

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER: 5 August 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Term 3 has begun with as hectic a schedule as we had in Term 2. I hope that all have had time with family and that our students and staff are well-rested and ready to take on the challenges of this term.

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS: Please note that the school's expectation is that all students have at least 85% attendance.

REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL AT TOURNAMENTS AND ACTIVITIES: Parents also need to be aware that attendance, attitude/behaviour, and timely submission of assignments are crucial to each student being selected to represent the school at tournaments and EOTC events. The school must have every confidence that each student who takes part in such activities will be a good ambassador for the school. While we would like every student to have as many opportunities as possible, there may be occasions when we may have to refuse permission for any of the above reasons.

WELCOMES: We are delighted to welcome Mr. Clement Lind to our staff. Mr. Lind is our Hard Materials and Woodwork teacher. He brings with him an immense wealth of experience and knowledge that ranges from Middle School right up to NCEA levels. Mr. Lind is also very adept at Digital Technology and will have the students using digital technology for 3D modelling and graphics alongside the more traditional woodwork tools. He foresees them using 3-D printers and laser cutters in the not too distant future. All we now have to do is to find sponsors to help us acquire these for our students!!

GOODBYES: Even though we do not want to, we have to say a fond farewell to Mrs. Sharon Thompson, our super efficient Executive Officer. Sharon joined us for a second stint way back in 2014. From that time to the present, our school auditors have always given us an excellence report with regard to our school accounts and finances. And that has been all down to Sharon's conscientious attention to detail, her work ethic and an affinity for numbers. Our best wishes go with her.

We also sadly wish Ms. Katrina Hunter farewell as she embarks on a whole new venture for herself. We consider ourselves so fortunate to have had Ms. Hunter with us for the last three years. We thank her for her commitment and dedication to our children and we wish her all the best.

THANK YOU: We extend our grateful thanks to Mr. Robbie Dobson who came to our rescue for all of Term 2 and kept our Woodwork department working smoothly. Mr. Dobson has ensured that the new woodwork room in the Tech Block was set up correctly and all equipment was in the correct places. We have enjoyed his presence, his dedication to the students and his great sense of humour.

With the numerous activities coming up, I would like to thank all of you parents, caregivers and our wider community for your support towards these opportunities that we are offering our children and for partaking in the many fundraising activities that are going on.

Nga mihi nui, *Joe Ferdinands*



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TERM 2 PRIDE AWARDS

Term 2 Awards were for Growth Mindset. Congratulations to all these students who received awards for their positive can-do attitude and the great effort they always put in to their learning.

Mackenzie Davis, Oscar McAtamney, Skylah Baddock, Brodie McAtamney, Jamie Poihakena-Jackson, Dakota Nicoll, Amelia Smith, Ruby Hore, Lea Mapley, Olivia Russell, Jasmine Balloch, Harmony Devitt & Zoe Harman



HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION



Hamiltons (1st)

Danseys (2nd)



Serpentine (3rd)



Garibaldi (4th)



SOME GREAT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:

Rugby:

Maniototo Open Grade Team won the Central Otago competition. *Great work boys!*
Doug Smith (ex pupil) - Central Otago Premier Player of the Year. *Brilliant!*

Hockey:

Kass Pont—U18 Tournament, Hockey Foundation Recipient (Chica Gilmer Scholarship). *Nice!*
Tessa Jopp (ex pupil) - made her Olympic debut at the Tokyo Olympics!! *WOW!*

Curling:

Mixed Doubles Olympic Qualifier Event—We had a number of MAS pupils (and ex-pupils) that took part in this event. Congratulations to ex-pupils Anton Hood & Courtney Smith on qualifying for the upcoming Mixed Doubles Championship in September. Next on the curling calendar are the SISS & NZSS competitions, as well as the NZ U21 tournament.

Writing Corner

Biology Writing Focus

SCIENCE ENRICHMENT COURSE

This year's science enrichment course at the Portobello Marine Centre, "Deep Thought", was a five day trip to study different topics in and around the harbour: Physical Oceanography, Benthic Communities, Microplastics, Plankton and Bioindicator Species.

Two of these days were spent on a boat out in the harbour gathering information for our presentations, getting an opportunity to see albatross and their nesting sites from a distance and, thanks to Chris, enjoying a tub of ice cream while out on the water.

Over the course we stayed on Quarantine Island and competed in multiple different challenges to help us strengthen our teamwork skills and bonding. These include the re-enactment of a sea-themed movie, floundering and competing in the Animal Olympics. As well as these planned activities we also spent a night out on the wharf having fun and participated in a party of our own where we did Just Dance for an hour and a half straight on our last night.

