

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

12 June 2020



NEW DEVICES

A very grateful thanks to the PTA, Board of Trustees and the Otago Community Trust for funding the purchase of Chromebooks and a charging station for students in Kakariki class. These will be well used both now, and as we transition into the new school. This means that we are in the enviable position with every student from Kakariki class up to Year 13 with their own individual device. This allows teachers to offer a more flexible learning programme. Students enjoy having their own device and are responsible for it's care.

TALENT ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME

The Academy Otago Programme is a joint venture between Otago Academy of Sport (OAS) the Otago Community Trust and the Southern Trust; providing performance services and support to assist Otago's aspiring and talented athletes.



A huge congratulations to three of our students: Zoe Harman (Year 12), Ben Voice (Year 12), and Sam Flanagan (Year 13) who have all been accepted into their first year of the Otago Academy of Sport Talent Development Programme. Zoe for Curling and Ben and Sam for Natural Track Luge. The first year of the programme offers athletes an induction into high performance sport to help them reach their goals.

MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

As you are very aware, our academic year has been significantly affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. Due to this, we are not sending home detailed mid-year reports like normal. Instead the Yr 1-10 students will receive a 'Progress update' for curriculum achievement and general attitude. These updates will go home on Friday 26th June. The following week will be our school interviews (Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 1st June) where teachers and parents will meet to discuss the learning in greater detail.

This year we are trialling the option of Zoom for the interviews. You will be asked next week if you would prefer this option to a face to face meeting, note that the Zoom interviews will more than likely be timetabled for the evening.

Year 11-13 will receive their records of learning, this will outline what credits they are entered for and what they have achieved to date. It will also have attached to it general attitude marks.

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GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Every Thursday and Friday, Fletcher Dowling and I travel to Cromwell to attend a Level 3 Cookery course at the Otago Polytechnic Cromwell Campus. The course runs throughout the whole year and will provide us with a Level 3 certificate in cookery which is the step before training to become a chef.

The course covers cooking methods in all areas of food including, eggs, pasta, vegetables, meats, fish, rice, soups stocks and sauces, and pastry. We make 2-3 dishes a week and have to prepare work plans which teaches us the importance of organisation and preparation. As well as learning chef skills, we are also encouraged to be as efficient as possible and learn to work together in a commercial kitchen.

This course is a great way to improve on basic cooking skills.

Lucy Neilson



*Grilled Salmon with
Tomato and Fennel Salad and
Basil Pesto*

ART

Senior Art students are working on their portfolios. The next step is making a woodcut based on their drawings from Hayes Engineering.



Kowhai class have been making little boats & a bird frieze in Art class



Drawing and Ink painting by
Lena Hawthorne (Yr 11)

ICE WEEK

Primary Ice Week is the first week back of Term 3 and that we will be looking for parent help for transport and supervision. A transport note will be sent home next week.

MANIOTOTO CURLING INTERNATIONAL IS RE-OPENING ON 4TH JULY

Great time for you to get out and about and support local businesses

50% off for Maniototo locals
Redeemable: July - August 2020 [bring a bill]

Open 7 days during School holidays [4th July - 19th July] 10am - 5:30pm

After school holidays open from Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 5:30pm

KAHURANGI WINTER SENSORY POEMS

I see sparkling white snow first thing in the morning
I feel cold icicles hanging from the roof tops
I taste hot chocolate warming my tummy
I hear the freezing wind lashing my ears
I smell roast meat cooking in the oven
This is Winter

A'eva Cairns-Whitcombe

I see snowflakes falling from the dark grey sky
I feel a shiver right down my spine
I taste warm liquid as it slides down my throat
I hear ice cracking after every step I take
I smell the salt flavouring my hot chips
This is Winter

Noah Spooner

I see the tractor with a bale feeder
I feel the standards in my hand
I taste cheese toasties
I hear the rape crop crunching as the cattle run over it
I smell the sweet bailage
This is Winter

Rhys Wilson

SPORT

Our students missed the opportunity to play sport during the Covid 19 lockdown, so it's great to be getting back into sports again.

