

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER: 11 June 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As we move into the second half of Term 2, we need to give ourselves a timely reminder to look after our personal health and wellbeing and that of our children. With the onset of winter comes all the ills and chills associated with it.

THE NEW TECH BLOCK: Students using the new Tech Block are lucky to have heat pumps to keep them warm. Sometimes the rooms can get more than just toasty. We are still working through a few teething problems.

OPENING CEREMONY: The opening ceremony was well attended, with an afternoon tea provided for special guests. This new block signals yet another chapter in the long history of Maniototo Area School that started way back in 1879. In these days, however, the entire face of the school will be changing to something new. I wish to record my thanks to the Board, Staff, students, parents, and members of the community for assisting us with all the heavy lifting, the shifting, the cutting down of trees, the shifting out of the old block and setting up of the new classrooms. Your help has been amazing and always so appreciated.

PHASE 2 (SECONDARY BLOCK): This second phase will see the removal of asbestos from the old secondary school. The removal of asbestos will be carried out over a period of two weeks. During this time, the demolition of the old secondary block will also take place. We hope to take possession of our new Secondary Block in February 2022.

GYM CLOSURE: Due to the demolition work starting on the old block, the gym will not be used for the next three to four weeks. This gives the builders time to disconnect power, water, and heating lines and re-route them.

GYM CLASSES: This means that students will not be able to use the gym for their PE classes in the interim. Please ensure that your children bring a spare set of clothes just in case they need to change into them after having had their PE classes outdoors.

GYM PARKING: From this week on the gym parking will be used long term by Breen Construction and other subcontractors. This means that the buses will now begin using the old bus parking area and we get to use the rest of Caulfeild Street for parking. Thank you for your patience and consideration over the past so many months regarding parking.

The coming weeks will bring student reports, pre-mock exams, and the National Area Schools Tournament in Dunedin, among a host of other activities. I wish all our staff and students the very best. Stay well and stay safe.

Nga mihi nui,

Joe Ferdinands—Principal



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Writing Corner

Intermediate Class Writing



Charge For Freedom

Charlie Falconer

We pile out of the death pit like monkeys out of the zoo. Gunfire rattles around me, bodies spreading like butter across the land. I zig and zag trying to avoid the life-taking explosions. I can see the tiny explosions from the defining MGO9. We had been taught about these in training, The main machine gun of the dirty Turks, firing over 500 rounds a minute. That brings me back to training. no dead bodies. no blood. Just the sun and a hundred drunken soldiers want to fight. Walking in pattern to the Training Marshall, Who is now dead, killed by the one and only Red Baron.

A bullet pierces my mud-covered clothes... and my skin, Bringing me back to the moment. I fall to the ground, landing on a bullet-filled soldier. I look at his lifeless face. Gone. A tear falls onto his shirt. I roll him over to find a radio pack. "Yes, yes, yes!" I dial it to the highest setting and try for anyone to hear me. Soon a faint sound comes from the machine...

"This is command control. What is your status?"

I call for backup and my wish is granted. Now just survive.

Kamikaze

Xavier Connell

Fear explodes in my mind.

I'm not ready to die.

I remember my family, who I've left behind.

"Hurry up soldier, it's time to fly."

Flying into the smoke filled skies,

I let out a shaky sigh.

Will today be my demise?

Unsure, I say my final goodbyes.

BOOM

A shell explodes, taking everything with it.

I start to regret my decision.

Another explosion, my engine's been hit!

Gas crawls into the cockpit, I start to lose vision.

The ship sails closer.

I know I can't get out,

This plane is an enclosure.

My brain is filled with doubt.

Today is the day I die...

The Last Breath

Poet: Gina Andrews

With a gun in my hand I lie in the muddy trench,
My eyes water from the death stench
Murderest screams full the air,
This is not an adventure, this is severe.
"Why am I here?"

Bombs drop and bang,
Once where the birds sang.
Ducking and dodging the shells,
As some soldiers fell.
"Why am I here?"

Time does not go fast,
When you think you will not last.
6 more hours until we can rest,
This is me not at my best.
"Why am I here?"

I try not to feel the pain,
When my left shoulder is lame.
I don't think I will make it,
Since the nurse does not have enough in her first aid kit.
"Why am I here?"

There is a light shining bright,
I see my mates who have lost their fight.
Here I am struggling to breath,
Sadly this is my family's time to grieve.
"Why was I there?"

Dear Mother and Father

I am sitting here writing this to you in my bunker hoping my candlelight will last until I finish this letter. Candles are in very short supply these days and I'm not sure when I might get another. I hope you are both well and father your leg has healed completely from your accident. I imagine you are having to work longer days to catch up but hope you are not over doing it. How are all the animals? I hope the dogs are behaving and not chasing any of the chickens.

