

# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER: 18 February 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are thrilled to welcome all our students back to school for a whole new year of learning, activities and friendships. It was good to see that a change in Alert Levels saw us move seamlessly from one Level to the other and back. The 'new normal' will not knock us off our stride.

**TREV MULHOLLAND:** We did begin the year with the sad news of our caretaker Trev Mulholland passing away. We had a very moving Assembly where the students of every class came forward to express just how much Trev has meant to us over the years. We will miss Trev and his kindness, his calmness, and his readiness to help.

**NCEA RESULTS 2020:** As I mentioned at last year's Prizegiving, our senior NCEA students have done admirably well. Out of a total 26 students in NCEA Level 1,2, and 3 we had a 96% success rate. A shout-out to Peter Cheesmur who achieved an Overall Excellence Endorsement at Level 3. Achieving Overall Merit Endorsements at Level 3 were Sam Flanagan and Madison Pont. At Level 2, Michaela Clark, Anna Stuart, and Ben Voice attained Overall Merit Endorsements. At Level 1, Charlotte Gregan, and Tayla Munro gained Overall Merit Endorsements. This means that over 30% of our senior students have received endorsements. We are so proud of them and all our students. Thanks also goes to our dedicated staff of teachers and teacher-aides who are part of this success story.

**ACADEMIC TARGETS & GOALS FOR 2021:** Writing remains a school-wide target for this year. We aim to focus on writing across all subjects both in junior and at the secondary levels. Already, our teachers have engaged in professional development in order to help our students attain high levels of writing. We will keep you informed of our progress at regular intervals.

**ACTIVITIES:** As always there are many activities planned for this term. The NCEA PE students have Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing & Abseiling, and Flatwater Kayaking being organised for them. The Yr. 12s and 13s are preparing for their Kepler tramp. A number of our Yr. 9 - 13 students are participating in the Roxburgh Athletics, while our senior volleyball team is preparing to take part in the Central Otago Secondary Volleyball Tournament.

**SCHOOL REBUILD:** The new Technology Block is developing rapidly. We're excited about taking possession of the new block in Term 2. Please note that the entrance to the School Office is now through the Staff Room (access is down the driveway between the Admin Block and the Community Library)

**BUS PARKING:** The dedicated bus parking, as you are aware is now between the main entrance of the school and the entrance to the Library. Parents are requested not to park their vehicles in the bus zone when dropping off and picking up children. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Dear parents, we continue to count on your support and assistance. Together we can do so much for our children.

Ngā mihi, **Joe Ferdinands (Principal)**

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# ENRICHING OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

## 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to Anna Stuart on her selection as Head Student. Anna is studying Biology, Physics, Mathematics, English, and Business Studies. She is aiming for a Merit or Excellence endorsement overall and subject endorsements throughout English, Biology, Physics and Maths in 2021. Next year Anna aims to study Anthropology at the University of Otago.



Ben Voice was also chosen as Head Student but has since left school to take up a place on the Automotive Engineering course at Otago Polytechnic. We wish him all the best.

### House Captains for 2021 are:

Danseys:	Nakita Allan & Ryan Shead
Hamiltons:	Zoe Harman & Anna Stuart
Garibaldi:	Hope & Harmony Devitt
Serpentine:	Michaela Clark & Tayla Munro

## ELWING DISCOVERIES

During the recent Summer break, recent Year 13 leavers Sam Flanagan and Peter Cheesmur each participated in a sailing yacht voyage around Stewart Island for 6 days. Within these 6 days, the students experienced snorkelling through shipwrecks, showering under waterfalls, many nature hikes with bountiful wildlife, gained lifelong friends and certification as day skippers.

Peter and Sam applied for scholarships to The Otago Masonic Charitable Trust towards the end of term four 2020 and did very well to both receive placings.

The Elwing discovery assists the participants in considering their future directions in life. Complimenting with this adventure aspect; is that of being part of a team, learning new and different skills, as well as visiting a very special place in New Zealand. All the time living and sailing a 14m Yacht with new friends.

