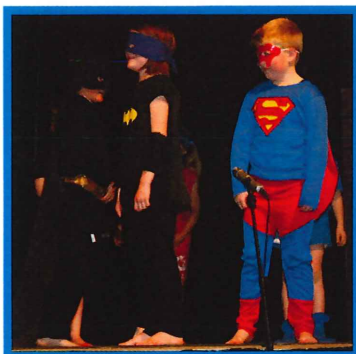


# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER

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# From the Principal

Ms Patsy Inder

Kia Ora

Welcome back to Term 4 at MAS! A special welcome to our new students, Lexi McFadyen-Beck and Briar Diack. We have a lot planned for the term and know it will be filled with highlights. Thank you to the people who took time to fill in and return our consultation questionnaire. The winner of the \$100 grocery voucher is the Kawana family .

The school has established a Facebook page. We want to share key events and information as well as photos or short clips of school events. If you do NOT want your child's recognisable image on our Facebook page please contact the office and let us know. Thank you very much.

#### Work Day:

Preparations are continuing for work day which is next Friday, 21 October. Work day is for Year 7 -13 although our NCEA students are able to prioritise their study and come to school for the day. If younger children wish to participate they are most welcome to, with parental permission. If you have jobs available for our students please contact them directly or contact Alec Campbell at school. The funds raised subsidise our transport costs and the costs of visiting performances as well as our purchase of ICT. Because our students raise the money we try to make sure it directly benefits them. Please ensure the response forms are returned so we can be certain of where each student is working. If they are unable to find a jobs students are expected to come to school and community or school based work will be found.

#### PTA :

The annual meeting has been set for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of October , after school in the senior learning centre. It would be good to have lots of people in attendance so please make time to come along.

#### Mana Pounamu:

This is a very special award supported by Ngai Tahu, the Ministry of Education and Otago University. The awards are being held on Friday 28 October and we are delighted that Damien Carson will be receiving an award for our school.

The school production was a great success. Thank you to all the students who performed in the show and the staff who put such a lot of work into the performances. A special thank you to the Council for the use of the hall and to Ewan Mason for his sterling work with lighting and sound. Thank you also to everyone who attended. I am sure you will agree there was outstanding talent on display.

#### Student Achievements:

Congratulations to Niall Asher & Mia Steele who got credit awards in an International English Competition and special congratulations to Anna Stuart who received a distinction award in the same competition. Congratulations also to our curlers who are the national boys and girls secondary school champions. It was a great effort from Courtney, Tash, Lucy and Anna as this is the first time a Maniototo girls team has taken out the national title after many times being the runners up. Special congratulations to Emmett, Zac, Sam and Cody who played off for the bronze medal, which was an excellent result for an inexperienced team. Congratulations too to all our representative hockey players who played well in a variety of national and regional tournaments during the holidays.

#### Careers Expo at East Otago High School:

An excellent opportunity for our Year 9 and 10 students to learn more about a wide range of careers has arisen with East Otago inviting our students to attend their biennial careers expo on the evening of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of October. This is particularly important for our Year 10 students to help them decide which subjects they will take next year, but may also be useful for our older students as they confirm their career options. Please contact Kelvin Robertson who is co-ordinating arrangements for attendance at the Careers Expo.

#### Athletics:

The coaching sessions after school on a Wednesday will occur until the Athletics on Friday 4 November. Thank you to the parents, Area School staff and Year 9 who are working to support our young athletes. Joe Donald will be needing volunteers to help with the Athletics Sports and we look forward to the usual strong support.

#### NCEA:

Exams start on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. There will be supervised study support at school until 9<sup>th</sup> November and our Year 11-13 students are expected to be at school. We are offering extra study and credits to students who need extra credits to ensure they pass their NCEA level. These sessions will continue during the exam period when the students concerned do not have exams scheduled.





## SPECIAL AWARDS

### PTA Citizenship Award Term 3

Phoenix is a kind and considerate member of the Junior school, always encouraging his peers and looking out for the well being of others. He is well liked by everyone and has a great sense of humour.

Phoenix approaches everything with a big smile and positive attitude. He faces new challenges head on, giving everything his best shot, like learning how to ski at Camp.

Phoenix has strong leadership and negotiation skills, and always shows respect for his peers and other adults. He makes sure others are included and is always helping out other students with their learning, either by listening to them read or explaining something to them when they are unsure.

Phoenix is an honest and reliable student, who is always quick to start tasks and complete what is asked of him. He is able to manage himself well, ensuring he is always prepared at the beginning of the day.

All of these attributes make Phoenix a fantastic role model for both his peers and the rest of the junior school. Well done Phoenix!!!



