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## Newsletter

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# Maniototo Area School

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7 July 2022

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**Representative Sporting Achievements:** Good luck to both our NZAST team and Cassidy Pont who are competing in events next week. Jeremy Dumapis, Olivia Russell, Tayla Munro and Harmony Devitt are heading to Whangarei for National Area School Tournament and Cassidy Pont is off with the Otago Country Under 18 hockey team to Nelson. We wish them every success!

**Smoking/Vaping:** It has come to our attention that vaping is becoming an increasing problem in schools throughout New Zealand. Maniototo Area School is a Smokefree school and as such we would like to take a pro-active approach to dealing with this problem.

Our policy states smoking, including vaping and e-cigarettes, is not allowed anywhere on the school grounds at any time. This also includes school activities away from school, such as EOTC or sports trips or while travelling to and from school, while wearing school uniform, or while taking part in any activity organised by the school or on behalf of the school, including EOTC activities.

We appreciate parents support with this, please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

**Buses:** Notifications for any changes to bus arrangements should be directed **to the office prior to 1pm**. This allows time for the information to be passed on to the relevant teacher or child. Students in Kowhai and Tawa must have bus instructions written in their notebook each day.

**Attendance:** Parents and guardians have a legal obligation to ensure their children attend school. The school expects parents to:

- \*notify the school if their child is going to be absent
- \*try to arrange appointments etc. outside school hours or in holidays
- \*work with the school to manage any attendance issues.

**Staffing updates:** We welcome Mr Ferdinands back from his leave at the beginning of Term 3.

- Mrs Graham will be staying on as the Food Technology/Junior Art teacher for the remainder of the year
- From Term 3 onwards Mrs Lithgow will take Yr 1-6 PE and Mr Nakamura will take Yr 7-13.
- We are continuing our advertising of a permanent Maths teacher in the Secondary School. There is a shortage of Math teachers across NZ so any word of mouth support in promoting this to any friends in education would be appreciated. We are very grateful to Mrs McSkimming who is continuing to teach Maths in our secondary school.
- The Principal's position to commence in January 2023 is now advertised. Applications close in August.

**Covid:** Can parents please continue to advise the school if any member of their household tests positive for Covid (even during the holidays). After you have recovered from Covid, you do not need to isolate as a Household Contact for 3 months (this is taken from the onset of your initial symptoms) if someone else in your household tests positive during this time. After 3 months you will need to repeat your isolation period.

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## Tayla - RVFB

I joined the Ranfurly Volunteer Fire Brigade at the beginning of the year partly because I wanted to give back to the community that has kindly helped me and others in the past.

Growing up I always wanted to be a firefighter, and family members and friends who are/have been firefighters in the past assured me that I would love it. Even though I am only a few months into my training, I have already learnt so much and met heaps of new people. I felt that family-type bond the moment I stepped into the fire station for the first time. We attend a variety of call-outs, ranging from medical assists through to vehicle accidents and fires.

The comments I have received since joining the brigade are heartwarming, and have fully cemented my decision as to why I joined.



## Farewell Aimee

Today we bid farewell to Aimee Pieterse from the Community Library.

We wish Aimee all the best for her new role as Team Leader at the Alexandra Library and want to thank her for the great job she has done here. We will miss you Aimee!

## Food Tech

Year 9 and 10 Food Tech students completed a Level One cooking assessment. Each student had to prepare a mince pattie, from scratch, a salad and mayonnaise. This was to demonstrate Level One Food Safety techniques and show the different processes involved in producing a burger.

Well done students - they all passed.



## Wanted: Sacks for kindling

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

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



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## Board of Trustee Election

**School Trustee Elections are coming up, we will be calling for the nomination for 3 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.**

**All eligible voters will receive a nomination form during the holidays (either electronically or by post). Please ensure your phone number and both postal and email addresses we have are correct. Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 3rd August.**

### **What is a school board of trustees?**

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees.

Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

### **Who can become a trustee?**

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

### **What do trustees do?**

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

### **What skills do trustees need?**

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

### **What help do school trustees get?**

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

**Anne Kirk - Returning Officer**

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## Primary Ice Week

Thank you to all the staff, parents, caregivers and grandparents who provided transport, we couldn't do it without you!

Special thanks to Susan Pike (our Sports Administrator) for organising Ice Week, especially all the transport arrangements.

A huge thanks to the PTA for subsidising the cost of the activities again this year.

Thanks to the staff at both facilities in Naseby for providing expert tuition to the students, they all enjoyed it immensely.



## Technology

We are all pretty impressed with the great job the Year 9 Technology boys have made of their taiaha under the guidance of Mr Lind.

