

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

28th February 2019



2019 STUDENT LEADERS

Head Student—Danielle Mapley

Cultural Captain—Lucy Neilson

Sports Captain—Doug Smith

Head of School Council—Amanda Voice

PRIDE Representatives—Aroha Cromb & Danielle Mapley

Kapa Haka —Te Arika Tapatu & Madi Pont

House Leaders:

Danseys—Doug Smith & Dylan Connell

Garibaldi—Paris Anderson & Dante Devitt

Hamiltons—Lucy Neilson & Fletcher Dowling

Serpentine—Will Becker & Madi Pont

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES WORKSHOP FOR MAS TEACHERS

Maniototo Area School is introducing Restorative Practices at school from this year.

Restorative Practices in schools are at the heart of repairing relationships between students, as well as their whanau/ family, school and community. Rather than having the traditional negative reactions to discipline, we aim to resolve issues in a positive manner.

We have Rich Malta, an expert in Restorative Practices, coming to school to give our teachers some training in this area. **School will close at 1pm on Wednesday 6th March** so that all our teachers can attend this professional development.

We do believe this direction towards school wide restorative practices is very important to the personal, social, and academic development of each of our students.

Classes will continue for all pupils until 1pm with Buses leaving at 1.05pm for both MAS and St John's pupils.

HEALTH CURRICULUM

In Health and Physical Education, the focus is on the well-being of the students themselves, of other people, and of society.

The seven key areas of learning in the Health and PE curriculum are:

Food and nutrition, Mental health, Body care and physical safety, Physical activity, Sports studies, Outdoor education, Sexuality education

Our School and Community Goals:

- * To understand and practice healthy living.
- * To develop physical skills that will enable them to participate in a wide range of physical activities - with an emphasis on water skills and safety.
- * To promote students' wellbeing in the four key areas of hauora - social, physical, mental & emotional

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OVERALL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR 2018

The overall achievement in Reading for students from Yr. 1 to Yr. 10 was 72.86%. Out of this, when we include Yr. 9&10, the number of students reading above the required level has increased by 23.6% over the previous year.

In Maths, the overall achievement for students from Yr. 1 to Yr. 10 was 79.84%. In Writing, the overall achievement for students from Yr. 1 to 10 was 68.99%. This has led us to make Writing the target for 2019.

Our Maori students have been tracking very well. In Reading the overall Maori achievement was 77.42%, Writing 77.78% and Maths 80.65%.

There is undoubtedly great progress being made in teaching & learning by our students and teachers.

We have focused on literacy and numeracy as being the cornerstone to achievement in all curriculum areas.

Our targeted focus for 2019 is on Writing and Student Wellbeing. We know that by working closely with parents/ caregivers and whanau, we will achieve much.

POLICY REVIEW

(Policy on Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances)

To give feedback on this review please follow the steps given below:

1. Visit the website <http://maniototo.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (maniototo) and password (mas).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the (red) Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

ATTITUDE REPORTS / CAREGIVER PORTAL

Parents/Caregivers now have access to Musac Edge caregiver portal. To access the site, please use the following link: <https://parent.musac.school.nz>

Caregivers can log into the portal using the email address provided to Maniototo Area School.

The portal will give caregivers immediate access to their child's attendance, monthly Attitude to Learning reports, student finances and NCEA progress/summary.

TREES

It has come to our attention that children have been climbing on the trees between the turf and the Senior block after school during sports practice times. We ask that parents ensure their children do not climb in these trees both for their own safety and to avoid further damage to the trees.

Many thanks, MAS Board of Trustees

CAVALCADE

Thank you very much for those people who gave up their valuable time to help the PTA with this year's Cavalcade catering. *Jenna Huddleston, Belinda Colling, Ro McDiarmid, Karl McDiarmid, Mark Inder, Hamish Mackenzie, Craig Paterson, Lexie Fraser, Gemma Hore, Simon Hore, Matt McSkimming, Malcolm Helm, Kyle Hagen, Stu Duncan, Jaco Pieterse, Andrew Hore, Bev Helm, Charlie Hore, Sarah Paterson, Nigel Lowe, Wayne Henderson, Anna Swanson, Mike Connell and Kim Vowles.*

Thank you also to all the families who donated food and other items for the Cavalcade. We appreciate everyone is very busy in their own lives and thank you so much for making the effort to support the PTA in this activity. The money raised is substantial and well worth the big effort & the PTA will be making plans for spending this on your children.

