

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER

December 2020



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It comes as both expected and as a surprise that the year is drawing to a close. And I take this opportunity to thank you all for entrusting your children to our care. Together, we have ensured that our children have grown and matured that much more this year.

My thanks to you especially for your support and understanding during the lockdown period. The lockdown gave us all a chance to take a second look at our priorities and to make necessary changes.

My thanks also to our staff at Maniototo Area School, not just for their dedication and work through the year, but especially for the way they re-fashioned their teaching methods and delivery through the lockdown. They have been ably led by Ms. Lucia Dowling and Ms. Nikki Meyer, our Deputy Principals. You can rest assured, dear parents, that there is a very dedicated, committed, and wonderful staff, both teaching and support staff, here at MAS.

We now look forward to our last whole school event of the year, which is our Prize Night on Tuesday 8th December 2020. While the event will mention the main winners of the various awards, this does not take away from the fact that every student in our school has achieved much this year. We celebrate the successes of all the students whether or not they are called up to the stage. And we look forward to you joining us for this celebration.

With your continued support and assistance, we know that 2021 holds great promise for the whole community. Thank you for walking the journey alongside us and your children. Under our combined care, our children will be better prepared for any eventuality and will face the future with confidence.

I wish each one of you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas,
A Happy New Year, and a wonderful summer.

Ngā mihi nui

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MANIOTOTO ATHLETICS RESULTS

Under 8

Boys: 1st Xavier Love (St John's) 29, 2nd Tyrell Hore (MAS) 28, 3rd Arthur Elworthy (St John's) 17

Girls: 1st Tayla Smith (MAS) 32, 2nd Maisie Rae (Strath Taieri) 23, 3rd Kayla McAuley (St John's) 20

Under 9

Boys: 1st Chad Atkinson (Strath Taieri) 24, 2nd Jae McAuley (St John's) 21, 3rd= McKinley Francis (St John's) & Axel McAuley (St John's) 17

Girls: 1st Laura Paterson (MAS) 27, 2nd Neave O'Connell (Macraes) 25, 3rd Marley Weir (St John's) 23

Under 10

Boys: 1st Eddie Weir (St John's) 26, 2nd= Sam Elworthy (St John's) & Jonty Russell (MAS) 23, 3rd Harvey Wood (Strath Taieri) 17

Girls: 1st Marley Hore (1st) 25, 2nd Brooke Atkinson (Strath Taieri) 22, 3rd Lexi McFadyen-Beck (MAS) 20

Under 11

Boys: 1st Thomas Helm (MAS) 25, 2nd Ollie O'Connell (Macraes) 17, 3rd Callum McSkimming (MAS) 16

Girls: 1st Ali Leslie (Strath Taieri) 23, 2nd Amelia Smith (MAS) 22, 3rd Chloe McAuley (St John's) 19

Under 12

Boys: 1st Toby Duncan (St John's) 36, 2nd= Ryan Crossan (St John's) & Hunter Sutherland (Strath Taieri) 23, 3rd Latrell Houpapa (MAS) 22

Girls: 1st Ruby Hore (MAS) 33, 2nd Tessa Steele (St John's) 32, 3rd Stevie Woodham (MAS) 19

Under 13

Boys: 1st Ethan McSkimming (MAS) 42, 2nd Jake Smith (St John's) 20, 3rd= Nic Pieterse (MAS), Billy Watson (St John's) & Shay Lindsay (Strath Taieri) 14

Girls: 1st Isabelle Helm (MAS) 33, 2nd Annie Dowling (St John's) 26, 3rd Georgia Graham (Strath Taieri) 21

13 & Over

Boys: 1st Lachie Sutherland (Strath Taieri) 31, 2nd Sebastian Hickman (MAS) 22, 3rd Jacob Kawana (MAS) 14

Girls: 1st Brooke Huddleston (MAS) 21, 2nd Ellie Templeton (Strath Taieri) 19, 3rd Izzy Morrison (MAS) 16

McSkimming Cup

1st Ethan McSkimming (MAS) 42 points, 2nd Toby Duncan (St John's) 36 points, 3rd= Ruby Hore & Isabelle Helm (MAS) 33 points

Matchett Cup

1st Tayla Smith (MAS) 32 points, 2nd Xavier Love (St John's) 29 points, 3rd Tyrell Hore (MAS) 28 points

