

# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER: 31 March 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

It's almost the end of Term 1 with just another eight working days to go. A lot has been accomplished this term.

**Whole-school Writing Focus:** We have continued with our whole-school writing focus with all our teachers and students involved, right from Yr. 1 up to Yr. 10. Our focus is not just in English, but also in Science, Maths, Social Studies, Technology, and Horticulture as well. Thank you to those parents who attended the Parent Session on Writing. It was an opportunity to understand what our focus is and how we are implementing our target for this year. Do please continue to celebrate your child's writing. This, in turn, will give them the belief that they can achieve even greater success.

**Primary School Triathlon & Duathlon:** Our very first primary school triathlon was held recently. With over a hundred junior school students participating, the logistics were huge but competently managed by Heather Dowling, Katrina Hunter and the rest of the staff. Thank you to the many parents who turned out to cheer our children on.

**Outdoor Education Programme:** Our NCEA Physical Education programme led by Mr. Nakamura, continues successfully. Every Friday, the NCEA students doing PE are involved in outdoor activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, and kayaking.

**PTA Contribution:** A great big thank you to our PTA who have given the school \$20,000 to purchase more digital devices for our junior school. This would now mean that each student up to Yr. 8 has their own chromebook/tablet. The PTA has also contributed towards the purchase of tents for our Outdoor Education programmes.

**Yr. 12&13 Kepler Tramp:** The Kepler Tramp for the senior students is coming up shortly. Thank you to those parents and community members who have volunteered to accompany them.

**Otago Swimming Championships:** We wish the students going to the Otago Swimming Championships all the very best.

**Area Schools Leadership Course:** Three senior students will be attending the NZ Area Schools Leadership Course being held in Wainui Heights beside the Akaroa Harbour, Christchurch. We are proud to offer so many opportunities to our students.

**School Uniforms:** We are making a great effort to ensure that our students come to school in correct uniform. Your support, dear parents & caregivers, in this matter, will help greatly.

As the end of Term 1 approaches, keep looking after yourselves and those around you. Take care and keep safe.

Nga mihi nui,  
Joe Ferdinands

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# A & P SHOW ART

## Year 1

1st Chrysler Houppapa, 2nd Jacobi Parker, 3rd Liam Wilson,  
Highly Commended: Sam Clouston



## Year 2

1st Sophie McAtamney, 2nd Walter Crutchley,  
3rd Oscar McAtamney, Highly Commended: Esme Hore



## Year 3

1st Nikita Wilson, 2nd Aubree Mulholland, 3rd Ben Davis,  
Highly Commended: Evelyn Hagen



## Year 4

1st Laura Paterson,  
2nd Brodie McAtamney,  
3rd James Meehan,  
Highly Commended: Tayla Smith



## Year 5

1st Aria Spooner, 2nd Andrew Becker,  
3rd Maddy Lowe,  
Highly Commended: Peyton Baddock &  
Tiaan Pieterse

## Year 6

1st Sophie Meehan, 2nd Max Gregan, 3rd Marley Hore,  
Highly Commended: Ae'va Cairns-Whitcombe & Callum McSkimming



### Year 7

1st Nate Spooner,

2nd Thomas Helm,

3rd= Grace Paterson & Amelia  
Smith,

Highly Commended: Jae

MacDonald



### Year 8

1st Isabelle Hem,

2nd Charlie Falconer,

3rd Charlie Hore,

Highly Commended: Georgia  
Gillespie & Alexie Mackenzie



## PRIMARY TRIATHLON RESULTS

### Year 1 & 2 Teams

1st Bede Paterson & Esme Hore, 2nd Oscar McAtamney, Rose-May Poihekena-Jackson & Walter  
Crutchley, 3rd Sophie McAtamney & Levi Harley

