

Maniototo Area School



NEWSLETTER

7 August 2020

We are delighted to announce that our Year 11 student Charlotte Gregan has had her short story "Aricole, City of Fear" published in this year's New Zealand Young Writer's 2020 Secondary School's Annual Writing Competition Anthology, "Write Off Line: Scary Tales".

We are so proud of Charlotte. It is a huge honour to be selected for publication especially considering the competition was open to all New Zealand Secondary School students.

This is a fantastic achievement from a very talented writer and we look forward to reading more of Charlotte's imaginative efforts.



PRIDE AWARDS

Congratulations to our PRIDE Award recipients, each of them were nominated for displaying School values.

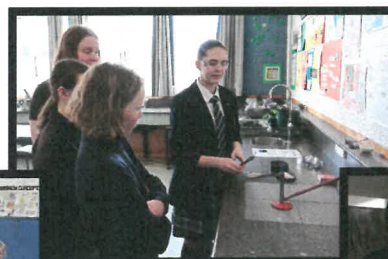
Term 2 awards were for Participation : Oscar McAtamney, Thalia Hepi, Tayla Smith, Maddy Lowe, Nathan Paterson, Grace Paterson, Alexie Mackenzie, Lucy Falconer (absent), Aaliyah Watson, Kass Pont, Zac McKenzie, Michaela Clark, Sam Flanagan



OPEN DAY

On Monday we held a very successful Open Day for local Intermediate pupils. Senior students were involved in various activities throughout the day around the school.

There is an Open Night presentation for Year 5-8 students and their parents next Tuesday 11th August in the Senior Learning Centre starting at 6pm. All welcome.



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SCHOOL VALUES IN THE COMMUNITY



Leah Allan (Year 8) had her hair shaved off as she wants to help people.

Her hair will be used to make wigs for people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions. What a courageous thing to do Leah - it is a fantastic example of our Empathy value! Well done Leah!



Xavier Connell spent a couple of hours out of his weekend picking up rubbish around the Naseby Swimming Dam.

Well done Xavier for respecting our Community.

BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN

The Staff and Year 13 students dressed in Mufti for the Buy a Brick campaign raising money for the Southland Charity Hospital.

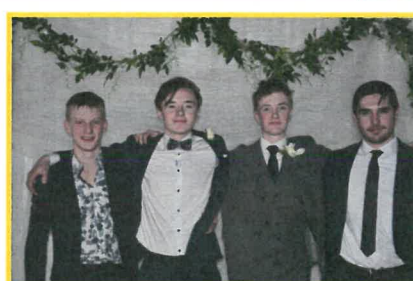
A total of \$430 was raised, and the PTA agreed to donate an additional \$300 which is awesome!

We are proud that Maniototo Area School can show our support and be a part of this exciting facility for the Otago/Southland region.



FORMAL 2020

A great night was had by all at the Senior Formal. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise/run it.



VISITORS TO MAS

We always look forward to welcoming the Attitude presenters into our school. Their programmes are a unique mix of information, inspiration and humour, offering young people strategies for solving problems, handling stress, building resilience and negotiating relationships. Christian from 'Attitude' is pictured with the Year 7/8 class, he talked to them about a variety of health issues e.g. resilience, working with others and mental health.



Mr Adil Al Niaami (Teyah's Grandad) came into school to tell Kakariki class about his job as an architect. He showed us some photos of the buildings he had designed and talked about what houses are made of in other countries. One of the model houses he made could rotate around to catch the sun. He has built some beautiful mansions all around the world. He made 3D photos and even a real shopping mall! He told us about how when he was a child he spent days studying and making projects. He also told us about how we shouldn't just exercise our body but our minds as well, but not just by reading and writing, by building and doing physical things. Mr Al Niaami showed us an amazing model he had made of a street in Jerusalem. He has made models for some important people including Helen Clark when she was Prime Minister.