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

Impetigo often called school sores is the appearance of itchy small blisters or scabs on the exposed parts of the body, which form yellow crusts. The blisters often start around the legs, arms, nose and on the face, and can spread to other parts of the body particularly where the skin is broken such as cuts or eczema.

Impetigo is contagious, and is transferred by direct contact with an infected individual, or from infected towels, toys and clothes. It is important to prevent an infected person from scratching the sores as this will spread the infection.

Your doctor may prescribe one or both of the following treatments: Oral antibiotics or an antiseptic or antibiotic ointment applied to the affected area as directed. The oral antibiotics must be taken everyday until they are finished, even if the sores clear earlier. Infected children need to stay away from school or preschool until at least 24 hours after treatment has started, or as advised by your doctor or Public Health Nurse. The infected person should avoid swimming until all the sores have healed.

DRUM

Over the past few years a 'snare drum' has disappeared. The music students would love it back. It is a navy blue metallic 'Tama' brand.

YEAR 11-13 LEADERSHIP DAY

On Friday 15th February the Year 11 to 13 students went to Naseby Lodge to participate in a leadership day. The day started with Ashleigh Kitto taking us for some team bonding exercises, such as blindfolded obstacle courses and a don't break the egg game.

Following these activities Carol Goodlas talked to us about what it is to be a leader and told us about how she trains professional snow sport athletes mentally. We realised the only thing stopping us from being good leaders is ourselves.

We did a test to find out what type of leader we are, this was beneficial because those that are more confident are able to encourage those that aren't.

We also had a great lunch provided by the Naseby Lodge!

We would like to thank Ashleigh Kitto and Carol Goodlas for providing us with a fun filled day.

Also a huge thanks to Ms Meyer, Mr Stevens, Ms Brooks and Mr Jefcoate for organising this day for us.

*By Danielle Mapley and Aroha Cromb
(Year 13)*



SOUTHERN AREA SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Maniototo Area School will be hosting the Southern Area Schools tournament this year and need billet accommodation for 150 students from the other Area Schools (Waiau, Catlins, Lawrence, Roxburgh and Twizel).

The tournament runs from 15th—17th May and accommodation for students will be needed on both Wednesday and Thursday nights.

If you are able to help out with billet accommodation then please contact the school office.

CRICKET

On Monday 17th February a group of Year 7&8 boys travelled to Alexandra to participate in a cricket tournament. There were 4 boys from Maniototo Area School (Nic, Riley, Archie and Robert) and 5 from St John's (David, Jock, Bradley, Sage and Jake) The first team we played was Wanaka. They batted first with a score of 163 runs. At the end of the match it was Wanaka 163, Maniototo 75 (we tried!). Then we went on to play the other losing team, Cromwell. They bowled all of us out for 33 runs. When it was time for us to field we bowled out 7 of their batsman. In the end it was Cromwell 42, Maniototo 33. So we lost both of our games and were placed 4th in the tournament. We would like to say thank you to our coaches Lauren Shaw and Karl McDiarmid and a big thanks to the all the parents who provided transport. *Riley Lowe and Nic Pieterse (Year 7)*

On Tuesday 19th of February a group of Year 9-13 girls played a game of 20/20 cricket against Dunstan High School. All the girls enjoyed the day and most had never played cricket before so it was something new for them to try. It was also a pleasure to play against the group of girls from Dunstan who had great sportsmanship. Unfortunately we lost, but improved immensely from last year. We had a great time and all learnt some new skills. Thanks heaps to Willie Miller and James Becker for coaching us and Ms Meyer for organising us to play in the tournament. With a bit more practice, the girls are looking for a win next year! *Paris Anderson (Year 12)*



JUNIOR SWIM WEEK

In Week Three, the Primary School took part in a new look 'Swim Week'. The focus for the week was developing strong swimming skills, mixed in with a little bit of swim safety.

Mrs Deirdre Lithgow and Mr Yuichi Nakamura designed a programme that catered for all levels and allowed for plenty of opportunities for the children to make great progress. The levels of progress were outstanding and we thank Mr Nakamura and Mrs Lithgow for their hard work and commitment.

