
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

3 NOVEMBER 2022

Kia ora tātou,
Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We have reached the last stretch to our academic year 2022. It has been quite a rollercoaster ride in every sense of the cliché. But we have done well, thanks to your support, understanding and cooperation.

New appointments: We are thrilled to announce that we have appointed some new members to our staff for 2023. Mr. Nigel Pacey comes in as our Maths & Science teacher for Secondary. Ms. Erica Phillips comes as our Yr. 6 teacher; she comes in place of Donna Mapley who leaves us at the end of the year. Ms. Anrozelle Lategan will be our Senior English teacher, coming in place of Joanna Brooks who will be on refreshment leave for 2023. Ms. Isobel Perkins is our PE teacher from 2023.

She comes in place of Mr. Nakamura who leaves us at the end of this year.

We thank Mrs. Mapley and Mr. Nakamura for the years that they have spent at MAS. We wish Ms. Brooks all the best for her refreshment leave. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. McSkimming and to Mr. Robertson for generously helping us with the senior Maths this year.

School Rebuild: Another piece of good news is that we expect to move into our new Junior Block on 1st February 2023, all things going well, hopefully. I'm sure the junior students will be delighted with this; they have had to put up with a considerable amount of inconvenience and they've taken all of it in their stride. The only things left to do are the landscaping and the junior playground.

Future Projects: The School Board is currently in discussions with the Ministry and the Project Manager regarding the refurbishment of the school gym and the upgrading of the hockey turf & outdoor courts.

Vote of thanks: We would like to record our grateful thanks to the Maniototo Lions Club for their extremely generous contributions towards our various class camps.

NCEA Exams: Our Yr. 11 to 13 students will begin their exams from Monday 7 November. We wish them every success in their effort. Special mention must be made to our Yr 13 students, Charlotte, Harmony, Tayla, and Zac who have almost completed their school life and are about to launch out into the next phase of their lives. Our support and good wishes go with them.

While there may be just a few weeks to go before the end of this academic year, most classes and teachers are busy organising camps and completing assessments for the end of year progress reports. We continue to ask for your support and good wishes.

Ngā mihi, Joe Ferdinands



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Term 2 Awards "Respect"

Kahu Houpapa (Year 1), Liam Wilson (Year 2), Rose-May Poihakena Jackson (Year 3), Nikita Wilson (Year 4), Bonnie Spooner (Year 5), Nheero Del Mundo (Year 6), Nathan Paterson (Year 7), Elle-Mae Lunam (Year 8), Sam Roxburgh (Year 9), Jacob Kawana (Year 10), Sammy Varcoe (Year 11), Sandee Barroga (Year 12), Tayla Munro (Year 13)

Term 3 Awards "Determination"

Ezra Harimate (Year 1), Jacobi Parker (Year 2), Skylah Baddock (Year 4), Hugo Paterson (Year 5), Lucas Clark (Year 6), Lincoln McCormick (Year 7), Grace Paterson (Year 8), Nicola Kinney (Year 9), Jake Smith (Year 10), Abby Ferdinands (Year 11), Jasmine Balloch (Year 12), Harmony Devitt (Year 13)

University of Otago Science Academy 2023

Erylle Del Mundo (Year 12) has been selected from over 100 applicants to attend the Science Academy at Otago University in 2023. This is an outstanding achievement for Erylle and she will be working within in the university laboratories during the week long science camps in 2023. Congratulations Erylle!

Maniototo After School Athletics

The Maniototo After School Athletics training has been in full swing on Wednesday nights. We've had St John's, Poolburn and Maniototo students attending. A huge thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who helped out with the stations. The support has been outstanding!



Thank You Maniototo Lions

For many years now the Ranfurly Lions have given up their time to help at the Long Jump event at the Maniototo Area School Athletics.

We are extremely grateful for the time and energy the Lions Club helpers have put into this.

This year Poolburn School has joined us and have offered to help with this event.

Thank you Lions for your help over the years.

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Year 5 & 6 Ski Camp Report



When we arrived at the Arrowtown museum.. We experienced weird clothing and to be honest, that was weird with the boys on one-side of the classroom and the girls on the other. Our hands were not allowed on the table or we would get the strap/cane. *By Latana and Peyton*

After Mrs Grey's class we went back to the meeting room to see the artifacts from the 1890s like gold, pots, gold panning pans, horseshoe, sideways bottle, mining pickaxe top, cutlery, fish catcher, boot with nails and green stone. We walked about 1km to the Chinese villages where they used to live during the gold rush.

