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## Newsletter

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# Maniototo Area School

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12 August 2022

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3 has well and truly begun; as has the winter chills and ills. This term normally turns out to be long and arduous. Under the present circumstances this is even more true. Therefore, it is really important to look after ourselves and our kids.

**NCEA students:** This term is also crucial to our senior NCEA students. It's their final full term of the year. And this is the opportunity to gain as many internal credits as possible. So, while various activities take place, they need to keep their assignments and submissions going. Deadlines are important and need to be kept. Their mock exams begin on 20 September; and that's not too far away. These mock exams are crucial. Should a student be unable to sit for the final exams in November, the results of the mock exam are taken into consideration when allocating derived grades. It is also an opportunity for students to check how prepared they are for the final exams which begin in the fourth week of next term.

This timeline gives our NCEA students just about 50 school days to get as many credits as they can. Hence, their assignments and school work should now take priority. Please encourage them to make this the first item on their 'to-do' list and to attend any extra coaching/study sessions our senior teachers may organise.

**School Formal:** One of the biggest highlights for our senior students, the Formal was a huge success. Thanks to Ms. Meyer, Ms. Brooks, the school prefects and the Yr. 13 students for the effort put in to ensure that it was a great occasion. As always, our thanks to Ewan Mason and to Willie Dowling who so generously give of their time each year so obligingly. Our senior students looked amazing that evening.

**Rebuild Update:** The new Admin block is fast approaching completion, which could even be ready by the end of Term 3. The Junior Block is taking shape rapidly. We would like to thank Ross, Goldy, their Breen Construction team and Matt, our Project Manager from TBIG, for their great effort in keeping things going even through procurement issues and rather inclement weather.

Did we mention how proud we are of Ben Smith (Foley Plumbing), Will Becker, Ryan Shead, and Anton Hood (Breen Construction) who are all part of this wonderful team?

**Term 3 Activities:** There a quite a few activities lined up for this term. The Student Council is planning a "MAS' got Talent" later this month. Coming up next month are the Yr 5&6 Ski Camp, the South Island Secondary Hockey Tournament in Gore, the Secondary Schools Curling Tournament in Dunedin, and the Yr 7&8 trip to Camp Columba.

A big shout out to all the teachers and students involved in fundraising and preparing for their respective activities. Thank you too to the parents who have stepped up as volunteers to help us out.

As we continue through this term, please do remember to look after ourselves and our children. Thank you all for supporting the school and the staff who do their best to look after your children. Your cooperation is crucial to our success.

Ngā mihi nui, **Joe Ferdinands**

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## Bus Information

The Ministry of Education through School Transport has been reviewing routes and consulting transport providers on proposed amendments to bus routes within the Maniototo. Changes to routes will be made known mid term 3. A term's notice will be given before proposed changes take place.

Please see the website for factors that affect changes in routes.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/designing-or-changing-a-school-bus-routes/>

## Board of Trustees Parent Election Results Declaration

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- BYRNE, Sarah
- SMITH, Kym
- SPOONER, Jackie

**Anne Kirk - Returning Officer**



## Otago Country Hockey

From the 10th till the 16th of July two van loads of under 18 hockey players from, North Otago, Otago, Central Otago and South Otago, headed to Nelson, after being selected for the Otago Country Women's Hockey team. We played six great games of hockey, against teams from throughout New Zealand.

We didn't get as high up in the placings as we would have liked but we all had an amazing time. The rain managed to keep away for most of our games, but one game did get postponed due to the turf flooding.

It was so awesome to see lots of supporters and familiar faces. It was a great Tournament, and now I'm looking forward to playing in the secondary schools girls tournament in Christchurch this month.

## PTA

A huge thanks to the PTA for their ongoing support of both our school and our students. We are so lucky to have such a positive and pro-active group that help us provide so many opportunities and extra resources. Some of the great things they have provided recently are:

- Chrome books \$2300
  - Class camps \$25 per student
  - Agility with Sound kits (new programme the school has introduced to help children read and write) \$600
  - Outdoor games for Year 7&8 eg, Giant Jenga, Korn Hole, Giant Connect 4. \$500
  - \$7000 to go towards a new high jump mat for athletics
  - Ice week - funded skating for students
- Looking ahead we hope to contribute to the landscaping and playgrounds of the new build.

The PTA would love to welcome new members, so please get in touch if you are keen to be part of future initiatives for our school.

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## Year 9 & 10 Ice Fun

Year 9 and 10 were lucky enough to have an amazing morning in Nasby skating, and having fun on the ice. It was great to see everyone making the most of this amazing facility right on our back door. **Mrs Lithgow**

## Celebrating China

The Year 9 and 10 Social Studies class celebrated the end of their China Study with a feast of Dumplings and The Little Emperor movie. Most of the class have mastered the chopsticks too.



## Year 7 and 8 Work Afternoon

The Year 7 and 8 students would like to extend our gratitude to all individuals, families and local businesses who supported them in their fundraising efforts for our upcoming Camp Columba experience.

On Friday the 5th of August, our students were given amazing opportunities such as being able to observe animal surgery, perform barista duties, stock and organise shelves, capsule sheep and watch mini scientists at work as part of their work afternoon. The jobs they were asked to do were wide and varied, and I was pleased to see all the children I visited, displaying their P.R.I.D.E. values.

Thank you to everyone who employed our students for the afternoon.

**Fiona Dowling**



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## School Formal 2022



Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2022 formal such a great night.



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## NEW ZEALAND AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT - WHANGAREI 2022

Once again it was my privilege to accompany four students to Whangarei for the annual New Zealand Area Schools Tournament. Harmony Devitt, Tayla Munro, Jeremy Dumapis and Olivia Russell - had been selected to attend this from the Southern zone tournament held in Twizel, in May. These students combined with students from the six Southern Zone Area Schools (Maniototo, Roxburgh, Twizel, Lawrence, Waiau and Catlins) to make the South of the South Area School Team (South). Along with these students and staff we were the smallest team to attend Nationals - 65.

