

# Maniototo Area School

## NEWSLETTER: 12 November 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

The conclusion of this term is going to look rather different to other years. Much of it is due to circumstances beyond our control. But your understanding and support help in such a big way.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

Against all odds, we were able to hold our own Junior School Athletics. This was entirely due to the huge effort put in on the part of Lucia Dowling and the teachers of the junior school. Our volunteers for the day played an equally important role in the success of the event. A great big thanks to all.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES THIS TERM:

Needless to say, as has been mentioned earlier, a lot of the class trips and camps have had to be cancelled or re-planned in order to keep with the restrictions that we find ourselves in. This includes the Prizegiving Ceremony which now will be only for staff and students during class time on 14 November. The teachers will keep you informed about other rescheduled class trips that will be taking place.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

The last day of school for all students remains as before - Wednesday 15 December (1:00 pm). The 2022 school year begins on Tuesday 1st February for all students.

### STUDENT VACCINATION RECORDS:

Thank you to those who have been provided the school office with your child's vaccination records. At this point in time, this applies to 12 yr olds and above.

### NCEA EXAMS:

Our senior students of Year 11, 12, and 13 will begin their final external exams from Monday 22 November 2021 and run through to Monday 13 December 2021. We wish them every success. The NCEA students do not have to be present in school once the exams begin but are welcome to come in to study and prepare for whichever exam is next. The NCEA teachers will be on hand to offer any assistance they may need.

With all the restrictions and changes that we keep having to contend with, let us remember that our main focus is keeping our tamariki safe.

Ngā mihi nui,

Joe Ferdinands  
*Principal*



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## COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Where class has been studying past and present communication technology. Mrs Lithgow went to Wastebusters to collect some items of interest. The class were able to use Mr Lind's tools to pull apart the technology so that they could look inside them to see how they are made and how they work.

Luckily there were no hammers involved and the children were encouraged not to try this at home!



## FLOWER DISSECTION

The Year 9 and 10 Science class have been studying plants.

Recently they were able to successfully dissect the flower to find the male and female reproductive parts.



Using the microscope they were able to look at the ovary of the flower and dissect out the eggs (ovules).

## MUSHROOM FARM VISIT

The year 9 and 10 Science class went on a Science field trip to Moa Creek Mushroom farm. They were able to see the process from cleaning the straw, introducing the spores, the pinning stage through to the growth of the mature oyster mushrooms.

The classes learnt about the ultimate conditions required to produce high quality restaurant mushrooms.

On their way home the students were treated to ice blocks from the Oturehua Store, tennis, cricket, rugby fun and swings at the Oturehua Domain.

They all had a great day out.



## MAS Athletics - Results 2021

	First	Second	Third
<b>U 8 boys</b>	Sam Hore = 19 Bede Paterson = 19	-----	Charlie Norman =17
<b>U8 girls</b>	Thalia Hepi = 23	Sophie McAtamney = 19	Skylah Baddock = 12
<b>U9 boys</b>	Tyrell Hore = 22	Brodie McAtamney = 15	James Meehan =12
<b>U9 girls</b>	Tayla Smith = 21	Nikita Wilson = 16	Aubree Mulholland=12
<b>U10 boys</b>	Tiaan Pieterse = 22	Andrew Becker=15	Spike Hayvice=14
<b>U10 girls</b>	Laura Paterson=20	Vanessa Kinney = 19	Isla Drake = 10
<b>U11 boys</b>	Jonty Russell=28	Jake McMillan=20	Nheero Del Mundo 13
<b>U11 girls</b>	Marley Hore =23	Sophie Meehan = 15	Mahalia Tapatu=14
<b>U12 boys</b>	Thomas Helm=25	Callum McSkimming=19	Rhys Wilson=13
<b>U12 girls</b>	Amelia Smith=28	Grace Paterson=20	Susan Hawthorne=12
<b>U13 boys</b>	Charlie Falconer = 21	Angus McDiarmid =19	Nate Spooner=17
<b>U13 girls</b>	Ruby Hore=28	Alexie Mackenzie=19	Gina Andrews = 13
<b>13 yr boys</b>	Ethan McSkimming=28	Charlie Hore = 19	Jack Kiri Kiri = 15
<b>13 yr girls</b>	Isabelle Helm=27	Lucia Russell=20	Nicola Kinney=12

While there were no official records at the MAS sports we would like to make special mention of Ethan McSkimming who unofficially broke two records, the 13 year old sprint record set in 1975 by Shane Scott and the 13 year old High Jump record set by Blake Ponton in 2006.

What a fantastic achievement Ethan - congratulations!

We are super proud of you.



## MANA POUNAMU

*Mana Pounamu celebrates the achievements of rakatahi Māori (Maori youth) in Secondary Schools across Otago, He tāōka, he koha, he kuru pounamu . Along with recognising achievement and leadership, the awards are designed to help rakatahi participate in tertiary study in their future.*

*Maniototo Area School is very proud to have two recipients for Mana Pounamu this year. Harmony Devitt (Tuakana Award) and Hope Devitt (Tēina Award).*

***Hope Devitt is Maniototo Area Schools Tēina recipient.***

Hope's leadership qualities are portrayed as a house leader and she demonstrates manaakitanga in the way she can relate to a wide age range of children and adults. Hope displays our school P.R.I.D.E values daily and demonstrates atawhai, being a great role model to younger students. Hope is an enthusiastic and competent sportsperson who participates in a wide range of sports. She has had success as a previous Central Otago Hockey Representative, co-captaining our school Hockey and Volleyball teams along with being selected for the South of the South Area Schools Team.



***Harmony Devitt is Maniototo Area Schools Tuakana recipient.***

Harmony demonstrates manaakitanga and atawhai. Harmony cares for, relates to, and is respectful towards students, and adults. This is evident through her many leadership roles; appointment as our Board of Trustees Representative, Kapa Haka Kaea, Cultural Captain, and House Captain.