Sam and Peter were the first students that Maniototo Area school has sent and we plan on sending many more students in future years.

## SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Zoe Harman leaves for a sailing experience on the Spirit of Adventure next week, we look forward to hearing all about her adventures when she gets back. Enjoy Zoe!

## PEER MEDIATION TRAINING

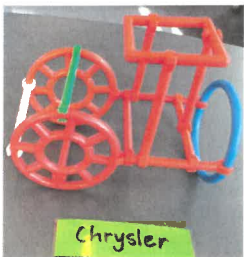
Year 12 & 13 students participated in a full day workshop learning how to become a peer mediator. The idea behind the programme is to train students to help other students deal with simple conflict situations. This is the first time we have implemented the programme and we are looking forward to it becoming an integral part of our school.





# Writing Corner

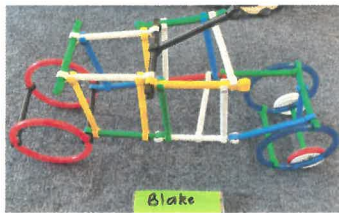
Kowhai Class



Chrysler

I made a truck. It is red.

I made a tractor. It has weights in the front.

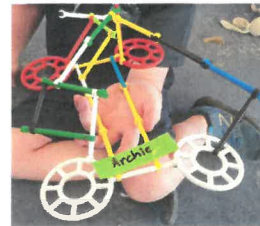


Blake



Mackenzie

I made a drone. It can fly way up into the sky.



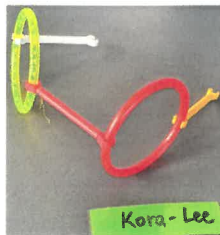
Archie

I made a cat bubble machine. My cat likes bubbles.



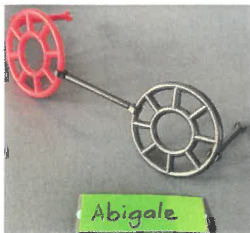
Lucas

I made a plane with no roof. It can drive as well.



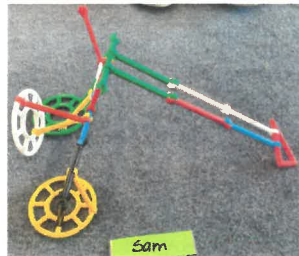
Kora-Lee

I made a bat mobile. It can transform into a water boat.



Abigale

I made a pair of sunnies. They are to wear on sunny days.



Sam

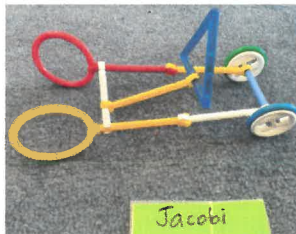
I made a chopper. It can chop anything.

I made some glasses.



Jake

I made a car today.

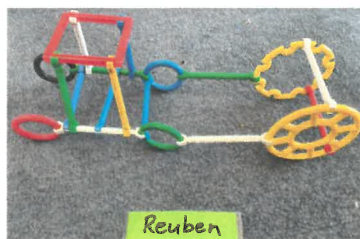


Jacobi

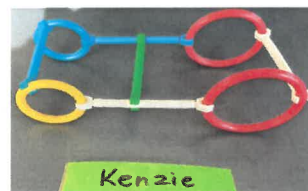
I made a transformer. It can smash anything. It can transform and turn into a mini cart.



I made a pair of glasses. They are blue.



Reuben



Kenzie

I made a car with connectors today. Jake helped me to make it.

# SWIM WEEK 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your child will be participating in a Swim Week programme run by the Central Otago Swim School. They will have two, 30 minute lessons a day for 5 consecutive days starting **Monday 22nd February**. This programme has been designed to build children's water confidence and develop their skills so they can swim safely and effectively.

**Equipment required:** Togs (wetsuit optional), goggles, 2 towels, thermal top (optional - preferably wool if your child feels the cold), good walking shoes, water bottle, and energy snacks (no sugar please). For the younger students, we have found a robe or hoodie useful to put on while they wait for their second lesson.

If parents of junior children are able to assist please check the timetable and let your child's teacher know. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries.

