

# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER

18 November 2020



### YES AWARD

Congratulations to Deputy Principal Nikki Meyer who was nominated for the YES Sir James Fletcher Award for the Most Inspiring Teacher 2020 by her Business Studies pupils.

*"Our teacher was very inspiring and determined for our businesses to be the best they could be. We are very thankful for all the work and effort she has put into inspiring and helping our businesses and we believe she deserves this award more than anyone!"*

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The recent Parent Election saw Craig Paterson and Quinton Smith return to the Board for another 3 year term. Sarah Paterson replaces Dave Hutton-Atkins who has stood down from the Board. Dave joined the Board in March 2013. His support and commitment to the school has been outstanding. Dave's strong leadership skills as Board Chair for 5 years has guided the school through a lot of change. His contribution to the wellbeing of staff and students is greatly appreciated.

Ben Voice has also joined the Board replacing Peter Cheesmur as the Student Representative. We always appreciate the contribution our student reps make to the Board.

Other Board Members are: Belinda Colling (Board Chair), Mike Connell, Sandra Stuart & Lucia Dowling (Staff Rep).

### REBUILD

Progress on the Technical Block is coming along nicely. The concrete slab was poured last week.

The bus zone has been moved further along Caulfeild Street to allow trucks etc all day access to the building site.

We ask that you take extra caution when driving around the school areas especially when students are coming and going from school.



### OUTWARD BOUND

Last holidays I was lucky enough to head up to Anakiwa and take part in a 3 week Outward bound course. We did fantastic activities such as sailing, coasteering and tramping. Overall it was a fantastic experience, I faced a lot of challenges and met some amazing people. I would highly recommend this to anyone who is keen to be pushed and overall have a great time.

*Ben Voice (Year 12)*

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## YEAR 11 CYCLE CAMP

The Rail Trail was an incredible challenge that our class decided to take on this year. We started in Clyde and biked to Omakau on the first day, stopping in Alexandra for lunch before continuing on our way to the campsite. There we slept in a cosy tent setup and luckily did not get caught by the ropes of the tarp that we made with the rain covers for the school tents.

When morning came we were on the trail again. The second day was spent biking from Omakau to Ranfurly. Everyone, except Ryan who had already reached the next stop before all of us, pushed through the pain and made it to the highest point without throwing in the towel and taking the van. From there we all doubled our speed, taking advantage of the downhill areas, and arrived in Ranfurly for a well deserved rest and a chance to relax.

We slept in the school grounds and enjoyed a shared dinner with family and friends. It was a great night and we all really enjoyed it.

On the final day we were twice as fast as we had been over the rest of the trip, as we were eager to finish the trail. The extra ten kilometres that were added on from the day did nothing to hinder us and we ended up arriving in Middlemarch earlier than we had all expected.

It was an incredible trip that tested our strength and pushed us to the limits. And now we can proudly say that we have officially biked The Rail Trail!



## YEAR 12/13 CAMP/TRAMP TO STEWART ISLAND.

This year due to Covid our tramp was held in October just before Labour weekend. We were lucky with the ferry crossings and the weather and as a result we saw some spectacular scenery. Will and Sam were able to do plenty of fishing and provided us with a sample of what the island has to offer, the fresh blue cod and paua were a real treat for all. Thanks to the teachers, Mr Stevens and Miss Mooney for their help in organising the camp. Mr. Jefcoate also did a great job organising the bookings in the early stages. Extra special thanks to the Dowling family for their help in fundraising for the tramp and to our parent helpers Willy, Susie and Drew.



## GATEWAY GRADUATION

Our Otago Polytechnic Trades Academy students have finished their courses for the year.

It has been a challenging year but they have done well gaining experience and NCEA credits.

Fletcher and Lucy completed Level 3 Cookery,

Danielle did Level 3 Beauty Therapy,

Jade & Chase did Level 2 Hospitality and

Courtney (absent from picture) did Level 2 Automotive. Thank you to Michelle Dowling for her commitment to transporting the students to Cromwell each week.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Six students, together with six students from East Otago High School, attended a Defensive Driving Course over the course of four days.



## TOUCH TOURNAMENT

We had a group of secondary students play in a Central Otago Touch tournament. They had a great time and enjoyed playing in the warm weather!



## GIRLS CRICKET

Our secondary girls took part in a Central Otago weekly tournament and won every game.

Highlights:

- Madi top scored with 30 runs off 24 balls
- Reef bowled a maiden wicket over in the second last game.

We have also been hosting YEAH girls cricket during lunchtimes at school for girls in Years 6-13.



