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## Newsletter

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# Maniototo Area School

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	May 2022	
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we begin a new term, I wish to thank all of you for your backing and support of our mask mandate at present. Thank you for understanding how important it is to keep all our students and staff safe.

**Tournament:** This term our senior students will have the opportunity to compete in the South of the South Area Schools Tournament to be held in Twizel next week. Other schools involved are Roxburgh Area School, Twizel Area School, Lawrence Area School and Waiau Area School.

**NCEA Changes:** There are a few major changes coming to NCEA from 2023. To prepare for these changes, our NCEA teachers will be attending a professional development course in Roxburgh on Thursday 12 May. We will provide further information about these changes to NCEA in the coming months.

**Road Safety:** We want to remind everyone about the point mentioned in the last newsletter about students crossing the road to and from school. 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.

**Rostering & Online learning:** While we are currently doing quite well this term with attendance in spite of a few COVID interruptions but we never know what's around the corner. This means that we need to be prepared to move to rostering or online learning at short notice if required. Thank you for your understanding. Wearing of masks has definitely helped us to keep our number of positive cases low.

**Curriculum Focus for 2022:** This year our strategic aim is literacy and numeracy for our students, with specific focus on boys' literacy and numeracy.

**Curling Representation:** Our ex-students are still making their mark in International Curling. We are thrilled to wish our international reps, Will Becker and Sam Flanagan (along with Hunter Burke and Darcy Neville) who are the NZ Junior Men's Team going to Jönköping, Sweden, from 15–22 May 2022 to participate in the World Junior A competition. The countries participating include Canada, Germany, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland and United States.

Talking about ex-students, we have Warren Dobson who has just arrived back home from the World Mixed Doubles. It is exciting to see a small rural school punch well above its weight in various sports over the decades.

Do keep well and keep safe, especially with the winter season drawing closer.

Ngā mihi nui  
Joe Ferdinands

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## PRIDE Awards

Term 1 PRIDE Awards were for Participation.

Well done to all the recipients: Aria Parker, Isaac Munro, Esmé Hore, Aubree Mulholland, James Meehan, Aria Spooner, Katelyn Hughes, Kane Huddleston, Stevie Woodham, Grace Farquhar, Isabella de Haas, Jayson Dumapis and Charlotte Gregan



## Teacher Only Day for the Secondary School

Tomorrow (Thursday 12th May) the secondary school teachers will attend a PD in Roxburgh.

This means that students in Years 9-13 will study at home on this day.

School is open as normal for students in Years 1-8.

## ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day was observed with a special assembly. Several classes were involved in sharing information about ANZAC Day. Food Tech students learnt how to make ANZAC biscuits.



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## Road Race Results 2022

### Year 1

Girls: 1st Aria Parker  
Boys: 1st Hemi Huddleston, 2nd Hudson  
Crutchley, 3rd Kahu Houpapa

### Year 2

Girls: 1st Abbie Graham  
Boys: 1st Liam Wilson, 2nd Sam Clouston,  
3rd Reuben Hagen

### Year 3

Girls: 1st Esmé Hore, 2nd Sophie McAtamney,  
3rd Rose-May Poihakena-Jackson  
Boys: 1st Oscar McAtamney, 2nd Walter Crutchley,  
3rd Levi Harley

### Year 4

Girls: 1st Thalia Hepi, 2nd= Nikita Wilson & Evelyn  
Hagen, 3rd Aubree Mulholland

### Year 5

Girls: 1st Vanessa Kinney, 2nd Tayla Smith,  
3rd Isla Drake  
Boys: 1st Tyrell Hore, 2nd Brodie McAtamney,  
3rd Liam Hamilton

### Year 6

Girls: 1st Aria Spooner, 2nd A'asha Cairns-  
Whitcombe, 3rd Peyton Baddock  
Boys: 1st Noah Spooner

### Year 7

Girls: 1st Alexis Jones, 2nd Marley Hore,  
3rd= Mahalia Tapatu & Indianna Hepi  
Boys: 1st Zaviah Spooner, 2nd Rhys Wilson,  
3rd Max Gregan

### Year 8

Girls: 1st Amelia Smith, 2nd Charlie Owens,  
3rd Abby Wilson  
Boys: 1st Thomas Helm, 2nd Nate Spooner,  
3rd Kane Huddleston

### Year 9 & 10

Girls: 1st Nicola Kinney, 2nd Grace Farquhar,  
3rd Stevie Woodham  
Boys: 1st Jake Smith, 2nd Mason Henare,  
3rd Sebastian Hickman

### Year 11-13

Girls: 1st Abby Ferdinands, 2nd Kass Pont,  
3rd Emma Kinney  
Boys: 1st Case MacDonald, 2nd Bradley Shaw,  
3rd Jeremy Dumapis

## Student Council Mufti Day

The student council organised a very successful mufti day at the end of last term, including a sausage sizzle. A total of \$338 was raised and donated to the local St John Ambulance.



