe in the real & electronic worlds

External focus

Encourage & welcome interest, support and involvement of whanau
 Promote school-community partnership
 Foster understanding, appreciation and respect for traditional values of the Maniototo and promote good relationships among all cultures
 Grow commitment to the Kahui Ako

Noticeboard

NEWSLETTERS

Parents, are you receiving your newsletters by e mail? It's easy to subscribe to our newsletter through the school website, or if you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter then please contact Mrs Kirk at the school office.

LUNCH LEAVE

All students wanting to leave the school grounds at lunchtime must have signed permission from their parents. This applies to Ranfurly township pupils going home for lunch and Year 13 pupils.

PARENT CONSULTATION

Possible dates for Parent Consultation Meetings in Wedderburn, Naseby, Patearoa, Ranfurly areas.

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| Term 1 | Maori consultation (Ranfurly), General Parent Consultation at Patearoa |
| Term 2 | General Parent Consultation at Ranfurly and Wedderburn |
| Term 3 | General Parent Consultation at Naseby |

P.R.I.D.E. AFTERNOON

On Friday 22nd February we are holding our whole school PRIDE afternoon. This is a chance for all students to meet in house groups and participate in a range of activities where our PRIDE values come to the fore. We welcome parents to come along and join in the fun from 1.15pm.

Students are to come dressed for the day in their house colours:

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| ◆ Danseys | Red |
| ◆ Serpentine | Green |
| ◆ Garibaldi | Blue |
| ◆ Hamiltons | Yellow |

CAVALCADE

Cavalcade catering is a major fundraiser for Maniototo Area School PTA and requires a huge team effort. All money raised goes back to benefit the students. This years cavalcade begins at Tekapo on Sunday 24 February and finishes at Hawea on 2nd March. Helpers are needed to stay over on the trail to help cook and serve food. If you are able to spare a night or a couple of days of your time this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school or the PTA committee if you are able to help out.

All families will be asked to make a donation of food—more details to come soon.

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| Jenna Huddleston (President) | 0275 379 740 |
| Sarah Smith (Secretary) | 021 156 2954 |
| Michelle Dowling (Treasurer) | 444 9034 |

SUMMER UNIFORM TERM's 1 & 4

Year 1-8 Summer Uniform

Navy Polo (sky blue detail)

Navy Cargo shorts or Pants (girls or boys)

Navy Skort (girls only) *Skort available from Schooltex / The Warehouse

Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (choose one option)

Navy socks (ankle length)

Under-tops (navy only) (optional)

Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat

Shoes: sensible - no jandals, gumboots or shoes with heels

Year 9-13 Summer Uniform

Navy Polo (sky blue detail)

* Please note the existing sky blue polo shirt (seniors) are no longer a uniform item

Navy Tab shorts (Boys)

Navy Inverted pleat Skirt (Girls) *Inverted pleat skirt available from Schooltex / The Warehouse

* ***Girls in Years 9-13 should be wearing the Navy inverted pleat skirt (Not skorts)***

Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (choose one option)

Navy socks (ankle length)

Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat

Shoes: Black leather shoes; black leather flats or sandals

All uniform items should be purchased from the school supplier UniformNZ (link on the school website) or via the School Uniform Manager Jan Mackenzie with the exception of the Girls skorts, navy & tartan skirts and socks which are available for purchase from Schooltex / The Warehouse.

- Non-uniform jackets may be worn to and from school but **MUST NOT REPLACE** the Merino, Polar fleece or Blazer.
 - Shoulder length hair should be tied back and off the face.
- Jewellery is **NOT** permitted, apart from small studded earrings. Any necklace or bracelet that does not have a medical, spiritual or cultural significance is not permitted.
- Makeup is **NOT** permitted, apart from a moderate concealer for girls of Year 9 up.
- PE uniform is **COMPULSORY** for students in Years 7-13, and students must change for PE classes.
 - Please make sure all uniform items are named.