*Amelia Lyon, Thomas Helm, Vanessa Paterson, Nicola Kinney, Zoe Simpson, Charlotte Paterson, Tom Duffy, Zoe Simpson, Ben Voice, Doug Smith, Amanda Voice, Thomas Smith, Jorain Araneta, Courtney Smith, Sarah McMillan*

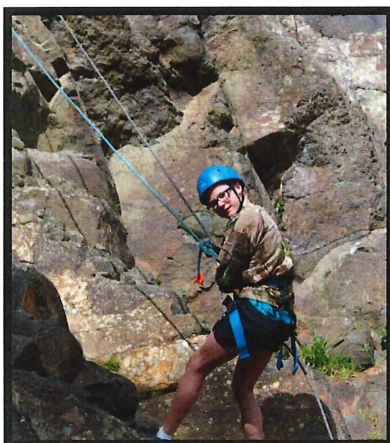


# CAMP COLUMBA

Year 7 and 8 went on their camp to Camp Columba in Pukerau. It was a fantastic Adventure camp with the children having the opportunity to do activities such as abseiling, high ropes, kayaking, raft building, flying fox, flying weka and various other team/confidence building activities.

We were well supported by a wonderful group of parents. Thanks so much for your support Janet Steele, Rachel Hutton-Atkins, Miranda Smith, Jo McAslan, Rachel Duffy, Tony Clarke, Reon Smith, Stu Duncan, Jeremy Hore and Nigel Voice.

Thanks also to Mrs Reid and Miss Dowling for all their organising for the camp.





## SPORT

### Harry McAslan Ice Hockey

In the holidays the Dunedin Thunder played in the four day final for the NZ U14 Ice Hockey league against Christchurch, Auckland and Queenstown, after a hard fought final they placed second winning the silver medal.



Harry has also been selected to be a part of Kiwi Force a team of U14 rep players from Dunedin, Tekapo and Auckland traveling to Adelaide in November to play in the International Pee-Wee tournament.

Also in the holidays Harry attended trials and made the Southern Knights team for the 2016 Friendship Tournament in Minnesota, USA in March. This is a 11-13 age team combined from Gore, Dunedin, Tekapo, Alexandra, and Queenstown.

### Central Otago Development Hockey U13

Hayden Becker, Hayden Clarke and William Helm went to Gore in the holidays for the South Island Tournament. Their first game was against West Coast, COD won 3 - 2. Their second game was North Otago which they had a pleasing win of 8-0. Central Otago then played Mid Canterbury and won 2-1. In the semi-finals the team played Canterbury and lost, 2-0. They played off for third and fourth against West Coast and won 3-1. The Central Otago Development U13 team were placed 3rd out of 9 teams.

### Central Otago U15 Hockey

First week of the holidays I flew to Nelson to play in the U15 girls hockey tournament. We got up early Sunday morning and met at the Queenstown airport to depart at 7:15am. Then we arrived in Nelson pumped for the week ahead. Overall we played 7 games, finishing at 13th. The team and I had a great week and I would like to thank the people who helped me get there, I really enjoyed the experience and hope to make the team again next year.

*Madi Pont*

### Inter-school Curling Tournament

At the end of last term we had 6 teams from years 5-8 play in the Inter-school curling tournament held in Naseby. It was a lot of fun and we were excited to have one of our Year 7/8 teams bring home the trophy after winning the final against an Omakau team. Thank you to MCI for organising the tournament.



### National Secondary Schools Curling 2016

On 24-26 September we had 3 school teams play in the NZ Secondary Schools curling competition held in Naseby.

Throughout the tournament the girls team played positively and worked together like a team should. We were unbeaten throughout the round robin and eventually took out the final 17-1. I am extremely proud of how the girls played during the tournament and of how much everyone improved over the competition. Before the final took place we all agreed that we should be proud of our performance no matter the result, but we were sure glad that we were able to break the drought and bring home the trophy.

*Courtney Smith*

The Maniototo Boys team #1 had a good tournament with four wins and one loss in the round robin games. To start the tournament we were not playing well but started making our shots when it was needed most. It came down to the final and MAS #1 boys team showed up with more focus and determination to retain the title. Playing high percentage shots taking a 6 - 2 lead after four ends. MAS #1 won the gold medal game with a score of 8 - 3 against Otago Boys.

*Matt, Ben, Anton & Peter*





## IMPORTANT DATES

19 October	Board of Trustees Meeting
20 October	Careers Expo trip to EOHS
21 October	Work Day
24 October	Labour Day—School is Closed
27 October	PTA AGM 3.15pm in the Learning Centre
4 November	Maniototo Primary School Sports Assn Athletics Day
10 November	NCEA Exams start
15 November	Otago Championship Athletics (postponement date 17th)
1-2 December	Kahurangi Class Camp
7 December	Board of Trustees Meeting
13 December	Prizegiving
14 December	Last Day of School (full day)

### After School Athletics Coaching

19 October

26 October

2 November

### Maniototo Area School PTA AGM & General Meeting

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October @ 3.15pm in the Learning Centre

Please come and show your support.

Miranda Smith—PTA President

## LABOUR WEEKEND MARKETS

The Social Science trip to Rotorua in 2017 and the NZ Junior Curling team travelling to Sweden in January are having stalls at the Labour weekend market.

For sale will be a variety of things including baking, jams, craft items, raffles, sweets, plants, fudge and pasta orders.

If you have any fabric or pillows/stuffing that you could donate to make additional crafts, please drop off to the school office. **Your support is greatly appreciated.**

