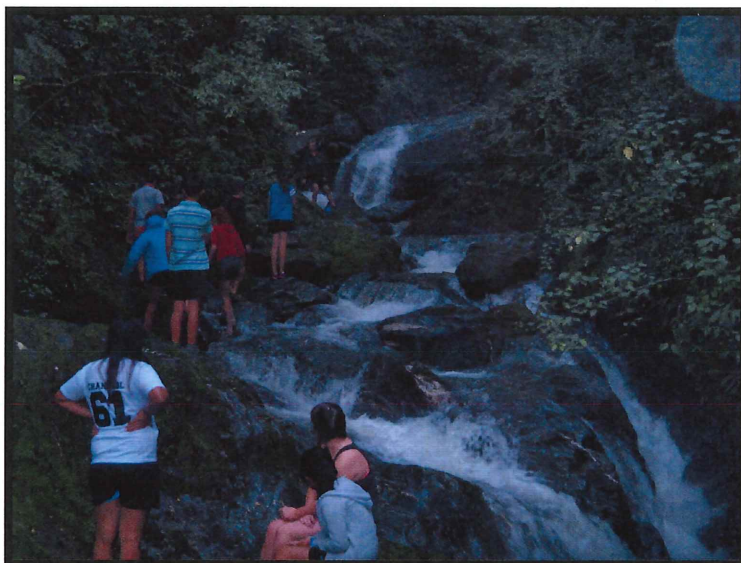
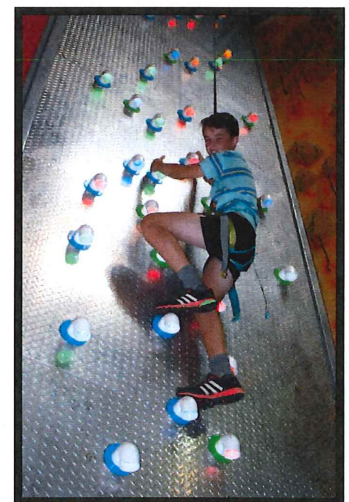


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NEWSLETTER
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Year 9 Camp
photos



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From the Principal

Ms Patsy Inder



Kia Ora

I hope you enjoyed a relaxed, family oriented Easter break. It has certainly made this a very short week.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews: Thank you to everyone who returned their form promptly. Anne has had a big task to slot the requested times in. We actively encourage students to come to these interviews to be part of the conversation and goal setting.

Interviews will be held in the home rooms for Years 1-8 and secondary teachers in the learning centre, the tech room or the Admin block.

School Formal: Our senior students have been very involved in organising our school formal which is on this Saturday in the Ranfurly Town Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. The theme is Alice in Wonderland. Thank you to Mr Campbell for his co-ordination and to Indica, Aroha, Chelsea and Zac from Year 10 for volunteering to help serve supper.

End of Term Assembly: We are holding a special assembly on Thursday 14th April. Achievement awards in a number of areas will be presented and senior students will make presentations on their participation at Outward Bound and sailing on the Spirit of Adventure. Community members are welcome to join us at this assembly which will start at 2.15pm.

Senior Tramp: Mr Robertson and the Year 12 and 13 students have been extremely busy fundraising and preparing for their annual tramp. This year they will be completing the Routeburn Track, leaving on Wednesday 6th and returning on Saturday 9th April. We hope they have a great time, meeting their own challenges as they complete the tramp and we hope the weather co-operates and adds to their enjoyment.

Year 12 and 13 Bridging Programme: Our senior students, joined by 3 Roxburgh boys, completed a 2 day programme at Otago Polytech which helped them prepare a career pathway plan. The course helped identify each person's strengths and areas to be developed. It gave excellent information about managing finances and financial planning. All of our students participated very positively and their attitudes and engagement made them a pleasure to work with.

Community meeting : On Monday the 9th of May the Board of Trustees are hosting a meeting to gather the views of parents and community members on a number of new developments planned for school. We are working with the Ministry of Education to upgrade and rebuild the school so that all of our classrooms will be modern, attractive and meet the needs of the range of teachers and students we have. Shaun Pont who is leading the development of plans will give an outline of his work and we will seek feedback on a number of school targets and priorities. We would love to get a good turnout so we get a good range of ideas and viewpoints.

Road Race: The road race will be held on Friday 15th of April, starting at 1.30pm. Supporters and spectators most welcome.

Swim Week: We received the information on our children's achievement during swim week and are delighted that our results are higher than regional and national levels in all areas. We were particularly pleased by the numbers of children who made progress during swim week – with all our children able to put their heads under and 23 children learning how to do the initial 5 metre swim. We have enclosed the detailed information in this newsletter and I am sure you are as delighted as we are with the progress made.