The taiaha consists of the tinana (body), an upoko (head) and an arero (tongue) which comes out of the head. The taiaha was used to distract an opponent thanks to the tufts of feathers that were placed around the neck of the weapon.



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## MMR

Even more contagious than COVID-19 – measles is a serious disease that spreads fast and can make people very sick. Measles in New Zealand only occurs when it is brought into the country but with our borders open again, there is an increased chance of an outbreak if vaccination levels here aren't high enough.

The MMR vaccine is routinely administered to babies, COVID-related disruptions has seen many families stay at home which means these two important childhood vaccinations may have been missed. There is also a generation born between 1990 and 2007 that had low immunisation rates, and these now 15 – 32-year-olds may not be aware that they have not been fully vaccinated which would put them at high risk of catching and spreading measles in an outbreak.

Anyone born after 1969 should also check with their doctor if they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine as a child. If unsure, it's best to get immunised.

***If there's an outbreak it's important you know if you've been vaccinated – so check your Plunket book or ask your GP – and if you're not sure get vaccinated again - it's free.***

## Country Coaching

Hi Alex, Thank you for taking time out of your day to come to Maniototo to teach us a few skills about and around football. We are incredibly thankful for you doing this for us as it has dramatically improved all that participating skills, with the ball control and aim.

We are all thrilled that you come and hopefully continue to come every year to teach us more and more skills year-round.

My favourite part of the coaching was the game we played where it was 1v1 or 1v2 and you had to try to get it in the goal, but it was all very very thrilling and fun.

Yours sincerely Sebastian

## A collaborative story by Tawa Class

### Missing Teddy Bear

James was a six year old boy, who liked to sleep with his brown teddy bear, that his Nan gave him.

One warm, Friday morning his dog's barking woke him up and he went to cuddle his teddy bear but it wasn't there. He cried because he was heart-broken.

He lifted up the sheets and used a flashlight to spy, but it was not there. He peeked under his blue bed but it was not there. James stomped downstairs because he couldn't find it.

He stomped through the lounge into the kitchen. He hunted beside the hot oven, where Mum was cooking waffles. But it was not there. Then James remembered he was bouncing on the tramp with his teddy bear yesterday. He ran out to the backyard and searched around the garage but it was not there.

Then he gazed at the ginormous Kowhai tree and saw his black teddy bear, covered in mud, lying on the ground. He was joyful.

## Mountain Film Festival

The Year 10 students went to the Mountain Film Festival in Wanaka. The guest speaker was a young female Alpine climber Maddy Whittaker.

She spoke to the students about her inspirational journey traversing the Southern Alps from Arthurs Pass to Fiordland, it took more than 2 months.

Amongst the beauty of the mountains, Maddy faces another, more personal and confronting, journey.

She really suffered mentally as she was not liking doing what she would usually love to do.

Her key message was "It is Okay not to be strong" by maintaining balance between wellbeing and her own pursuit.

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## Firewood For Sale:

Year 9 and 10 have been offered firewood to sell as a fundraiser for their Deep Cove Camp. They will load and unload the amounts ordered and will also stack it for you if required.

Please order the number of cubic metres you require by emailing:

[lithgowd@maniototo.school.nz](mailto:lithgowd@maniototo.school.nz) or message 021500674 with your name and contact details. Also the size of your fire so that we can provide the appropriate sized wood.

1 Cubic Metre for \$100

2 Cubic Metres for \$200 and so on....

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks, Year 9 and 10.

## Senior Student's Ice Fun



The Senior students had a break from their classrooms this week and went to Naseby for some ice skating. Some of the students even tried out the luge. Thanks to the teachers who organised this for them

## Upcoming Events

**8 July : Last Day of Term 2 (PJ Mufti Day)**

**25 July : Start of Term 3**

**4 August : PTA Meeting**

**10 August : BOT Meeting**

**23 August : Maniototo Cross Country**

**14 September : BOT Meeting  
(New Board members take office)**

**16 September : School Photos**

## NZISF NanoFest 2022

Block out 14-17 July in your calendar today for lots of school holiday science-based fun! Yes, it should be our 'off year, but we know that science festivals are fun and the kids (and their grown ups!) are always looking for interesting things to do in the school holidays.

So, we've created the NanoFest – four days of science-based good times with talks, workshops and activities for all ages. We'll have a VR and gaming centre, prizes for the strongest structure built out of our random stuff, Kate Hannah talking about the Disinformation Project, our wee ones' favourite Imagination Playground and much more.

You can also drop off your old e-waste at our collection site.

Lots of events are free or donation and most are in the Meridian Mall.

Browse the programme at [www.scifest.org.nz/programme](http://www.scifest.org.nz/programme).

