
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

March 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we reach Week 7 of Term 1, there's no denying that we are truly taking things one day at a time, whether it's in our homes or in our workplaces. It's good to see that there's no panic even though at times there is a wee bit of stress. But we are taking things in our stride here at school. We shall continue to keep you in the loop as and when the landscape changes.

Rostering System:

I would like to remind you again about the possibility of having to switch to the Rostering System at very short notice. More information will be provided when we do have to use this. If we find we do not have the requisite number of staff to continue the teaching/learning process for our children, we would need to roster the classes. Our aim is to ensure that your children have face to face teaching/learning opportunities at least every alternate day if the need arises. If the situation becomes untenable due to a high percentage of absences, we will move to a whole-school remote/online learning setup as we did during past lockdowns.

Sickness & Absences:

Thank you for taking care not to send your child to school when they have been sick. Our attendance rate is quite good so far when compared to a number of other schools. We aim to keep school open for our students as best we can. And your care is helping us do this.

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The new Senior Block:

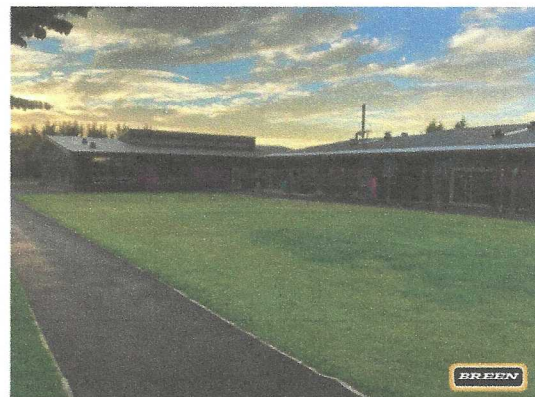
What should have been the first item on the page has been relegated to point 3. Our senior students (Yr. 9 to 13) are now well established in the new Senior Block and loving it. There's more space, there's more light, there's more comfort with the heat pumps. Hopefully, there's more learning too. We wish to acknowledge Breen Construction and the team for working hard to hand over the Senior Block well ahead of schedule. Due to the current pandemic situation, we were unable to have a formal opening of the Senior Block. We look forward to inviting all of you and the community to the opening of the new Junior & Admin Block when it is completed early next year.

School Bus Routes:

The Ministry of Education Regional Transport Advisor visited the school last week. He has advised us that all bus routes will be reviewed some time next term hopefully and that it could lead to some changes. He will do this in consultation with parents and the school. While the school will again point out issues being faced by parents over the years, the final decision rests with the Ministry. The previous Regional Transport Advisor left his position last month. So all correspondence the school has had with the previous Advisor regarding parent concerns last year and this year will now be handed over to the new Advisor when he comes next term.

Thank you, once again, for your support and your understanding, especially when sudden decisions have to be made in order to keep our tamariki safe and in good health.

Kind regards, Joe Ferdinands (Principal)



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2022 Prefects



- Kassidy Pont
- Jasmine Balloch
- Hope Devitt
- Reef Becker
- Emma Kinney
- Charlotte Gregan
- Erylle Del Mundo

Adam Hall Fan Club



Whoer class joined the Official Paralympics Supporters Club and sent a message of support to Paralympian Adam Hall. While keen to follow all the athletes, they had a special interest in following Adam's progress as he is Levi's uncle! Adam won 2 bronze medals at the Beijing Games. How cool is that!

Thank You

Recently the senior Workshop Technology class received a mysterious box in the post. Upon opening it we were surprised and delighted to find a Makita drill and impact driver set and a message thanking the school, teacher and the students for their hard work and participation in BCITO projects. Technology teacher Mr Lind and the students of Maniototo Area School Workshop Technology would like to send a huge thanks to BCITO for this very generous gift and I looking forward to using these new tools in this years projects.



Netball

All players interested in playing netball in 2022 need to complete a registration form and return it to Mrs Gemma Hore by Monday 22nd March.

