
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

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Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second half of term one. The weeks are flying by and the end of term will soon be upon us. In assembly this week, I spoke of the importance of showing up and getting the work done. Attendance matters, and I wonder sometimes if three years of Covid has led us to be a little lax in showing up. This is especially true for our high school students. Missing school means getting behind in work covered, and in assessments. I appreciate students get sick, and sometimes absence is unavoidable. But missing school very quickly becomes a habit, and the more behind students get, the harder it is to catch up. It is really hard for teachers to reteach material covered; student absence when the school is open for instruction has a clear impact on achievement. We will be following up on low attendance rates over the next week or two. We do this because we care about the progress of your children, and about the value of education and the importance of accountability.

Over the last month I have been meeting with families with children in Years 5-8. I sincerely thank the families who have taken the time to come in and meet. The feedback I have received has been incredibly helpful, and I will summarise this for the Board of Trustees. This can inform both the management and governance of the school to ensure that our high school offerings are meeting family expectations and demand. If you have not booked to meet with me, it is not too late. Please contact the school office, or email me directly (bellm@maniototo.school.nz to make a time).

Please enjoy reading all of the updates on school activities in this newsletter. I would like to especially acknowledge the exceptional placings in the Otago Secondary School Athletics Championships. Tiopira Huriwai-Kirk gained first place in the Senior Boys high jump and third in long jump; Rawiri Huriwai-Kirk was second in the U16 high jump; Keisha MacFadyen was 3rd in the javelin; and Nicola Kinney was third in the 800m. For such a small senior school, with no official athletics training programme, we have punched well above our weight in this event.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melissa Bell
Principal

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Science Academy

In late January, I spent a week in Dunedin with 50+ like-minded Year 13 students from all over Aotearoa. This programme is called the Science Academy (run by the University of Otago) which focuses on extending our knowledge of science and its applications.

The subjects I chose to learn more about were Chemistry, Pharmacology, Genetics, and Science Filmmaking. My favourite was Pharmacology in which we tested the effects of caffeine by measuring our intelligence and physiology before and after taking caffeine. We didn't know until afterwards that half of us were given decaf!

We also got to look at the university students' PHDs which were immensely interesting.

Not only did I get to deepen my knowledge of science - but I got to do fun activities with the other Science Academy participants like laser tag, volleyball, shopping, going on a ferry, a celebratory dress-up party, and lots more. I thoroughly enjoyed my full-on week with the Science Academy, and I can't wait to go back in July.

Sandee Barroga
Year 13



Otago Secondary Athletics

Congratulations to our students who attended the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics in Dunedin. They all showed great determination and positive attitudes and we are very proud of their efforts. A special congratulations to Tiopira (Yr 12) who had an outstanding day, winning the Senior Boys high jump with a great jump of 1.78cm. Tiopira was awarded the Caledonian Cup. He also placed 3rd in the long jump.

Rawiri (Yr 11) was second in the U16 high jump. Well done also, to Keisha - 3rd in the Javelin and Nicola - 3rd in the 800m and to Te Oranga and Emma who made finals &/or finished in the top 6 of their events. Tino pai!



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Cavalcade

Catering for the Goldfields Cavalcade is a huge fundraiser for our PTA and school. In addition to the catering we also had an amazing group of people put up their hands to help move 20 vehicles each day over 6 days.

We would like to pass on a huge thank you to everyone that was involved with catering, providing mutton, making food, donating equipment and moving of vehicles - including many people who don't have children at the school .

Special thanks to Jenna Huddleston, Belinda Colling and Gemma Hore for organising everything. They do a fantastic job every year!



Field Trips

The Senior Horticulture and Business Studies classes met up with Anna Pettigrew for a stroll through the sunflowers, at their Patearoa property. Anna shared a wealth of information regarding the agricultural and financial purpose of the crop, and the process that they have followed to grow these magnificent flowers. The field trip ticked many boxes for both classes with Horticulture students studying soils and fertilisers with a local focus and Business Studies students studying local businesses. Thanks to Anna for her time and for sharing her knowledge with the students.



Year 9/10 Art class were out and about last week, looking at the new mural, finding examples of art around Ranfurly and sketching some of the old machinery.



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We are fortunate to receive free dictionaries for our Year 4 students and letter/picture cards for the Year 1 students. Thank you to the Alexandra Rotary Club for providing these for our students every year, we really do appreciate receiving them.