- After a very long time (we think about 20 years) MAS is entering a hockey team in the Central Otago Senior competition. Our kids and coach (Ms Meyer) are really excited to get started!
Thank you to the Maniototo Junior Hockey Club for your support and to Rachel Andrews & Tina Becker for giving us some gear and to Dave Hutton-Atkins for helping us with our goalie. We really appreciate all of the positive feedback and can't wait to represent our school and community.
Games will start on 25th June.
- We have been having a House volleyball competition at lunchtimes—the winner was team Serpentine! (after beating Danseys in the final).
- We are lucky to have Georgie Bryce from Netball South come to Ranfurly to assist with some netball upskilling. Georgie is running a couple of sessions for our Year 9-11 team and coaches. The first session was held on Thursday and another session is scheduled for next week. This was very beneficial to all who attended.

TECHNICAL UPDATE

If you cannot log into your school email at home please do one of the following:

- 1) go to portal.office.com
- 2) go to gmail.com and log in. (You will be redirected to Microsoft)

Students can now also use Minecraft for free from home.



How well do you know the staff at Maniototo Area School?

1) I have a Bachelor in Education, endorsement in Teaching. I grew up in the Bay of Plenty before my family moved to South Canterbury, where I met my husband and now live in Gimmerburn with my husband and our three children. I enjoy gardening, baking, being creative and active, dancing and online shopping!

2) Born and raised in Auckland- I worked as a Costume Designer and in the Wardrobe Departments of the NZ Film and Television Industry before becoming a Teacher. I am passionate about Literature, History, Art and Design. I moved to Poolburn to marry my husband and live on the family farm nine years ago. I have a 21yr old son and all together we have moved part-time to Ranfurly.

I love this friendly and interesting community and value the small classes and close relationships which our amazing school fosters. I love to read, sew, shop and collect vast quantities of vintage ceramics and assorted junk. I would love to be a competent gardener and look forward to keeping something green alive in the near future.

3) Born and raised in Southland on a sheep and beef farm, I attended Otago University and then shored some sheep, went to T-Coll and then went and taught in England for a couple of years. I then taught Art History and English at Southland Girls High School in Invercargill. In 2003 we moved to our farm in Poolburn. I am really interested in developing pathways for our Senior students in the Agriculture industry, to this end I am looking to engage with our local Maori groups and continue to work with Beef and Lamb NZ in my role as a Farmer Councillor for the Central South Island. I also have a passion for Art History and am looking to complete my Masters hopefully this year, fingers crossed.

4) I have a Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching). I grew up on a farm at Waikaka in Southland and taught in Gore, Pukerau, and Fairlie before coming to teach the New Entrants at Maniototo Area School in 2007. My husband I farm at Gimmerburn. Since having our sons I have held a variety of part time and relief positions at local schools. I enjoy gardening, interior design, walking, and shopping!

Who Am I?

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Maniototo Ice Rink and New Zealand Luge will again be running holidays camps at the Naseby Ice Rink and Luge during the July school holidays. The Ice Camp will take place the first week and the Luge Camp the second week.

Ice Camp

This five day holiday camp from Monday 6 to Friday 10 July (10am to 3pm) is suitable for those aged 8 years and older. It will include a luge race on 10 July (at 10am). Each day participants receive three instructed sessions, one each for figure skating, ice hockey and luge, and there are also opportunities to try Bavarian curling.

Registration is available at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFgPsFboesvCFkFYZZV2V8dOCrQ_ixZzcvrI0YVKIR6j0PVg/viewform?usp=pp_url

Luge Camp

This five day holiday camp from Monday 13 to Friday 17 July (10am to 3pm) is suitable for those aged 10 years and older. Preference will be given to those who have lugged before and can attend all five days. The camp will include a race on 17 July (1pm) and there will also be races on 10 July (10am), 18 July (1pm) and 2 August (10am). Racing is highly encouraged.

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