

Maniototo Area School

NEWSLETTER: October 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

The goalposts keep shifting at quite a speed these days. So decisions made by the Ministry of Education one day more often than not are changed a few days later. Trying to keep up with the do's and the don'ts has become so much more difficult. Hopefully, a successful nationwide drive in the vaccination scene will bring more certainty and freedom to our lives. Until then, however, we have to continue to live in these uncertain times. Needless to say, a lot of our events and activities for this Term 4 have been impacted adversely.

I have listed below the impacts that we have to face.

FACE MASKS ON SCHOOL TRANSPORT:

The Ministry has instructed us that "From 11.59pm Friday 22 October, everyone 12 years and older legally must wear a face covering on school transport services (both Ministry and regional council-operated) at all alert levels unless they have an exemption".

They have also added that while students aged under 12 are not required to wear face coverings on school transport, they are encouraged to do so. Students travelling in the school van are also encouraged to wear face coverings as would those students travelling in someone else's private transport for camps and trips.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:

The Ministry also advises that for parents conducting student pick-ups and drop-offs, these should occur in an outdoor environment where face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing measures retained. Parents, whanau and caregivers are not required to be vaccinated or tested in order to pick up or drop off children.

In order to continue protecting our tamariki, we strongly urge parents and caregivers not to enter the school premises except to come to the school office. Parents of our 5yr olds can escort their child to the junior block. But it should be the exception rather than the rule to enter the building itself. All visitors, parents and caregivers must be masked when on the school premises. School grounds can be used after school hours by students and coaches and are encouraged to scan the school QR code when using the grounds.

ACTIVITIES INSIDE & OUTSIDE SCHOOL:

With the many restrictions imposed by the Ministry, to be followed on gatherings, we have had to make quite a few changes. Overnight trips need to be local only and within the school bubble. The Junior Production has been cancelled. Parent-teacher interviews cannot be held face to face. Junior sports will be held on 5 November on the school grounds where only students, staff, and a limited number of volunteers will be present. The end-of-year Prize Giving Ceremony will be held 'in-house' with staff and students only.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS:

As you are aware, at 11.59pm on Monday 25 October the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order for Mandatory Vaccinations for Education came into effect. The vaccination requirements apply wherever in-person schooling occurs, such as on the school or early learning service site, but also at school camps, swimming pools, museums, or where other education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes take place. This means that both school staff and volunteers who are involved in EOTC should have had a first vaccination by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

As such, we have a duty to ask our parent and community volunteers about their vaccination status.

VACCINE REGISTER:

The requirement to operate a register for both education workers and students has been included in the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order. As such, we are required to maintain a register of the vaccination status of students 12 years and above. We have already shared a Privacy Statement with the parents & caregivers of students aged 12 years and above. Please do inform the school office of the vaccination status and provide a certificate of the same for office records.

There's a lot here that is so new and different for all of us. I want to thank all of you for your patience, understanding and support that you are giving us through these difficult times. With us working together, we can ensure that we keep our children as safe as possible in an environment that is constantly evolving.

Ngā mihi nui, Joe Ferdinands

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YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME

The Young Enterprise Scheme Regional Finals were held in Dunedin this week and Maniototo Area School have so much to be proud of!

To have 3 teams in the top 10 is a truly outstanding achievement.

All 3 of these teams finished in the top 5 finalists for people's choice.

Zona received the regional award for innovation - for what was considered the most original product.

Reef received the regional award for culture - they don't give it out every year but they felt she was the most genuine cultural business they had seen in ages and wanted to present it.

Our girls impressed everyone with how they spoke, their ideas, and the way they carried themselves - they are very impressive young women. They say it takes a village and this 'village' is responsible for that, so a big thank you to everyone that helped, thanks for giving the girls time to practice, helping them with speeches and ideas and ultimately helping them become wonderful people that others see too.

A huge thanks must go to their Business Studies teacher Nikki Meyer, as her enthusiasm, passion and commitment is the driving force behind the success of our students. Nikki goes above and beyond for our school every single day! We are very lucky.



TERM 3 PRIDE AWARDS



Participation. These students were acknowledged for showing exceptional P.R.I.D.E. values.

Even through the challenge of lockdown these students were enthusiastic and diligent, they work diligently to meet assessment deadlines.

Congratulations Abby, Bede, Sam, Caitlin, Peyton, Sophie, Nate, Vanessa, Molly-Jo, Bradley, Cassidy, Tayla & Michaela.

SPORTING ACCOLADE

Zoe Harman not only picked up a third gold medal at the recent SISS curling championships but Zoe was also recipient of the Spirit of Curling Award.

Zoe's sporting achievements have been recognised further by receiving a Lincoln University Elite Sports Scholarship.

The programme combines study with the extension and development of athletic and sporting abilities. This scholarship was introduced for athletes competing at National level in their chosen sport.

Congratulations Zoe!



ENVIROSCHOOLS

This week we welcomed Anna from Enviroschools and Jo from the Cromwell Polytechnic Horticulture department to teach us how to propagate Kowhai and Harakeke flax seeds. Our goal is to grow these seedlings to around 30cm high and then contribute these to the Tiaki Maniototo Project and replant native flora along the Taieri River as part of a riparian planting scheme. The students learnt a lot about propagation and we look forward to eventually planting these seedlings out to help this local project.



