

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER: 14 April 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As always, Term 1 has been hectic. There has been the normal teaching-learning in the classrooms, and then the sports activities, and tramps, and class trips in between all of it.

7-a-side Rugby:

Thank you to all parents, caregivers and grandparents who trained the junior kids or supported them as they took part in the 7 a side tournament in Alexandra recently. The teams did very well indeed. There was a great turnout of parents and supporters on that day.

Devices for Junior students:

Thanks to the PTA, we have just ordered 20 tablets, 22 chrome books, 2 i-pads for DTC, and 1 charging station. This will enable every student in school to have one device each. Not many schools are as lucky as we are.

AF8 Science Roadshow:

We had visiting scientists working with our Yr. 7 to 10 students, explaining the Alpine Fault and Earthquakes to them. It wasn't surprising that quite a few students felt that phone chargers were very important in case of a natural calamity like an earthquake rather than water purification tablets and food! I'm sure by the end of the sessions they would have changed their minds and have become better prepared for any disaster.

Yr. 12&13 Kepler Tramp:

The Kepler Tramp for the senior students is currently under way currently. We appreciate those parents and community members who are accompanying them on the tramp.

Term Break:

On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish the students a relaxed and enjoyable term break. I'm sure all parents and caregivers will take some time off to spend with their children. Thanks also to all staff and to the students for the work and achievements during Term 1.

Take care and keep safe.

Nga mihi nui,
Joe Ferdinands



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FUN ON THE FARM

Mr Stevens and the Agriculture students recently hosted a Corporate event for the sales team from FIL in Hamilton. Each of the students were responsible for organising an activity on the day including drafting, putting up fences and conducting a health check on a ram.

Ms Meyer and a group of senior students organised the food for the event which included pulled pork buns for lunch and a lamb spit roast for dinner. This day raised close to \$2000 which will be used towards the school formal, senior tramp and the Year 11 class trip. A big thanks to Ms Meyer and her team of helpers and to Mr Stevens for donating the meat and hosting the event at the farm.



The group from FIL were very impressed with the students and their vast knowledge of farming practice.



MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY SPIRIT

There was great excitement as our potatoes were dug up for the Pakeke Lions potato growing competition. Kahurangi students totally outclassed the rest of the school with a bumper crop weighing 2.86kg. This is the fourth heaviest shaw out of over 200 potatoes planted throughout the Maniototo last October so they have every right to be proud of their efforts!

Thanks to Anne & Alan Gould for coming in and doing the official weighing. As a school we were delighted to take part in helping the Lions raise \$1500 from their potato fundraiser in support of the Rescue Helicopter Trust.



CONGRATULATIONS MS MEYER

A BIG congratulations to Ms Nikki Meyer who was nominated as being a great person in our community in the latest edition of Positively Maniototo.

"Not only is she the Deputy Principal of school, she takes Students on curling tournaments in Dunedin, camps on the rail trail, girls cricket, school mixed hockey—the list could go on. Then she cooks a crazy amount of dinners on a Friday night at the wonderful Waipiata Country Hotel. Not sure how she fits it all in! A superb teacher who really cares about the kids"



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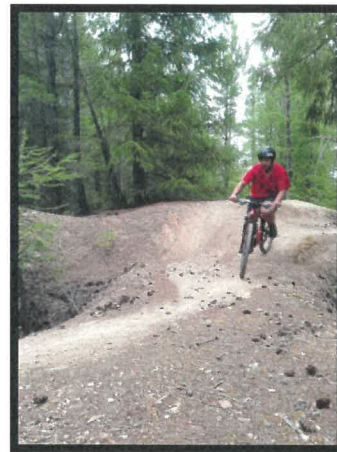
NCEA Level 1 Physical Education students had some brilliant adventures during Term 1 under the guidance of Mr Nakamura.

The students participated in Kayaking, Abseiling and Mountain biking—making the most of our beautiful Maniototo region and what it has to offer. They also went rock climbing in Alexandra.

They were introduced to risk management and demonstrated a high level of self-management skills through a variety of O.E activities.

It was great to see a team-building process naturally occurring in the outdoors. Rock climbing was something new to them and became an opportunity for the birth of Rock stars!

Thank you very much to our senior management team and the Board of Trustees for supporting our Outdoor education programme and making it happen.




HANDS ON AT THE MARINE LABORATORY

The Year 12 Biology students thoroughly enjoyed their field trip to the University of Otago Marine laboratory along with Roxburgh Area School students.

We were lucky to have a smaller group so that we were all able to have a full hands-on experience. We learnt about the ecology of the rocky shore intertidal species and performed a survey looking at the habitat and adaptations of species living within this zone. We also were able to look at and compare various marine species and dissect a dogfish. The dissection showed us how the respiratory, circulatory and digestive system function within fish.



Writing Corner



Kahurangi Class

In Kahurangi for writing we have been working on 'Show not tell' to add description. We have 'fixed up' some sick sentences to make them more descriptive.

I went swimming in the pool.

I hopped in, blue waves shot out around me and went into the air. I swam down under the waves where I could see the bottom. I felt like a fish. I could hear a splash sound as I kicked my legs around. **Lexi McFadyen-Beck**

I had a BBQ for dinner with my family

I twisted the gas on. I saw the fire spark on as it warmed up my hands. Then I chucked the chops on. I heard the chops sizzling and sparking from the burning juice that sprays up. I hear the bones dropping on the plates as my family eats up the chops. **Hugo Paterson**

I went swimming in the pool.

