
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

APRIL 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week, I have delivered a reflection to staff on my first term at Maniototo Area School. There have been many people to meet, much to learn and a huge number of school activities from week to week. I am struck by the sense of community, and the warmth of the welcome from staff and students alike. The collegiality and commitment of the teaching staff and senior leadership team is impressive. I know that we have people working very hard for the benefit of the students at the school. The reward is seeing our students take up opportunities and flourish. Maniototo Area School is a pretty special place, and I feel very honoured to be part of it.

One of the real highlights of the term has been the Farm Safety day held last week. I would like to acknowledge all those in the community who contributed to this important and engaging day. It was a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on such a critical issue. Thank you for your support of the event.

I hope all students and their families have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. Holidays are the time to recharge, refresh and come back ready for a busy and productive term. Term 2 is always an important one - the year is well and truly underway, and it is time to dig deep and work solidly. I stand by my high expectations of students, I want the very best for them and their futures. I thank you for your continued support of these high expectations and standards.

Melissa Bell
Principal



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South Island Secondary School Athletics

Congratulations to Tiopira who got second in high jump at 183cm jumping his personal best and 7th in long jump with 5.40m, and to Keisha who placed 7th throwing 22.23m in javelin.



Otago Primary Swimming Champs



Congratulations to Nathan, Indi, Marley, Sophie, James and Thalia who represented our school at the Otago Swimming Champs recently. They all had excellent swims, many beating personal bests and finishing in the top half of their age grade.



The Year 11-13 students went kayaking at the Coal Pit Dam last week, and the Year 9 and 10 class have started an exercise and nutrition unit for health. They had an expert in boxing, Andrew Dickson come to visit and loved it!



Physical Education



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Biology - Crab Camp

The Year 13 Biology students have been working to achieve their Practical Investigation Standard (aka Crab Camp) on the Otago University Marine Biology campus in Portobello.

The camp spanned from Thursday to Saturday and the students worked hard over these three days to carry out their research plan and receive quality data. Students became experts at using University equipment such as Lux meters, salinity readings, dissolved O₂, pH, and temperature readings to ensure that the investigations controlled variables ensured their investigations were fair tests.

The course was a combined with other small secondary schools, our students stayed on Quarantine Island with pupils from Roxburgh Area School, Twizel Area School, McKenzie College, Opihi College, and Te Kura.

It was a great experience and the students made Maniototo Area School proud with their respectful and mature behaviour.



Bike Wise

A huge thanks to Senior Constable Garry Milford for teaching our primary students about Safe walking and being Bike Wise.



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Farm Safety Day

On the 31st of March 2023 MAS, St Johns and Poolburn school all came together to learn how to be safe on the farm. There were 10 modules to go explore. We were all split into groups named after a colour. My group was orange with Nick, Bonnie and Aesha. They told us that we would do 7 modules before having lunch. After that a fire truck would come and tell people about what happens if there was a fire to happen.

My group walked from the health safety over towards the truck module. When we got there a big truck towered over us. In the truck there was a camera that would take videos on the road if something bad happened. The driver, would sleep for ten hours, in his little bed in his truck. The horn was way too loud as well. We all got to go into the back of the truck to see what it looks like.

When we had finished we went over to gun safety. There was a glock, a large shotgun, and a slug gun. Alan, the person who did gun safety, told us that he had to carry a glock and a M7 around. He also showed us what it feels like to wear a bulletproof vest and how to tell there is no bullets in the gun.

Immediately we headed over to road safety where Jess talked to us about how to be safe on the road and what would happen if there was an accident. He showed us how to put out road spikes, how to measure the speed without seeing the car and what you would need at a crime scene. He also was going to tell us how to measure the length of the so-called skid tracks but ran out of time.

When my group got to side by side safety everyone asked if we could go in it. He said yes but not after he had talked about it. The module instructors name was Callum and he told us the side by side safety rules like, you need to be sixteen or over, you must wear a helmet and seat belt and should never ride with someone in the back. Then he let everyone have a test to feel what is like to sit in one. Everyone one was a bit naughty and sat in the back trying to breach the limit.

