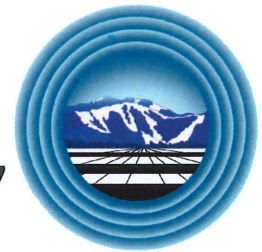


# Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

13th April 2017



I feel lucky and very privileged to have had the opportunity to work in this school community once again - from November last year until the end of this term. It's been rewarding working with teachers and students here - and enjoyable too, renewing friendships and re-establishing links with this very special community. Thank you all for your welcome and support over the past few months. I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

In my opinion, this school, with Mr Ferdinands at the helm, is about to embark on a period of very positive development and stability. There are challenges ahead, as always, but I'm sure you will face them together - with confidence and with that determined independence that gives the Maniototo its unique character.

Plans for the remainder of this year look particularly promising and I should mention that Mr Ferdinand's appointment has been met with universal approval. Two new teachers will join the team next term and we're confident that they will make a significant contribution as well.

It all augers well and I take this opportunity to wish Joe, the school and the Board all the very best for the future.

Thank you again and good-bye.

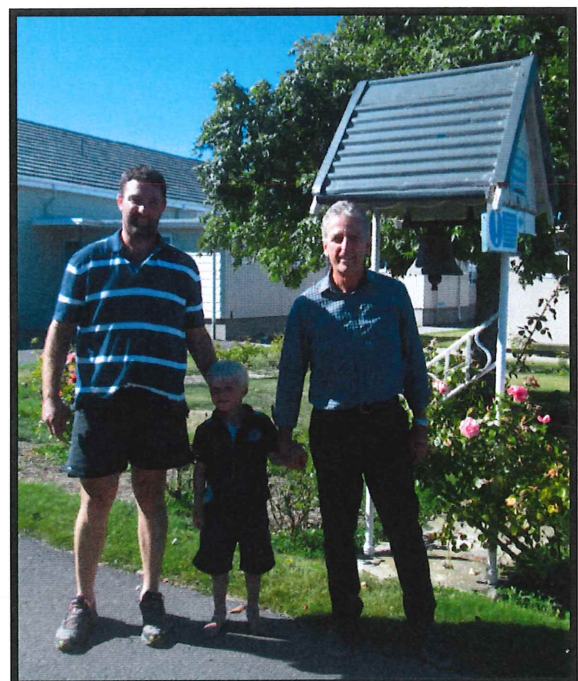
Kia kaha; kia manawanui. Be strong; be steadfast.

**Mike Corkery**

Acting Principal

Mr Corkery welcomes new entrant Hugo Paterson to Maniototo Area School.

This was a very special moment, as Mr Corkery was Principal here when Hugo's Dad (Simon Paterson) started school.



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## PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD (Term 1, 2017)

### ZOE SIMPSON



Zoe is a worthy recipient of the PTA Citizenship award. She is a quiet and hard working student who constantly strives to achieve her best. Zoe is kind and considerate to all of her peers, always offering to help out others without having to be asked. Zoe is well respected by her peers, which was shown as they selected her to be their representative on the school council. Zoe tackles challenges head on and shows great perseverance. She is always happy and her positive attitude encourages others to keep going. Zoe is a great role model for the school, constantly demonstrating all of the PRIDE values.

## PERSONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who received Personal Excellence Awards for their efforts in Term 1. Noah Spooner, Amelia Lyon, Grace Paterson, Ruby Hore, Lulu McKenzie, Olivia Russell, Jasmine Balloch, Mark Smith, Anna Stuart, Amanda Voice, Chelsey Cromb, Rina Watt & Ben Smith.



## URUURUWHENUA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

On Sunday the 9th of April the Maniototo Area School Kapa haka group performed in the Kapa Haka festival in Alexandra. It was a big turnout with some awesome performing with all students putting on a great display of Maniototo P.R.I.D.E. There were a variety of schools participating from Roxburgh, Alexandra, Clyde, Cromwell, Omakau/Poolburn, Wanaka, Hawea, Aoraki Mt Cook and Ranfurly.