We left Dunedin Airport at 3 pm to fly to Auckland, where we then caught a bus to Whangarei. During this time the temperature increased from the negatives through to a balmy 16 degrees.

Tuesday morning had us up before we were awake, to attend the powhiri hosted by Top of the North Area Schools (North). This has always been the highlight for me personally. The waiata and haka are always moving and this year South had our own speaker and waiata to respond, and two of our students were able to help lead this - Harmony Devitt and Olivia Russell.

Competition began on Tuesday with the first team always being Bottom of the North Island (Central). Central have tended to dominate over the years and this year was no exception. However our teams showed great heart and competitiveness. Jeremy Dumapis got player of the day for his effort in Volleyball against this very drilled Central team.

Wednesday saw us up against the North, and generally we always do well against them. Netball B won and this saw Harmony Devitt get player of the day for her effort. Our footballers had to contend not only against the weather but also the fact that they had to play on the turf and this makes the game a lot faster, however Tayla Munro and Olivia Russell played well.

Thursday is the big day when we take on Top of the South Island (Top). This is effectively the trial for the South Island team to play the North Island team on Friday. Two of our students made South Island teams - Jeremy Dumapis for volleyball and Harmony Devitt for the B netball team. Both students got court time and each of them held their own against their opponents. Harmony got the fair play award from the netball umpires for helping her opposition team mate up when she had fallen.

All four of our students represented not only themselves, their families and school but also their community with all of our school wide P.R.I.D.E. values. They showed Pride in the uniform they wore, Respected their Staff and fellow team players, Integrity to the Hostel where we stayed, Determination on the playing field and Empathy to others when they were sore and tired themselves.

Thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets. A special thanks to the Maniototo Pakeke Lions who provided us with a generous grant - without your support we wouldn't be able to go. Thank you also to the following for their grants and sponsorship: Elite Excavations Malborough Ltd, Contract Excavation, Te Kiwai Funding, Lalit - Panjaab NZ Ltd - Christchurch

Once again thank you to the students who were a pleasure to have and look forward to next year when we attend the tournament in Christchurch.

***Regards, Michelle Dowling***

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## **If your child is sick, keep them at home**

With the risk of COVID-19, we must be more vigilant when it comes to controlling the spread of illness. Any runny nose, sore throat, or fever needs to be checked. The likelihood of your child contracting COVID-19 is small but we must all work together to keep it that way. If your child is sick, notify the school, keep them at home, and contact your health professional if required.

If your child is displaying one of the following symptoms you are best to keep them home.

### **Fever**

This is one symptom that automatically rules out school, no questions. Your sick child should be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours before you send them back to school. Keep your child home, making sure they drink plenty of fluids and can recover from whatever they are battling. Refer to COVID-19 notes above.

### **Diarrhea**

This could be a sign of a viral infection, so it's best to keep your child at home. Diarrhea can cause dehydration so keep offering clear fluids but avoid drinks containing sugar including fruit juices (dilute apple juice is ok).

### **Vomiting**

Aside from the fact that your child won't be comfortable, he could vomit again. Keep them home until he has gone 48 hours without vomiting as they may remain contagious until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

### **Cough**

It depends on how severe the cough is. Coughs can spread infection to other students. A serious cough can also keep a child from getting a good night's rest, which means they will be too tired for school in the morning. As a general rule, if your child has a serious wet cough, particularly if it's accompanied by breathing troubles, seek medical advice. But if it's just a mild, occasional cough and they have no other symptoms, they can probably go to school. Refer to COVID-19 notes above.

## **Upcoming Events**

**17-19 August : Area School Conference**

**19-21 August : SISS Curling Tournament (Dunedin)**

**23 August : Maniototo Cross Country**

**25 August : Humanities Day (Cromwell)**

**25 August : MAS has got Talent (tbc)**

**26 August : Daffodil Day**

**26 August : NCEA Accord Day  
(No school for students in Years 9-13)**

**29 August - 2 September : SISS Hockey Tournament (Gore)**

**2 September : Otago Primary Cross Country (postponement date is 9th)**

**5-7 September : Year 5 & 6 Ski Camp**

**14 September : BOT Meeting**

**16 September : School Photos**

**20-22 September : NCEA Mock Exams**

**20-23 September : Year 7 & 8 Camp (Berwick)**

**30 September : Jack Martin Memorial Sports Exchange with (EOHS)**

**30 September : End of Term 3**

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# First Aid Kit

Please support our Deep cove camp fundraiser by sharing this order form with family, friends, neighbours, local businesses. **Everyone** should have a first aid kit and we are pleased to be able to offer these at fantastic prices.

**ORDERS CLOSE 23 September**



### Large First Aid Kit Details

**Price \$39.95**

- ◆ The First Aid Kit that we are selling for our fundraiser is a large, carry kit with transparent fold-out compartments that contains 77 items including a digital thermometer and instant ice pack.
- ◆ Follows OSH and consumer regulations.



### Small First Aid Kit Details

**Price \$16**

Stylish Hard Shell Compact First Aid Kit available in green or blue. Great for travel and includes a carabiner to attach. Measures approx. 12cm x 9cm x 4cm and contains essential first aid items.

Name	Qty	Large Kit (\$39.95 each)	Small Kit (\$16.00 each)	TOTAL COST
<b>Total</b>				

Please make cash payment or for internet banking please use the following account details:  
**03-0951-0081459-00 Use name and first aid kit as reference.**

**ORDERS CLOSE [23 September 2022] – THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**