## ROAD RACE RESULTS 2020

Secondary Boys: Peter Cheesmur (1st), Doug Smith (2nd), William Becker (3rd), Dylan Connell (4th)  
Secondary Girls: Abby Ferdinands (1st), Micheala Allen (2nd), Isabella de Haas & Aaliyah Watson (3rd=)

Year 8 Boys: Nic Pieterse (1st), Sebastian Hickman (2nd), Jacob Kawana (3rd)  
Year 8 Girls: Lucy Falconer (1st), Ella Elliott (2nd), Brooke Huddleston (3rd)

Year 7 Boys: Ethan McSkimming (1st), Charlie Falconer (2nd), Justin Pink (3rd)  
Year 7 : Ruby Hore (1st), Isabelle Helm (2nd), Sam Roxburgh (3rd), Vanessa Paterson (4th)

Year 6 Boys: Thomas Helm (1st), Nate Spooner (2nd), Jae MacDonald (3rd), Kane Huddleston (4th)  
Year 6 Girls: Amelia Smith (1st), Susie Smith (2nd), Grace Paterson (3rd), Patricia Noi (4th)

Year 5 Boys: Max Gregan (1st), Callum McSkimming (2nd), Rhys Wilson (3rd), Nathan Paterson (4th)  
Year 5 Girls: Shaylah Pink (1st), Marley Hore (2nd), Macy Finlayson (3rd), Alexis Jones (4th)

Year 4 Boys: Andrew Becker (1st), Tiaan Pieterse (2nd) Adam McSkimming (3rd)  
Year 4 Girls: Lexi McFadyen-Beck (1st), Ariaah Spooner (2nd), Pyper Alsop (3rd), A'esha Cairns-Whitcombe (4th)

Year 3 Boys: Hugo Paterson (1st), Tyrell Hore (2nd), James Meehan (3rd), Brodie McAtamney (4th)  
Year 3 Girls: Vanessa Kinney (1st), Laura Paterson (2nd), Tayla Smith (3rd), Isla Drake (4th)

Year 2 Boys: Charlie Norman (1st)  
Year 2 Girls: Nikita Wilson (1st), Aubree Mulholland (2nd), Skylah Baddock (3rd), Mackenzie Scott (4th)

Year 1 Boys: Toby McFadyen-Beck (1st), Bede Paterson (2nd), Oscar McAtamney (3rd), Walter Crutchley (4th)  
Year 1 Girls: Sophie McAtamney (1st), Esme Hore (2nd), Rose-May Poihakena-Jackson (3rd)

Year 0 Boys: Blake Scott (1st), Sam Clouston (2nd), Liam Wilson (3rd), Jacobi Parker (4th)

## DUNSTAN ZONE TRIATHLON

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Dunstan Zone Primary Triathlon in scorching weather conditions. The Year 8 Mixed team: Nic Pieterse, Alexie McKenzie and Sam Roxburgh were 3rd in their section.

Special mention goes to our Year 7 Boys team: Angus McDiarmid, Charlie Falconer and Lachie McKenzie who won their section. These boys went on to compete in the Central Otago Triathlon today.

## CURLING

We have been very successful in national curling this year. Two boys teams and one girls team competed in the National Secondary schools curling competition in Naseby.

The older boys team including Sam, Will, Dylan and Peter went through the competition undefeated to win the gold medal. The younger boys team of Case, Troy, Zac, and Ryan ended up in fourth place after a lot of close games. The girls team including Zoë, Anna, Olivia, Zona and Aaliyah ended up with the silver medal after a close final game against Otago Girls.

We thank Peter Becker for his helpful advice at our practices. We are all super proud of our efforts in the competition and can't wait to win the gold next year!



## 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 22nd 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*

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sam Flanagan is currently on the Spirit of Adventure. He is sailing around Auckland, down through the Coromandel and back to Auckland.

Peter Cheesmur and Sam Flanagan have both been selected to go on a School Leavers Youth Development Course from 12th-18th December run by Elwing Discoveries at Stewart Island.

A big thanks to The Otago Masonic Charitable Trust who have sponsored the trip for every participant to the value of \$750, costing them only \$100 each.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

23 November	Science Roadshow
23-25 November	Year 9 & 10 Exams
25-27 November	Year 7 & 8 Camp (Berwick)
26 November	Teacher Only Day (School is closed)
1-2 December	Year 5 & 6 Camp
2 December	Board of Trustees Meeting
2-4 December	Year 9 & 10 Camp
3-4 December	Year 4 Camp
8 December	Prizegiving 7pm in the Gym
9 December	Last Day of School. (Note: 1pm Close)



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