#### Newsletter

## Maniototo Area School

April 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the conclusion of Term 1, I want to thank everyone for their dedicated effort and determination that has been evident over these weeks. The resilience and positivity of our students and your understanding and support have really helped us navigate a difficult term. A great big thanks to our staff who have no doubt felt the pressure and stress of a difficult term but have always put the wellbeing of our students at the top of their list. And to you, dear parents, thank you for your understanding and support whenever we have had to change strategies and plans at short notice.

**Vaccinations**: It is heartening to see that in the Maniototo we have almost 65% of 5 - 11 year olds having had their first dose of the vaccination. For the age range of 12 years and above, over 95% have had their second dose. Well done to our school whanau, the Medical Centre and indeed to our whole Maniototo community.

**Positive cases in school**: Overall we have had about 16% of our students testing positive since 24th March to date. While absences have risen in the last five days, we thank all our parents and caregivers who have been careful and observant about their children's health. We hope that the upcoming term holidays will double as a sort of circuit breaker and that we return in Term 2 with fewer interruptions.

**Children crossing the road**: With the amount of construction work going on around the school these days, crossing the road can be a hazard for our students. Children of the

primary section are especially vulnerable. Please take great care to ensure that your children cross safely. Better still, please drop them off on the school side of the road to avoid them having to cross. The safest point is the marked pedestrian crossing.

**Term Break**: Our term break begins on Friday 15th April. All the very best for a bit of family time over the Easter break. And for our students and staff, may it be a time to rest, refresh and recharge so that we begin our Term 2 on Monday 2nd May, all ready to go.

Ngā mihi nui Joe Ferdinands

#### Winter Uniform

Term 2 marks the start of our winter uniform.

For a full list of uniform requirements and links on where to order, check out the information on our school website:

www.maniototo.school.nz/uniform

- Place your order with Uniform NZ by the 20th of each month for free delivery to the school
- Secondary girl's tartan skirts are available from a new supplier: NZ Uniforms
- Ties for secondary students are available from the school office for \$20
- For Year 9 and 10 boys who prefer to wear shorts in the winter we have a few pairs of grey school socks available at the office (2 pair for \$20)
- If you have 2nd hand uniform items that you are happy to donate to the school then please drop them at the office

To order merino jerseys or any other uniform enquiries please contact **Kelly Smith 0274 888 211** 



#### Thank You



Maniototo Hardware has kindly donated MAS Horticulture department the remainder of their summer seedling vegetables and herbs.

The students are excited to plant these out in our tunnel house this week

A huge thank you to Derek for his generosity and support.



Thank you to all the families that ordered their Back to School stationery from Officemax at the start of the year and contributed to the reward programme for our school.

### It's Out with the Old and In with the New

There has been plenty of activity at school over the past week with the Rebuild project.

The old Art Room and the Senior Learning Centre have now been demolished and the framework for the new Admin Block/Library is taking shape.

The Art Room was the original school library and the Senior Learning Centre received a makeover in recent times: it was in fact the oldest part of the school, built in 1939.

This week's activity has provided plenty of lunchtime entertainment for our students





The Senior Learning Centre demolition



Below: Admin Block progression





## Maniototo Area School Tawa Class & Junior Art Project

Pictures we have been creating in Tawa as part of our vocabulary building using picture books.

"The Witch in the Cherry Tree" where we were learning about the words 'perch' and 'furious'





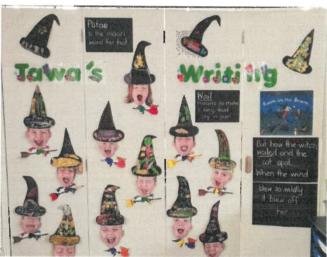






is from the 'Room on the Broom' book.

We were learning about the Maori word for hat and the word Wailing.





#### Year 12 Biology Trip

The Year 12 Biology class headed to Portobello on Friday 1st April to get some hands on science experience. Arriving into Dunedin harbour on a clear calm day the first task was to collect data from the foreshore during low tide on the distribution and abundance of rocky shore organisms. Many crabs, creepy flat worms and unusual animals were seen. This data will be used for the students Ecology internal.

In the afternoon the focus was studying animal form and function and dissecting squid and cancer crabs ( supplied through local fisheries by catch) to get a better understanding of the gas exchange and digestive systems.

Students explored the touch tanks and held giant sea stars and hermit crabs. They enjoyed observing seahorse and pipefish and investigating adaptations of other organisms.

