

Maniototo Area School

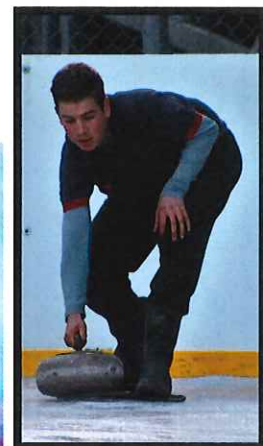
NEWSLETTER
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Students joined the protest march and wrote submissions to save our bank.



The 1st of September sees the arrival of Spring. Students have been making the most of the last of the winter activities and sports over recent weeks.



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From the Principal

Ms Patsy Inder

Kia Ora

The Kakariki ski camp was a great success with everyone showing development in their ski skills over the time on the mountain. Thank you Gemma Hore for all your work organising the camp and thank you to Chelsea Edmonston and all the parents who went on the camp.

At the Area Schools' Conference there are honours awards for students who have achieved highly at a national or international level. At this year's conference in Auckland Ashleigh Smith won a n award. We were very proud of this as it is the second year the awards have been given and the second year that one of our students has won.



Community Consultation: We are sending home a short questionnaire about our school priorities. Because we really value your input we are offering a \$100 grocery voucher to one lucky winner who returns their survey form. Please return the named entry form along with your completed survey by Friday 9 September so you will go into the lucky draw. The Board of Trustees and the staff are very keen to ensure the school priorities and direction is supported by our community so we would value your ideas and input.

School Production: The teachers and students in Years 1-10 are working on a school music and drama production. We really appreciate the enthusiasm and work of Stephen and Lisa Bryant who initiated the idea and all the support of other school staff. A production involves a lot of work but is really worthwhile. Set aside time on Wednesday 21st September as there will be performances at 11am and 7.15pm.

Community Events: The school has been active in supporting our community over the last week. A number of children and staff have written to Westpac and we had a strong turnout to the bank protest on Friday. The school council also organised a mufti day to support daffodil day and raised over \$190 for the Cancer Society.

Sport: We have a number of students participating in sporting competitions this week. Shakhan Tapatu is playing netball for Catlins at the South Island Secondary Schools' tournament. Paris Anderson and Natasha Whyte are playing hockey for East Otago. Harry McAslan is playing ice hockey in a national Under 14 competition. We have 3 teams playing in the South Island Secondary Schools' curling championships at Naseby on Saturday and Sunday. Many of the winter sports are coming to an end and netball and hockey have held very successful break-ups. Thank you to all the coaches, umpires and supporters who make it possible for our children to enjoy participating in very committed teams.

Board of Trustees: The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Success at School: With just 3 more weeks to go in this term our Year 11-13 students are hard at work completing work for internal assessments and preparing for exams. While it is most important for our senior students a number of factors affect success at school at any class level. High attendance is very important – it is very difficult to catch up on key understanding or work you have missed. Managing time and making sure there is a balance of school work as well as exercise and relaxation time. Family/whanau interest and involvement in school helps a great deal. Supporting your children and encouraging them when they try hard are key elements in helping them succeed. Reading is a key skill and ensuring time is set aside for this is essential. Teachers strive to ensure every one of our students gets all the support and help they need. Success is highest when all these supports are matched by high motivation, determination and hard work from the students themselves.

We are back to rose pruning season and would really value help to prune the school's great number of roses. Please just come along any time with your secateurs to help with this.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our annual school photos will be taken on Tuesday 6th September by McRobie Studios. It is very important that all students are in tidy correct uniform. Students in Years 1-10 will have their photos taken wearing the polo shirt. (No visible underlayers will be permitted in photos). Students in Years 11-13 will have their photo taken wearing their school blazers.

As well as class photos, each student will have an individual photo taken. If you would like to have a sibling photo or family photo taken then please ensure you notify the office by Monday.

MAKE THE DREAM WORK

We are well under way for our 2016 School Production. Students are practicing their songs, dance and jokes for our big night. There will be two shows you can come to and enjoy the talent of our wonderful Junior and Middle school students. Wednesday the 21st September, 11am and 7:15 pm at the Ranfurly Town Hall. Entry to the Production will be a gold coin donation at the door.