We are super proud to announce that our awesome tamariki have raised \$1,686 for Tolaga Bay Area School! The students were given the challenge to complete a chore for a donation - and, wow, they certainly took up the challenge. We had a great range of activities ranging from selling pre-loved toys, cleaning, collecting pinecones, gardening, firewood, washing cars, folding washing, doing dishes, mowing lawns, farmwork, even a back massage!



Well done to Danseys House who won the House Shield at the Swimming Sports

Congratulations

Emma Kinney has completed her Silver Level Duke of Edinburgh Award, this is a wonderful achievement. Well done!

Leadership

We are thrilled to announce our Prefects for 2023: Emma Kinney, Jayson Dumapis, Jeremy Dumapis, Olivia Russell, Abby Ferdinands & Sam Varcoe.

They are all excellent role models for our students and exhibit a great understanding of our school values



Congratulations to Grace Farquhar who has been selected to attend Expedition: Deep Thought at the Marine Studies Centre in Portobello.

Olivia Russell and Keisha McFadyen have been selected to attend Otago University's Young Women in Leadership Programme.



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Footsteps Dance Company

All of our students from Years 1-10 took part in the Footsteps Dance Company programme this week as part of our Arts Curriculum,

A huge thank you must go to the PTA as they subsidise a significant portion of the expenses for this programme.



Bike Wise

Senior Constable Garry Milford will be running a Bikewise course with our Year 3-8 students and a Safe Walking (Pedestrian safety) with our Year 1 & 2. He will be here on Tuesday 21st March, Tuesday 28th March, Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March. **It would be good if the kids could bring their bikes to school on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th.** Please make sure that the bikes are road worthy. We have noticed that a number of students are forgetting to wear their helmets at the moment, hopefully, Bikewise will be a good reminder about the importance of wearing a helmet.

Farm Safety Programme

On 31st March our school is hosting a Farm Safe Day in conjunction with Harriet Bremner and Otago Rural Support Trust.

Students will be put into groups and they will move around 10 different modules. Modules are run by a mix of specialists e.g. Police, local agricultural suppliers/contractors/farmers, and parents.

Each module lasts about 10 minutes and topics include fire safety, dog handling, safety around large machinery, motorbikes/side-by-sides, firearms, chemicals and electricity/power lines. It will be suitable for all ages.

The event is free and each child will be given a sausage for lunch. Also, each family will receive free copies of Harriet's books 'Use your voice' and 'Be Safe, Be Seen'. The hope is that the books help take the conversation around health and safety from the day, into the home and out onto the farm and into the community.

We encourage you all to come along and be part of this important event.

EOHS Sports Exchange

Tuesday 21st March is the Jack Martin Memorial Sports Exchange with East Otago High School. Students from Year 7-13 will take part in Football, Ki O Rahi, Basketball and Softball.

The first games start at 10.15am, you are all welcome to come along and cheer them on.

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Winter Uniform

A reminder that Term 2 will be a change into Winter Uniform for secondary school students.

Teacher Only Day

A Teacher Only Day is planned for Monday 24th April, this means that Term 2 will begin on Wednesday 26th April after ANZAC Day



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

*24 April - Teacher Only Day

*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

**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**

27 March : PALs training day for Year 8

30 March : Year 11 Shakespeare trip

30 March : HPV

31 March : Rural Safety Day

2-5 April : Senior Tramp (Hump Ridge)

Thursday 6 April : Last Day of Term

24 April : Teacher Only Day

25 April : ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26 April : Start of Term 2

3 May : Board Meeting

10-12 May : Area School Tournament

11-16 May : Life Education Trust

16 May : School Open Day

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THANK YOU!