CURLING

Maniototo Area School Curling Teams had a fantastic weekend in Naseby competing in the South Island Secondary Schools' Curling competition.

The Senior Girls' team of Anna Stuart, Zoe Harman, Reef Becker and Olivia Russell took out the Gold Medal undefeated. They are curling again this weekend in the NZ U21 tournament in Naseby.



Zoe Harman was named as the girl's recipient of The Spirit of Curling, voted by her peers.

The Junior Girls' Team of Mahaliya Pike, Aaliyah Watson, Lucia Russell and Emma Kinney gained a lot of experience playing against teams from Dunedin schools.



The only boys' team of Case Macdonald, Zachary McKenzie, Bradley Shaw and Troy Elliott played in a tough competition against Dunedin and Wanaka teams.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Zoe Harman entered the Physics Department of Otago Universities' "Capture Science 2021" Science Photography Competition - Order and Chaos category.

Zoe took out the Peoples Choice award with an image of the Idaburn Dam in Maniototo. Her image is now displayed at the Otago Museum and she received a prezzy card and certificate.



TIAKI MANIOTOTO LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Logo competition placegetters got presented with their certificates and Farmlands gift cards by Janine Smith.

(Absent from photo is Esme Hore)

BEE AWARE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Teyah Al Niaami who was one of the winners in the Bee Aware Month Kids' Art Competition.

She won all the prizes pictured plus a five finger tree courtesy of Awapuni Nurseries for the school.

She painted her clever picture with watercolours and black ink.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

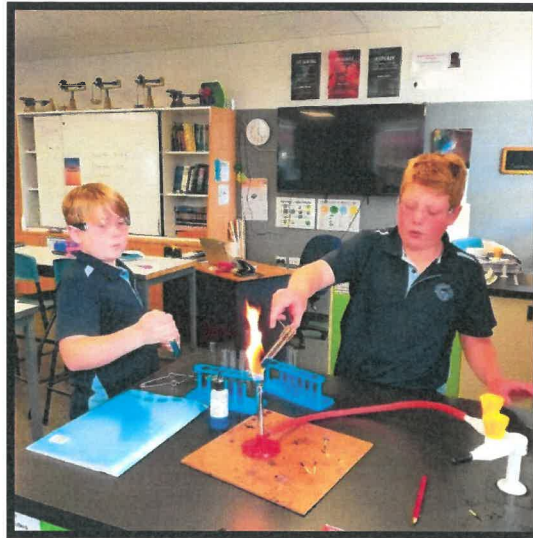


Thank you Denise for the amazing job you have done pruning our roses again this year!

You're a super star!

TECHNOLOGY ROTATION—SCIENCE

Year 7 and 8 Science rotation investigating the presence of glucose in mystery substances and finishing off the lesson by making some deliciously sour sherbet.



MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL PTA

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle \$2 per ticket

Can each family please provide grocery items for the hamper, these can be given to your classroom teacher.

Raffle cards will go home soon. Please sell as many tickets as you can and then return to your class teacher the following day so it can be given to the next student.

Raffle closes on 26th November 2021.

Winners will be announced at the end of year prize giving.

Proceeds going to support various activities at school. Thank you for your support.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Billy Laing Swim Coaching
27th-31st December

Ranfurly Swimming Pool

School Age Children

Registrations will be taken from November.

Please contact Belinda 021 384 416 to enrol.



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WRITING IN TE REO MĀORI

In Te Reo Māori classes we write simple words and sentences in Te Reo. This year, Year 7 and 8 have learned about Ngā Kararehe (animals) and Kai (Food). They were learning simple everyday words, how to read write and speak simple questions and answers. Here are some examples of writing in Year 7 and 8 Te Reo classes and some kupu (words).

He aha te kai tino reka ki a koe?
What is your favourite food? He Sushi te kai tino reka

Teno tino Te rika
This food is very good I want more

He aha tēnei? He Pata tēna.
by me
He aha tēna? He Mitī tēnei.
by you
He aha tēra? He heihei tēra
over there

He Kararehe
E hia ngā tia?
How many deer?
Rua tekau ma waru ngā tia.
There are 28 deer.

E hia? How Many?

He aha? What is..

Ko Wai? What is (or Who is)?

He aha tino reka ki a koe? What is your favourite food

He aha tēnei? What is this (near me)

āporo	apple
ārani	orange
hanawiti	sandwich
heihei	chicken
hēki	egg
huarākau	fruit
huka	sugar
tiakarete	chocolate
kāpiti	cabbage
kareti	carrot
kawhe/kawhi	coffee
Keke	Cake
paramu	plum
parāoa	bread
pata	butter
pata pīnati	peanut butter
pata kai	cereal
paukena	pumpkin

E hia ngā Tia?
How many Deer?
E toru ngā Tia.
There are 3 Deer.
E hia ngā ika?
How many fish?
E whā ngā ika.
There are 4 fish.
Ka pai tō mahi





JACK 'n' JILL
PORTRAITS

ANNUAL CLASS PHOTOS

CLASS, INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS



Jack 'n' Jill Portraits will be here on:

Maniototo Area School

Tuesday, 02 November, 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



Multi-Sheet 8x10" Portrait Class Photo Digital Images



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\$15



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FUTURES GOLF COACHING

12 November 2021
Maniototo Golf Club



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