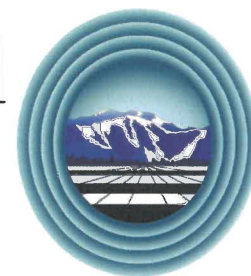


# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER

13th February 2020



Kia Ora, parent, caregivers and whanau,

The new year has begun in earnest. This is a year when we celebrate our achievements and look forward to a lot of firsts.

### NCEA Results:

To begin with we are very happy with the NCEA results of our Yr. 11, 12, 13 senior students. In Yr. 11 we had Michaela Clark, Courtney Parata, Anna Stuart, Ben Voice achieving Overall **Merit Endorsements**. In Yr. 12 Peter Cheesmur achieved an Overall **Excellence Endorsement** and Sam Flanagan, Lucy Neilson, Madi Pont, Amanda Voice got Overall **Merit Endorsements**. Congratulations to these students and to each and every one of the Yr. 11-13 students for their success. We had an overall success rate of 89.6% with students achieving the Levels they were aiming for. We are all proud of their academic achievements.

### MAS Trades Academy School (Agriculture):

This year we have been recognised as a Trades Academy school in Agriculture by the Primary ITO. This means our Ag students can achieve the **NZ Certificate in Primary Studies L2**, as well as achieving NCEA. Kudos to our Ag teacher Mr. Sam Stevens who has been running a very successful Ag course for many years now.

**EOTC:** There is a lot planned in this area.

- Already our senior PE students have been involved in **Mountain Biking** with Mr. Nakamura.
- The Yr. 13 Biology students will soon be away on an overnight field trip to the **NZ Marine Studies Centre, Portobello** later this month with Mrs. McSkimming/Ms. Meyer.
- The Yr. 9 & 10 students will be visiting **Hayes Engineering** and the **Toitu Otago Settlers Museum** with Mrs. Becker and will also be taking in a train ride; all this as part of their Social Studies unit.
- The school Volleyball Team has entered the **Central Otago Senior Mixed Volleyball Tournament**. They will have some home games, to be held in the gym. Please do come to cheer them on.
- Our senior girls cricket team went down to Dunedin to participate in the **Bates Cup** with Ms. Meyer.

### Yr. 11-13 Leadership Day:

On Friday 21st February all our Yr. 11 to 13 students will be attending a day long Leadership Course in Naseby, conducted by Ms. Meyer and all the NCEA teachers.

### Meet-the-Teacher Afternoon:

The Junior School (Yrs. 1-8) held a Meet-the-Teacher Afternoon. There was a very good turnout of parents and caregivers. Thank you to all who attended. Your presence and support is what keeps us going.

### Kapa Haka:

Our Kapa Haka group under the guidance of Mrs. Becker, have been invited to perform at the upcoming cavalcade and possibly at the Motor Home Association gathering as well. A big thank you to Jeff and Amie Pont for their generous donation towards purchasing our own uniforms for the Kapa Haka group.

And this is just the start. 2020 is going to be an exciting year. The school rebuild is due sometime in Term 2 or thereabouts. Please join us as we journey through the rest of this year.

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## INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud of Amanda Voice who has been selected to be part of Team NZ at the Quarter Horse World Youth Cup to be held in Germany and Netherlands in July. What a fantastic achievement! Amanda has also just been accepted as a Medic in the NZ Army and leaves us on Friday. We will miss you Amanda, and wish you every success for the future. Congratulations!

### CURLING

On 5th December the New Zealand Women's Under 21 Curling Team flew to Finland to compete at the World Junior B Championships. It was a new team this year as most of the previous team had aged out, so it was a new experience playing internationally for the majority of the team. The team included current MAS pupils Lucy Neilson and Zoe Harman, ex-pupil Courtney Smith and two girls from Dunedin, Grace Apuwai-Bishop and Rachael Pitts. There were a total of 20 women's teams that were split into three pools. We played Denmark, Germany, Slovenia, Australia, Scotland and Latvia. After the pool games we had three wins and three losses, so to qualify for quarterfinals it came down to our overall last stone draw which was good enough to allow us to get through. We came up against Denmark in the quarter finals who we had previously lost to in our round robin 8-6. It was a much closer game in the quarterfinals but unfortunately we still lost 5-4 which ended our journey for this year. Denmark however continued on to finish placing third and qualify for the World Junior A Championships in Russia. Overall it was an amazing experience for everyone in the team and we are extremely proud to have made it through the pool play. We are now ready to train and improve both as individuals and a team so we can go back next year and build on our experience, and hopefully get to the medal podium! A big thank you to everyone in the community who helped to get us to get there by supporting our fundraising throughout the year.