OUTWARD BOUND

On the second of December 2018 I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to attend a three week Mind, Body and Soul Outward Bound Course. The Course was a mixture of challenging physical and mental activities, which pushed me to my limits. A quote that has really stuck with me from the course is "There is more in you". This proved true in some of the physical challenges such as tramping and kayaking. I really enjoyed working alongside the other 13 young adults in my watch that were from all around New Zealand. We learnt how to work together as a team and we relied on each other to get through the hard times. This meant that we all became very close.

I also enjoyed the day of service that we did at Riding for the Disabled. We did maintenance around the stables and also helped the children with their riding. I would highly recommend this course to anyone and everyone as it was a life changing experience.

I would like to thank the Otago Community Trust for their financial support and Maniototo Area School for making this all possible.

Danielle Mapley (Year 13)



LUGE

It has been great following the New Zealand Luge Facebook page posts to keep up with the progress of students Sam Flanagan and Ben Voice who are in Europe taking part in the natural track junior world cup circuit. I'm sure they will have some stories to tell about their experiences when they return to the Maniototo next week.

CURLING

We are extremely proud of the NZ Junior Men's Curling team made up of ex-students Matthew Neilson, Anton Hood, Ben Voice and Hunter Walker (together with Jayden Apuwai-Bishop from Dunedin) and their coach Peter Becker who won Gold Medals at the World Junior B Curling Championships in Lohja, Finland in January. This is the first time that a NZ Junior team has won a medal at the World Junior B's.



With this win also comes entry to the World Junior A's being held in Liverpool, Nova Scotia from 16-23 February where the boys will play against teams from Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

We wish the boys the best of luck for this tournament!



BELL TIMES 2019

8.40am	Form Time (Year 7-13)
8.45am	Period 1 and Junior School Starts
9.35am	Period 2
INTERVAL	10.25am – 10.45am
10.45am	Period 3
11.35am	Period 4
LUNCH	12.25pm – 1.10pm (a bell will ring at 1.05pm to alert the end of lunchtime)
1.10pm	Whanau Time
1.30pm	Period 5
2.15pm	Period 6
3.00pm	School Day Ends

Central Otago Primary School Sport Association website is www.copssa.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

8 February	Year 11-13 Leadership Day
11-15 February	Swim Week (Year 1-8)
12 & 14 February	Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher Interviews
13 February	Senior Boys Cricket (Dunedin)
13 February	Board of Trustees Meeting (6pm)
15 February	Raffle Night at Ranfurly Hotel (Biology Field trip)
18 February	Year 7/8 : Girls Shield Cricket (Oamaru), Boys Cricket (Alexandra)
19 February	Year 9-13 Girls Cricket (Ranfurly)
20 February	Roxburgh Senior Athletics
20 February	Maniototo A & P Show Day... SCHOOL CLOSSES AT LUNCHTIME. BUSES LEAVE SCHOOL AT 1PM.
22 February	P.R.I.D.E afternoon
25 Feb—2 March	Cavalcade (PTA catering)
26 February	Operation Wallacea visit (9am)
1 March	Ugly Shakespeare Group visit (9am)
4 March	Senior Swimming Sports
7 March	Junior Swimming Sports
6 March	Staff Training (Restorative Practice) SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1PM
8 March	Jack Martin Memorial EOHS Sports Exchange (at MAS)
11-13 March	Biology Field Trip (Crab Camp @ Portobello)
14 March	Drive to Survive (Dunedin)
18-22 March	ERO visit
20 March	Year 9 & 10 Field Trip (Orokonui Ecosanctuary)
22 March	Community of Learning Jumbo Day. SCHOOL IS CLOSED
25 March	Otago Anniversary Day. SCHOOL IS CLOSED
27 March	Zone Triathlon (Primary)
30 March	Formal : Theme 'A Night in the Clouds'
1-5 April	Footsteps Dance Group (Years 1-10)
5 April	COPSSA Triathlon
10 April	Year 12 Biology Field Trip
12 April	Last day of Term 1
29 April	Term 2 begins