House Shield

1st Hamiltons, 2nd Taieri Ridge, 3rd Serpentine

OTAGO CHAMPS

Congratulations to the awesome team of students who represented MAS at the Otago Champs: Marley Hore, Lexi McFadyen-Beck, Laura Paterson, Amelia Smith, Patricia Noi, Ruby Hore, Isabelle Helm, Stevie Woodham, Lucia Russell, Susie Smith, Jonty Russell, Thomas Helm, Callum McSkimming, Latrell Houpapa, Ethan McSkimming, Nic Pieterse, Max Gregan & Kane Huddleston



OTAGO FINALISTS & RESULTS

Isabelle Helm 1st place in U13 70m hurdles
Ruby Hore 4th place in U12 70m hurdles
Susie Smith 4th place in U11 70m hurdles

Boys U11 Relay 3rd place (Thomas Helm, Callum McSkimming, Ollie & Flynn O'Connell)

Jonty Russell U10 60m sprint finalist
Callum McSkimming U11 70m hurdles finalist
Laura Paterson 60m sprints finalist
Amelia Smith U11 70m hurdles finalist

Girls U12 Relay team finalists (Amelia Smith, Ruby Hore, Tessa Steele & Ali Leslie)



SCIENCE ROADSHOW

Recently we hosted the National Technology-Science Roadshow Trust. This started with a sit-down demonstration where the roadshow staff showed us many cool experiments with acids and bases and followed with time where the students were set loose to have a go at the many interactive Science stations. We ended with a demonstration of density. We had two sessions throughout the morning, which allowed St Johns Primary School to share the experience with us. A big thank you to our PTA and our Science Department for covering this cost for all of our Year 0-8 students, also thank you to our twelve superstar year 9 and 10 students that were explainers throughout the sessions and helped at the various hands-on stations. We hope to host the Roadshow again soon as we received some great feedback from the students.



CAMP BERWICK

Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Berwick camp last Wednesday. The camping site was in the middle of the Berwick forest so for some of us it was a very new experience being away from other houses and not hearing the sound of cars. Berwick was full of action that included abseiling, kayaking, tree climbing, the Mud run/Assault course as well as many more activities. One of the most enjoyable activities was the Assault course. It pushed us as we had to run and crawl through cold water and mud and work as a team. We all enjoyed this camp and wish we could do it all over again!



END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING & INFORMATION

Prizegiving for all students is **Tuesday 8th December** in the School Gym starting at 7pm. Students need to meet their teachers outside the Gym between 6.45 -6.55pm, dressed in correct uniform.

School closes at 1 pm on **Wednesday 9th December** which is when the buses will leave.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES

Families that have paid for a 2020 school magazine should collect it from the eldest child's class teacher at the conclusion of Prizegiving. If you would like to get a magazine at Prizegiving and haven't paid for one yet, please do so before Monday. (\$25)

PREPARING FOR 2021

Jan Mackenzie will have the uniform shop open on Thursday 14th January from 10am until 12.30pm. This is a chance for you to try on sample items to ensure you get the correct size and browse the second hand items available for sale.

Skirts and skorts are purchased through The Warehouse, but all other uniform items are supplied by Uniform NZ.

Uniforms and Stationery can be ordered online easily—follow the link “School Shop” on the Maniototo Area School website

Stationery lists have been uploaded to the website now and can be ordered through Officemax with a choice of payment and delivery options. Orders placed in December will receive a free A4 Magnetic Family Organiser (while stocks last).

TENTATIVE 2021 TERM DATES

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

Monday 8th February - Waitangi 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

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BEST DRESSED BIKE

Cool Prizes

Free Entry



We are looking for Maniototo's Best Dressed Bike to add some fun and colour to this year's **Ranfurly Late Night Shopping Event**. There will be giveaways and special prizes for the best entries!

WHERE

EV Carpark, Charlemont Street, Ranfurly

WHEN

Have your bike ready for the judges at 5.00pm, 11 December

JUDGING

Categories for under 8 years, 8 years and over

This fun and free event has been organised by the Maniototo Business Breakfast Group

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

1st December 2020 - 30th January 2021

PRE-
SCHOOLERS

5-13
YEARS

Contact your library for more details.
Great incentives and prizes for completion.
Sign up at your library today!



Festive School



Holiday Programme 2020

Come along and join the festive fun this school holidays . . .
Central Otago District Libraries will be celebrating with lots
of storytelling, Christmas crafts and a jolly visit from Santa.

Tuesday 22 December

Maniototo Library: 1.30 – 3pm

All welcome to come along and meet Santa.

Under 5s are to be accompanied by an adult.



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Free

FOR 20

HOURS EACH WEEK

for all children 2 years and over*

*some conditions apply

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