### YOUTH OLYMPICS

On 6th January Lucy Neilson, William Becker, Zoe Harman and Hunter Walker flew to Lausanne, Switzerland for the Winter Youth Olympic Games 2020. We were welcomed to the Olympic Games with an official opening ceremony where there were multiple performances displayed, all of which were done by young performers. We travelled a couple hours each day to the alpine village of Champéry where the curling arena was located. There were 24 countries competing in the Mixed Fours Curling. In our pool was Slovenia, France, Turkey, Norway, and Great Britain. We won four out of five of our round robin games which left us top of our pool and through to the quarterfinals. We played Germany in the quarterfinals and won 7-4. This meant we went on to play Japan in the semi finals which we lost 8-4. The next day we played the bronze medal match against Russia, but after going down six points after the first two ends we couldn't quite fight back and lost 9-5. However, a fourth placing is the best result for a New Zealand Youth Olympic Curling team so it was a huge achievement in the world of curling. We always kept a positive attitude throughout the whole tournament and the tough games. We were so grateful to not only our kiwi supporters in Switzerland with us, but also the whole community back home who were supporting and following us on our journey. It was an amazing experience which we are all very grateful to have received the opportunity. **Lucy Neilson**



### LUGE

On the 13th of December Sam Flanagan and I travelled to Italy to compete in the 2019/2020 natural luge junior world cup circuit. From the 13th of December until February 4th we trained and raced in 4 junior world cups and the junior world champs. This season was our third. I improved a lot and achieved my personal best in the junior world champs. This year we will compete in Naseby and aim to be selected to compete in Europe for our fourth season.

**Ben Voice**



## UNIFORM

Students are expected to take pride in their uniform and wear it as required. It is worn at school, when travelling to and from school, and at school events as appropriate. All uniform items must be clearly named.

- Details of the uniform are on our [school website](#). Students are also expected and encouraged to take pride in their general appearance and conform to the following guidelines.
- Hair should be clean, and tied back if it is longer than collar length. Dyed hair and extreme hair-styles are not permitted at school.
- The only items of jewellery permitted are sleepers or plain studs (one per ear), a watch, a culturally significant item such as a Taonga worn around the neck (and under the uniform). Other body piercings (e.g. nose, eyebrow) must be free of jewellery during the school day.
- Make-up and nail polish are not to be worn at school.
- Male students must be clean shaven.
- Dress guidelines are issued prior to any mufti days.

## MEET THE TEACHER

The senior school Form Teachers would like to invite you to the Senior Learning Centre for tea and coffee and a three-way conversation between students, form teachers and parents next Thursday 20th February between 4 and 6 pm.

This conversation will be a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet their child's form teacher and for the clear setting of academic and extra-curricular goals.

This conversation aims to help students clarify their short and long term aspirations and allows teachers to gain a greater understanding of their students future focus. The setting of these goals helps us to work together to encourage and enable students to achieve their potential.

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday!

## CRICKET

Congratulations to Brooke Huddleston and her St John's team-mates Ella Gibson & Annie Dowling who played cricket for Otago Country in the South Island Primary Schools tournament in Christchurch during the holidays. They finished 3rd in the tournament! A superb effort girls!

The Senior girls went to Dunedin on Wednesday 11th February to play in the Bates Cup. Their first game was against Taieri College and then they played Queens High School. They lost both their games, but had a great day, and improved on last years performance!



## PRIDE AFTERNOON

Friday 14th February. All students are to get changed into their house colours at lunchtime:

Danseys (Red), Garibaldi (Blue), Hamiltons (Yellow), Serpentine (Green). Meet on the court at 1.40 in House groups for photos and then there will be a rotation of activities with the focus being on teamwork and having fun! Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come and watch.