### Year 3 & 4 Individuals

1st Hugo Paterson, 2nd Tayla Smith, 3rd Vanessa Kinney

### Year 3 & 4 Teams

1st Sam Hore & James Meehan, 2nd Nikita Wilson, Thalia Hepi & Evelyn Hagen, 3rd Isla Drake  
& Bonnie Spooner

### Year 5 & 6 Individuals

1st Indianna Hepi, 2nd Callum McSkimming, 3rd Jonty Russell

### Year 5 & 6 Teams

1st Nathan Paterson, Rhys Wilson & Nicholas Inder, 2nd Tiaan Pieterse & Peyton Baddock,  
3rd Max Gregan, Zaviah Spooner & Callum McSkimming

### Year 7 & 8 Individuals

1st Nicola Kinney, 2nd Sam Roxburgh, 3rd Amelia Smith

### Year 7 & 8 Teams

1st Ruby Hore, Isabelle Helm & Lucia Russell, 2nd Ethan McSkimming, Thomas Helm & Kane  
Huddleston, 3rd Charlie Falconer, Charlie Hore & Vanessa Paterson

# Writing Corner

Tawa Class



Tawa have been exploring their senses and coming up with a range of words we can use to help describe the world around us.

We came up with a poem, using our senses, about our school. We each chose a line we had written by ourselves to add to our class poem.

## Our School

My mouth can taste the sweet banana at fruitbreak.

My nose can smell the nice leaves on the tree.

My eyes can see the glass doors on the new building.

My hands can feel the soft grass on the playground.

My ears can hear the children talking in class.

My ears can hear the birds in the trees.

My ears can hear the dog barking over the fence.

My mouth can taste my chocolate cake at lunchtime.

My eyes can see my book.

My hands can feel the fluffy soft toys.

My eyes can see the butterflies in the playground.

My nose can smell the ink from my pen.

My eyes can see Toby.

What a wonderful school!



## SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

On the 23rd of February, I boarded the Spirit of New Zealand sail boat. I went on this trip as a way to help myself with my confidence and to expand my comfort zone. My favourite parts of the trip were the beach day and team activities and seeing two pods of dolphins. We also had a day tramp on Great Barrier island and went to the natural hot pools, did a bunch of sailing and many mornings swims. I would defiantly recommend this trip to everyone. **Zoe Harman (Year 13)**

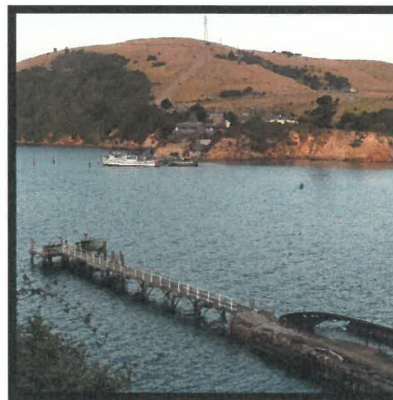
## BIOLOGY TRIP

From 17th—19th March the Year 13 Biology class and teacher Mrs. Kate Dowling joined Roxburgh Area School, Twizel Area School, Mackenzie College, and Opihi College for a three-day hands-on marine biology investigation.



They carried out investigations on different intertidal crab species and measured behavioural reactions. The students were instructed by University of Otago staff members within the Portobello Marine Laboratory and gained much knowledge and experience about scientific investigation and collecting and processing fieldwork data at the university level.

All students and staff resided at Quarantine Island and were fortunate to have glorious weather and also the use of a larger tour boat as our water taxi over the three days.



The students thoroughly enjoyed mingling with the other schools and making new friendships upon the island.

## HORTICULTURE

Our senior Horticulture students are very happy with their new Red Band gumboots from Farmlands Ranfurly.

We would like to thank the local Farmlands team for supplying these to us and also offering them at a discounted price.

The gumboots are going to be very useful during the winter months so that we can still access our gardens, and have already been borrowed by the Biology class for their trip to Portobello.