A huge thanks to everyone who helped with the Cavalcade:

Deane Cameron, Oturehua Winter Sports Club, Ro McDiarmid, Maniototo Lions, Phil Smith, Geoff and Lauren Shaw, Charles and Tash Crutchley, Mark and Melissa Inder, Craig and Ann-Marie Paterson, Simon and Sarah Paterson, Simon and Gemma Hore, Patrick and Kirsty Kinney, Jenny MacDonald, Jenna Huddleston, Kelly Smith, Jess & Donna Owens, Amanda and Nic Graham, Charlie Hore and Belinda Colling, James and Debbie Paterson, Kila Hepi, Gina Spooner, Sarah Smith and Clinton Meehan, Andrew and Frankie Hore, Matt McSkimming, Jeff Pont, Kyle Hagen, Kym Smith, Brad Wilson and Sarah Byrne, Jackie Spooner, Pete Jones, Willie Dowling, Kate Gregan, Dick Vanderley, Dean Kawana, Roger McKinney, Jamie McMillan, Sam Stevens, Heidi Gillespie, Kimberly Benson, Doug Smith, Andrew Dickson, Johnny McAtamney, Regan Harley, Jimmy Becker, Pete Becker, Chris MacDonald, Pete Aitken, Paul O'Malley, Clint Gallagher, Matt and Kim Clark, Craig Wilson, Bryce Thomson, Dave McAtamney, Kerrin Mulholland and all our MAS families.

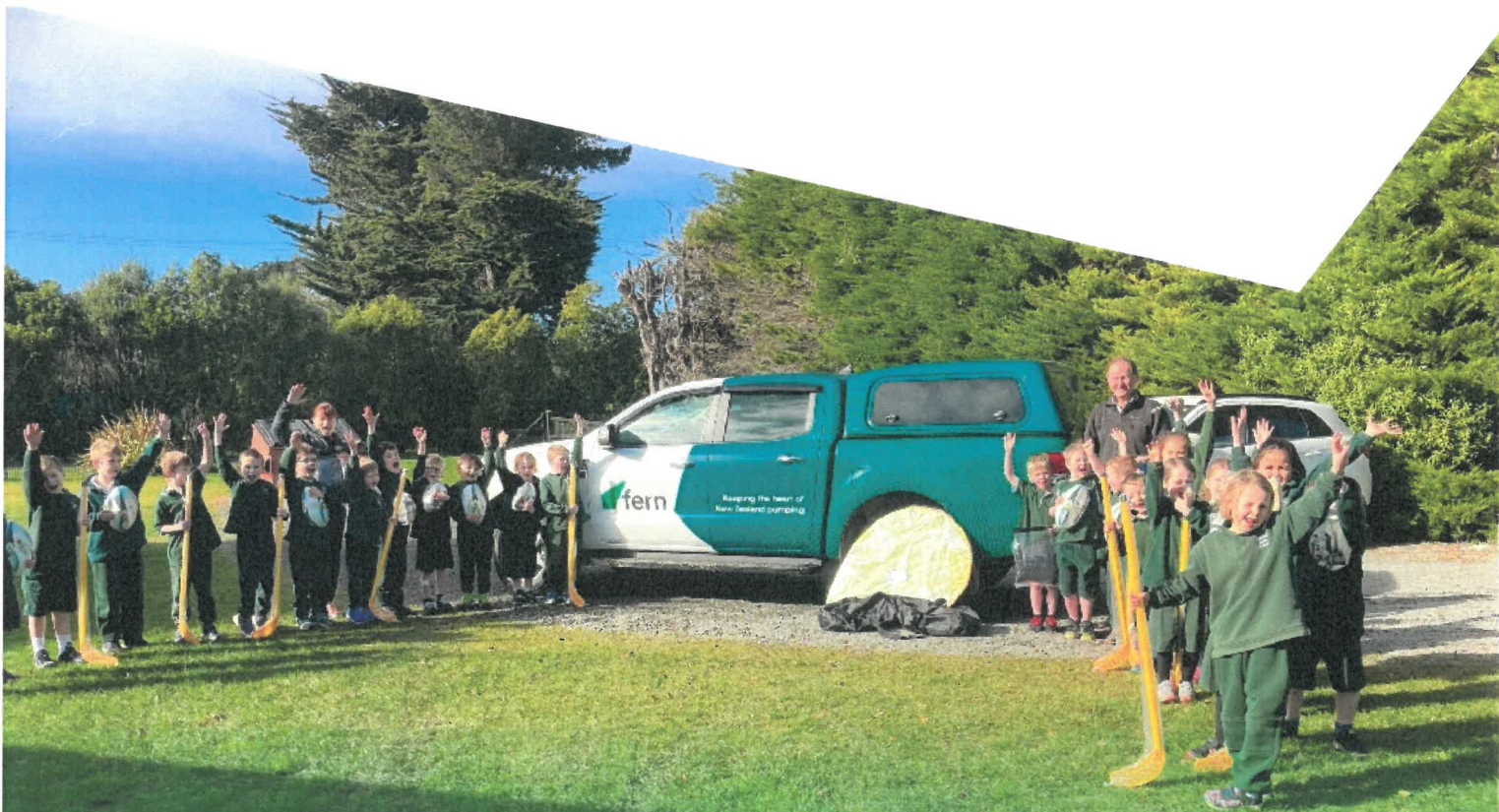


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Maniototo Area School: Primary Uniform List