I felt the water as it smashed on my legs. I landed on my back then my arms and legs go up in the air. After my Manu my back stung. **Adam McSkimming**

The elephant walked across the ground. A tiger lay on the suitcase. It was hot, the sky was grey.

The big grey elephant plodded across the dry tree branches, swaying its trunk in slow motion as the foggy sky hung overhead. Strapped on his back were three stiff hooked suitcases and his friend the tiger was lazily lying on top of the stack. **Vanessa Kinney**

The elephant walked across the ground. A tiger lay on the suitcase. It was hot, the sky was grey.

The dull grey elephant tramples across the burnt tree remains as the massive fog emerges from the ground. The gorgeous striped tiger raised its orange coated body and took a large yawn, collapsing back down on the cases. **Nheero Del Mundo**

The elephant walked across the ground. A tiger lay on the suitcase. It was hot, the sky was grey.

The big grey elephant stomped lazily across the fiery ground. A tiger draped over a pile of suitcases like a rug. The ground was covered in smoke and the sky was a haze of darkness.

Laura Paterson

ROAD RACE RESULTS

Special mention to Abby Ferdinands who ran the fastest time of 28mins 34 secs.

Year 9-13

Girls: 1st Abby Ferdinands, 2nd Micheala Allen, 3rd= Aaliyah Watson & Nakita Allan
Boys: 1st Case MacDonald, 2nd Jake Smith, 3rd Jeremy Dumapis

Year 8

Girls: 1st Ruby Hore, 2nd Isabelle Helm, 3rd Sam Roxburgh
Boys: 1st Ethan McSkimming, 2nd Charlie Falconer, 3rd Angus McDiarmid

Year 7

Girls: 1st Amelia Smith, 2nd Grace Paterson, 3rd Patricia Noi
Boys: 1st Thomas Helm, 2nd Nate Spooner, 3rd Kane Huddleston

Year 6

Girls: 1st Indianna Hepi, 2nd Marley Hore, 3rd Alexis Jones
Boys: 1st Max Gregan, 2nd Rhys Wilson, 3rd Zaviah Spooner

Year 5

Girls: 1st Lexi McFadyen-Beck, 2nd Ariaah Spooner, 3rd Jayda Deverill
Boys: 1st Andrew Becker, 2nd Tiaan Pieterse, 3rd Nheero Del Mundo

Year 4

Girls: 1st Vanessa Kinney, 2nd Laura Paterson, 3rd Tayla Smith
Boys: 1st Hugo Paterson, 2nd Tyrell Hore, 3rd James Meehan

Year 3

Girls: 1st Thalia Hepi, 2nd Nikita Wilson, 3rd Evelyn Hagen
Boys: 1st Sam Hore, 2nd Ben Davis, 3rd Charlie Norman

Year 2

Girls: 1st Esme Hore, 2nd Sophie McAtamney, 3rd Rose-May Poihakena-Jackson
Boys: 1st Toby McFadyen-Beck, 2nd Oscar McAtamney, 3rd Bede Paterson

Year 1

Girls: 1st Mackenzie Davis, 2nd Abbie Graham, 3rd Autumn Forbes
Boys: 1st Archie Sutherland, 2nd Sam Clouston, 3rd Liam Wilson

LEADERSHIP COURSES

We have a number of students heading away on Leadership courses during the holidays.

Tayla Munro is heading to Borland Lodge for the Lions Leadership Course. We would like to thank both the Maniototo Lions Club and Pakeke Lions for their contribution to the cost of the course.

Zoe Harman, Zona Howell and Harmony Devitt will all be going to the Area Schools Leadership course being held near Akaroa. Thanks to Michelle Dowling who is very kindly transporting the girls to Christchurch.

WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 will mark the start of winter uniform. *(Full details are on the school website).*
Students from Year 9 and above will wear:

Girls:

- White long sleeve shirt
- Under-tops (*white only*) (*optional*)
- Tartan check skirt (*available from The Warehouse*)
- School tie (*available from the school office \$22*)
- School blazer (*Yr. 11 to 13 only*)
- Navy Merino Jersey or Polar-fleece jacket
- Navy tights or Navy knee-high socks
- Black leather shoes

Boys:

- White long sleeve shirt
- Under-tops (*white only*) (*optional*)
- Navy Tab shorts or Black pants (*Yr 11-13 students **must** wear black pants with their blazer*)
- School tie (*available from the school office \$22*)
- School blazer (*Yr. 11 to 13 only*)
- Grey/Navy/Sky Blue knee-high socks (*worn with shorts*)
- Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (*choose one option*)
- Shoes: Black leather shoes

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

14 April	Primary assembly 2pm in the Gym. AF8 Science Roadshow (Years 7+)
15 April	Kowhai Class Bus trip
16 April	Last Day of Term 1. PRIDE Assembly 2.40pm in the Gym
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
11 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
12 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
12-14 May	Life Education Trust
13 May	Open Day/Open Night
18 May	PTA Meeting 3pm
19-21 May	Southern Area Schools Tournament (Roxburgh)
21 May	Pink Shirt Day