We walked to the river and Quinton filled gold pans up with river dirt and we started to gold pan. When you are gold panning you need to shake the dirt around so the water is drinkable. The lucky people got gold straight away but the others were not so lucky. Brodie got a wee speck and James got a wee speck too.
By James and Brodie

Skiing- First we tracked up the steep mountain before reaching the building. . First, we learned how to slide with our skis and how to also put them on, then we learned how to go up the magic carpet. We waited for our instructor at the top, we slid down and she taught us how to stop and also to do our turns to maintain our speed. . We learned how to maintain our speed while sliding from a steep slope. Then we were free to just have fun and ski wherever we wanted, which was very fun. *By Nheero and Noah*

Me and Jamie both were confident about skiing but also kind of nervous. We went on the ski lift together. After we were finished we returned all our gear and went back to the lodge and packed the cars and left for home. *By Jamie and Caitlin*

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Year 9 & 10 Camp

The Year 9/10 Deep Cove camp fundraising has been in full swing. A huge thankyou to Stu Duncan and his merry men (Bruce Blakie, Robbie Dobson, and Bill Carson) for helping us to cut firewood last Friday. Stu has provided his time, technology and wisdom and we really appreciate this!

We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Nasby forest for supplying the wood.

We raised \$800.00 on this day.

Thanks again from Mrs Lithgow and Year 9/10



Year 9 10 have started their camp training... a great walk up Little Mount Ida on Tuesday.
Thanks Tina and Greg Becker.



Year 9 & 10 Climate Change Hui

Recently Sam, Grace, Lea, and Stevie signed up to attend the WAO Year 9 and 10 climate change summit in conjunction with Enviroschools Central Otago which our school is active within.

We had an early start traveling to Wanaka and on arrival our students quickly buddied up with familiar faces from Roxburgh Area School. The day was focusing on what youth can do to contribute towards decreasing climate change and what cool and out-there ideas they may have.

There were many very interesting speakers and at the end, all student groups presented their main idea, challenges, and solutions.

The Maniototo Area School students did a great job of presenting themselves on stage and spoke very clearly and with purpose. Well done girls you can be very proud of your contribution to this worthy cause.



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Science Extension

Recently Grace Farquhar and I had an amazing opportunity to go on a marine camp "All about Paua" where we went for four days. The first day we travelled to Butterfly Bay and identified different species of animals and seaweed along the shoreline. We found some very interesting creatures such as Golf ball sponge, Red Bearded Anemie and many more. On the second day we took the data we collected to the Marine Studies Centre (located in Portobello) and decided on what we would choose as our investigations. My group wanted to discover the difference between Yellowfoot Paua and Blackfoot Paua eating habits.

Each group carried out a different investigation, but together we walked to the seashore to collect different types of seaweed and then back up to the labs to clean out tanks to hold the Paua. After the tanks had been cleaned and the paua placed with their seaweed we started on our presentations. These presentations were about the data we had collected and what we thought the outcomes would be.

I enjoyed this experience immensely and I would greatly encourage anyone with a love of the ocean and its creatures to go on this trip. I am definitely looking forward to going on this trip again if I am offered the chance.

Lea Mapley (Year 10)



EOHS Sports Exchange

At the end of last term we had our annual Jack Martin EOHS v Maniototo, sports exchange in Palmerston. Students from Yr 7-13 participated in a range of sports - Touch, Volleyball, Netball, Basketball & Dodgeball. Although the trophy stays in Palmerston for another year there was lots of great competition and we had heaps of fun. Thanks EOHS for being such great hosts, thank you also to the teachers and to Kerrin who helped get the kids to Palmerston.



Mana Pounamu Awards

Congratulations to Kassidy Pont and Mahaliya Pike for being presented with the Mana Pounamu Award in Dunedin on Friday. This award celebrates Maori achievement in secondary schools in NZ.



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Year 7 & 8 Camp Columba

On a wet and windy Tuesday, the Year 7 and 8 students departed from school, heading for Camp Columba, an Adventure Based Camp near Pukerau, not far from Gore. Once we got there and had lunch, we unpacked the vehicles and Miss Dowling and Mrs Dowling took us for a scavenger hunt that was organised by Willy, one of our camp instructors. We got to run around and find clues all over camp. It was fun.