Regards, The Primary Team

## Swim Week Timetable: Monday - Friday

9.00-9.30	Yr 7 & 8
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10.00-10.30	Kowhai & Tawa
10.30-11.00	Whero
11.00-11.30	Kowhai & Tawa
11.30-12.00	Whero
12.00-12.30	LUNCH BREAK for instructors
12.30-1.00	Kahurangi
1.00-1.30	Kakariki
1.30-2.00	Kahurangi
2.00-2.30	Kakariki

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Year 7-13: Monday 8th March 12.30pm

Year 1-6: Tuesday 9th March Year 1 & 2 at 11am , Year 3-6 at 12.30pm

## CAVALCADE 2021

The PTA need you!! Our annual fundraiser of catering for the cavalcade is fast approaching and we are desperate for your help to come out on the trail and prepare and serve meals with our crew!!

This is a major fundraiser for our school which makes a very healthy profit! The cavalcade starts on Sunday the 28th February through until Saturday 6th March in the Twizel area.

If you think you might be any help then please let Jenna Huddleston know (027 537 9740)

Many Thanks, Jenna - PTA President

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## A TRIBUTE TO TREV

It was with great sadness that our Caretaker Trevor Mulholland (more affectionately known as Trev) passed away during the holidays.

Trev was a well-loved character around our school, he even has his own 'Wall of Fame' in the office block - it is filled with poems that some of the primary children had written to describe him.

Trev can be described as the quiet hero of our school, he was always the first to arrive each day, cleaned up messes nobody dared to touch and befriended everybody that he passed by. His friendly and outgoing personality made him popular with everyone he met.

Trev was a kind-hearted soul who would go out of his way to meet the varied requests he would be asked to fix or attend to each day earning the respect of others.

Trev was a valued member of our staff and was held in the highest regard by everyone at Maniototo Area School, he will be greatly missed by us all.

The Board of Trustees, Staff and Students of Maniototo Area School express our deepest condolences to his wife Wendy and the Mulholland family.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE SCHOOL

So who is the most important person in the school?

Who would come in early to unlock the door?

Who would be there at 6:30a.m. to restart the boiler when it had failed again?

Who turned on heaters when so chilly and cold?

Who daily washed and dried the towels and cloths?

Who got the balls off the roof, so tall ?

Who cleaned up when you suddenly turned green?

Who took the furniture down to sports?

Who refilled the sanitiser when Covid came to call?

Who found soft toilet paper when it was so scratchy and hard?

Who fixed the window when the ball went astray?

Who liked to have a long Friday smoko with his mates?

Who found the desk and chair for the students so new?

Who lit the BBQ for fundraising sausages?

So who really is the most important in the school?

Who liked to tell of his Falls Dam hut?

Who liked tell of trout so fat?

Who liked to talk of venison and freezer so full?

Who liked to tell of Shag River whitebait?

Who cheekily drove the mower past when the meeting got late?

Who got the thing for the lesson needed so soon?

Who locked up and kept the school so safe?

Who touched us all with his humour and cheer?

Who kept so positive about his fate?

Who always took great care of us?

Trevor we know it was you.

You were our Caretaker

Trevor, You were the most important in the school

*Compiled by Year 11, Grant and Rose Jefcoate*



## 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 June - 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 AT MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

19 February	Year 13 Crab Camp Raffle Night @ Ranfurly Hotel
22-26 February	Primary Swim Week
23 February	Secondary Athletics (Roxburgh)
25 February	Secondary Volleyball—Home Game
25 February	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
3 March	YES Day
8 March	Swimming Sports (Years 7-13) starting at 12.30pm
9 March	Swimming Sports (Years 1-6) Years 1-2 start at 11am. Years 3-6 start at 12.30pm
12 March	East Otago Sports Exchange (at MAS)
15-18 March	Footsteps Dance Week
17-19 March	Year 13 Crab Camp Portobello
22 March	Otago Anniversary Day—School is Closed
1 April	Year 12 Ecology Field Trip
2—6 April	Easter Break—School is Closed



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