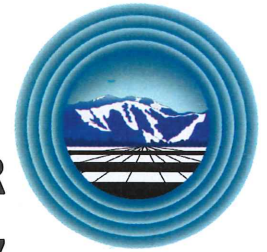


# Maniototo Area School



## NEWSLETTER

17th February 2017

We're at the end of Week 3 already and I can report that the school seems to have got off to a very good start. There are 179 bright and eager students on the roll as I write this and there are 22 teachers here, including part-timers, who are all keen to make a difference. All we need now are some new school buildings – or at least approval to start getting serious about it. Let's hope that comes this year.

Organisation and planning is falling into place too and last Monday we appointed 2 seniors to the head students' role for 2017. Candy Ferdinands and Ben Smith were chosen from a pool of 6 outstanding young men and women, who had put their names forward for consideration and their hearts into their presentations. They spoke to the whole school and teachers and students from year 5 and above were able to have their say in the process.

Candy and Ben have an opportunity this year to develop leadership attributes and build on the strong sense of family and shared responsibility that is one of this school's special strengths. I congratulate them both on behalf of us all and look forward to working with them in the weeks ahead.

On 17 March we plan to host senior students from East Otago High School for an inaugural sports exchange. It will be held annually in memory of Jack Martin, who died tragically at St Bathans on Boxing Day 2015. Jack was a student at EOHS and he had very close family links to the Maniototo. It seems fitting that we re-establish an exchange between our two schools and we intend to compete for a trophy gifted and named in Jack's memory. It will be a friendly contest in a round-robin type format. This year the sports will be touch, basketball volleyball and softball.

There are quite a few dates and arrangements to note in this newsletter and it might just be worth keeping it somewhere handy. The photos and profiles and notices give an inkling of what's been going on, who's been achieving and what's coming up. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or issues or concerns.

Kind regards  
Mike Corkery  
(Acting Principal)



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# SENIOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

## 2017 HEAD STUDENTS

Ben Smith &  
Candy Ferdinands



## HOUSE LEADERS

Danseys: Anton Hood

Garibaldi: Keagan Mulholland

Hamiltons: Candy Ferdinands

Serpentine: Rina Watt

**SCHOOL SPORTS LEADER** — Matthew Neilson

## HOUSE SPORTS CAPTAINS

Danseys: Courtney Smith, Tash Whyte (Deputy)

Garibaldi: Dylan Boulton-Voice, Ayeasha Tapatu (Deputy)

Hamiltons: Matthew Neilson, Hamish Eason (Deputy)

Serpentine: Lakita Taylor, Cheyan Vowles (Deputy)



## STUDENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud of **Harry McAslan** (Year 8) who is part of the Southern Knights Ice Hockey team who are travelling to St Paul, Minnesota, USA in March to take part in the Friendship Games. It will be a great experience and we look forward to hearing about Harry's trip when he gets back.

Congratulations to our Year 7 students **Hayden Becker** and **Max Hore** for being selected for the Otago Country Cricket Year 7/8 B Rep team. Well done boys!

## OUTWARD BOUND

Outward Bound was truly an experience like no other. It was the most challenging thing I have ever done but this made it so much more rewarding. We got to enjoy amazing experiences like sailing, white water kayaking and tramping just to name a few. We were pushed to our limits, constantly meeting situations where we had to get out of our comfort zones. This was one of the major messages on the course, if you don't get out of your comfort zone you miss out on a lot of opportunities and a lot of fun. I'd would like to thank the school for giving me this life changing opportunity, and would also like to say to anyone who is thinking of going on Outward Bound or gets offered to this opportunity I would 100% recommend it. It will change your life in a truly amazing way. Below are a few photos of Hillary Watch 624. **Ben Smith (Year 13)**



## SENIOR LEADERSHIP DAY

On Tuesday the 7th of February the Year 13 class went up to the Naseby Lodge for a leadership course with Belinda Colling. Throughout the day we did a lot of activities, some were team building activities that really taught us the value of planning for a challenge. We also came up with ideas of how we wanted to integrate ourselves with the rest of the school. We look forward to working with you all and hope to make it a heap of fun. As a class we'd like to thank the teachers who were involved, the Naseby lodge for the venue and food, and Belinda for the work she did with us. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

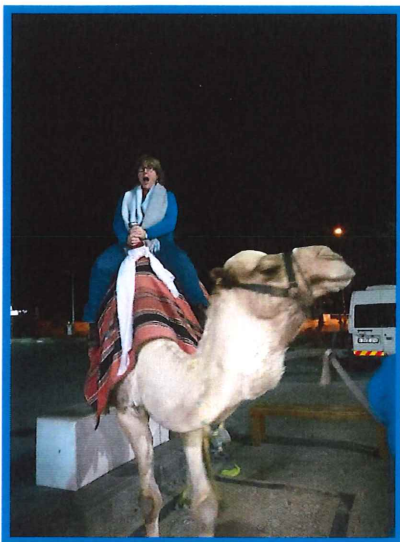


**Ben Smith and  
Candy Ferdinands**



## MRS MURPHY'S TRIP TO ISRAEL

At the beginning of this year I was fortunate to spend 2 1/2 weeks in Israel studying the holocaust with 22 New Zealand secondary teachers. It was a very intensive time with lectures from world renown professors and specialists. I was able to meet several holocaust survivors and was asked to speak at Oscar Schindler's grave (whom the movie Schindler's list was based on). At the gravesite with us was Eva, with one of the children ( now an adult) whom Oscar saved. We were also fortunate to be able to travel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, the Dead Sea, Mesada, Golan Heights, Nazareth and Bethlehem (which is part of the Palestinian authority). As well as detailed knowledge of the holocaust I gained many insights into Jewish life, Israeli tourism, geography and Israeli Palestinian relations. One wonderful bonus of this trip is the great network of teachers I now have around NZ to share ideas and teaching units with. I'm looking forward to sharing all my new knowledge with my students. **Sandy Murphy (HOD Social Sciences)**