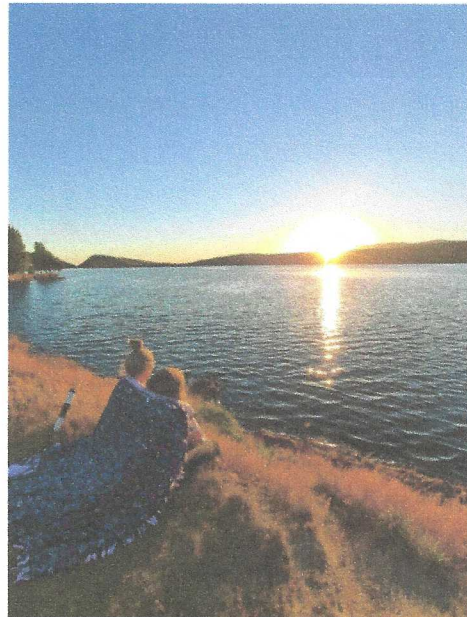
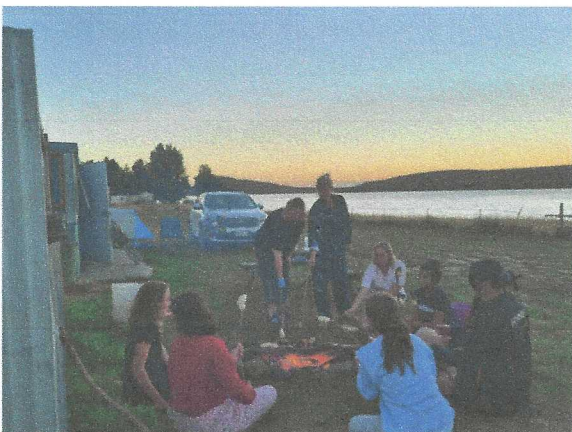
If you need a registration form then please contact Mrs Hore or the school office

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Duke of Edinburgh: Adventurous Journey

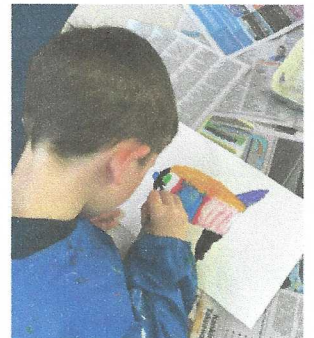
On Friday the 25th of February, the Duke of Edinburgh group went to Falls Dam for an overnight stay. This included a group of 8 students and 2 teachers. The Duke of Edinburgh award consists of collecting sports/recreation, skill and voluntary hours over the time of one year. On top of this you are required to plan a one night camp. This was for our Bronze awards, before we can move on to the next level. This year we chose our location to be Falls Dam. We did a number of activities including pitching tents, swimming in the lake, cooking on the BBQ gas top and walking around the waterfront and DOC area. One thing I enjoyed on this trip was being student run and having this form of responsibility. A big thank you to Mrs Michelle Dowling and Mrs Kate Dowling for taking us on this trip. If it wasn't for you we wouldn't have had this great experience.

By Emma Kinney (on behalf of the Duke of Ed team)



Fun at Art

The junior classes have been painting fish for a giant mural with Mrs Graham



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JUNIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Year 4

Girls: 1st Thalia Hepi, 2nd Evelyn Hagen, 3rd Nikita Wilson

Boys: 1st= Sam Hore & Ben Davis, 3rd Charlie Norman

Year 5

Girls: 1st Laura Paterson, 2nd Tayla Smith, 3rd Bonnie Spooner

Boys: 1st James Meehan, 2nd Hugo Paterson, 3rd= Marshall Newth-MacDonald & Liam Hamilton