There is a new timetable for Maniototo Area School in 2020:

Monday - Thursday:

8.40am - Form time for Years 7-13  
8.45am - Period 1 & Junior school classes begin  
9.45am - Period 2  
10.45am - Interval  
11.05am - Period 3  
12.05pm - Period 4  
1.05pm - Lunch  
1.45pm - Whanau Time  
2.05pm - Period 5  
3.00pm - School Day ends

Friday:

8.40am - Form time for Years 7-13  
8.45am - Period 1 & Junior school classes begin  
9.40am - Period 2  
10.35am - Interval  
10.55am - Period 3  
11.50am - Period 4  
12.45pm - Lunch  
1.25pm - Period 5  
2.15pm - Sports Period  
3.00pm - School Day Ends



## 2020 Term Dates

**Term 1: Tuesday 28th January – Thursday 9th April (100 half days)**

Waitangi Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

A & P Show (1pm close) – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Teacher Only Day - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Otago Anniversary – Monday 23rd March

**Term 2: Tuesday 28th April – Friday 3rd July (96 half days)**

ANZAC Day Observance—Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Queen's Birthday – Monday 1st June

**Term 3: Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September (100 half days)**

**Term 4: Monday 12th October – Wednesday 9th December (84 half days)**

Labour Day – Monday 26th October

*Last day for NCEA students – Wednesday 4th November*

Wednesday 9th December (1pm close)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Teacher Only Day

## IMPORTANT DATES

14 February	PRIDE Afternoon
17-21 February	Year 1-8 Swimming Lessons
18 February	Boys Cricket (Years 7-8)
18 February	Senior Athletics (Roxburgh)
19 February	A & P Show Day—school closes at 1pm. Buses leave at 1.05pm
20 February	Secondary School Parent Teacher Meeting
20 February	Mixed Volleyball—Home game at MAS Gym
21 February	Shield Cricket competition
21 February	Year 11-13 Leadership Day
24-26 February	Year 13 Biology Camp—Portobello
3 March	Primary Swimming Sports from 11.30am
4 March	Senior Swimming Sports from 1pm
6 March	East Otago Sports Exchange (Palmerston)
12 March	Primary Assembly
16 March	Dental bus arrives at MAS
20 March	Teacher Only Day—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
23 March	Otago Anniversary Day—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
28 March	School Formal
30 March—3 April	Year 12 & 13 Tramp
4 April	Otago Swim Champs
9 April	Road Race—Last Day of Term 1

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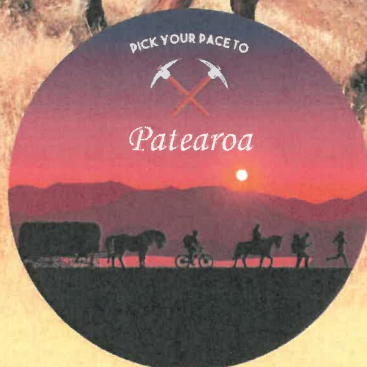
# PATEAROA CAVALCADE 2020



**SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY : PATEAROA DOMAIN**



Stalls  
Food  
Beverages  
Music



Childrens  
Entertainment  
Demonstrations

**Come join us for a great day out!**

**GRAND PARADE : 12 NOON**

**Market Day Fete : 10.30- 3.30pm**



General Entry:  
\$5 for Adults : Children Free



**Cavalcade Hoe Down – Meal and Live Band – 6pm onwards**

TICKETS AVAILABLE: [www.cavalcade.co.nz](http://www.cavalcade.co.nz) Check out: Patearoa Cavalcade 2020 on Facebook



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is proud to offer a Community Collection Hub where the Maniototo Community can drop off any brand of writing instrument for recycling



### Accepted waste in this programme:

All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils, crayons and chalk) are accepted:

Any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot (must be empty), correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition.

Note that we do not accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects that could disturb the recycling process. Please be careful not to include any of those items.

**What happens to the waste?** Once collected, the writing instruments are cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remoulded to make new recycled products.

How awesome is that?!?!?