Everyone enjoyed the day and it was great to get the cultural experience. We'd like to thank Miss Reid for all the hard work and enthusiasm she puts in and all the parents for bringing their children along and supporting them and to the students for their hard work going into an exceptional performance with consistent positive attitudes.

Tessa Jorgensen and Ayeasha Tapatu



## Y9/10 EXCURSION TO WANAKA & MT ASPIRING NATIONAL PARK

The focus of the excursion was to provide challenges outside the range of what we can achieve in the classroom and this group met & matched everything put before them.

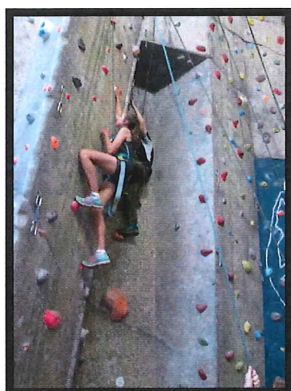
The first challenge was at Basecamp Wanaka, learning basic climbing techniques. Challenge in a new skill led to challenging each other as students matched times on parallel climbing paths. At the Outdoor Education Centre in the East Matukituki, students fished or explored the local waterfall then, after dinner, enjoyed a bonfire out on the flats. We stayed up late!

On Wednesday we explored up the East Branch of the river then returned to a sharp climb up a ridge to view the Glacier, hanging 600m above the valley floor. We returned down, off track this time, through some ethereal glades reminiscent of Lord of the Rings scenes. The descent was steep, mossy and heaps of fun. Screams rang out regularly to remind us where everyone was. We enjoyed the night with a "Silence" Field Trip across the river flats & a noisier more traditional "Spotlight" game before an earlier bedtime.

Pack-up was early before crossing the river yet again to the vans. Our final stop was in Luggate for a Theatre event (Festival of Colour). Many of the students found themselves with a short speaking part and, although the message of the play was serious, there was a lot of fun & uplifting ideas within.

One last meal together, civilization, or at least, Subway Cromwell, before we returned to the School. Several did not make it to class on Friday; we hope they enjoyed their catch-up sleep.

Many thanks to parents, Phil Flanagan, Michelle Dowling, James Becker & our special Camp Mum, Dianna Whyte





## HARRY MCASLAN FRIENDSHIP EXPERIENCE

I was very lucky to be named in the 2017 Southern Knights Ice Hockey Team which recently travelled to the USA to compete in the International Pee wee Friendship Tournament. There were teams from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Japan and America.

We flew to Auckland and met up with the rest of the team, before flying to Houston where we visited the NASA Space Centre which was amazing. I got to touch a stone from Mars and the Moon and we went to a huge Rodeo and saw the country singer Allan Jackson in a concert.

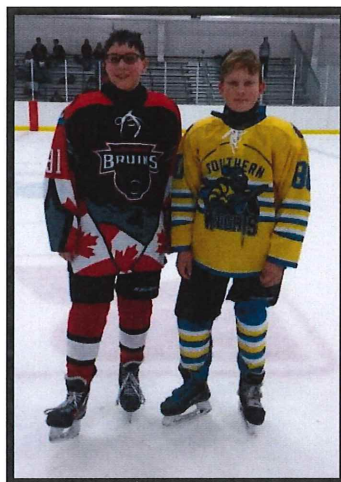
Then we flew to St Paul Minnesota for the tournament it was snowing when we arrived. We had the opening ceremony and went home with our billet families. Over the next 8 days we played 9 games of Hockey it was full on! We went in with the aim to do our best and hopefully beat the other New Zealand team but we surprised everyone by winning 7 out of 9 games and coming second.

We also did a lot of sightseeing with our families and the team. We went to the biggest mall in America which was four stories high and had a whole theme park in the middle of it. Some of our team including me were sponsored free entry to the park for the afternoon, a NHL Game Minnesota Wild V NY Rangers, and got to see and sit in a WW2 bomber that our billet dad flies in his spare time, we did free skate and BBQ Rib nights with other billet families, and a heap of other fun things. There was also a lot of shopping for ice hockey gear by most of the team as all of our gear has to be imported into NZ.