Harmony is a competent and capable sportswoman. She participates in sporting opportunities available at Maniototo. Harmony has been selected for the South of the South Area School Tournament Team since Year 9.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Our Duke of Edinburgh students (Erylle del Mundo, Abby Ferdinands, Kassidy Pont, Reef Becker, Olivia Russell & Emma Kinney) have been busy this year working towards their Bronze Award.

These students have almost completed this award and have learnt many new skills, pushed themselves within a physical activity goal and volunteered hours within our local community.

Some of these volunteer hours include working at the Burn radio station, coaching junior netball and hockey, volunteering hours at the curling rink and helping with the elderly at the Maniototo Hospital.

We commend these students and the effort that they have put in this year towards this well respected award.



*The NZ Mountain Film Festival has been held every year in Wanaka, since 2002. It showcases all the cutting edge of mountain adventure, culture and environments. Federated Mountain Clubs sponsors the festival, which has allowed a selection of each years films to be available to school students for free.*

I enjoyed watching this series of films. It amazed me looking at the distance that people do and pursue their hobbies. It was really cool to see other people enjoying what they do and going out into the wilderness. While watching these films I was wondering how everyone has different passions. It was interesting to see the climate change and how it has affected the ability to ski as much and how often they can go and ski. It also showed me that in a couple years there may not be enough snow because of global warming and our planet changing. **Isabella de Haas**

This was a good film to widen our horizon in sports and make us aware of other outdoor activities such as Rock Climbing and Skiing. We were able to see what those activities involve and how we could do them. We also find out how we need to sustain the environment and how climate change is affecting those activities. It was a very interesting video to watch and I liked it a lot. **Abby Ferdinands**

It was very interesting about the snow deeps and thicknesses and when the last snow fall way and how much snow has not been over the past 30 years. Some things I found out was that one of the strongest rock climbers are French. Another thing I found out was that there is snow in Australia. **Case MacDonald**

It was a good opportunity to see what outdoor experiences are out there, like backcountry skiing and rock climbing. I didn't have much of an idea that these experiences were available before watching these videos. The videos were a good way to see what experiences are available around the world. It raised some awareness about climate change and how we won't have what we have today in years. The filming was very well done. **Olivia Russell**

It was a good experience to virtually see what they do on outback skiing and rock climbing that's not artificial and the risk involved with what they do. The video was very inspiring and maybe one day i might take up outback country skiing but rock climbing is a bit to much for me. But overall the film was so fun to watch and it was a very well done film and i hope it inspires others. **Bailey Shepherd**

I really enjoyed watching these films as it showed the different changes in our world. Seeing the massive difference in snowfall is a little worrying as we need snow for farming and for skiing and having fun. It made me want to go do these fun things before the snow melts completely. Watching people climb up one of the tallest hardest climbing cliffs in the world made me think how much strength you need and the ability to keep on trying was very impressive. **Bradley Shaw**

The mountain festival movie was a really good opportunity to see what is out there in the world that doesn't really get spoken about in the world. I liked how it showed us about the places you can go to ski, snowboard, and rock climbing. It showed us about all the different ways that people view doing these types of these things and how much it means to different people. It also showed us how global warming is really affecting our worlds and destroying our natural environments that have been there for years and years.

It showed how much it meant to the different cultures and also showed how different it is to New Zealand and our environment and views. It was showing us all the beautiful views too :) **Aaliyah Watson**

## THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to the PTA for funding the purchase of sunscreen for the whole school to keep us sun safe.



## CLEAN UP RANFURLY



## 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

Ranfurlly Swimming Pool

School Age Children

Registrations will be taken from November.

Please contact Belinda 021 384 416 to enrol.



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# Vaping in New Zealand youth survey findings

- With over 19,000 respondents this survey is one of the largest youth vaping surveys conducted worldwide.
- 27% of those surveyed reported vaping and 15% reported smoking traditional cigarettes in the past week.
- 75% of those vaping, or 20% of total respondents, are vaping daily or several times a day, and the majority are vaping with high nicotine doses.
- Over half of those vaping reported that they were vaping more frequently and at higher nicotine doses compared to last year.
- 86% of students who were vaping more than once a day reported that they were addicted to vaping and 57% felt that it was having an adverse effect on their health.
- The most common source of supply for students was from dairies.

## What needs to change?

### WE RECOMMEND:

1. Regulations be introduced to limit the content of nicotine available in ENDS/vaping products sold in New Zealand to a maximum of 20mg (2%).
2. Raise the legal age to purchase ENDS/vape products to 21 years.
3. Ban in-front-of-store window advertising and product display by retailers.
4. Prevent the sale of vaping products within a one kilometre radius of any school by retailers.
5. Emphasis must be placed on Aotearoa educational campaigns aimed at youth, and focused on the health harms that vaping can cause.
6. Further surveys are required to investigate the impact of the new regulations introduced under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990.

“This survey shows a marked increase in vaping rates when compared with data collected two years ago. It’s clear that many young people are picking up high-nicotine vapes without ever having smoked a cigarette, and swiftly becoming addicted to nicotine.”

**LETITIA HARDING**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

“While vaping is often perceived as harmless by young people, there is increasing evidence showing significant health risks. Vaping with nicotine is consistently associated with depression, ADHD and conduct disorders in adolescents, and nicotine exposure has been shown to impact learning and memory.”

**PROFESSOR PHILIP PATTEMORE**

PAEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY PHYSICIAN

# DRIVE SMOKEFREE

— FOR TAMARIKI —

**From November 28th, it will be  
illegal to smoke/vape in cars with  
people under 18 present**



Drive smokefree for Tamariki

