

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

17th March 2017



Many of you will already be aware that the Board of Trustees has appointed Mr Joe Ferdinands to the position of Principal at Maniototo Area School from the beginning of next term. I am pleased to announce that in this newsletter and can assure you that the decision has been welcomed and widely supported by teachers, students and parents, many of whom have already offered their congratulations.

Joe, Celine, Candy and Abby are well known to everyone associated with the school and to many in the wider community. They have made Ranfurly their home and have been an integral part of the Maniototo for the past 12 years, arriving here only a few weeks after landing in New Zealand.

Originally from India, Joe has extensive experience as a teacher and Principal - in India and also in Muscat and Dubai in the Middle East. Though the Maniototo was very different from anything he and his family had known before, Joe quickly established himself as a remarkably proficient and effective teacher. He, Celine and the girls have made a huge contribution from Day 1.

They have come to see the Maniototo as home and the Board is very pleased that Joe saw fit to put his name forward and is willing to take up the challenge at this critically important time for the school. He has the skills, the credibility and the mana to take the school forward and I congratulate him on behalf of the Board and the community. I welcome him to his new role and extend our best wishes for the years and projects that lie ahead.

Dave Hutton-Atkins—Board of Trustees Chairman



Acting principal Mike Corkery along with head students Ben Smith and Candy Ferdinands congratulate Mr Joe Ferdinands on his recent appointment to the position of Principal at Maniototo Area School in front of the Learning Centre last week.

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For the past few days during PRIDE, we have been focusing on Respect. Today we spent over a period and a half trying to find something we could tell you about 'respect'.

We searched for quotes and poems and we found the same old cliched words. Treat others the way you want to be treated. It's the same words we have heard day after day, year after year. The problem with these words, like many other sayings about how we should live our lives, is that it's easier said than done.

Throughout your life you will have so many people come and go. You'll make so many amazing friends and share amazing experiences along the way. However, not everyone in your life will be people you like and not everyone will like you. It is not possible to be friends with every single person you meet. Everyone has different views, opinions, ways they go about living their lives and you may not agree with it. It's just the way the world works. It doesn't matter if you aren't friends with someone. It doesn't matter if you have conflicting ideas. In fact, it's completely normal and completely okay. But just because you may not like someone or agree with their thoughts, does not mean you should not respect them. After all, even if we don't personally like someone, they are still people just like us. They make mistakes just like we do. They feel the same as we feel. The least we can do is show respect.

A few weeks ago the Ugly Shakespeare Company came to the school and performed The Merchant of Venice. Shylock, the antagonist in the play, was a Jew. Back in the times of when the play was set, the Jewish people were discriminated against. They had a different way of life and had different beliefs to many others. During the play Shylock said some very thought provoking words. "If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh?"

In all our many wonderful differences that make us unique, we are still humans. In that sense we are all the same. Despite everything else, every single one of us deserves to show respect just as we would like it in return.

Candice Ferdinands and Ben Smith (2017 Head Students)

JUNIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

5 Year Olds

Boys: 1st= Tiaan Pieterse & Noah Spooner, 2nd Blair Cleugh

Girls: 1st Mache Hodgson, 2nd Hayley Moir, 3rd A'esha Cairns-Whitcombe

6 Year Olds

Boys: 1st Zac Dougherty, 2nd Callum McSkimming, 3rd Jonty Russell

Girls: 1st Marley Hore, 2nd Ella May Cowan, 3rd= Indianna Hepi & Maisie Hore

7 Year Olds

Boys: 1st Kane Huddleston, 2nd Thomas Helm

Girls: 1st= Amelia Lindsay & Grace Paterson, 2nd Amelia Smith

8 Year Olds

Boys: 1st Ethan McSkimming, 2nd= Charlie Hore & Lachie Mackenzie

Girls: 1st Lucia Russell, 2nd Vanessa Paterson, 3rd= Nicola Kinney & Alexie Mackenzie

9 Year Olds

Boys: 1st Archie McDiarmid, 2nd Nicolaas Pieterse, 3rd Jacob Kawana

Girls: 1st Brooke Huddleston, 2nd Lily Blakely, 3rd Abby Ferdinands

10 Year Olds

Boys: 1st Robert Hall, 2nd William Hutton-Atkins, 3rd Case MacDonald

Girls: 1st Zoe Simpson, 2nd= Perri Hore & Peta Smith

The following students have qualified for the Otago Primary Swimming Champs which is being held in Dunedin in Saturday 25th March. We wish them all the best, and know that they will make us proud!