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## Year 9/10 Science

Year 9 and 10 are learning about the body. Here they are focusing on internal organs. They dissected a Hare in Science which they found fascinating.



## NCEA P.E. Activities

During term 1 the Year 11 and 12 PE students participated in many Outdoor Ed activities.

The activities we have done so far have been surfing in Dunedin, abseiling, rock climbing and the Dunstan Bike Trail.

We have all really enjoyed ourselves and experienced new things we have never tried before. It has been great for us to experience these activities in this class that we wouldn't have done otherwise.

We have all really pushed ourselves in these activities even if it was nerve racking and out of our comfort zones. It's also been really incredibly fun venturing outside of school and going to different places every fortnight.



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## Lions Leadership Course

Adventure Southland gave me the opportunity of spending 6 days with random people, climbing mountains, abseiling, rock climbing, kayaking and caving, and it was one of the funnest things I have done in a long time. I loved meeting new people that I will remember forever and being out in the wildness doing the things I love.

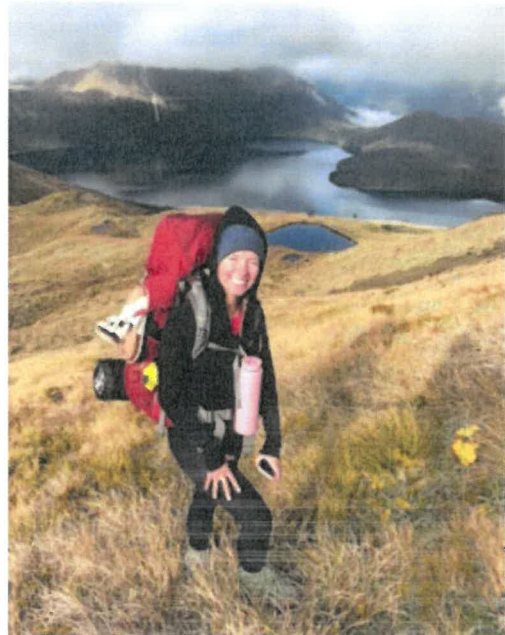
For the first three days we were made to go on a 3 day tramp carrying packs that were half the size of us and walking off track, looking at maps and using a compass to make our way back to Borland Lodge. It definitely pushed all our standards, but we laughed and smiled the whole way through. The weather wasn't the best but that just brought more fun to the camp and made us walk faster and not stop as much. By the end of the tramp we were all very tired and were very excited to get back to the lodge to have showers and use a proper toilet and eat real food!

When we arrived back at the lodge we did the rest of the activities. These activities definitely pushed me to my limits as I was already very tired from the tramp and still had to do these physical activities. Though I enjoyed it all, my favourite one was definitely kayaking, as we were floating down fast rapids, we all laughed and were having a blast.

My main enjoyment of this course was seeing everyone pushing themselves and doing things they usually didn't do. I loved seeing everyone getting along so easy and cheering each other on. Going on this course definitely made me a lot more confident and I saw so many things you wouldn't see back home. The views were amazing. The instructors were awesome and the people were all so nice.

Thank you to the Lions Club for donating \$400 to each of us Maniototo students to help us attend this awesome trip. And thank you to Adventure Southland. I definitely recommend this to everyone.

***Kass Pont (Year 12)***



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## Support Networks

Robyne from Uruuruwhenua Hauora will be in school each Tuesday and Dona from Catholic Social Services will be in school each Wednesday for the remainder of this term to see any students that would like to speak to a counsellor.

## Upcoming Events

**12 May : Secondary School Teacher Only Day**

**18-20 May : Area School Tournament (Twizel)**

**19 May : Rippa Rugby Tournament**

**25 May : Board of Trustees meeting**

**26 May : Open Night**

**6 June : Queens Birthday (School is Closed)**

## Junior Men's Curling Team heading to Sweden



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- Overall Health

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