
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

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Kia ora e te whānau,

As I write this we are preparing for week 4 of the term. Already we have held our PRIDE afternoon, commenced our swimming programme, participated in the Ranfurly show day and completed two significant fundraising events. It is clear we don't get to ease our way into a year! Maniototo Area School is a busy place. We may be smaller than city schools, but this has little impact on the pace of school life, and the variety of activities that our students and staff are involved in.

Busy is good. One thing I know from both my years in education and as a mum, is that our young people are often happiest, safest and healthiest when they are busy. I commend those students who put their hand up for all of the opportunities that head their way and who help out in the community when possible. In a world where social media and virtual living can be the norm, it is great to be part of a community where people value interaction and participation. The years at school fly by so quickly, so families please encourage your young people to keep engaging with opportunities that cross their path.

Our PRIDE value this term is empathy, we think it is a valuable focus for students and staff as they embark on a new year. We are examining this value in assembly and so far have considered random acts of kindness, kindness to self, and being kind even when others around you are not. I was impressed by the random acts of kindness I witnessed by both staff and students. It is great to see this value celebrated by our school community.

One of my main priorities as I commence my Principalship is community engagement. This term, I am inviting all Year 8 families to meet with me to discuss their thoughts about schooling options moving forward. This is not to persuade or influence any decision over school choice, it is for me to hear your aspirations for secondary schooling for your child. In term 2, I will extend this invitation to all Year 6 and 7 families. I do welcome any families to come and meet with me. It is important for me to understand your priorities for your children, and to use this feedback to help guide our secondary school. After all, our families are at the heart of all that we do.

Before I sign off, I need to acknowledge some significant student success. I would like to congratulate Emma Kinney, Abby Ferdinands, Sam Varcoe, Sandee Barroga, Jasmine Ballock, Erylle Del Mundo and Charlotte Gegan for their endorsements in NCEA in 2022. Reef Becker and Cassidy Pont have made a fantastic start in their roles as head students, and are to be joined by a strong prefect team. Congratulations also to our house leaders - Garibaldi: Keisha McFadyen, Sebastian Hickman, Hamiltons: Gabriel Ong, Sandee Barroga, Danseys: Jake Smith, Emma Kinney, Serpentine: Olivia Russell & Bradley Shaw.

Finally, I would like to thank the school community for the very warm welcome Nigel and I have received. We are very grateful for the kindness from so many people. I truly feel like we are living in one of the most beautiful places, working in one of the most fabulous schools and working with the best people. It is a privilege.

Melissa Bell - Principal

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New Staff

A big welcome to our new Staff (Pictured from left to right): Mr Pacey, Miss Perkins, Ms Bell (Principal), Miss Phillips, Miss Lategan. We also welcome new Support Staff: Miss Hope & Miss Mihill (both absent from photo).

Thank you to Susan Pike for the great job she has done as our Sports Administrator over the past 5 years. We welcome Donna Owens into this role.



Board of Trustees

Thank you to Belinda Colling for her contribution to our school during her time on the Board of Trustees.

Belinda first joined the Board in May 2013 and was later nominated as Chairperson in 2019.

She has shown great leadership - board members, management and staff have appreciated having Belinda's guidance and common sense approach to governance especially in recent years overseeing the rebuild process. Belinda will continue to be involved with the Board, overseeing plans to upgrade the gymnasium and turf/courts.

Sarah Paterson has been elected as Board Chair. Her experience in Education will be really valuable and we look forward to working with her.

Secondary School

Congratulations to our 2022 NCEA students! There were some very good results. A special mention of the following students: Emma Kinney (Excellence Endorsed L2), Abby Ferdinands & Sam Varcoe (Merit Endorsed L1), Sandee Barroga, Jasmine Balloch, Erylle Del Mundo (Merit Endorsed L2) and Charlotte Gregan (Merit Endorsed L3). There was a range of Merit & Excellence grades across a wide range of subjects too.

Well done students and teachers!



Our Senior Biology class embrace Local Curriculum within our class. They collected Harakeke leaves for an Achievement Standard for microscopy.

Our head girl Reef Becker read a karakia and they followed the correct Tikanga Maori protocols.

Year 9 & 10 students are experimenting with some amazing bottle rockets



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Year 3 Camp 2022



Naseby

The Year 3 class loved camping overnight in Naseby. They played at the playground, went fishing, biking and had a duck race. They visited the museum and had takeaways for tea and went to the movies at Stardust Gallery. A big thanks to the parents who made this possible.