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| ★ Lily Blakely | ★ Charlotte Paterson |
| ★ Rhylie Spooner | ★ Anya Pieterse |
| ★ Harmony Devitt | ★ Brooke Huddleston |
| ★ Robert Hall | ★ Emma Kinney |

Overall House Winner was Danseys

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS CHAMPIONS RESULTS

11 Year Olds

Girls: 1st Emma Kinney, 2nd Kass Pont, 3rd Charlotte Paterson

Boys: 1st Phoenix Tapatu, 2nd William Helm, 3rd Max Hore

12 Year Olds

Girls: 1st Harmony Devitt, 2nd Amy Simpson, 3rd Lena Hawthorne

Boys: 1st Rhylie Spooner, 2nd Josh Smith, 3rd Bailey Lowrey

13/14 Year Olds

Girls: 1st Amanda Voice, 2nd Paris Anderson, 3rd equal Madi Pont and Antonia Davis

Boys: 1st Doug Smith, 2nd Loche Cowan, 3rd Te Ariki Tapatu

15/16 Year Olds

Girls: 1st Tessa Jorgensen, 2nd Aroha Cromb, 3rd Cheyan Vowles

Boys: 1st Dylan Boulton-Voice, 2nd Keagan Mulholland, 3rd Declan de Haas

17 Year Olds

Girls: 1st Courtney Smith, 2nd= Lakita Taylor & Tyla Jorgensen

Boys: 1st Ben Smith, 2nd Anton Hood, 3rd Matthew Neilson

OTAGO SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

We had a number of senior students attend the Otago Secondary School Athletics Competition on Saturday 11th March.

Congratulations to this great team for getting this far and for representing Maniototo Area School on the day!!

🏆 Doug Smith 🏆 Fletcher Dowling
🏆 Anna Clarke 🏆 Ayeasha Tapatu
🏆 Keagan Mulholland 🏆 Kyle Cairns 🏆 Hamish Easson

Congratulations to Doug and Ayeasha on gaining the following placings:

Doug Smith 1st in High Jump (1m67cm), 1st in Triple Jump, 2nd in Long Jump
Ayeasha Tapatu 3rd in Discus

The following athletes have qualified for the Otago/Southland Athletics:

Loche Cowan—800m

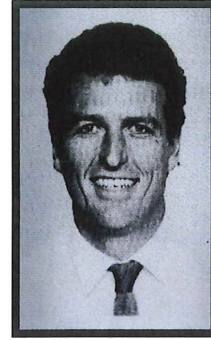
Ayaesha Tapatu—Discus and Shotput

Doug Smith—Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump

Fletcher Dowling—High Jump

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE... 1987

After the retirement of Jack Rutherford, 1987 saw the arrival of new Principal Mr Mike Corkery.



Mr Bill Wadsworth began as Caretaker at the school after the retirement of Mr Jack Johnston.

Mrs Jill Moore (Byrne) was the New Entrant Teacher

Tom Elder was the Chairperson of the Committee of Management

Robbie Dobson was President of the PTA, and had an enjoyable year with guest speakers, activities and fundraising ventures. The PTA also had some working bees to help plant trees, do gardening and ground marking.

Patrick Beck won the Speech Festival...his topic was "How to be annoying to your mother"



Lucia Dowling was in Core O Class (Form 3/4)...Their magazine page reports one of the events during the year was when a girl in the class got her arm stuck between the chairs in the AV room....so it was Mr Byrne to the rescue with a screwdriver.

Richard Smith (Form 5T) was the class Council Rep for the year. The Student Council held mufti days and socials throughout the year to fundraise for the Vanuatu Hurricane Fund and the Bay of Plenty earthquake victims.

The Student Council organised the school formal which was held in the Golf Club with a local band entertaining.



The Student Council also organised a day trip at the end of the year to Larnach's Castle in Dunedin, followed by 10 pin bowling and Moana Pool.

Form 6 students did the Routeburn and Greenstone tracks. They fundraised by shovelling sheep manure, cleaning cars, stacking firewood, selling raffles and candy floss.

At the start of 1987, East Otago High School and MAS had a summer tournament playing Softball, Tennis and Cricket.

Our First XV Rugby team played EOHS in July at Hills Park in appalling conditions. John Kreft, Paul Dougherty and Richard Smith were all in the First XV. The MAS team won the rugby at Area Schools Tournament was held in Kurow.

The Fourth formers were responsible for the Meteorological Station...in rain, hail, sleet and snow (and even sunshine some days!) they would take recordings twice a day (even at the weekends). They would read thermometers (air, grass, ground temperature), take evaporation readings, rainfall, wind speed and direction and at 3pm ring the temperature to the meteorological office in Henly, where it was recorded and sent onto the TV studio for 'The South Tonight'. The one and only perk of the job was an end of year trip to Dunedin.



1987
School
Formal



IMPORTANT DATES

- 17 March EOHS Sports Inter-change 10am-2pm / Disco 5pm-7pm in the Gym
- 20 March Otago Anniversary Day—school is closed
- 21 March PTA Meeting 3.15pm in the Senior Learning Centre. All welcome.
- 22 March Vision Hearing testing
- 22 March Quiz Night (Fundraiser for Social Sciences trip)
- 23 March Central Otago Triathlon
- 25 March Primary School Swimming Champs / Otago Southland Secondary School Athletics
MAS School Formal - Ranfurly Town Hall 7pm
- 4-6 April Year 9/10 EOTC (Mt Aspiring Homestead Lodge)
- 5-7 April Life Education Trust
- 7 April Raffle Night (Intermediate Class)
- 9 April Kapahaka Festival
- 13 April Last Day of Term 1 / Road Race
- 1 May Term 2 commences
- 17-19 May Southern Area Schools tournament (Catlins)



Check out the school website for more photo galleries.