
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are now into our fourth week of school. While a number of restrictions have been enforced upon all of us, teaching and learning have continued quite smoothly. This is not to say that things may not change at any moment. With your support though, we are sure we will be able to adapt to whatever situation that may arise. Our aim is to continue to keep the school open as far as is safe and possible to do so.

Restriction of entry to school premises: Please note that in order to keep all of our students and staff safe, we request that parents and caregivers of all classes drop off and pick up your children at the gate. If there is a very important reason to come on to the school premises, please report to the school office first. It is important to scan the QR code whenever entering the school premises.

Masks to be worn: Parents and caregivers are requested to wear masks if entering the school premises. Students of Yr. 4 and above, as well as staff, are already wearing masks. While students may wear cloth masks, the best protection comes from medical grade ones like the blue surgical masks that are available in supermarkets. These can be washed and reused. Please remind your children to ensure they wear their masks in the correct manner.

Additional breaks in the day: The students are given a break at the end of every period during the day. This enables them to go out into the open and take a break from having to wear their masks.

Sickness and Absences: If your child is sick or if any member of the family is sick, please keep your child at home. Please contact Healthline or the Medical Centre before your child returns to school.

Well-ventilated classrooms: In order to have good ventilation in classrooms, doors and windows are kept open to the extent that weather permits. The Ministry has provided the school with a CO2 monitor to check levels in classrooms. This monitor is being circulated among the classes.

If a positive case is identified: Should there be a positive case identified in your household, please inform the school immediately. The school will then begin a contact tracing register. The school will inform you if your child has been identified as a close contact.

Students in isolation: If your child is required to isolate due to being considered a close contact, the teachers will send work home or in many cases, provide work online.

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Hybrid teaching/learning: There may come a time when a number of children in a particular class may need to isolate. In this instance, the teacher will send work home or provide work online and make contact with those students through zoom or google classrooms for 15 minutes each day.

Rostering System: Should a number of teachers be required to isolate, then a rostering system would need to be implemented. This system would require certain classes to attend school every alternate day. More details will be provided if we need to use this system.

Whole-school remote/online teaching: Should a large number of students and teachers be affected either as positive cases or close contacts, then we will revert to remote/online teaching as we have done in the past. Students in junior school will be allowed to take their school devices home in this instance.

School Transport: There is a possibility that school bus runs will be disrupted with drivers having to isolate. Please be aware of this possibility and make your own alternative plans. The Ministry is offering a Conveyance Allowance to support those eligible students whose school transport service has been cancelled for five days or more.

While all this may seem like 'information-overload', please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed. With your assistance and support, we shall keep all students and staff safe. Let us all stay well and look after each other.

Nga mihi nui,

Joe Ferdinands
Principal



Please ensure you are encouraging your children to have good road safety especially when coming to and from school. We want to keep everybody safe!

When picking up or dropping off your children:

- *Ensure your children get in and out on the footpath side of the car.
 - *Park safely, away from yellow lines, intersections and driveways.
 - *Drive slowly outside schools and be prepared for surprises.
 - *Never double park outside a school.
 - *Always use the pedestrian crossing.
 - *Walk to the school gate with your children in the mornings.
 - *After school, walk to the school gate to meet your children and walk them to the car.
 - *Take extra care on wet days.
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2022 Head Students

Congratulations to 2022 Head Students -
Harmony Devitt & Tayla Munro



2022 House Leaders

Danseys

Emma Kinney & Jeremy Dumapis

Garibaldi

Jasmine Balloch & Hope Devitt

Hamiltons

Charlotte Gregan & Erylle Del Mundo

Serpentine

Reef Becker & Kassidy Pont

2022 Prefects

Watch this space..prefects will be announced soon

NCEA Level 1 Merit



Congratulations to our NCEA teachers and their students for the great results achieved in 2021. Every student in both Level 2 and Level 3 achieved NCEA.

We are so proud that the students (above) all passed NCEA Level 1 with an overall Merit Endorsement.

Well done!



Level 2 Merit

Lot's of hard work paid off for Charlotte and Tayla who both gained NCEA Level 2 with an overall Merit endorsement. Top effort girls!



Level 3 Merit

Congratulations to Anna Stuart who passed NCEA Level 3 with an overall Merit endorsement.

