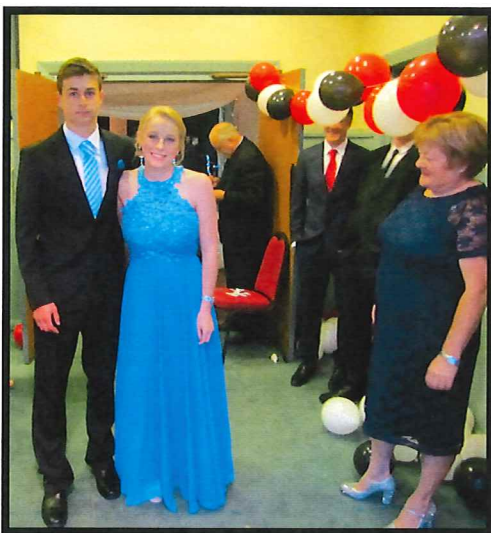


# Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

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# From the Principal

## Ms Patsy Inder



Kia Ora

Term 1 has absolutely flown by with a large number of events scheduled. A great team of Year 12 students, Mr Robertson and family members completed the Routeburn track. Their positive attitudes and great behaviour got this email sent to school.

*"I would like to take this opportunity to commend the young Maniototo Area school group who have just walked the Routeburn Track. My husband and I stayed in the Mackenzie Hut the night the group was staying there. They were polite, spoke well to fellow trampers, had a wonderful attitude and were a real credit to your school. I hope they all enjoyed the walk as much as we did."*

This sort of feedback does the students and our school great credit and I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the tramp.

**Assembly:** Thank you to everyone who attended our assembly. It was a great turnout. Congratulations to Callum McSkimming, Kane Huddleston, Ethan McSkimming, Sienna Christian, Perri Hore, William Christian, Mark Smith, Mia Steele, Lucy Neilson, Chelsey Cromb, Hamish Eason, Mikaela Woodhead and Dominick Geoffrey who achieved the key competency awards. Thank you to the students who gave presentations on events they have been involved in.

**Staffing:** As a result of our increased roll and the information we supplied as part of the March roll return, the Ministry of Education has approved extra staffing for the school. We are currently advertising for 2 teachers and intend to open another classroom in the junior area as soon as possible in Term 2. This will mean some disruption to classes, and families whose children are affected will be contacted with details as soon as we have appointed staff. We hope to keep changes to a minimum but we are pleased to be able to get smaller class sizes as a result of the Ministry decision. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this.

**Community Meeting:** As part of their wish to get community input and feedback the Board of Trustees are holding a special meeting on Monday 9th May at 7pm in the Learning Centre. Areas to be discussed are:

- Redevelopment and upgrade of our school. Shaun Pont from Logic Group will be attending to outline the concept plans being developed and to answer questions.
- Home School communication – timing and format of our reports and interviews, newsletters, the website etc
- School Priorities and Initiatives – our new Literacy programme and the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme which we have just opted into
- School Charter and Goals – current priorities are Writing & Maths

The Board would really value getting a wide range of ideas and feedback so please pencil it in your calendar and come along.

**Area Schools' Tournament:** The annual Southern region Area Schools' tournament is being held from 11-13th May at Lawrence. Mr Donald is in the process of selecting our team.

**Study Support Sessions:** These are re-starting on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.15 till 4.30pm. These are an excellent opportunity for students to have access to individualised guidance and to have access to school resources and an environment free of distractions to complete homework. Although these prioritise our senior students, they are open to any students who wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