We are very grateful as a school to have such a great professional relationship with the staff at the Otago Universities Marine Biology Laboratory, and we plan to keep coming back to offer our students these rich learning experiences.









#### Year 13 Biology

Charlotte Gregan has recently returned from Year 13 Biology camp aka " crab camp". This is an end of an era for Charlotte as she attended her 4th and last school trip to the Portobello Marine station run through the University of Otago. She has been very fortunate to be involved in many gifted and talented marine station scholarships and made many lifelong friendships, experiences and memories.

Thank you to those in the community who supported her by purchasing the cheese rolls and a thank you to those also who came along to help us make them.



11-13 April: Life Education Trust visit

13 April: Board of Trustees meeting

14 April : Road Race & last day of term

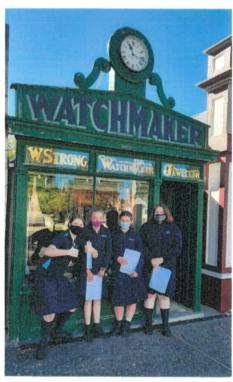
26 April - 1 May : Lions Leadership Course @ Borland Lodge

2 May: Term 2 starts

18-20 May : Area School Tournament (Twizel)

#### Year 9/10 Trip

Year 9 and 10 went to the Naseby museums as part of their learning about local history and early settlers. They are now ready to find their interest areas to delve deeper ...





# Jpcoming Events



## Learning with Harold

Pip & Harold are really excited to be visiting your school next week with our specially designed & built mobile classroom. Over the next few days the Students and Teachers will participate in specifically designed health based programmes (selected by the Teachers & created by Pip) to meet the needs of the school & local community.

If you would like to learn more about our programme please visit our website <a href="https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach">https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach</a>
We even have a special page just for kids (how cool is that!)
<a href="https://healthyharold.org.nz/kids">https://healthyharold.org.nz/kids</a>

Please ask your kids what they have been learning about during their visits, I'm sure they will have lots to share with you. They will also have received a 'Take Home Pack' filled with activities you can do together at home.

If you would like to check out the classroom for yourself (or even reminisce your own Harold memories) please contact either the school or email Pip at <a href="heartland@lifeed.org.nz">heartland@lifeed.org.nz</a> and we can organise a time to pop in either before or after school.



#### **Local School Child Season Pass**

Unlimited Cardrona and Treble Cone season pass for local primary and secondary school kids

Local Primary Child Seasons Pass

\$129

Local Secondary Child Seasons Pass

\$189

We have a brand new online and in person sales system. This year you will be able to purchase your Local School Child Season Pass online.

Please note that in order to buy a 2022 seasons pass you will need to make a new profile, even if you have visited us in previous seasons.

Once purchased, please pick up your pass at our Wanaka, Queenstown, Cardrona or Treble Cone offices

#### Click here to purchase online

**Or copy this link:** https://secure.cardrona-treblecone.com/s/local-school-child-season-pass

For information on our 2022 Snow Sports School local kids programmes, Ride Tribe, Academy, & HPC, please email lessons@cardrona-treblecone.com

For information about all Cardrona & Treble Cone 2022 Lift, Learn & Rental products can be found on our websites www.cardrona.com or www.treblecone.com or email info@cardrona-treblecone.com



# The New Zealand Defensive Driving Course Defensive Driving Course

CONFIDENCE | KNOWLEDGE | SAFETY

# Drive Safe and Drive Well WITH CONFIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

- > The New Zealand Defensive Driving Course takes just nine hours and instills a lifetime of safer driving strategies for any young driver.
- > This intensive interactive course includes both classroom theory and practical 'in-car' tuition.
- > You'll receive a full colour workbook, an interactive Practice CD-ROM to support each session and view relevant videos.
- > The course is run over four sessions of two hours duration with homework for presentation at the next session and a one hour practical in-car session.
- > If under 25 years of age whether you're on your learner or restricted licence, you can reduce the time it takes to get your full licence by six months when you complete an NZTA approved AA Defensive Driving Course.

Successful completion of the theory and practical components goes part way to completing Unit Standards 3464 and 3465. It also takes six months off the time required on a Restricted Licence.

> For information and bookings contact: KAYE ROWELL 027 623 3534

kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz www.lakesdrivingschool.nz



#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- > You must bring your licence with you at the commencement of the course
- > All sessions must be completed in order
- > Fees must be paid prior to course commencement
- > The in-car practical must be completed within 60 days of the final in-class session