## PRIMARY SWIMMING SPORTS

**7 Year old Boys:** 1st Sam Hore, 2nd Ben Davis, 3rd Charlie Norman

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Parents and guardians have a legal obligation to ensure their children attend school. The school expects parents to notify the school office if their child is going to be absent.

**Any unexplained absences will be marked as truant.** Please try to arrange appointments outside of school hours or in the holidays. If your child is leaving school early or arriving late then they must sign in/out at the office. This is important to ensure the safety of all students.

Attendance is monitored through our student management system. Unacceptable levels of absence are followed up. If the school cannot deal with a student's irregular attendance, the student will be referred to the Attendance Service.

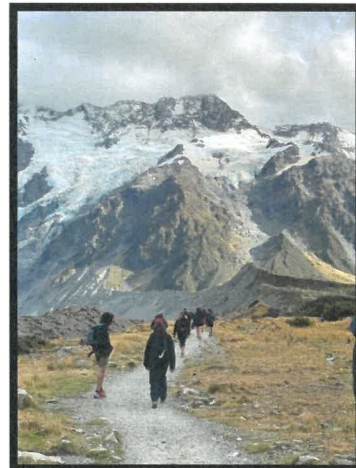
## CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE

We had seven students attend a Waananga in Twizel during the weekend at Te Whare Mahana.

It was a fabulous opportunity for our Rangatahi Maori and Ngati Pakeha leaders to make connections with other kura. Students from Mackenzie College and Twizel Area School also attended.

Over the weekend they went on a four hour walk to Hooker Lake to see Mt Cook (Aoraki). Troy enthusiastically carried the guitar the whole way! It was an incredible experience where they sung waiata and each school did their Haka to Aoraki.

The weekend's activities included weaving harakeke (flax). Overall it was an enjoyable weekend and the students are grateful to be given this opportunity. Thanks to Mrs Becker for going with the students.



Coming to Central Otago  
12 April - 23 April 2021



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Good Friday - Closed  
Saturday - 1.30pm-8pm  
Sunday - 1.30pm-8pm  
Monday - 1.30pm-8pm  
Tuesday - 3.00pm-8pm

**Ranfurly Pool  
Easter weekend hours**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

1 April	Year 12 Ecology Field Trip / Mufti Day "Be Yourself"
2—6 April	Easter Break—School is Closed
9 April	Road Race 1.30pm
10 April	Otago Swimming Champs
12-16 April	Senior Tramp (Kepler)
14 April	Primary assembly 2pm. AF8 Science Roadshow.
16 April	Last Day of Term 1
18-23 April	NZ Area Schools Leadership Course (Wainui Heights—Akaroa)
19-24 April	Lions Leadership Course (Borland Lodge)
28-30 April	Science Gifted & Talented programme
5 May	Rippa Rugby tournament (postponement date 7 May)
8 May	School Formal
12-14 May	Life Education Trust
13 May	Open Day/Open Night
19-21 May	Southern Area Schools Tournament (Roxburgh)

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# **FUTURES GOLF COACHING**

**7 May 2021**  
**Maniototo Golf Club**



**3-15pm - 5pm.**  
**FREE GOLF COACHING FOR ALL SCHOOL  
AGED CHILDREN**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINK AT END OF  
SESSION**  
**IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPORT OTAGO**  
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# APRIL

## Holiday Programme

### 2021



Blast off and explore space for the April school holidays at Central Otago Libraries! Create a balloon powered rocket and space themed matching game during Week 1 or put your engineering skills to the test designing a moon landing craft and rocket spinner during Week 2.

### Alexandra Library

Monday 19 April	10.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 28 April	10.30am - 11.30am

### Roxburgh Library

Tuesday 20 April	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Friday 30 April	2.00pm - 3.00pm

### Maniototo Library

Tuesday 20 April	2.00 - 3.00pm
Tuesday 27 April	2.00 - 3.00pm

### Cromwell Library

Monday 19 April	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 29 April	10.00am - 11.00am

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



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