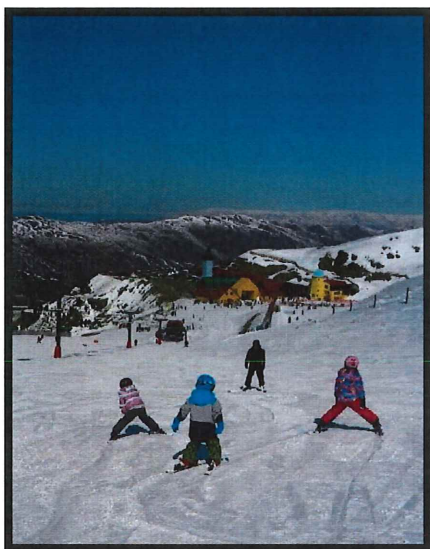
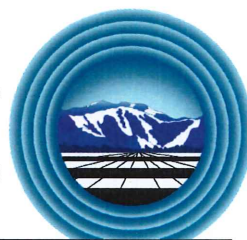


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From the Principal

Ms Patsy Inder

Kia Ora

This term has absolutely raced by with a lot of events packed into it. It has been really nice to welcome the Cleugh, Reid, de Haas and Currie/Pennicott families to the school during the term. Year 7 & 8 students and teachers are having a great time on a challenging and exciting camp at Pukerau. There were wonderful conditions for the school ski trip and a huge thank you to Kylie for all her organisation. Winter sports competitions have ended but we still have a number of players competing in a variety of representative teams.



Work Day: Our annual work day is set for Friday 21 October. It is for Year 7 up, but is optional for Year 11-13 who may choose to prioritise their work for NCEA. Children in Year 6 or below who wish to participate in work day are welcome to do so with their parents' permission. If Year 7+ students are unable to find a job for work day they are expected to come to school and a variety of community tasks will be found for them for the day.

School Production: Lots of time and energy are going into the school production and we look forward to a great turnout to the performances next Wednesday. I am really impressed by the speed with which classes are learning their dances and their items for the show.

Staffing: We are sorry to lose Mrs Trina Steele at the end of term but wish her every joy with the imminent birth of her new baby. She has been a very valuable asset to our junior team and we wish her well. We are fortunate to have Mrs Heather Dowling available to replace Mrs Steele and Mrs Fiona Dowling will take 2 days a week, not just her current work on Wednesdays.

End of Term Assembly: This will be held in the Gym on the final Friday (23rd) at 2.15pm. This will be a celebration of diligence and achievement during the term and everyone is welcome to attend. We particularly welcome the families of new students.

Community Consultation: The questionnaire was sent out this week. We would really value getting them returned by Monday as that is when we will do the lucky draw for the grocery voucher. We are also handing out lollipops to children who return the surveys.

Curling: We have 5 teams participating in the Year 5 -8 Kiwisport competition next Thursday and 3 teams participating in the National Secondary Schools' competition in the first week of the holidays. Both competitions are in Naseby. It is great to have these competitions here in our community and we will appreciate any community support for our competitors.

Clean Up Ranfurly: All classes will be helping with this community event next Thursday. It is a very worthwhile event that improves the look of our community, raises awareness of the issue of litter and gives our children the opportunity to participate in a team

ATHLETICS

Its this time of year again and everyone has a spring in their step. So to take advantage of this we will be running Athletics coaching after school next term on Wednesday 12th, 19th, 26th October and 2nd November.

The big day where we put all the coaching into practice being Friday 4th November. Notices will come home to enroll your children into the after school coaching in the last week of school.

We will require some parents to help the teachers and coaches each week, if you would like to develop some coaching skills yourself we plan to have a coaching session here at school in the last week of school (after school). Not sure of the date yet, but if you are interested please let the office know and we will keep you in the loop.

The Otago Championship Athletics is on Tuesday 15th November in Dunedin

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Seasons for Growth is a programme which runs for eight sessions. It focuses on assisting young people look at the changes in their lives that have occurred from the loss of someone important. This loss could be the death of a friend, parent or grandparent or could be the loss experienced from the change in their family because of separation or divorce of parents. It also could be because of shifting towns. The programme is taken by a trained facilitator.

Students work in a small group of similar age peers who have experienced a similar loss or change. Seasons of Growth offers a range of activities that assists those involved to understand that it is normal to experience and express a range of emotions connected to change, loss and grief. Each person in the group has a workbook which follows a set structure to work through.

If you are interested please contact the School Office.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Thank you to everyone for their support regarding our production! It is all coming together, there is a wonderful buzz amongst the students, and we are seeing some real performers in the making! Watch out! It promises to be an exciting Wednesday night performance. There is also a matinee performance for those who can't make the night. This starts at 11am.

There will be notices coming home regarding all the costumes and little fiddly bits that you will need to know. So, we look forward to seeing you there next Wednesday night at 7pm for a most amazing showcase of your children's talents!

Remember: Cast and dancer's (NOT CLASS ITEMS) practice this Sunday at 1pm at the hall. It should only be an hour or two!

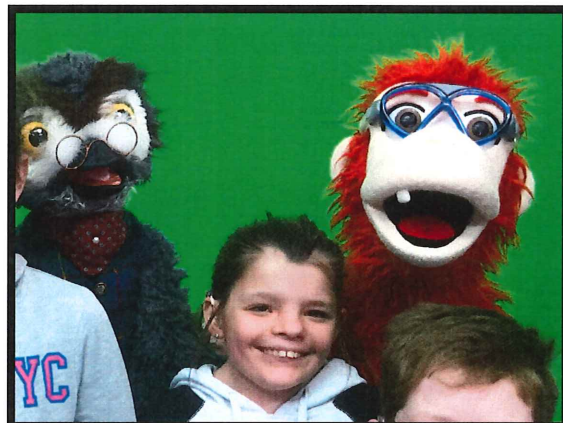
KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT) DAY

On Friday Mrs Hazlett and I went to Dunedin to visit a T.V production called ZooMoo.