Next to the animal safety there was fire safety. At the module the instructor taught us what to do in a fire and how to use a fire extinguisher. He said that if you do end up using a fire extinguisher that you might find it hard to breathe. We learnt that a fire blanket works on cooking. He also said that when we got home that we ask our parents if or where a fire extinguisher is.

When everyone had finished their modules we headed out to the field and sat next to the rugby post. There waiting for us was the fire truck and three firefighter volunteers. We all sat there and paid close attention to what they said and what tools they would use. He showed us a tool that could cut your arm off easily but they only use it for car accidents to tear a stuck door open. After that 9 people, 3 from each school, said a thank you to the people who instructed the very impressive modules. Harriet also said her thank yous before everyone went back to class.

I feel like it was a fun interesting day that I hope every one enjoyed. Thanks to all the instructors who helped with modules and coming to our school. Thanks to the fire brigade and St Johns ambulance that sneakily got away for a wee bit.

By Noah Spooner

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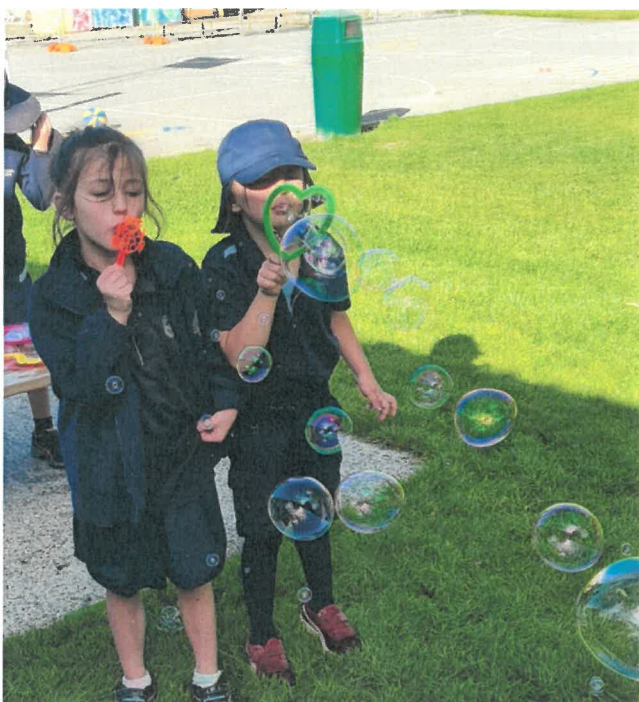
A huge thank you to the following businesses/services for leading modules at our Farm Safe Day. You were all excellent! Thanks to your hard work the students have learnt some great tips about keeping safe in our rural environment.

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Bubbles

First, we went outside on Monday morning. Mrs Paterson had a surprise for us. I felt excited and there was bubbles in the box. Then, we played with the bubbles. We waved the wands to make massive bubbles.

Finally, we packed the bubble wands and the mixture into the box. I was feeling happy with the bubbles. *By Maddie Norman*



Relay Your Way

On 29th-30th April our Prefects are doing Relay for Life to raise funds for New Zealanders affected by cancer.

With your support, we'll make a real difference for New Zealanders with cancer and their whānau.

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Event Calendar 2023

24 April : Teacher Only Day

25 April : ANZAC Day

Wednesday 26 April : Start of Term 2

3 May : Board Meeting

5 May : Senior Road Race

8 May : Year 12 Biology Field Trip

10-12 May : Area School Tournament

11-16 May : Life Education Trust

16 May : School Open Day

22 May : Kids Online Parent Night

29-31 May - Science Extension Course

1 June : Central Otago Ripa Rugby

5 June : Kings Birthday (School is closed)

CARDRONA / TREBLE LOCAL SCHOOL CHILD SEASON PASS 2023

Our local school seasons passes are available to purchase online by following the link - <https://secure.cardrona-treblecone.com/s/local-school-child-season-pass/p/local-school-child-season-pass-2023>

YEAR 1- 8 \$155 YEAR 9 – 13 \$225



Maniototo Area School presents:

A Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker
of
the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to predators, pornography, gaming, fake news, social media access, and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

MONDAY 22ND MAY 2023 | 7PM - 9PM
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