

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER: May 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Term 2 is well and truly underway. Term 2 has always been the term for sports around the region. This year is no exception.

The children are fully immersed in netball, hockey, rugby, and curling, just to name a few. I would like to thank those parents, teachers, and caregivers who are giving their time and expertise to coach and transport the kids to and from their weekend games.

Our Yr. 13 students ran a very well organized Formal, guided by Ms. Meyer. I know there were a lot of other parents and members of the community who pitched in to ensure a successful event. Thank you all. There have been other events too, in the short time that we have completed in Term 2. Descriptions of these are in the pages that follow.

The next big event for the seniors is the Southern Area Schools Tournament in Roxburgh. We wish our team all the very best.

The new Technology Block is fast nearing completion. We hope to get the sign off on 4th June. We are all excited about getting started in the new building next month. We will arrange a date where the parents and community can have a walk through as well.

Finally, as a reminder, I would like to mention that it is important to keep the bus parking area free of other vehicles in the morning before school starts and again at the end of the day when school ends. Another reminder is about students' cell phones. The school expects the students to hand in their cell phones at the start of each day. While they know the school policy on this, they sometimes do need reminding.

Nga mihi nui, Joe Ferdinands (Principal)

PRIDE AWARD WINNERS (Term 1—Respect)

Kora-Lee Martin, Rose-May Poihakena-Jackson, Aubree Mulholland, Isla Drake, Maddy Lowe, Teyah Al Niaami, Xavier Connell, Isabelle Helm, Mahaliya Pike, Abby Ferdinands, Jasmine Balloch, Ryan Shead, Anna Stuart.



(Anna and Kora are absent from this photo)



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CENTRAL OTAGO SPORTS AWARDS



Congratulations Zoe (and Will, Lucy and Hunter who have all ben students at MAS) for winning the Team of the Year 2020-2021 at the recent Central Otago Sports Awards.

This is a great acknowledgement for the brilliant results the team gained by placing 4th in the World at the 2020 Youth Olympics in Switzerland last January.

This was the best result ever achieved by a NZ Youth Olympic team

SWIMMING OTAGO—PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPS

Mixed 12 and over 200m Freestyle Relay—3rd

Alexie Mackenzie, Ruby Hore, Gina Andrews, Lucia Russell



RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We had 5 teams entered in this tournament and all the kids played exceptionally well. Thanks to the coaches, supporters and parents who provided transport and cheered on our teams. Special mention to the Year 7/8 team (coached by Matt McSkimming) who won their age group and the Year 3/4 team (coached by Simon Paterson) who were placed second in their age group too. Both these teams have qualified for the Otago Rippa tournament being held in Dunedin on 31st May. Good luck!

On Wednesday 5th May, our Rippa team won the Dunstan zone Rippa tournament. Our team was Ruby, Isabelle, Lucia, Alexie, Nicola, Ethan, Angus, Charlie, Thomas and Xavier. We had a tough pool, our last pool game was a nail biter but we came out on top to play Cromwell in the semi-finals. We won 12-4 putting us in the final against Roxburgh Area School who we had played in our pool games. We won the final 12-9, it was very close! We were very thankful for all the support from our Teachers organising it, as well as our coach Matt and all the parents that transported us to the event. We all had a really fun and great day. We now go onto to the Otago finals on May 31st, we can't wait!

By Isabelle & Ruby



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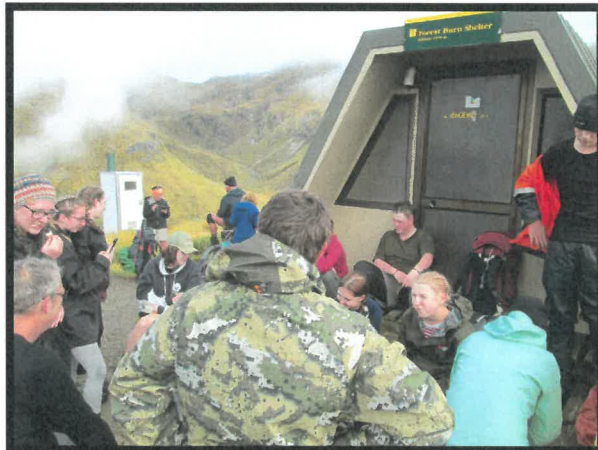
SENIOR TRAMP



On the last week of Term 1 2021 nine students from MAS and eight parents, teachers and “hangers-on” walked the Kepler Track in Fiordland National Park.