It has been raining the past couple of days so all of my clothes are soaked through and the trenches are filling with water. My hands and feet are always numb and are covered in blisters. All of my fingers are bruised and cut from crawling on them all day long. My body aches and my ankles are throbbing. I'm trying not to think of how cozy home was but it's hard to keep my mind from wandering back to those good and safe times. A time where we were all together and playing cards and reading our favourite books by the fire, I miss you both so much.....

Alexie Mackenzie

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MANIOTOTO SPEECH COMPETITION RESULTS 2021

Year 3

1st Sam Hore (26) MAS, 2nd Charlie Heaps (25) Poolburn, 3rd Xavier Love (24) St John's



Year 4

1st Aria Goodlass (34) Poolburn, 2nd Finn Dowling (32) St John's, 3rd McKenzie Hamilton (31) Omakau

Year 5

1st George Dowling (39) St John's, 2nd Nheero del Mundo (38) MAS, 3rd Josie Herlihy (31) St John's



Year 6

1st Teyah Al Niaami (42) MAS, 2nd= Hayley Barroga (41) & Mac Dowling (41) St John's, 3rd Marley Hore (39) MAS

Year 7

1st Tessa Steele (45) St John's, 2nd Amelia Smith (44) MAS, 3rd Fred Dowling (40) St John's



Year 8

1st Dean Cover (42) Omakau, 2nd= Charlie Hore (41) MAS & Kate Williams (41) Omakau, 3rd Alexie Mackenzie (40) MAS

THANK YOU

A big thanks to these parents and members of the community who helped with the recent tree cutting working bee:

Dan Parker (Parker Earthmoving)

Thomas Huddleston

Quinton Smith

Hamish Mackenzie

Mark Inder

Charles Crutchley

Scott Smith

Richard Smith

Simon Hore

Wilson Warlich

OTAGO SECONDARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Abby Ferdinands who took part in the Otago Cross Country Champs at Kaikorai Valley on 10th June. Abby was placed 8th in the Under 14 Girls Event...finishing only a minute behind the winner. What a great effort Abby!

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TECHNOLOGY BLOCK

Friday 11th June marked the Official Opening of the new Technology Block.

The Technology Block is home to the Science Lab, Design hub, Whanau Room, Food Tech & Hard Materials rooms.

It is now time to say goodbye to the secondary block which dates back to 1939; as we move into Stage 2 of the Rebuild project... we are hoping to begin using it in the new year. Fingers crossed!

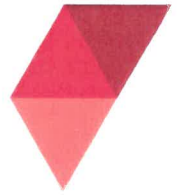


THURSDAY JUNE 24TH 7PM - 8PM IN THE NEW TECHNOLOGY HUB

We invite all students and parents interested in choosing MAS for their Secondary education to our Information Evening. Come along and find out what Secondary education is like at MAS and also take the opportunity to talk to teachers to find out more about individual subjects. We look forward to seeing you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

21-23 June	NCEA pre mock exams
23 June	Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm
24 June	Open Day/Open Night 7pm-8pm (Note: change of date)
28 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
30 June	Careers Night 5pm
2 July	Year 7 & 8 Work Day / Matariki 5.30pm
6/7 July	Parent Interviews (Years 1-13)
9 July	House Dance Competition / Last Day of Term 2



Notice of Asbestos Removal Work

To Whom It May Concern,

Southern Insulation a licensed Asbestos Removalist (WorkSafe Class B licence: RB18020018) will be undertaking removal work of some Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) from **Maniototo Area School**

This removal work will be conducted between the hours of 8:30AM to 6PM on 14/06/2021 and is expected to finish on 07/07/2021. This work may need to be re-scheduled in the event of bad weather.

WorkSafe NZ was notified on 02/06/21 that this licensed asbestos removal work is to be undertaken.

Maniototo Area School management and board of trustees have been consulted about the nature and timing of this work, together with the safety measures to be used.

The following safety measures will be put in place and maintained for the duration of this project:

- Signs, barriers and/or temporary fencing will be installed.
- PVA solution or water will be applied to asbestos containing materials to prevent airborne asbestos fibres dust (as required).
- Asbestos containing materials will not be broken, where possible.
- Plastic will be used to cover horizontal surfaces and surrounds.
- Asbestos containing material will be wrapped on site and disposed of at an approved tip site
- Air monitoring at the work site boundary will be place for the duration of the work. If asbestos fibres above the allowable safe limit are detected, work will cease immediately and corrective measures applied
- An independent party will carry out an inspection of the site on completion of the work, and issue a clearance certificate.

The Ministry of Education website has further information about the management of asbestos and procedures to ensure the safety of all involved in or affected by the work, at the school and community. This can be found on: www.education.govt.nz/school/property/state-schools/fixing-issues/asbestos/

Additional information about asbestos removal and/or Asbestos Removal Licences can be found on WorkSafe NZ's website <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe> or by phoning **0800 030 040 (24 hours)**.

If you have any questions or concerns about this removal work, please feel free to contact either **Southern Insulation** on **03 4740027** or Ross McCulloch 021 340 848



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