## STICKS N STONES

On 6th February I flew off to Melbourne with four other Sticks n Stones members. Here we attended and presented at a workshop run by Project Rocket Australia held at Facebook HQ in Melbourne. The workshop was run with the goal of obtaining young peoples perspective on disappearing media, such as snap chat and Instagram and what is the best way to navigate through disappearing media. At the workshop we obtain valuable opinions and ideas about what young people believe is are the best top tips to deal with this type of media, which we can bring to workshops here in New Zealand with Sticks n Stones. Melbourne was an amazing experience and it is an amazing city, not to mention hot!

**Courtney Smith (Year 13)**

# MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL PTA CALVADE 2017

Calavade is here again 26th Feb – 4th March 2017.

The PTA has catered for Jim Hore's and David McAtamney's Trail for the last couple of years. This is the PTA's biggest fundraiser for the year, so we are asking you all for help. We need food donated and help out on the trail doing breakfasts, lunches and teas.

This year there will be a note sent home from your child/children's teaches, for good donations. Can all these items PLEASE be at school by the 24th Feb? If you would like to come out and help on the trail please ring Tina Becker 4449432 or 0212590164.

Many hands make light work.

Many thanks, Tina Becker (PTA President)

## 2017 SOCIAL SCIENCES TRIP TO ROTORUA

Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts at the A&P show. We have 16 history, geography and tourism students and 4 adults travelling to Rotorua in June to undertake research to support their NCEA studies. We are aware that there is always fundraising of some sort being undertaken, which makes your support even more appreciated.

The raffle for a trailer load of wood was won by Mike McAtamney.

We are selling packs of toilet rolls again. These are \$20 for a packet of 48 rolls.

**Orders can be placed through any of the senior students who are going or [smurphy@maniototo.school.nz](mailto:smurphy@maniototo.school.nz)**

Students travelling to Rotorua:

Mikaela Woodhead

Tyla Jorgensen

Courtney Smith

Lakita Taylor

Candy Ferdinands

Aroha Cromb

Kenzie Stuart

Bevan Clark

Thomas Smith

Nathan Feron

Hamish Easson

Emmett Dowling

Cheyan Vowles

Ayeasha Tapatu

Rina Watt

Nina Flanagan



## Maniototo Trailride

**SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2017**

**VENUE:** LONGLANDS STATION, RANFURLY.  
(Signposted between Shag River and Swinburn, Morrisons-Kyeburn Rd.)

**SIGN ON & SCRUTINEERING:** Sunday from 9.30am

**COST**  
\$50.00 Rider  
\$70.00 Family  
(parents & children 16 years & under)  
Mini / Pee wee Riders Free - Parents Supervision

**REQUIREMENTS:** Boots, Helmet & Spark Arrestor Muffler (Compulsory)  
No dogs please.

**Stadium Finance** "Proudly Supports The Safety Of This Event"

- NEW HIGH COUNTRY FARMLAND VENUE WITH WIDOW MAKER HILL CLIMB
- SUITABLE FOR TRAILBIKES & QUADBIKES
- CHILDRENS & BEGINNERS SHORTCUTS
- BBQ/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- KNOBBLY TYRES ESSENTIAL
- FUNDRAISING FOR ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, RANFURLY
- NOT SUITABLE FOR SIDE BY SIDE OFFROAD VEHICLES

**Enquires to Email**  
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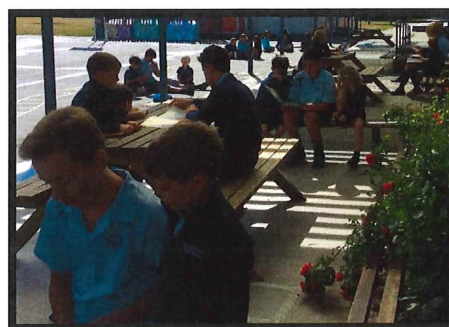
## IMPORTANT DATES

17 February	Kowhai Class Meet the Teacher 3pm
20 February	Senior Athletics (Roxburgh Area School)
21 February	NZ Post Cup Cricket (Yr 7/8) in Ranfurly
23 February	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
24 February	Launch of PRIDE
25/26 February	Rail Trail Duathlon
27 February	Cavalcade Hold-up (PTA Catering)
28 February	Parent /Teacher/Student Interviews (Years 0-8)
28 February	Social Science Trip to Arrowtown (Yr 11)
28 February	Swimming lessons commence (Year 1-8)
5 March	Weetbix Triathlon ( <a href="http://www.triathlon.co.nz">www.triathlon.co.nz</a> or 0800WEETBIX)
6 March	Junior Assembly (Yrs 0-8) 2pm
7 March	Swimming Sports
8 March	DARE programme commences (Yrs 7/8)
16 March	Drive to Survive (Year 11)
20 March	Otago Anniversary Day—school is closed
25 March	MAS School Formal
5-7 April	Life Education Trust

## SCHOOL HOURS

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that students are not permitted to be at school until 8.30am each day

School starts at 8.45am, (with Mondays being the exception where a whole school PRIDE assembly is held at 8.40am)



Year 10 Students being Excellent Role Models Buddy Reading with Junior pupils.