We saw some incredible things, including barracuda on a night hunt, the graveyard of those who had quarantined on the island, and a giant starfish that caught a blue cod during our stay.

It was an exciting and amazing experience altogether and I recommend it to anyone who is given the opportunity to attend one of these trips. We made some great friends in the process and also learned a bit more about the local environment of Portobello.



Charlotte Gregan



Pictures: Erylle Del Mundo, Sandee Barroga & Charlotte Gregan at Portobello



NZ AREA SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

In the second week of the July holidays, I had the pleasure of travelling, and staying, with seven of our Maniototo Area School students who were selected to represent the Southern Zone region (South of the South) at the New Zealand Area School's Tournament in Dunedin.



After a hectic six weeks of fundraising within our amazing community, we left on Saturday 17 July for Dunedin and settled into our accommodation at Columba College. Here we had a get-together to re-learn names, rekindle friendships and practice together for our welcoming powhiri before Sunday's start. This is the strength of "South" as most of our combined Area School Tournament students know each other from previous tournaments or have played together/against each other in weekend sport and/or attended each other's formals over the years.

Over the following four days, our seven students competed in their sporting codes of netball, volleyball, basketball, football and ki o rahi. Every one of them showed our school PRIDE values of Participation, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Empathy, whether on or off the field. Each day, the students played their sport against each of the regions eg: Sunday, all South teams played Central (bottom of the North Island Area Schools); Monday, we played against North (top of the North Island Area Schools) and Tuesday, the big competition of Top of the South Island verses the Bottom of the South Island - Us! This is where students were viewed to trial for the South Island teams across all the sports being played. Tuesday night was the announcement of the South Island teams to play the North Island teams on Wednesday. Maniototo Area School had two students selected for the Netball B South Island team, Abby Ferdinands and Reef Becker. Although they didn't take the court, they supported their South Island teams right to the end.

Although we were a small team from the South, all our students represented our areas, our communities, families and themselves with huge heart and determination. Thanks to all the community groups and families who supported these students to get to Dunedin. Without your help, we would have never got there. Many thanks to the students who made our school, community and families proud. You were amazing young people who were a credit and pleasure to be with.

Next year the South of the South will travel to Whangarei to compete and we are looking forward to travelling up there to compete and rekindle friendships made over this past week. Thanks again.

Michelle Dowling

SCRATCHIE RAFFLE WINNERS: *Mike Fridd, Di Brensell, Jean Mathewson, Les Gill.*

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets.

LUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Jake Smith (Year 9) for winning the 2021 New Zealand Luge Championships - Junior Men

1st: Jake Smith (Two run time - 59.03).
What a brilliant result Jake!



POLICY REVIEW: If you would like to provide feedback on these please email the school. (Note: All school policies can be found online on SchoolDocs). Copies attached for your perusal. 1) Behaviour Management 2) Concerns & Complaints

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PTA

Maniototo Area School PTA AGM Tuesday the 10th of August @ 3.15PM in the Senior Learning Centre. The PTA would love to see some new faces come along and show some interest in where we could financially support our kids at school.

We lead a very friendly and wealthy PTA and welcome you as parents to come along and see what we are all about!

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, Jenna Huddleston (President) 0275379740

QUIZ NIGHT

Year 11 Quiz Night—Wednesday 22nd September at the Rugby Clubrooms - 6.30pm

- Tables of 6 max \$60 per team.
- Prizes for the best dressed table.
- Food and drink available for purchase

Email meyern@maniototo.school.nz to book a table

EOTC—Plenty of exciting events coming up!

Learning just doesn't happen inside the classroom and we are lucky at MAS to be able to provide a range of fantastic learning experiences... outside of the classroom.

Coming up in the next couple of terms we have the following camps/trips:

- Year 11 are off to explore Wellington
- Year 7 & 8 to Christchurch for an urban experience
- Year 3 & 4 staying the night at the Otago Museum
- Year 10 going to Te Anau to have an outdoor adventure
 - Year 9 are biking the Rail Trail
- Year 5 & 6 will have an outdoor based camp in December

(This is alongside sending students to curling and hockey tournaments).

All of these cool activities cost a lot of money and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank our awesome community for the support you give to our fundraisers.