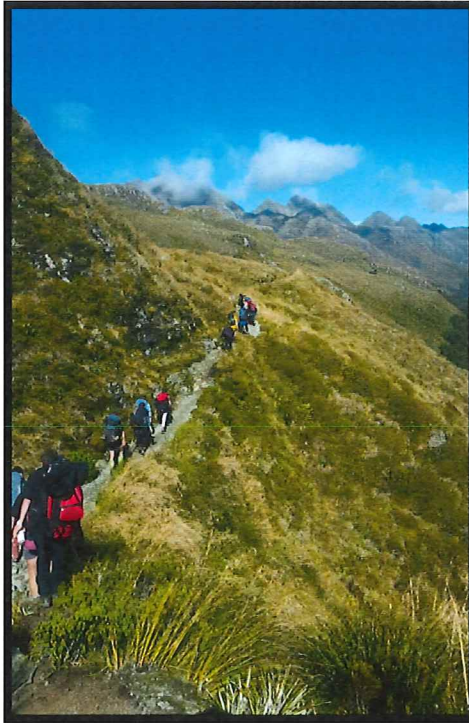
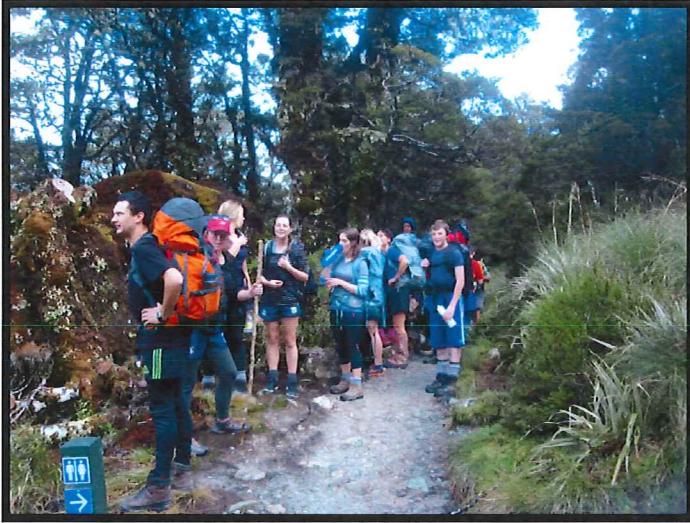
**Interviews:** Thank you to the people who took time to come to the interviews. Thank you also to the teachers who take time out of their busy timetables. These are a very valuable part of the communication between home and school.

Thank you to everyone who has attended our assemblies, supported our events, provided transport and taken an interest in our school. A special thank you to the PTA team for their fundraising this term. The support of our families and the wider community is a wonderful part of our school and we appreciate it very much. This has been a busy term with lots of events. I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and look forward to Term 2 which starts on Monday May 2.



# Year 12/13 TRAMP (ROUTE BURN TRACK)

See more great images in the photo gallery on the school website



MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL



## Year 12/13 TRAMP (ROUTE BURN TRACK)

This year, after weeks of fundraising, the Year 12 students were privileged enough to explore the Routeburn track in 3 days. With the help of parents and Mr Robertson, we all survived with almost no injuries. The rain fell on the first day but we had 2 days of luck with almost clear skies and some sun. After we returned from our trip we all realised how lucky we are to be in New Zealand. We would all like to thank the students and adults that helped support our trip, whether it was buying sausages or wishing us good luck.

Matthew Neilson (Year 12)



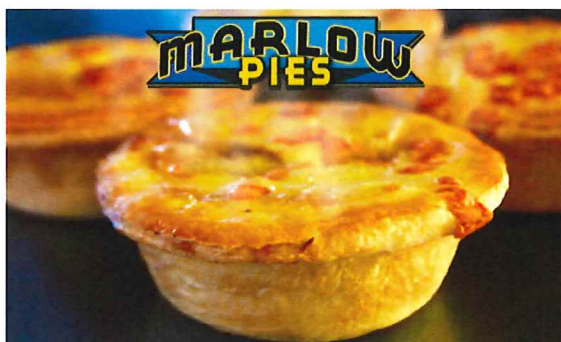
## YEAR 7/8 CAMP FUNDRAISING

Year 7 and 8 are fundraising for their camp in September. We would appreciate your support by buying some delicious pies! Attached to this newsletter is an order form. Orders need to be into school no later than **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**.

Money is to accompany your orders. People are welcome to pay by cheque, made out to Maniototo Area School or it can be direct credit to the school account 03 0951 0081459 00, using your name as reference and 'Marlow Pies' as the code.

Your orders are able to be collected from Room 16 on 26th May (To be confirmed).