Year		Girls	Boys
1-8	Summer (Term 1 & 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy Polo (<i>sky blue detail</i>) ● Navy Skort, Cargo shorts or Pants ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Under-tops (<i>navy only</i>)(<i>optional</i>) ● Navy socks (<i>ankle length</i>) ● Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat ● Shoes: sensible - no jandals, gumboots or shoes with heels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy Polo (<i>sky blue detail</i>) ● Navy Cargo shorts or Pants ● Navy socks (<i>ankle length</i>) ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Under-tops (<i>navy only</i>) (<i>optional</i>) ● Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat or Bucket Hat ● Shoes: sensible - no jandals or gumboots
1-8	Winter (Term 2 & 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy Polo (<i>sky blue detail</i>) ● Navy Skort, Cargo shorts or Pants ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Under-tops (<i>navy only</i>)(<i>optional</i>) ● Navy tights (<i>optional</i>) ● Navy socks (<i>knee-high</i>) ● Shoes: sensible - no jandals, gumboots or shoes with heels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy Polo (<i>sky blue detail</i>) ● Navy Cargo shorts or Pants ● Navy socks (<i>ankle length</i>) ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Under-tops (<i>navy only</i>) (<i>optional</i>) ● Shoes: sensible - no jandals or gumboots
7 & 8 only	PE/Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy PE/Sports top + navy sports shorts/tights/pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy PE/Sports top + navy sports shorts/pants

Non-uniform jackets may be worn to and from school but **MUST NOT REPLACE** the merino or polar-fleece.

All uniform items should be purchased from the school supplier **UniformNZ** (via the school website) except for girls skorts which are available from The Warehouse.

For Merino orders or enquiries contact School Uniform Co-ordinator **Kelly Smith 0274 888 211**

Maniototo Area School: Secondary Uniform List

Year		Girls	Boys
9-13	Summer (Term 1 & 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy Polo (<i>sky blue detail</i>) ● Navy Skirt (available from The Warehouse) ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Navy socks (<i>ankle length</i>) ● Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat, Bucket Hat or Cap (to be worn outside only) ● Shoes: Black leather shoes; black leather flats or sandals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy Polo (<i>sky blue detail</i>) ● Navy Tab shorts ● Navy socks (<i>ankle length</i>) ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Navy sunhats - Aussie Drill Hat, Bucket Hat or Cap (to be worn outside only) ● Shoes: Black leather shoes or sandals
9-13	Winter (Term 2 & 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White long sleeve shirt ● Tartan check skirt ● Black trousers (optional) ● School tie ● School blazer (<i>Yr. 11 to 13 only</i>) ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Under-tops (<i>white only</i>) (<i>optional</i>) ● Navy tights/knee-high navy socks ● Shoes: Black leather shoes ● Soft shell jacket (optional) ● Beanie (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White long sleeve shirt ● Navy Tab shorts or Black pants (students wearing a blazer must wear black pants) ● School tie ● School blazer (<i>Yr. 11 to 13 only</i>) ● Grey/Navy/Sky Blue knee-high socks (<i>worn with shorts</i>) ● Navy Merino Top or Polar-fleece (<i>choose one option</i>) ● Under-tops (<i>white only</i>) (<i>optional</i>) ● Shoes: Black leather shoes ● Soft shell jacket (optional) ● Beanie (optional)
	PE/Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy PE/Sports top + navy sports shorts/tights/pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy PE/Sports top + navy sports shorts/pants

Soft shell jackets may be worn to and from school but **MUST NOT REPLACE** the merino, polar-fleece or school blazer.

Uniform items should be purchased from the school supplier **UniformNZ** via the school website.

Girls skorts, navy & tartan skirts are to be purchased from The Warehouse.

Merino orders or enquiries to School Uniform Co-ordinator **Kelly Smith 0274 888 211**.

Ties and Boys grey socks are available from the school office.
Blazers orders are made through the school office