They make puppets for a T.V programme which is shown all over the world in 17 different languages.

My favourite puppet was Flash the dog.

From Libby Francis



SCHOOL SKI TRIP

On Thursday night my family drove to Wanaka. We were staying at the Wanaka View Motel. I woke up so early because I was so excited. We drove up the Mountain. So then we put our ski gear on and got our lift pass from Ethan's mum. We got into groups and hit the slopes with our ski instructor. After that we had morning tea. Then Dad took Lexie and I over to Captains. When we got to the bottom of Captains we lined up for the chair lift and went up. That chair lift went amazingly fast back up the mountain.

By Lachlan Mackenzie



We went skiing at Cardrona. I went skiing with my Dad, Charlie, and Vanessa. We went to steep Captains. It was fun to go down especially because it was lumpy and bumpy. At Captain's, Me and Dad and Vanessa went down it twice then we took the path to Whitestar Express and went up the comfortable chairlift. Riding the chairlift was swingy and crackly. We got off it and we went to MacDougall's. We could see high across the mountain tops. At the top we quickly sped off down MacDougall's. We rushed to the bottom and my Dad got there before us. Then we snuck up the chairlift again and we saw people from the Whitestar doing massive jumps! It was cool to watch. Vanessa made up a joke and told it to me, it was amazingly funny. When we were at Captains we went down the curvy toilet bowl.

By Ruby Hore

Last week on Friday, Lucy, Mum and I went skiing. First I had a lesson at 8.30. Next mum found us and we went in to have some smoko. I love skiing altogether. On my second to last run a silly snowboarder came flying over a jump and landed on me but luckily I got back up and kept going.

By Charlie Falconer

SISS CURLING TOURNAMENT

Maniototo Area School had 3 teams entered in the South Island Secondary School tournament held in Naseby during the first weekend in September. For many of our students this was their first major tournament and they played very well.

The boys team of Matthew Neilson, Ben Smith, Anton Hood and Peter Cheesmur won the boys gold medals after being undefeated in the round robin pool games and a comfortable 10-6 win over the Otago Boys team in the final.

The other Maniototo boys team of Emmett Dowling, Will Becker, Sam Flanagan, Cody Howell and Fletcher Dowling were unlucky to miss out on the bronze medal in the playoff for 3rd, but are looking forward to building on their experience gained in time for the upcoming NZSS tournament at the start of the school holidays.

It was disappointing to have only 2 girls teams entered in the tournament, the Maniototo girls team of Courtney Smith, Tash Whyte, Lucy Neilson and Anna Clarke dominated the OGHS team with 3 clear wins to take home the gold medals.

KAKARIKI CLASS CAMP

We arrive at Arrowtown following the rest of the cars and pull into park the car I see all of our class mates head into the Lakes District Museum. Our journey to Miss Greys classroom had begun. The first thing I smelt was the olden day clothing. My eyes followed along watching Miss Grey enter the classroom in a long black dress. Miss grey started off by asking some questions and also told us some rules like we must always answer a question by standing up and end it with Miss Grey. We were 1890s kids so everything was different, The PE, Maths, Writing and even clothing. We had to wear bonnets with long thin dresses, and for the boys they had to wear tidy slim jackets, ties and green olive colored caps. **By Hope Devitt**

Once we had seen the Chinese village and gaol we went gold panning.

We had to make sure the ripples were facing away from us. Two parents filled all the gold pans up with dirt. They dug it near where they used to find gold. We had to fill it up with water then drain it out. Once you'd got it clean enough you could see the gold sparkling on the bottom of the pan. I found two specs of shimmering gold. We all taped our golden flakes to a card to keep them safe. I was very proud. I could hear the water rushing down the river beside me.

We then drove up the twisty road to Coronet Peak. I felt sick going around all the bends. I saw the fluffy snow covering the mountains like a blanket. We got sorted at the ski lodges and were ready for the first day skiing tomorrow. That night because it was my birthday, after tea we had my birthday cake. I had two cakes!

The orange flames fiercely lit up the table all around me. I felt really special. I could smell the yummy chocolate cakes sitting beside me. **By Emma Kinney**



IMPORTANT DATES

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| 13-16 September | Year 7/8 Camp |
| 16 September | Junior School Olympics Day |
| 19-22 September | NCEA Mock Exams (Years 11-13) |
| 21 September | School Production - 11am & 7pm 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 |
| 15 November | Otago Championship Athletics |

After School Athletics Coaching

12 October
19 October
26 October
2 November

RAINBOW RUN

Sport Central in association with Sport Otago is organising a Rainbow Run at Molyneux Park in Alexandra on Sunday 2nd October. The Rainbow Run is a 5km running/walking event with a COLOURFUL difference! Participants dress in white clothing as they make their way around the course. Colour stations are located at 1km intervals where, upon arrival, runners and walkers are covered in a brightly coloured corn starch powder (both non-toxic and safe) thrown on them by station sponsors and volunteers. To register for the event please go to the Sport Otago website www.sportotago.co.nz

INDOOR BOWLS

While Miss E was away at camp, we learnt how to indoor bowl. First you had to listen to the instructions so we could find out how to bowl on the green. Then we had to get into two teams. There were two people in each team. The other people we played against. You have to kneel down to bowl the ball. If you want your ball to go left you have to throw it right so it can turn around. I went last and I hit the kitty two times. It was very fun and I can't wait to go back again.



By Jacob Kawana



Thanks to the Bowling Club members who helped us learn how to bowl