Year 4 Camp 2022



Year 4 camp to Otematata at the end of 2022 was fantastic. They started by visiting Moeraki boulders and then the Steam Punk Museum and playground. A quick stop at Rainbow Confectionery to stock up on lollies and then to the Elephant Rocks and Vanished World to look for fossils. On Friday they enjoyed a great day on the lake biscuiting, kayaking and paddle boarding.

A big thanks to Emma, Kila and Simon for being parent help.

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This was the first time that Year 9 & 10 have been to Deep Cove (Doubtful Sound) for their camp.

They had a fabulous time and would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising, and the Maniototo Lions Club for their assistance.

Thanks to Mrs Lithgow who went above and beyond to provide this amazing experience for our students.
Thanks to Mrs Hore and the parent helpers who accompanied the class to Deep Cove.

After the success of this camp, we hope to make it a bi-annual event for the Year 9/10 classes of the future.

Year 9 & 10 Camp
Deep Cove

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Tolaga Bay Area School

The staff at MAS wanted to show their support for colleagues who are struggling due to the Cyclone. They thought it would be nice to send a kete for the staff at Tolaga Bay Area School, filled with treats. The staff up there are having a pretty tough time, and are doing a great job of looking after their community. It will be nice to do something to look after them!

Tolaga Bay Area School had a close association with MAS in the past, as we used to have a student exchange programme with them. Iain Forrester was the first MAS pupil to go on the exchange in 1988, followed by Rachel Carson, Matthew Helm, Sarah Direen, Sean Becker, Amy Scott, Rebecca McDiarmid, Steven Adamson and Suzy Claver in subsequent years. Mike Corkery a former MAS principal, also served as Principal there.

Tolaga Bay is about 40km north of Gisborne, their school is Decile 1 with about 280 students. Their school is still closed due to damage in the community.

You may have noticed the 3 kete hanging in our new office, these were presented to our school in 1988 by the first exchange students from Tolaga Bay (*Traci Crawford and Mathew Mitchell*). They were woven in Tolaga Bay and were intended to help intertwine our two schools.

We are very grateful to Shelley Lowe for weaving a kete for us to send them.



Senior Tramp

The seniors enjoyed their tramp on Stewart Island and are busy fundraising for their next tramp which is the Hump Ridge Track. Thank you everyone for their support in making these opportunities possible.



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A & P Show



Congratulations
to our
equestrian
Sam Roxburgh
who was
awarded
Supreme
Champion at the
Maniototo Show

**Art,
Animals,
Agri-kids,
Fundraising
and Fun!**



Show Art



Our primary students always love starting
the year creating fabulous art for
the A & P Show.

We were very excited to win the Maniototo
Hort & Industrial School Shield
at the A & P Show this year. What a top effort
from our students and their teachers!

PRIDE Day



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A huge thank you to our superstar ex-pupil Rina Watt who donated a whole lot of her precious childhood books to the school today.

Rina works at the Dunedin airport as a permanent Firefighter and will be doing the Auckland Sky Tower Challenge in May. Rina is heading to South Africa to represent NZ in Ice hockey.

It was so lovely to see Rina and we wish her all the best for the exciting times ahead of her.



Term Dates 2023

Term One :

1 February - 7 April 2023

*17 March - Teacher Only Day

*20 March - Anniversary Day

*7 April - Good Friday

Term Two :

24 April - 30 June 2023

*25 April - ANZAC Day

*5 June - Kings Birthday

Term Three:

17 July - 22 September 2023

Term Four:

09 October - 14 December 2023

*23 October - Labour Day

Event Calendar 2023

20-24 February : Primary Swim Week

**21 February : Secondary School
Enviroschools Leadership Hui**

23 February : Meet the Teacher (Primary)

24 February : Leadership Day Yr 11-13

27 February : Senior Athletics Day

**6 March : Senior Swimming Sports
12.30pm (Yr 7-13)**

**7 March : Primary Swimming Sports
(Yr 1-6)**

8 March : BOT Meeting 7pm

**10 March : Otago Secondary School
Athletics**

13-17 March : Footsteps

**17 March : Kahui Ako Jumbo Day -
School is Closed**

**20 March : Otago Anniversary Day -
School is Closed**

**21 March : Jack Martin Memorial
Sports Exchange
with East Otago High School**

23-25 March : Year 13 Biology Crab Camp

**26 March : Otago Primary Swimming
Champs**

31 March : Rural Safety Day