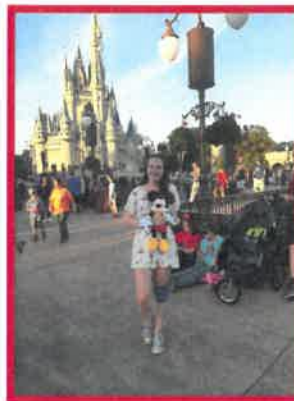
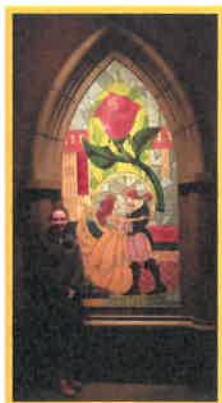


Well done also to all of the children who worked so hard and to the teachers who made sure the students were ready for each lesson and for assisting in the pool. We are looking forward to seeing some great swimming at our Swimming Sports next week!

CAREERS

Ex Maniototo student Mikaela Woodhead is currently on a 6 month Internship at Disneyland as part of gaining her Diploma through the NZ School of Tourism.

Hi everyone! Just a bit of a catch up of what's been happening on my Disney journey! So I am currently working in a merchandise store at Disney's music resort which is hard work and crazy hours but a great experience. I currently share an apartment with 5 girls 1 New Zealander and 4 Spanish girls. I'm learning heaps over here about American culture and a whole new way of living. I am very homesick but have had heaps of fun getting to go through the Disneyworld theme parks and meeting my favourite characters! I think the favourite thing I've done so far was getting to have dinner at Beauty and the Beasts castle, truly amazing! I hope everyone is having a good year so far and see you all soon!



BEN & SAM'S—LUGE EXPERIENCE

On 20th December Sam Flanagan and Ben Voice flew to Poland where they stayed with Naseby's International Luge Coach Adam for a week to recover from jet lag. They spent 8 weeks in Europe travelling between Austria and South Tyrol Italy training and competing in Natural Luge for 7 competitions, including the World Championship, 2 World Cups and 3 Junior World Cups. Unfortunately Sam broke his finger and could not race in the World Champs. Both Sam and Ben are very grateful for the experience and both wish to continue to better their skills. They both had a great time and made huge improvements in their lugging skills, as well as countless new friends.

CURLING SUCCESS

The New Zealand's Junior Men's Curling side achieved their major goal at their first-ever World Championship, which has just concluded in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Canada. Four wins saw them finish in 6th place overall, allowing them to automatically re-qualify for next year's event and avoid the World Junior "B" qualifier.

National coach Peter de Boer was full of praise for Matthew Neilson, Anton Hood, Ben Smith, Hunter Walker (all ex-MAS pupils) and Jayden Apuwai-Bishop (Dunedin).

Stealing three of their wins in an extra end showed their character, he said. "They fight like tigers and due to their humble, unflappable Kiwi style, when the going gets tough they roll their sleeves up." This is by far the best result for any New Zealand Junior side.

Maniototo Area School are proud of the success of our curlers (many of whom have gone onto International representation in recent years). We are also very excited to see this tradition continue with a number of our students currently long-listed for representation at the Youth Olympics to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland in January 2020.

PRIDE DAY

Students enjoyed the PRIDE afternoon held on Friday 22nd February taking part in several fun activities in their House groups.



A & P SHOW

Maniototo Area School proudly won the schools shield for the Junior Horticultural section at the A&P Show this year.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course is to be held in Alexandra on March 6, 8, 13 & 15 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Please email kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz for further information.



MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL OPEN DAY

There is an Open Day on Saturday March 23rd from 10am to celebrate creativity in the Maniototo and stage one of the upgrades we've been working on.

The Arts Centre in Reade Street is used five days a week, up to four groups in a day and multiple groups using it at any one time. We are working towards purchasing a projector and screen, a transportable electronic whiteboard and a transportable smart TV to give groups more options and more efficient use of their time. We also have a free installation and monthly wifi package being provided by Tussock Networks. This all will bring the arts centre into today and continue it's use as a great community 'hub'.

We'd love as many creative community members along on the day because we don't think many people realise just how many different talents are out there in the Maniototo and it is our role as the Maniototo Community Arts Council to celebrate and develop arts in the Maniototo.

IMPORTANT DATES

25 Feb—2 March	Cavalcade (PTA catering)
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
18 March	Dental Bus arrives in the Maniototo
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)
27 March	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
30 March	Formal : Theme 'A Night in the Clouds'
1-5 April	Footsteps Dance Group (Years 1-10)
4 April	COPSSA Triathlon
10 April	Year 12 Biology Field Trip
12 April	Last day of Term 1
28 April—1 May	Senior Tramp (Routeburn Track)
29 April	Term 2 begins
6 May	HPV vaccinations (Year 8)
7-9 May	Life Education Trust visit
10 May	Board of Trustees Election (nominations called)
15-17 May	Southern Area Schools Tournament