By Xavier Connell



Waste Free Wanda performed her show for the primary school, this one-woman musical had an entertaining message to share about the importance of reducing waste. The 'rule of thumb' was to : Refuse (say no to single use plastic), Reduce, Reuse, Rehome and Recycle.



CARDRONA SKI TRIP

Information has been sent to parents regarding the Ski Trip available to MAS students and their immediate family on 5th, 6th, 7th September. Students must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

If you are interested in going skiing, please ensure you complete the relevant documentation and return to the school office by **this Friday 7th August**.

Contact Kylie McSkimming if you have any questions: Phone 027 4077 931 or email mcskimmingk@maniototo.school.nz

YEAR 7 & 8

DEMOLITION COLLABORATIVE POEMS

Shattered wood and concrete laid strewn across the destroyed ground,

Maniototo Area Schools war ground.

Tank tracks, digger trenches.

Carnage everywhere.

Destruction but a new start.

By Ethan, Justin & Lea

The monstrous digger chewed away at the school, crunching the past.

Destruction rained down on once treasured classrooms.

Gigantic mountains of rubble lay on the frosted ground.

Looking like a bombed out village - deserted, ruined and eerie.

By Lachie, Lexie, Vanessa & Nic

FABLES

Year 7 & 8 have been writing Fables, they shared them with Whero class who were a captive audience!



*Maniototo Area School
Open Night!*

**TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST 6.00 - 7.00 PM
IN THE SENIOR LEARNING CENTRE**

We invite all students and parents interested in choosing MAS for their Secondary education to our Open Night. Come along and find out what Secondary education is like at MAS and also take the opportunity to talk to teachers to find out more about individual subjects.

We look forward to seeing you



PTA NEWS

At the recent PTA AGM, President Jenna Huddleston presented her annual report.

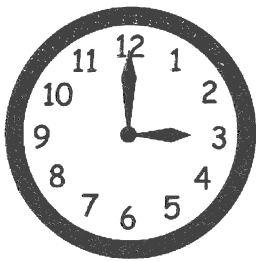
She thanked Sarah, Michelle, Kylie and Gemma for their help. Jenna also acknowledged the many parents who take time to raise money for the PTA, the Cavalcade was another huge success—and they are looking forward to the 2021 Cavalcade adding to that.

Thanks to the parents who assisted with the hot lunches last year, the Christmas raffle and baking for Shona Donald's funeral.

Over the past 12 months the PTA have contributed to a large range of activities and items for our students and the school. Our kids are so lucky to have such a supportive PTA which helps them to experience so much more. PTA funding was used for: a new school BBQ, class camps and class outings, Ice week, Digital camera, Chest freezer, food for International Food Day, funding towards Chromebooks and charging stations as well as new welcome packs for Year 9 students (from 2021).

With the rebuild plans, the PTA are looking to help out with outdoor areas, although this could be some way down the track it is definitely something they would like to see a substantial amount of their funds invested into.

Office bearers: Jenna Huddleston (President), Jenny Newth-MacDonald (Secretary), Sarah Smith (Treasurer). A big thank you to past Treasurer Michelle Dowling for all her work over the years.



A reminder to parents that all classes finish at 3pm.

To avoid disruption to classes we respectfully ask that you do not enter the classroom to collect your child until the bell rings at 3pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7-9 August	SISS Curling Tournament (Dunedin)
10 August	Tertiary Open Day (Dunedin)
11 August	Open Night 6pm start—All welcome
12-14 August	Year 5 & 6 Ski Camp
20 August	South of the South Area School Tournament (Dunedin)
26 August	Year 12 Biology Field Trip (Portobello) & Class Act Ceremony (Dunedin)
27 August	Duathlon (Year 11-13)
31 Aug-2 Oct	Mobile Dental Bus returns to the Maniototo
1 September	Maniototo Schools Cross Country (postponement date is 3rd September)
5-7 September	School Ski Trip (optional)
9 September	School photos
11 September	Otago Cross Country Champs (postponement date is 18th September)
26-28 September	NZSS Curling Tournament (Naseby)

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