After the tournament we flew to sunny LA for 3 days. It was great, we went to Universal Studios and Knots Berry Farm and went on all the rides which was so much fun, we also went to another NHL game LA Kings V NY Rangers, and also just went swimming and shopping etc. Then it was time to pack up and head home.

I am very lucky to have had this experience and have learnt a lot it was cool to see so many places and do so many awesome things but there was also a lot I learned that is not so common in NZ and especially not in Ranfurly. It was strange to see so many homeless people, also we were not allowed to go anywhere on our own as kids get kidnapped and go missing , people are allowed to carry guns with them on the street, and it was strange driving on the wrong side of the road in 6 lanes of cars. I hope I get to travel and play ice hockey like this again as I have learnt so much but Otago is definitely the best place to live.

**Harry McAslan (Year 8)**





## SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Doug Smith who represented Maniototo Area School at the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics on Saturday. He was placed 2nd in the Triple Jump, 3rd in the High Jump, and 7th in the Long Jump. What a fantastic result. Well done Doug!

### HOCKEY

Thank you to Bev Helm for her time and effort in delivering the "small sticks in schools hockey programme" during weeks 8 and 9 of term. The students from year 0 to 8 loved learning new skills and developing their previous ones.



### SCHOOL REPORTS

Students from years 7-13 will be bringing home their interim reports this week. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held early next term.

### Clyde Power Station Open Day

Sunday - 23 April 2017 - Old Fruitgrowers Road, Clyde - 10:00am – 3:00pm

Bring the family along to a once in a lifetime opportunity to tour around the mighty Clyde Dam and Hydro Electric Power Station, New Zealand's largest concrete dam. The event marks 25 years since the Dam began filling to create Lake Dunstan. There will be self-guided tours and something for the whole family.

For more information contact: Neil Gillespie on 027 433 4856 or 0800 66 33 35



## IMPORTANT DATES

13 April	Last Day of Term 1
1 May	Term 2 commences
5 May	Year 4 Bake Sale / Raffle Night (Intermediate class)
10 May	Kakariki & Kahurangi classes trip to Dunedin
12 May	Strike Percussion / Raffle Night (Southern Area Schools Tournament)
17-19 May	Southern Area Schools tournament (Catlins)
25 May	PTA Meeting 3.15pm / Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
26 May	Kowhai, Tawa & Whero classes trip to Dunedin
29 May	National Young Leaders Day
5 June	Queens Birthday observed—School is closed

### ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

Adolescents (from year 9 until their 18th birthday)

Adolescents\* are entitled to FREE basic dental care, from Year 9 until their 18th birthday.

Free basic dental care is available by enrolling with a Dentist. This is usually arranged at the child's last dental visit with the Community Oral Health Service in school year 8. The chosen Dentist should contact you directly to make an appointment.

If you haven't been seen in the last two years please re-enrol online: <http://www.southernhb.govt.nz/pages/oral-health-enrolment/>

\*who meet the eligibility criteria for publicly funded health and disability services

The kids love Harold....Here's a chance for the grown-ups to find out more about who he is, what the kids learn with him..... and get a sneak peak at what's in the pipeline.....



**Dinner** at the Becks Community Hall, on Friday 28th April at 6.00pm

**Tickets** \$35 per person for Dinner and Speaker. Drinks etc at your own cost.

Closing date for sales: 18 April - Limited tickets available

**Book through:** Gill Naylor - [naylordg@farmside.co.nz](mailto:naylordg@farmside.co.nz) or ph 03 447 3642

Harold and a team from Life Education will be there.

**Guest Speaker:** Linda Taylor on the recently launched 'Empower' programme,

This programme teaches children about food and nutrition; how to grow, harvest, prepare & share good food.

'Empower' is a collaborative effort between Life Education and Garden to Table. Linda is Executive Officer of Garden to Table.

This event is run in conjunction with Rural Women New Zealand