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NCEA Physical Education

Mr Nakamura is providing an exciting EOTC programme for the NCEA students again this year.

Activities for the first term include surfing, abseiling, rock climbing and biking.

Surfing in Dunedin was an awesome experience - especially since many of us have grown up so far from the ocean! We were very fortunate to get a whole afternoon to learn how to surf. It was such a beautiful, sunny day at St Clair.

We were taught how to balance and get up on the surf board. Everyone was giving it a good go and ended up having a great time. There was lots of laughter and enjoyment.

Thank you to the instructors who took their time to teach us and also thank you to Mr Nakamura for taking us to Dunedin and also helping us with the surfing and getting us back in time for a good sleep.

Kass Pont



Rebuild



Secondary students are looking forward to moving into the new secondary block for classes



The old admin block was demolished over the holidays and work has begun for the new admin block to be built on the same site.
(The office is temporarily located in the new technical block)



We are eagerly awaiting moving into the secondary block before the end of term

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Junior School Play

Pupils in the junior school are enjoying some cool new line markings that have been painted on the courts.

A big thank you to Sport Otago for the grant to pay for this project, and Line Marking Specialists for doing it.

Thanks to Mrs Sarah Paterson for organising it.



WANTED Old sacks for kindling

The Technology Workshop is overflowing with off-cuts and needs your old sacks to put them into for kindling to sell for winter.

CLEAN Tux biscuit bags, grain, pellet & feed sacks would be perfect.

Technology

Science experiments



Making scones



Recycled plastic earrings and fobs

On Wednesdays the Year 7 & 8 students take part in their Technology rotations when they are joined by pupils from St John's school. This year they will take part in Food Tech, Hard Materials and Science.

One of the advantages of an area school is having specialist teachers for a range of subjects.



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PTA News

Unfortunately due to COVID red light restrictions our major annual fundraiser, catering for the cavalcade was cancelled for 2022. Obviously this is a huge financial loss for our PTA, however completely out of our control.

Your PTA will look at doing some extra fundraising throughout the year to keep our funds healthy.
Date to be confirmed for the next PTA meeting.

Jenna Huddleston - President

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

The PTA has a limited amount of split dry firewood for sale. \$80 per cubic metre.
Please contact Jenna Huddleston for more details
0275379740

Enviro Club

Maniototo Area School students from year 1-13 have pulled together this year to form our first "Enviro Club" run through the support of Enviroschools Central Otago.

Our first meeting was mostly ideas sharing, and some very impressive ideas were then set into goals.

We also did some propagation of some local eco sourced Kowhai seedlings which we aim to contribute towards our communities Tiaki Maniototo riparian planting program.

Watch this space as we start to meet up more regularly and get out and about within our school and community to make a positive difference.



Upcoming Events

21-25 February - Primary Swim Week

25-26 Feb - Duke of Ed. Adventurous Journey

28 February - Maniototo Secondary Athletics

2 March - Board of Trustees Meeting

7 March - Senior Swimming Sports

8 March - Junior Swimming Sports

10 March - YES Kickstart Day

21 March - Otago Anniversary Day

Junior Fishing Competition

Junior anglers in Central Otago are encouraged to get out fishing for a chance to win one of three fishing rod and reel sets.

Otago Fish & Game has recently liberated 200 rainbow trout into Butchers Dam, near Alexandra, for a junior fishing competition.

Three of these rainbows are marked with an orange tag in the dorsal fin. If a junior angler catches a tagged fish, send Otago Fish & Game a photo of the fish with the tag still attached to win a rod and reel.

The competition is open to all licensed anglers aged 17 years and under and will run until all 3 of the tagged fish have been caught.

These rainbows are in excellent condition. The fish are 2 years old and were raised in the Macraes trout hatchery.

Photos of the tagged fish should be emailed to pvanlink@fishandgame.org.nz or bsowry@fishandgame.org.nz.

Please include the anglers' name and phone number.

The prizes, donated by Mike Teasdale Motors, can be collected from the Otago Fish & Game office in Cromwell.

Karate Club

The Ranfurly Karate Club are seeking more junior members for their club.

Mondays 6pm-7.30pm at the Arts Centre
\$1 per week. All welcome.

If you are interested in joining or finding out more:
Contact: Tony Clarke
03 444 9216