Starting from the control gates at the southern end of Lake Te Anau we walked up to the Luxmore hut, a climb of some 800 vertical metres. We were hoping to be greeted by stunning views, but unfortunately had to settle a gloomy wet fog, hot soup and milo, with plenty of card games and good company.

On day two we climbed out of the Luxmore hut and headed across the ridges, we had glimpses of stunning landscapes on the tops before descending into the Iris Burn with its amazing forest. This was a tough day and everyone slept well that night. The last two days followed the Iris Burn down to lake Manapouri and finally ending up at Rainbow Reach where we headed back to the Lake View camping ground for a well deserved and thoroughly enjoyable hot shower.



GREAT PRAISE FOR OUR SCHOOL

Hi, Having just finished a great week on the Kepler Track, I wanted to drop you a quick email to let you know what a cracking bunch of pupils from your school I had the pleasure of sharing the track - and the three huts - with between 13th and 16th April.

They were all a credit to your school. You, and all the pupils, should know how well thought of they were, not only by myself but also by a good number of the other trampers sharing the journey over those days. Best wishes, Simon Marling—Nelson

Writing Corner

Kakariki Class



In Kakariki we have been learning how to write a complete story in 6-7 sentences.
Here are a few examples.

Hunting up the Hill

I feel fit, strong and muscled. I'm comfortable in my hunting gear with my gun over my shoulder. My spotlight danced on the top of the tussocks. I caught a flash of brown disappear over the hill and I sprinted like a bullet. I whistle and hear a high pitched yelp come from my pig dog. The hair started to rise on the back of my neck like a razorback pig. I launched myself through the air and grabbed the boar around its head, and stuck it.

Rhys Wilson

A New Friend

Tornado's royal blue scales shone in the moonlight as she stepped into the dark room. She was practically invisible. The school was a gloomy place and Tornado was not enjoying being away from the light. Tornado summoned a small breeze to cool herself as firelight candles radiated heat down on her. The school was nerve racking because she had never been near a Storm wing or a Crystal wing before, and it was going to be so loud. Her fear built up inside her like bricks and she did not know what to say to anyone.

Tornado stood in the doorway waiting and suddenly a Storm wing named Thunder appeared, and she knew that she had found her new best friend.

Maisie Hore

The City of Z

Hi my name is Izzy and I am 13, and live with my Mum in a Pink house.

I am exploring the wilderness in the jungle slicing the green, thick vines with my sword. I soon get bored with slicing vines and decide to teleport forward.

I then found a magnificent tiger with beautiful black stripes and orangish-brownish fur. I didn't want to wake it so I tiptoed past the tiger and suddenly it woke up roaring!

My heart started pumping wildly and I remembered.

I prepared myself for teleportation as the tiger lashed out at me and I teleported away and found a ginormous city and words scraped on the top of a house, The City of Z ...

Alexis Jones

World War I

10 year old Felicity sat on a bench in the Louvre Museum finishing her story about World War I. She wanders around dreaming about a different time in history. Felicity was a very unique girl because she had the ability to teleport to any age and place. She closed her eyes and heard a whooshing sound as she got whisked away. Suddenly people are screaming and a bomb lands on the ground, loud bangs echo in her ears and a piece of earth goes bolting into space and out of sight. Felicity guessed she had teleported back to 1915 and she was horrified by the sights and sounds so she quickly shut her eyes and heard the same whooshing noise as she flew away back to home, sweet home.

Teyah Al Niaami

KOWHAI'S BIG BUS TOUR

Most of the children in the Kowhai room (New Entrant/ Year 1) are not bus children. It was one big dream for these children to have the joy of riding on a school bus and this dream was realised on Thursday, 15th April. Excitement levels were high as the children wore their bus vests, put their backpacks on and headed to board the school bus. Mr Kerrin Mulholland gave us a guided tour of Ranfurly in his bus. He drew our attention to the many important sights as we passed them – the new hospital, the cemetery, the dump, the radio station, the Railway station, St John's school...etc.