Expect a notice home next week detailing any costume requirements for the night. It is mostly matching mufti clothes for the classes items in the Production.

We will have a working bee at the Hall on Sunday the 18th to finish any scenery and final bits and pieces. Thanks to all our parents who have students practicing lines, dance and songs at home.

CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ

Several students have been representing the school at the Central Otago Current Events Quiz held in Cromwell.

Year 5-8 students went on 31st August, and the Year 9-10 students go tonight 1st September.

Results are to be confirmed, but one of the Year 7/8 MAS teams (Hayden Clarke, Anna Stuart and Ben Voice) came 4th = with a score of 93/100. They had a lot of fun at the event and were able to answer many International and National Current Events questions.

Students who represented the school at the Quiz are:

Year 5/6—Max Hore, Perri Hore, Emma Kinney,

Jasmine Balloch, Charlotte Paterson, Hayden Becker

Year 7/8—Michaela Clark, Mia Steele, Niall Asher,

Anna Stuart, Hayden Clarke, Ben Voice

Year 9/10—Thomas Smith, Lucy Neilson, Sam Flanagan,

Amanda Voice, Yasmin Christian, Levi Menzies

SPEECH & DRAMA EXAMS

Congratulations to both Emma and Nicola Kinney who recently passed their Speech & Drama exams. Emma passed Merit plus Grade 4 and Nicola Kinney passed Merit plus grade 2.

Well done girls!



STUDENTS OPPOSE WESTPAC BANK CLOSURE

I strongly disagree with the closure Westpac Bank in Ranfurly. Firstly some people would lose their jobs. Secondly, we would have to travel to a bank, which is inconvenient. Thirdly, it's hard for community groups and schools to access a bank. Finally, larger branches don't know you very well, unlike our local bank.

My first reason is about Westpac workers losing their jobs. In our community a few people would no longer have jobs which is really bad for them. They will struggle to pay bills and feed their families until they can get a new job but that's not always easy.

Secondly, we would have to travel long distances to bank and that is a huge inconvenience especially for elderly who can't drive. This also takes up lots of time and we would go grocery shopping in Alexandra and Dunedin which could conclude in our Four Square stores shutting down, then we have the same problem as paragraph one.

Thirdly, if we no longer had a bank in our community groups and schools would struggle to bank and fundraise. Also donating to charities would be a lot harder. Are you really that selfish?

Finally, at big banks like in Dunedin and Alexandra the employees don't know you very well, unlike our local bank. This makes going to our local bank a much better experience.

In conclusion I believe that our bank should not be closed for the following reasons; some people will lose their jobs, we would have to travel to bank, schools and community groups would struggle to bank and finally larger branches don't know you very well, unlike our local bank. **Save our bank! Ben Voice Year 8**

Why is closing the Ranfurly Westpac a bad idea? It's a bad idea because;

1. The Maniototo needs a bank for their small businesses.
2. Elderly people can't exactly walk down to the Westpac when it is in Alexandra.
3. Does Westpac really want to be responsible for loss of jobs in the Maniototo community?
4. Some people like personal relationships with their bank teller.

Firstly, The Maniototo would be left without a bank. Is Westpac really willing to close down the bank in this humble but close community? The Maniototo is a small region but one with a bright future. Westpac is going to jeopardise the future of the next generation of bankers.

Secondly, most of the elderly community can't exactly drive down to Alexandra every time they need change. A bank should be a thing that is accessible to all age groups and generations. If you unfairly take our bank what will we have left? Nothing not a single bank in the entire Maniototo!

Thirdly does Westpac take pride in their work when they take jobs away from deserving families? Two women work at the Maniototo Westpac. Are you really okay to leave them jobless? They have been dedicated and you give them nothing in return, not even job security.

Finally, people like talking to people they know and respect. Maniototo bankers know the bank tellers and respect them. We don't exactly know everyone in Alexandra and wouldn't have as good personal relationships.

In conclusion I strongly believe you should not close the Maniototo branch of Westpac.