Year 6

Girls: 1st Maddy Lowe, 2nd Jayda Deverill, 3rd Ariaah Spooner

Boys: 1st Andrew Becker, 2nd Noah Spooner, 3rd Nheero Del Mundo



SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Under 12 Years

Girls: 1st Marley Hore, 2nd Indianna Hepi, 3rd= Sophie Meehan & Maisie Hore

Boys: 1st Rhys Wilson, 2nd= Nathan Paterson & Callum McSkimming

Under 13 Years

Girls: 1st= Amelia Smith & Grace Paterson, 3rd Abby Wilson

Boys: 1st Kane Huddleston, 2nd Thomas Helm, 3rd Nate Spooner

13-14 Years

Girls: 1st Grace Farquhar, 2nd= Stevie Woodham & Nicola Kinney

Boys: 1st Jake Smith

15-18 Years

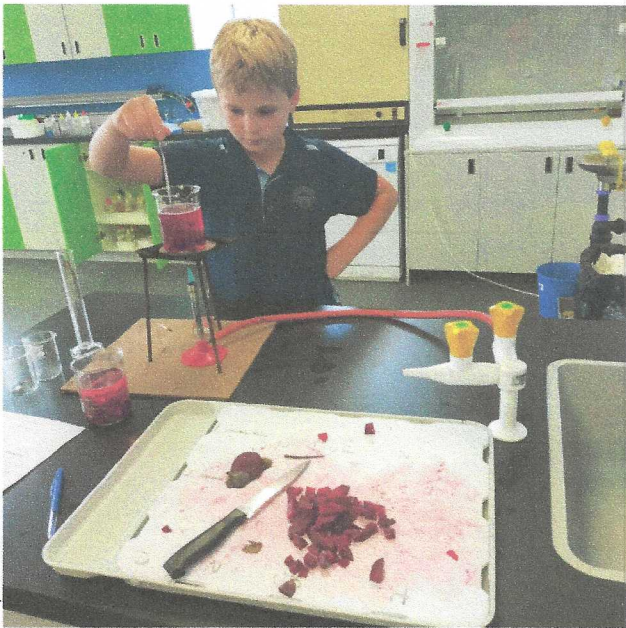
Girls: 1st Emma Kinney, 2nd Kass Pont, 3rd Reef Becker

Boys: 1st Jeremy Dumapis, 2nd Jayson Dumapis, 3rd Bradley Shaw

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Science Experiments

The Year 7&8 class are studying an Introduction to acids and bases and using and making indicator.



After School Art Classes

Rowena Kinney is offering after-school art classes for primary aged children.

The class will take place on a Friday afternoon, at the Kid's Club room behind the Presbyterian Church.

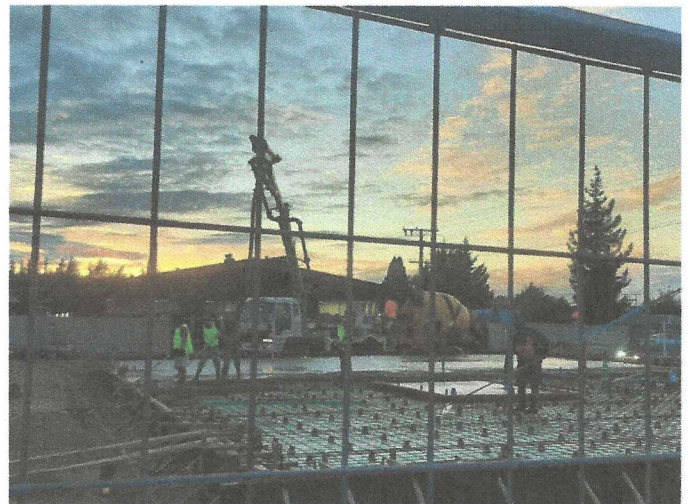
The format will be a 1.5 hour art session with a low-key Christian message.

This is free of charge and afternoon tea will be provided. Places are limited.

Contact Rowena on 027 259 2320 for enrolments or for more information.



A big thanks to the Rotary Club for providing our Year 1 students with ABC Rhyming Alphabet packs as well as Usborne Dictionaries for the Year 4 students. This is something the Rotary do for us every year which is a really wonderful gesture and very much appreciated by the students.



The concrete has been laid for the new admin block. It's really exciting to see the progress we're making on our rebuild - two blocks done, two to go!

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Kids After School Biking

Kila will be running after school biking with the help of the Maniototo Mountain Riders for school children in the Naseby Forest on Tuesday afternoons.