Mr Mulholland who is also a volunteer firefighter showed us around inside the fire station. We then drove up to Naseby. We walked through the Naseby forest and around the Coalpit Dam. We saw lots of brightly coloured giant-sized mushrooms, heaps of rabbit holes and we even spotted 3 fantail birds there. It was so special to see fantail birds there because in recent times we have talked about the fantail birds several times in class while doing our topic study of Kiwiana. In keeping with the Kiwiana theme, we got to snack on some pineapple lumps too....yum!!! Our trip ended with a lunch and play at the Naseby children's park.



AF8 SCIENCE ROADSHOW

It is a funded education programme regarding local curriculum for our students. The focus was fault lines, earthquakes, mountain building and our response. We learnt about magnitudes and the mercalli scale. The year 7,8,9,10 and 11 students were all fortunate to benefit from the information today for a period each. Students from Year 11 said they learnt a lot and are pleased to understand our fault lines better. They all thought they had better be better prepared and get an emergency response "go bag" ready in case of such an event

NEW OPTIONAL UNIFORM

The senior students now have the option to buy a soft shell jacket.

These jackets are optional and are not to be worn in class.

They can be ordered directly from the Uniform shop for \$70.50 (Sample jackets are available in the uniform room to try on).

There is also an optional black dress pant for secondary girls in the winter now too for \$71.90.



MAS FORMAL 2021—A STARRY NIGHT

Saturday 8th of May was a beautiful starry night. Congratulations to the formal committee for all their hard work making this event a great success. A special thank you to Ewan Mason for the many hours he spent helping put up the frost cloth and lighting. Also a big thanks to Cody Howell and Willie Dowling for security, to all the parents who helped with set up and clean up and to the staff who helped make the event possible.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

18 May	PTA Meeting 3pm
19-21 May	Southern Area Schools Tournament (Roxburgh)
21 May	Pink Shirt Mufti Day
24 May	Otago Tertiary Open Day
28 May	Primary Assembly 2pm
31 May	NYLD Dunedin (Year 8) & Rippa Otago Champs
7 June	Queen's Birthday—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
15 June	Primary Assembly 2pm
21-23 June	NCEA pre mock exams
24 June	Open Day/Open Night (Note: change of date)

HIGHLANDERS vs REBELS

The Sky Super Rugby Trans-Tasman Competition third round match between the Highlanders and Melbourne Rebels will be played at Queenstown's Sir John Davies Oval, Queenstown Events Centre on Sunday May 30, 2.35pm.

Coronet Peak and The Remarkables are supporting the regional community with a ticketing initiative that allows all primary and intermediate school children to attend the Highlanders vs Rebels match for FREE!

Take this voucher to get the kids into the game for free.

The Sunday afternoon time slot was chosen to make it easier for families and locals to attend the match.

Below is a ticket link if you're wanting to buy additional tickets for family and friends: LINK: <https://bit.ly/3u5Wo29>

A promotional poster for the Highlanders vs Rebels match. On the left, a Highlanders player in a blue and yellow jersey is shown in action, holding a rugby ball. The background is a dark blue gradient with a mountain range. The text is in yellow and white. The main title 'Highlanders vs Rebels' is in large yellow font, followed by 'Sunday 30 May 2021' in yellow. Below that, 'Sir John Davies Oval, Queenstown Events Centre' and 'Gates Open 1pm | Kick Off 2.35pm' are in white. The phrase 'Kids Go Free' is in large white font. Below this, 'Thanks to' is in white, followed by the logos for 'CORONET peak' and 'the remarkables'. At the bottom left is the 'HIGHLANDERS' logo. At the bottom right, it says 'Bring this voucher to the gate on game day as your ticket!*' and a small disclaimer at the very bottom: '*Offer only valid to children 13 years and under at participating schools must be with a paying adult. Each FREE child needs a voucher to enter.'

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