Regretfully Michaela Clark Year 8

I strongly believe that the Maniototo Westpac Bank should not be closed because if we just wanted to get some cash out or bank a cheque where would we go? Also, if we shut the bank people in the community would lose their jobs. In some areas people can't access internet banking and if we lost our bank the personal relationships between the bankers and customers wouldn't be the same for our Ranfurly people.

My first point is, if we wanted to get some cash from the bank that would mean that we would have to drive all the way to Alexandra or Dunedin. When you go there you buy petrol and most of the time you get your groceries which all costs money, also if we do our shopping every time we go somewhere that might close our other shops down because our local people won't be supporting the local businesses.

My second point is if we shut the bank people in the community would lose their jobs and this would have a huge impact on the community.

My third point is that internet banking is slow in some areas and not everyone has access to computers or the internet. Take the elderly for instance, how many of them have a computer and are able to internet bank effectively? I hope this changed your mind about closing the Maniototo Westpac Bank because we would have to drive all the way to Alexandra which would cost money and could shut down our shops in the community, people would lose jobs and it would make it hard for the elderly.

Kind regards Tom Duffy Year 7

MANIOTOTO NETBALL

The Maniototo Netball club has had a successful season with six junior teams playing on Saturdays in the Alexandra competition. We also had a non competitive skills based group that practised once a week.

The teams represented the club well and all the girls skills improved throughout the season.

Thank you for your support this season by getting your child/ren to netball practise and to the games on Saturdays.

Thanks also to our team managers and coaches.



Well done to all of the players this season, we look forward to you returning to netball next year.

Congratulations to the following players who received prizes at our prize giving.



Year 5 and 6 Teams (Maniototo Ferns and Silver)

Most Improved Player: Liv Small (Poolburn School)

Most Valuable Player: Hannah Cormack

Year 7 and 8 Team (Maniototo Steel)

Most Improved Player: Chase Hughes

Most Valuable Player: Kate Kinney

Senior Team (Maniototo Blue) who got 3rd in their competition.

Most Improved Player: Aroha Cromb

Most Valuable Player: Lakita Taylor



HOCKEY

Photo of the winning Year 7/8 hockey team

OTAGO CROSS COUNTRY

We wish Emma Kinney all the best for her participation in the Otago Primary Schools Cross Country being held in Dunedin this Friday.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

Sticks n Stones are actively supporting this for a second time. As well as activities planned on Random Act of Kindness Day (1st September) in many of our schools with ambassador groups or action groups Sticks n Stones have been accepting nominations to celebrate kindness right across our region.

DAFFODIL DAY

The Student Council yellow and green mufti day raised \$191 for the Cancer Society. Pictured are Head Students Sarah McMillan and Reuben Pyle presenting the money to local Daffodil Day representatives. It is great to be able to show our support in the local community.



IMPORTANT DATES

2 September	Otago Cross Country / Raffle Night @ Ranfurly Hotel (Kahurangi Class)
3-4 September	SISS Curling Tournament (Naseby)
6 September	School Photos / Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
9-11 September	Ski Trip
12 September	HPV
13 September	L1 Maths Exam
13-16 September	Year 7/8 Camp
16 September	Junior School Olympics Day
19-21 September	NCEA Mock Exams (Years 11-13)
21 September	School Production - 11am & 7.15pm at the Ranfurly Town Hall.
22 September	Kiwi sport Inter-school Curling Tournament (Years 5-8)
23 September	Last Day of Term 3. Assembly 2.15pm in the Gym. All welcome.
24-26 September	NZSS Curling Tournament (Naseby)
26-27 September	Ski Trip
10 October	Term 4 commences
19 October	Board of Trustees Meeting
24 October	Labour Day—School is Closed
4 November	Maniototo Primary School Sports Assn Athletics Day

2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 2nd Feb – 13th April

Waitangi Day Monday 6th February

Otago Anniversary - Monday 20th March

Easter - Friday 14th

Term 2: 1st May - 7th July

Queen's Birthday - Monday 5th June

Term 3: 24th July – 29th September

Term 4: 16th October – *13th December

Labour Day – Monday 23rd October

*Final date subject to change if an additional Teacher Only Day is taken