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## PROFILE

I was born and raised in the North Island. I shifted to Central Otago 25 years ago to follow my passion of fine wool.

I am Mum of two adult children, two stepchildren and have been whangai Mum to several others. I have been blessed with 8 beautiful mokopuna and am proud to be Nan.

My hobbies are photography and reading.

I love working with people for the people.

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Robyne Maniototo Navigator

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# ROBYNE MURRAY

Whanau Ora Navigator

## ABOUT MY ROLE

As a Whanau Ora navigator I work closely with whanau to help support and identify their specific needs, dreams and aspirations. With path planning and goal setting Whanau are navigated to the appropriate services to support them to achieve the outcomes they desire.

## EXPERIENCE

I worked as a Training Manager in the Wool Harvesting Sector. Within that role I managed the South Island Modern Apprenticeship Program. This Program helped our people to identify and gain skills they needed for themselves through their career and personal life. This involved practical and life skills, achieved by path planning, goal setting and mentoring.

The best experience I have to bring into this mahi is my own journey in life. It has been full of trials and tribulations and because of that I have gained skills that could not be learnt in a text book.

## TOP 5 GALLUP STRENGTHS

- Responsibility
- Belief
- Includer
- Empathy
- Achiever

# Kindling

\$5 Small

\$10 Large



## FOR SALE



*Pick up from the Technology Workshop on  
Wednesday, Thursday or Friday  
Money can be paid to the office  
Proceeds go towards new tools and materials*





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## Community Conduct Expectations

Maniototo Area School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors.

Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical wellbeing, and not harm it in any way.

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media, or other communication
- while on school grounds or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as a camp or sports match).

## Standards of conduct

Maniototo Area School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to:

- treat everyone with respect
- work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of students
- respect and adhere to our school values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures (such as those listed below), and any legal requirements
- respect that contacting staff via their home phone, cell phone, and personal email is only with permission and at the discretion of each individual staff member.

Examples of unsuitable conduct include:

- threats, bullying, harassment
- profanity/offensive language
- insulting, abusing, or intimidating behaviour
- racism or discrimination (e.g. based on ethnicity, religion)
- physical aggression
- deception/fraud
- damaging school property
- smoking, vaping, possessing, or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances on school premises or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (except possession or use of alcohol in accordance with school policy)
- placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources
- pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board, or any staff or students on social media or other public forums
- wearing gang insignia on the school grounds. (This is not allowed under the Prohibition of Gang Insignia legislation, and anyone wearing it will be asked to leave.)

## Dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct

How Maniototo Area School deals with breaches of our Code of Conduct depends on the nature of the incident and its seriousness, and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with. Examples include:

- documenting each instance of behaviour, including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said (verbatim if possible), how any witness or victim felt and/or responded
- holding a meeting with the relevant person, the principal, and/or board chair (or their delegate) or appropriate staff member to discuss the problem and possible resolution
- issuing a warning letter that outlines the problem and required resolution, and reminds them of the possible outcomes of repeated conduct
- arranging a meeting, which may include restorative practices, as an alternative or in addition to the processes above.

## Outcomes of breaching the Code of Conduct

If a parent, caregiver, or visitor acts or speaks in a way that contravenes the Code of Conduct, possible outcomes may include:

- The school may restrict or redirect communication channels between persons and staff if found to be inappropriate. For instance, we may instruct communication to be via an in-person meeting rather than by cell phone or email, or to be conducted through senior management.
- The school (principal, board member, or staff member) may ask a person to leave the school premises by revoking their permission to be on the school grounds, then asking them to leave under section 3 of the Trespass Act 1980.
- Unacceptable behaviour of a criminal nature may result in the police being informed. For example, under section 241 of the Education and Training Act 2020, it is a criminal offence to insult, abuse, or intimidate a staff member within the presence or hearing of any student while on school premises or in any other place where students are assembled for school purposes. Other instances of criminal offending may occur where drugs are involved, an assault has occurred, or a person persists after being trespassed off school grounds.
- In the case of behaviour amounting to harassment, a restraining order may be sought.
- In some instances, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution. For example, a Facebook comment that contravenes this policy may result in a report to Facebook. If unacceptable behaviour occurs at a sports event or sports venue, then it may be appropriate to involve the governing body of that sport, event, or venue.

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## Related topics

- **Visitors** ✓
- **Parent Involvement** ✓
- **Inclusive Education** ✓
- **Harassment** ✓
- **Complaints** ✓
- **Privacy** ✓
- **Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances** ✓
- **Smokefree Schools** ✓

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## Legislation



# GAME ON!

A great selection of games for all to play!

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
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