It is an opportunity for children to learn biking skills and explore tracks in the Naseby Forest. Thank you to Ernslaw 1.

When: Starting Tuesday 22nd March

Where: Meeting at the Naseby Swimming Dam

Time: 3:30pm

Who: School aged children with an adult
Each child must be accompanied by a bike riding adult.

What to bring: A bike and a helmet

For more information please contact Kila - 021 2699240

Upcoming Events

17 March - Teacher Only Day

21 March - Otago Anniversary Day

22-24 March - Year 13 Crab Camp

1 April - Year 12 Biology trip to Portobello

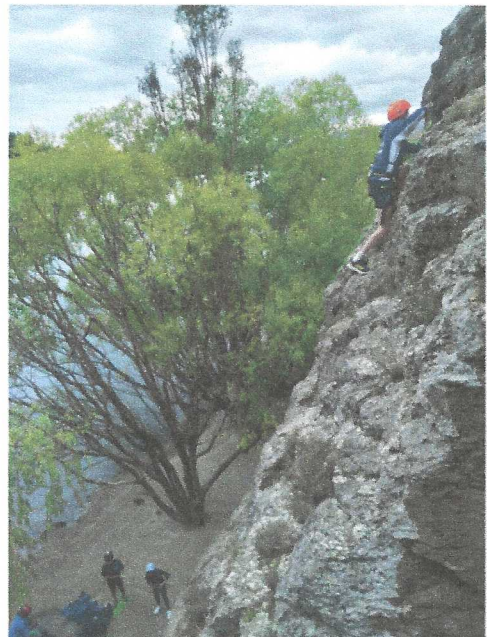
7/8/11 April - Life Education Trust visit

13 April - Board of Trustees meeting

14 April - Road Race & last day of term

Year 11/12 PE

Year 11 and 12 P.E students are continuing their outdoor adventures and this week they went to Bannockburn for climbing. They enjoyed themselves, learnt how to climb, and trust each other using a rope.



Fuel for Schools Programme with Southfuels

Thank you to those members of the community that have nominated Maniototo Area School as part of the Fuel for Schools Reward programme.

We are getting closer to our \$1000 target which means we can redeem it for technology, sports or literature packages on offer.

Can you help us out too?
<https://southfuels.co.nz/fuel-for-schools/>

Free Dental Care for Pupils

From year 9 your child can see a local dentist, and yes, it's still free up until their 18th birthday.

Give your local dentist a call today to book your child's yearly check-up.

Spirit of New Zealand

On the 7th of February I flew up to Auckland to go on Spirit of New Zealand. I spent the next ten days on a boat with 39 other strangers and 10 crew members.

Every morning at 6.30 we would start our day by jumping in the ocean. For the rest of the day we would learn how to sail or do activities and games to get to know each other better and to get out of our comfort zone. We traveled around part of the North Island.

On Day 0: we started by traveling out of Auckland to Motuihe Island for a night.

The next day (Day 1) we sailed to Ponui Island.

Day 2: we did a big sail from Ponui Island all the way up to Kawau Island.

Day 3: we stayed around Kawau Island and went to Tāwharanui Peninsula.

Day 4: we did a huge sail to Great Barrier Island.

At Great Barrier we went for a hike and had our first wash under a waterfall on Day 5. We stayed an extra couple of nights at Great Barrier Island as the weather predicted a Cyclone. We went to land to clean a beach of rubbish and did more fun activities.

Day 7: we sailed to the Coromandel and stayed there for a night.

Day 8: we traveled across to Waiheke Island for a night.

Day 9: the trainees took over the boat for a day, we got to choose what we did and the route we would take. On our way we stopped at Rakino Island for a swim and then kept sailing and stayed the night in between Motutapu and Motuihe Island, today we got our first shower of 9 days on board.

Day 10: we sailed back to Auckland for departure. It was very sad leaving everyone after you have become so close with them for the past ten days. It was a great experience and definitely the highlight of the year so far.

Reef Becker

