

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

24 September 2020



SOD TURNING

An exciting milestone has been reached at Maniototo Area School with an official sod turning ceremony being held as the start of the new rebuild project begins. The demolition of the old Technology Block has been completed and we are excited to see the start of the construction of the first new block. Breen Construction has been awarded the contract for the entire project.

The rebuild of Maniototo Area School involves the demolition of all the blocks, except for the gym. Some of our buildings date back to 1937 or thereabouts. It was definitely time for a whole new rebuild. The Ministry has allotted around \$11 million for this project.

The students from our new entrant class had the honour of taking part in this occasion donned with their hard hats and spades, as it will these students that will benefit most from our new buildings in the next 13 years.

The school Kapa haka group sang the school waiata while the remainder of the school looked on, joined by official guests: CODC Mayor Tim Cadogan, Mark & Michael from Baker Garden Architects, Project Manager Tim Davis from The Building Intelligence Group, Site Manager Jeff Golden from Breen Construction as well as Board of Trustees representatives and Media representative Alexia Johnston.

We also would like to acknowledge Carlos da Costa, the Project Delivery Manager from the Ministry of Education and Melissa Jarvis who worked with us in the early stages.

BOT ELECTION

The Board of Trustees mid term election is being held soon. Nominations for 3 parent representatives will be called for. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form in the post. Nominations close on Sunday 1st November.

Special thanks to Dave Hutton-Atkins for the time he has spent on the Board of Trustees both as Chairman and as a Parent Representative. Dave will not be standing for re-election. We really appreciate the commitment Dave has made to the Board and the professionalism he has always shown in his role.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Term 4 is summer uniform. Sunhats are compulsory—new headwear options for senior students are available. To order uniform click on our website link 'School Shop' <https://www.maniototo.school.nz/uniform/>

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BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP

The Year 12 Biology class had previously had their Ecology rocky shore field trip postponed due to our lockdown, however they were lucky enough to partake in this during term 3. The students had a beautiful day with the sun shining throughout Portobello peninsular and were accompanied by the Roxburgh Area School Biology class. Activities throughout the day included investigating the mammalian dive response on each other and a bucket of ice-cold water, dissecting crabs and sharks to investigate how their digestive and circulatory systems operate, and a rocky shore survey on low tide.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing with our school's tradition of providing exceptional leadership opportunities for our secondary students we have a number of senior students taking advantage of these once in a lifetime experiences in the months ahead. Congratulations!

Burnham Blue Light Life Skills Camp—Courtney Parata
Spirit of Adventure—Michaela Clark & Sam Flanagan
Outward Bound—Ben Voice & Will Becker

FOOD SAFETY COURSE

There is a Food Safety course for Year 11 students being run by The Learning Place on Friday 23rd October in the Senior Learning Centre. This is a great opportunity for students to earn some additional NCEA credits and gain some knowledge that could be handy when job seeking, and in everyday life!

PRIZEGIVING TROPHIES

In preparation for this year's Prizegiving ceremony, can any student who was awarded a trophy last year, please return it to the School Office by Friday 16th October.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for Scholarships will be called for at the beginning of Term 4. Application forms are now available on the school website. <https://www.maniototo.school.nz/prizegiving/>

MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

We are once again seeking page sponsors for our annual school magazine. If you would like to sponsor a page then please email the school office before 20th October.

office@maniototo.school.nz

1 page \$50
2 pages \$90
3 pages \$110

OTAGO CROSS COUNTRY

Unfortunately due to Covid Level 2 restrictions this event was unable to be held which was disappointing. Congratulations to all these students that were selected to represent the Mighty Maniototo: Indianna Hepi, Macy Finlayson, Marley Hore, Shaylah Pink, Rhys Wilson, Callum McSkimming, Max Gregan, Susie Smith, Amelia Smith, Nate Spooner, Thomas Helm, Nicola Kinney, Isabelle Helm, Ruby Hore, Charlie Falconer, Ethan McSkimming & Nic Pieterse.

SKI TRIP

A number of families took advantage of the opportunity to go skiing at Cardona as part of a school group. They had great weather.