We couldn't do it without you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

9-13 August	Year 11 Camp (Wellington)
10 August	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament / PTA AGM 3pm
11 August	Year 7/8 Netball Tournament / Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
16 August	NCEA Accord Day (TEACHER ONLY DAY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ONLY—Year 9-13) (Note: Year1-8 students have classes as normal).
20-22 August	SISS Curling Tournament (Dunedin)
24 August	Vision Hearing Testing
25 August	Primary Productions
27 August	Daffodil Day
30 August	Maniototo Cross Country (postponement date 31st August)



JACK 'n' JILL
PORTRAITS

ANNUAL CLASS PHOTOS

CLASS, INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS



Jack 'n' Jill Portraits will be here on:

Maniototo Area School

Wednesday, 08 September, 2021

If you do not attend on this day you are invited to join the group photo then have individuals taken. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled group photo time.

ANNUAL PHOTO PACKAGES AND PRICES

Digital files \$20 each or the lot for \$50



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Behaviour Management

Managing behaviour relies on consistently applying both our school's behaviour plan and strategies to promote positive student behaviour. We also expect high standards of **conduct** from our school community, which includes modelling good behaviour for students.

At Maniototo Area School:

- Staff, including relievers, coaches, and tutors etc, maintain positive learning environments and relationships with students.
- We make a clear statement of acceptable and unacceptable behaviour known to all staff, parents, and students.
- All members of the school, including the students themselves, have a responsibility to recognise **bullying** and to take action when they are aware of it happening.
- We consistently apply our behaviour management strategies in all cases of unacceptable behaviour, and endeavour to maintain the dignity of the student at all times.
- Staff manage challenging behaviour and use de-escalation techniques if a student's behaviour is becoming out of control and/or poses a danger to themselves or others. Physical restraint is used only in an emergency situation, and only according to our **physical restraint guidelines**.
- The school actions the procedures outlined by the Ministry of Education for the **stand-down, suspension, or exclusion** of students, in cases of extreme and persistent behaviour.
- Individual programmes and strategies for students with particular behaviour difficulties are devised with parents and staff, and outside agencies if necessary, and these students may be dealt with outside the school's behaviour plan.
- **Seclusion** and corporal punishment are not used at this school. See **Care and Management of Students** ✓.

Parents' concerns about student behaviour

If a parent has a concern about an incident at school, the parent should contact the school and the school will deal with the concern. The school believes that parents should not approach other students or parents about school behaviour incidents. This also applies to incidents that occur out of school time or off school grounds but when students are still connected with the school e.g. at EOTC events, while wearing school uniform, or travelling to and from school.

Related topics

- **Community Conduct Expectations** ✓
- **Parent Involvement** ✓
- **Health Education** ✓
- **Learning Support Supervision** ✓
- **Individual Education Plan** ✓
- **Playground Supervision/Interval and Lunch Supervision** ✓
- **School Bus Code of Conduct** ✓



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Concerns and Complaints

This policy provides staff members, parents/caregivers, and the wider school community with clear guidelines for raising and resolving concerns and complaints.

We encourage open communication and prefer that you come to us to talk through any issues rather than discussing them in the community.

We have procedures in place to ensure that complaints and concerns are handled appropriately. Our procedures enable us to:

- maintain a safe environment for our students and staff
- treat all people fairly, transparently, and with dignity and respect
- resolve matters of concern early, if possible
- respond to feedback and concerns constructively
- deal with complaints fairly, effectively, and in a timely manner
- take into account individual circumstances
- maintain confidentiality
- preserve and enhance school and community relationships
- monitor and record complaints and concerns about student safety and wellbeing.

Most concerns can be resolved informally through discussions with the people concerned. See **Guidelines for Raising Concerns**. The school also has a procedure for making a **formal complaint** if informal discussion doesn't resolve the issue.

For complaints concerning harassment, see **Harassment**. For allegations of theft or fraud, see **Theft and Fraud Prevention**. School employees needing to make a protected disclosure, see **Protected Disclosure**.

We will be able to manage your concerns and complaints more effectively if you raise them with us promptly.

Complaints about events that occurred more than three months earlier, do not involve you or your children, or which have been made anonymously, will not usually be formally investigated.

SchoolDocs appreciates the guidance of Fiona McMillan (fiona.mcmillan@al.nz) from Anderson Lloyd, and David Beck (david@sblaw.nz) of SB Law incorporating RA Fraser & Associates, who have separately reviewed the changes we made to the Complaints section as a result of our three yearly review.

We recommend boards of trustees seek legal advice at the earliest stages of any serious complaint to ensure the correct process is followed.

Legislation

- Employment Relations Act 2000

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