Any questions, please contact Lauren Reid 021 946 497. Thanks for supporting us :-)



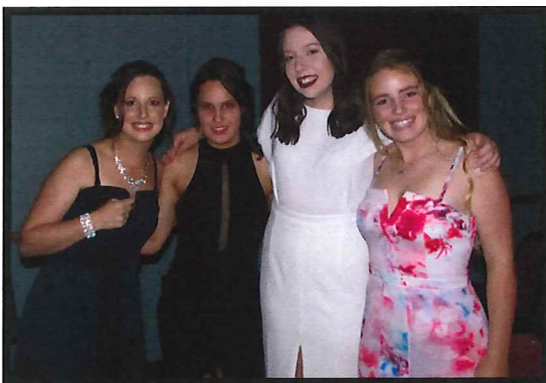


# 2016 SCHOOL FORMAL

Theme: Alice in Wonderland

King & Queen : Reuben Pyle & Aleisha Lunam-Easson  
Prince & Princess : Keagan Mulholland & Cheyan Vowles  
Best Dressed : Anton Hood & Courtney Smith

A big thank you to everyone who made the 2016 Formal such a great success. Thank you to the Year 10 students who helped Mr Campbell with the food and drinks at the Formal. Thank you to the Fire Brigade volunteers who provided security on the night and Ewan Mason who provided the lighting and sound system. Thanks also to Jaco Pieterse for his support.  
*(More images are on the school website).*





## PALMERSTON MINI SHOW

Photographed is Lily Blakely riding Milly (the white pony) and Lucy Falconer riding Sambo (the black pony). Both girls competed well and received numerous ribbons. Congratulations girls!



## GOLF

Will Becker, Blake Anderson and Damian Carson went to play in the Inter-school golf tournament at Balmacewan golf course. They had a really good day. The extra practice has paid off for Damian who got 1st on Saturday at the Ranfurly Golf Club with 87 off the stick, a Nett 56 and 52 Stablefords.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The Otago Secondary Schools athletics was held in Dunedin on 12th March and attended by Doug Smith, Fletcher Dowling, Keagan Mulholland, Levi Menzies and Dante Devitt. Doug was placed 2nd in High Jump and 3rd in Triple Jump.

The Otago Southland Secondary Schools athletics was also held in Dunedin on 19th March and attended by Fletcher Dowling and Doug Smith. Doug was placed 2nd in High Jump and 2nd in Triple Jump. Fletcher was placed 3rd in High Jump.

Fletcher and Doug both went to Timaru on 2nd April for the South Island Secondary School Athletics. Doug was placed 3rd in High Jump, which is a great achievement. Well done boys!

## VISION HEARING TESTING

The Vision Hearing technicians will be visiting our school on Tuesday 3rd May, when they will screen all Year 7 students for distance vision and colour vision (boys only).

### Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (Not required if child wears glasses)

### Colour Vision (Boys only)

This is to detect children with the most common inherited colour vision defects. (Using the Ishihara colour vision book). (Still available to those wearing glasses).

**If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.**

## K.I.T. DAY

On Tuesday the 5th of April. Mrs Whyte and I went to Dunedin to KIT Day (Keeping in Touch). First we went to Gone Potty where I painted a plate. After lunch we drove out to the Royal Albatross Centre. We saw lots of baby chicks. The mothers were out to sea looking for food. It was fun!  
From Libby (edited)



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

The Otago Country Cricket coaching team are running a school holiday programme in Alexandra. This programme are always popular as boys and girls make the most of the chance to extend their skill base and to train and play in a fun, supportive environment. Working alongside coaches your child will receive coaching in batting, bowling and fielding. They will get the chance to try these skills out in games, match scenarios and test matches. Details are:

## Years 2 to 4

When: **Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd April, 9am-12pm**

Where: **Dunstan High School Gymnasium**

## Years 5 to 8

When: **Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd April, 1pm-4pm**

Where: **Dunstan High School Gymnasium**

You can Register at [otagocountrycricket.co.nz](http://otagocountrycricket.co.nz) or if you have any queries please email [willie@otagocricket.co.nz](mailto:willie@otagocricket.co.nz)

## PTA ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Maniototo Area School PTA is pleased to offer the Entertainment Book as a member benefit and fundraiser. Please support us by either purchasing the Entertainment Book or the Entertainment Digital Membership, for use on Smartphones.

Books and Digital memberships are available now, but be in quick and receive a sheet of 6 Bonus offers worth over \$140 that you can use straight away between now and June.