Our groups were Elmos, SpongeBobs and Shreks. The days were full on and we were so lucky to have loads of activities including team building, kayaking, rock climbing, the Flying Kiwi and the Flying Fox. We also abseiled, played frisbee golf, built rafts and bounced on the bouncy pillow. We also spent lots of time competing against each other in the soccer cage.

The meals were delivered every day and the food was amazing. We even had pudding every night, not to mention the home baking for morning and afternoon teas, and supper, even though most of us were still too full from pudding to eat.

In the evenings we lit a campfire, played spotlight and roasted marshmallows. We slid on the massive water slide down the hill. It was so much fun. We played housie, but mostly the adults beat the kids. We could hardly keep our eyes open when Mrs Dowling read to us each night.

The parents were fantastic and we would like to thank them for all of their help and for making sure camp was a fun and safe place to be. To Jess, Tuck, Simon, Bev, Beth, Jenna, Kirsty, Katrina, Kelly and Kylie, we were so lucky to have you join us for the week.

Thank you also to our parents, families and the local businesses that helped with our fundraising efforts to get to camp. We had a fantastic time and packed a lot in. Finally, thank you to Miss Dowling and Mrs Dowling for organising and coming with us to Columba.



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Year 11 Trip to Wellington

In Week 1 of Term Four, Year 11, Ms Meyer and Ms Brooks spent an action packed week in Wellington City for our urban camp. We visited Parliament, spending time in both the debating chamber and the room made famous during the Covid lockdown's for press releases. We spent an hour in the public gallery listening to political debates and saw first hand the difference that effective public speaking skills have on a captive audience. We visited the National Library witnessing founding documents of modern New Zealand including the original Treaty of Waitangi, Declaration of Independence and Kate Shepherd's suffragette petition. Te Papa, Wellington Zoo, the Cable Car, Observatory and train station were also highlights of the central city. One afternoon we spent time producing and starring in our own television current events show at Capital E- learning how to operate cameras, autocues and the editing suites. We went up the Kapiti Coast to the New Zealand Police Museum and spent a fun morning learning how to lift fingerprints and admiring and trying on Police Uniforms over the last 40 years. The official Police issue handbag was a highlight for Ms Brooks. An evening spent in an escape room solving puzzles and a Parliament based mystery was thoroughly enjoyed.

A delicious meal out at Monsoon Poon off Courtney Place was capped off by ice creams and an evening stroll. We had a blast. We would all like to thank the school, our families, community groups and everyone who supported our fundraisers for making this fantastic trip possible.



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Upcoming Events

**4 November : Maniototo Primary School Sports Assn
Athletics Day (postponement date 7th)**

11 November : Gumboot Day

**15 November : Otago Athletics Championships
(postponement date 17th)**

18 November : Cookie Dough arrives

22 November : Year 9 & 10 Marae Day

28 & 29 November : Junior Exams

30 November : Junior Sports Exchange

1 & 2 December : Year 4 Camp (Oamaru/Otematata)

1 @ 2 December : Year 3 Camp (Naseby)

2-6 December : Senior Tramp (Stewart Island)

2-6 December : Year 9 & 10 Camp (Deep Cove)

8 December : Board of Trustees Meeting

9 December : Tawa & Kowhai Trip to Dunedin

13 December : Junior Assembly 2pm

14 December : Prizegiving 7pm

15 December : 1pm Close

16 December : Teacher Only Day



Boys making a goldmine in the sandpit

Curling Selection

Congratulations to Olivia Russell who has been selected as non-travelling reserve for the NZ Junior Women's Team.



Primary Curling Tournament

We had a curling competition against St John's up in Naseby.

When the bus arrived at Naseby we went into the curling rink, put our grippers on, and started because Years 5 and 6 were up first. In the first game for our team, I have to say the whole team was a bit rusty. We were playing against the Maniototo A team. But we improved as we played more games and we ended up winning our year group. Years 7 and 8's also won their curling, so Maniototo Area School had a good day.

I think we are very lucky to be able to have these experiences. *Adam McSkimming*

Term Dates 2023

Term One :

1 February - 7 April 2023

Term Two :

24 April - 30 June 2023

Term Three:

17 July - 22 September 2023

Term Four:

09 October - 14 December 2023

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