Thanks to Mrs McSkimming for organising the ski trip for us.



CURLING

Congratulations to the MAS Boys team who won the annual Contractors Cup. *(Photo supplied)*

We also have 3 teams entered in the NZSS Tournament being held in Naseby from 26th-28th September. Good luck!



The Kiwisport curling tournament for Years 5-8 teams has been postponed due to Covid and has been rescheduled for Tuesday 13th October.

CENTRAL OTAGO VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

We had a team competing in the Central Otago Year 9 & 10 Volleyball tournament in Wanaka. They had a great day, ending up with three wins and two losses, coming third in the B Grade.

They worked really well as a team and it was wonderful to see them not only playing some awesome volleyball but also having lots of fun at the same time!

Thanks to Miss Lucia Dowling for taking the team to Wanaka for the tournament.



POTATOES

Maniototo Area School will be supporting the Ranfurly Maniototo Pakeke Lions Club annual potato growing fundraiser. Each class will take part in the challenge and will have their own potato to grow. It is a great opportunity for students to participate in a community fundraising project and gain a sense of awareness of the welfare of others.

We as a school welcome the opportunity to repay the support the Lions have always shown to both our school and the local community.

We encourage families to buy their own seed potato (\$5 each) from the Lions and support their great work too.

Seed potatoes will be delivered prior to Labour weekend and harvested in April.

For more information or to order your seed potato contact:

Alan Gould 021 1325 414 or a.gould@xtra.co.nz

TENTATIVE 2021 TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday 1st February (School begins for all students) until Friday 16th April

Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day

Friday 19th March - Teacher Only Day (Kahui Ako Jumbo Day)

Monday 22th March - Otago Anniversary

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday, Monday 5th April - Easter Monday, Tuesday 6th April - Easter

Term 2: Monday 3rd May until Friday 9th July

Tuesday 11th May - NCEA Teacher Only Day (TBC)

Monday 7th May - Queen's Birthday

Term 3: Monday 26th July until Friday 1st October

Thursday 5th August - NCEA Teacher Only Day (TBC)

Term 4: Monday 18th October until Wednesday 15th December (1pm close)

Monday 25th October - Labour Day

Monday 1st November - NCEA Teacher Only Day (TBC)

Thursday 16th December - Teacher Only Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

25 September	Road Race / End of Term 3
26-28 September	NZSS Curling Tournament (Naseby)
12 October	Term 4 commences
13 October	Kiwisport curling tournament
13-15 October	NCEA Qualifying Exams
15 October	Pink Shirt Mufti Day / Pasta delivery (curling fundraiser)
19-22 October	Senior Tramp (Stewart Island)
20-22 October	Otago Central Rail Trail Year 11 Cycling Camp
23 October	Year 11 Food Safety course
26 October	Labour Day Observance (School is closed)
26 November	Teacher Only Day (School is closed)

Spring

Holiday Programme

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Ahoy Me Hearties! It's a Pirate's Life for us! Come and join us at the library for some fun activities!

Alexandra Library		
Tuesday 29 September	11.00 - 12.00pm	Pop Stick Flags, Cannon Ball Launcher and Pirate Bookmarks
Tuesday 6th October	11.00 - 12.00pm	Pirate Ship and Treasure Maps

Roxburgh Library		
Thursday 1 October	2.00 - 3.00pm	Pop Stick Flags, Cannon Ball Launcher and Pirate Bookmarks
Tuesday 6 October	2.00 - 3.00pm	Pirate Ship and Treasure Maps

Maniototo Library		
Tuesday 29 September	2.00 - 3.00pm	Pop Stick Flags, Cannon Ball Launcher and Pirate Bookmarks
Tuesday 6th October	2.00 - 3.00pm	Pirate Ship and Treasure Maps

Cromwell Library		
Tuesday 29 September	11.00 - 12.00pm	Pop Stick Flags, Cannon Ball Launcher and Pirate Bookmarks
Thursday 8 October	3.00 - 4.00pm	Pirate Ship and Treasure Maps

Bookings are essential and under 5s are to be accompanied by an adult



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