(Limited number of vouchers...first in, first served)

Order online at [www.entbook.co.nz/26120g1](http://www.entbook.co.nz/26120g1)

### IMPORTANT DATES

15 April	Road Race (1.30pm start) & Last day of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 commences
3 May	Vision Hearing Testing
6 May	Call for nominations for Board of Trustees election & Kakariki class Raffle night
9 May	Community Consultation Meeting & 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



### **WANAKA TRAIL RIDE** (Sunday 24th April)

Fundraiser for Wanaka Primary School & Montessori Children's House [www.wanakatrailride.org](http://www.wanakatrailride.org)

### **THE CROMWELL HUNTING COMPETITION** (22-24 April 2016)

A Fundraiser for Kids first Cromwell Kindergarten

For more info and to register: [www.cromwellhunting.wordpress.com](http://www.cromwellhunting.wordpress.com)

### **KOROWAI COURSE** (6th-8th May 2016)

Discover the art of weaving Maori cloaks using a combination of feathers, wool, cottons and other materials. A course will be held in Alexandra. For enquiries please phone 03 449 3188 or 027 657 0479

### **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 return the form below to the School Office. For further information please contact Steve Brown Coordinator [03] 4486115 or [steve@coreap.org.nz](mailto:steve@coreap.org.nz)

### **CENTRAL OTAGO NETBALL JUNIOR UMPIRE ACADEMY**

We are looking for year 9-10 students that are interested in becoming umpires. You will be given a mentor to guide you up through the different levels. Registration forms can be found on the Central Otago Netball Centre website and Facebook page.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Cromwell Swim Centre and Molyneux Aquatic Centre

Holiday Programme: 18-29 April

The holiday programme is being held at both Molyneux Aquatic Centre and Cromwell Swim Centre. Check out the programmes on Council's website [www.codc.govt.nz](http://www.codc.govt.nz) to see what's on offer.

Term 2 Lessons: 2 May to 8 July

The swim school's Learn to Swim programmes provide a range of classes for all ages and levels of ability. Book now! Let our team help you and your family gain confidence and enjoyment in the water. Contact the Central Otago Swim School today 03 440 0680 or 021 490 264

### **APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME...The Grind of War**

To celebrate our ANZAC heroes, Central Otago Libraries have a holiday craft programme themed around the experience and activities of World War 1 soldiers. Booking essential. Contact your library to secure a spot!

Maniototo Library 444 9348

### **MANIOTOTO IRRIGATION COMPANY—OPEN DAY** (Sunday 17th April)

4WD vehicles leaving from the Patearoa Pub at 9am. Offering shareholders and members of the public a chance to tour the scheme and see how it operates.

Bring—A 4WD vehicle (or hitch with someone that does). Packed lunch, Warm clothing

For more information Phone Emma 444 7892 or e mail [Kyle.emma@scorchotago.co.nz](mailto:Kyle.emma@scorchotago.co.nz)





### FUNDRAISING MADE EASY! ORDER FORM - Volunteer to Club

Marlow Pies are made from vegetable based, low fat and low cholesterol pastry with lean cuts of meat. This fundraiser will generate fund for Manototo Area School Year 7 and 8 camp

Ask your family members and friends to support this to help us pay for YUMMY PIES are great to have in the fridge or freezer to feed hungry mouths when the need arises.

ORDER FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO MONDAY 9th MAY WITH PAYMENT AM/PM - TBC  
 PIES NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM Room 16 ON 26/5/16 AT

Volunteer's Name: Lauren Reid  
 Phone Number: 021946197

Name/Address/Phone	Total Cost of Order
Savoury Mince	\$2.50
Savoury Mince & Cheese	\$2.50
Steak	\$2.50
Steak & Cheese	\$2.50
Steak & Onion	\$2.50
Steak & Mushroom	\$2.50
Steak & Kidney	\$2.50
Steak & Cracked Pepper	\$2.50
Creamy Chicken	\$2.50
Chicken Satay	\$2.50
Vegetarian	\$2.50
Mince & Chilli Cheese	\$2.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50
Family Mince & Cheese	\$7.00
Family Steak	\$7.00
Family Steak & Cheese	\$7.00
Family Steak & Mushroom	\$7.00
Family Steak & Onion	\$7.00
Family Creamy Chicken	\$7.00
Family Chicken Satay	\$7.00
Family Bacon & Egg	\$7.00
Family Vegetarian	\$7.00
Family Apple	\$7.00
Total	

TOTAL PIES ORDERED (TRANSFER TO TALLY SHEET)

Total Cost of Order Enclosed: \$

CHEQUES TO BE MADE OUT TO: Manototo Area School

Direct Debit money to: 03-0951-0081459-00 (Manototo Area School)

Use your name as reference  
 Marlow Pies as code.