YEAR 9 CLASS CAMP TO WANAKA

On Anniversary Day the Year 9 class along with Mr Robertson, Mrs Pont, Mr Flanagan and Mrs Whyte left Ranfurly and travelled to Wanaka and then onto Mt Aspiring Lodge. We stayed one night and every minute was taken up with exciting activities. Our highlights were: the stunning scenery, Puzzle World, Clip & Climb, swimming in the river, looking at Avalanche glacier and the fun we had at night with our mates. Thank you to Mr Robertson for organising such a cool trip and to our awesome parent helpers for coming along with us, we hoped you enjoyed it as much as we did. Please read some of our writing describing specific moments of our trip.

The waterfall rushes down at full pelt. Excitement flows through me. I baby step my way over the rocks, water swirls around me, The pitter, patter of the Homestead Waterfall is relaxing as I jump from rock to rock.

The coldness of the waterfall refreshes me as it sprays my face and body. We wade as far as Mr Robertson, Lucy and I can go.

I look at the darkened forest around me. It is peaceful, just the calming water can be heard. An enchanting waterfall in an enchanting place.

By Yasmin

The sun slowly faded away and the darkness started to fall. A group of Year 9 students were ready for an adventure, a walk into to the beautiful waterfall called Homestead. Gigantic tall trees danced, the fresh cool breeze brushed past my face, the damp soil made my heavy and sore feet sink down, muddy puddles along the way.

After what seemed like a lifetime we reached the waterfall. The water was tumbling down the mountain and gushing over the rocks. My numb feet splashed in the water. It was freezing, I was shaking with cold! The smell of spruce trees filled the air. The water making its way around and over the rocks made a beautiful sound. This is what I call Paradise.

By Keith

My adrenaline bar is high as we trek over rocks and through glistening water. I am surrounded by beautiful bush and the chirps of birds. The waterfall is madly thudding on the ground below, and the moss is crawling up the rocks as if there is some other dimension it is heading to.

We push ourselves as we slowly climb up the hill, my feet slip as I take another step. I wrap my hand around the body of the tree and try to keep my balance. We make it to a reasonable height and we feel like we are at the top of the world. A slight breeze blows my hair out of my face and I take in the stunning views as I catch my breath.

By Madi



Maniototo Area School Swim Achievement Report (Term 1, 2016)

Our students recently participated in the Swim for Life programme. The students involved received learn to swim and river safe lessons. Each student's swim ability was assessed during the first and last lesson. Table one summarises the swim achievements of all the students in our school that participated in the initiative, and compares their achievements to a National average for that age group. Table Two summarises the swim achievement progression over the lessons, showing the actual number of students.

Table 1: Progression Data

Maniototo Area School Term 1 (Year 1 - 8)	Your School	National Average (Based on Year 1 - 8)
Achievement Progress		
% Achieving Submersion	100%	94%
% Achieving Floating	94%	90%
% Achieving 5 Meter Swim	90%	79%
% Achieving 15 Meter Swim	76%	59%
% Achieving 25 Meter Swim	54%	43%
% Achieving 50 Meter Swim	38%	30%
% Achieving 100 Meter Swim	32%	22%
% Achieving Survival Sequence	28%	16%
% Achieving 200 Meter Swim	19%	15%

Table 2: Progression & Baseline Data

Achievements	Before Lessons (Number of Children)	After Lessons		National Average (Based on Year 1 - 8)
		(Number of Children)	Percentage	
Submersion	103	112	100%	94%
Floating	99	105	94%	90%
5 Meter Swim	78	101	90%	79%
15 Meter Swim	69	85	76%	59%
25 Meter Swim	54	60	54%	43%
50 Meter Swim	40	42	38%	30%
100 Meter Swim	33	36	32%	22%
Survival Sequence	24	31	28%	16%
200 Meter Swim	14	21	19%	15%



Same/Above both the Regional & National Average

UNIFORM

There is a spare sky blue polo shirt available for immediate purchase. Size small \$39.

Contact Jan Mackenzie 444 9080

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NZSTA have produced a parents guide to the role of the Board of Trustees. A Copy is available from the school office or an electronic version can be found at:

<http://www.nzsta.org.nz/about/parent-place>

This is helpful in providing information to parents and caregivers in the lead-up to the upcoming Board of Trustees' elections.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It would helpful if all parents/caregivers can ensure that their contact information (ie. postal address, phone numbers) are up-to-date at the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES

2 April	School Formal
4-5 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
5 April	Mufti Day—for St John Ambulance
6 April	PTA Meeting 3.15pm in the Learning Centre
6-9 April	Year 12 Tramp (Routeburn Track)
9 April	Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships
14 April	Whole school assembly 2pm (in the Gym)
15 April	Road Race & Last day of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 commences
6 May	Call for nominations for Board of Trustees election Kakariki class Raffle night
9 May	HPV
11-13 May	Southern Area Schools Tournament (Lawrence)
13 May	Kahurangi class Bake sale
18 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
20 May	Nominations close at 12noon for Board of Trustees election