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## Newsletter

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# Maniototo Area School

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Kia ora parents and caregivers,

This week has been full and challenging. The primary school are working hard on their production in preparation for their performances next week. There has certainly been a high level of excitement amongst the students, and I am looking forward to attending the show next week. I would like to acknowledge Lucia Dowling for leading this. It is great that we are able to come together as a school community and enjoy events like this again. They certainly would not happen with staff working hard behind the scenes.

In addition we have held parent teacher interviews in the primary school, and reports are being finalised in the secondary school. Next week we have parent interviews in the secondary school. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have booked in and come along to interviews. The potential of your children is so much more likely to be fulfilled when we work together in partnership. You bring to these interviews the deep understanding of your child's unique personality, their passions and their learning dispositions. It is important for teachers to understand these. In return, we offer the observations of how they work in a learning community and the knowledge of pedagogy and learning progressions. Believe me, the best thing our young people can have is parents and teachers singing from the same song book.

Our PRIDE value this term has been determination and I applaud all students who have worked on developing their determination in the classroom and on the sports field. I look forward to our final celebration of this value at our PRIDE assembly next Friday.

Finally, I ask you to save the date for September 14th. We have an exciting event unplanned to celebrate and officially open our new school. More details will be forthcoming.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the school show next week. If I do not see you in person, I wish you a safe school holidays break with your family.

Ngā mihi,

Melissa Bell - Principal

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## CURLING

On the 2nd of June- King's Birthday Weekend, I flew out to Auckland to compete in the New Zealand Mixed Fours Championships. In each pool, there were six teams. My team and I won all of our games in our pool and came out on top of the table. From there, we went straight to 1st and 2nd playoffs against Dave Watts' team. Unfortunately, we lost this game and placed 2nd, but overall had a great weekend. It was definitely a great experience. The ice wasn't what I was used to, so it took a bit to get a feel for. I was also playing against a wide range of ages, which helped me learn a lot more.

Last weekend from the 15th to the 18th Jack and I had the New Zealand Men's and Women's Championships. There were seven teams in the girl's pool and nine in the boy's draw. It was a tough, long, and very tiring weekend but my team and I managed to get into the semi-finals and after winning the semis we went into the finals for third and fourth against the senior women's team. It was a close game but we managed to come out with a win and got third place overall. Jack and his team had a good weekend with a few wins and losses but unfortunately didn't make into semis.

**Olivia Russell**



Women's Bronze Medalists: Lucy Neilson (Skip), Rachael Pitts, Ruby Kinney, Olivia Russell

## NZAST

In the July holidays Abby Ferdinands and Jeremy Dumapis will attend the NZ Area Schools Tournament in Rangiora for four days. They will combine with the other Area Schools from our region to make up the South of the South Team.

We wish these students well for this upcoming tournament and know that they will represent themselves and our school with all of our PRIDE Values.

## ICE WEEK

It is that time again and with the frosty weather outside it is no surprise Ice Week is on the agenda. The first week of term 3 will be dedicated to Curling, Ice Skating and zipping down the Ice Luge in Naseby.

- Years 1 & 2 will have three one hour ice skating sessions
- Years 3-8 will have three two hour sessions, split between skating and curling, along with the option of luge as well.
- Our senior school will have Friday morning to skate, curl and luge if they so desire.

For those new to our school, Ice Week is a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience the incredible curling, skating and luge facilities on our back doorstep. Our school is fortunate enough to be supported by NZ Curling who will be providing developmental coaching as well.

Forms will be out today requesting parent/caregiver assistance with transport to and from the daily sessions, in Naseby. We appreciate your support again this year as we aim to reduce costs and enable the entire school to enjoy this event.

Donna Owens - Sports Coordinator  
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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board wishes to welcome new families to our school community.

Along with our new principal Melissa, we have welcomed two new members to our board this past year, Jackie Spooner and Sarah Byrne, we thank them for their commitment towards the governance of our school. We are in the process of appointing a new parent rep to the board by process of selection which will be announced next week.

The school has had a recent visit from the ERO office, we are delighted to receive such a positive report following this visit and reassurance the school is in good stead. We thank Melissa for her fantastic leadership and the staff for their ongoing commitment to providing the best learning outcomes for each and every one of our students, your work doesn't go unnoticed.

As the rebuild is nearing completion, it's great to see the staff and students enjoying their new warm learning environments. The school is looking fantastic, a place we can all be proud of. We are currently working closely with the Ministry of Education and hope to have the Gym Refurbishment project started very soon. Stage two of this project is a much needed new turf and courts area, which we are working hard on solutions to fund.

Plans are also underway to utilise the area that used to house the 'Junior Block'. We are working with talented local volunteers and community groups to create an edible garden and orchard area. Watch this space!

Finally, I'd like to formally thank outgoing board member Quinton Smith for his contribution to the board. Thanks Quinton, we've really appreciated your expertise and support.

We're all due a break and time with family, Enjoy the holidays and stay safe.

Nga mihi,  
Sarah Paterson - Chairperson

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## AMANDA VOICE



A huge Congratulations to Amanda Voice (ex MAS student) who recently graduated from NZ Defence College after 3 years of hard work.

Amanda was awarded the He Whakaatu Nui Award for attributes as a Defence Medical practitioner, specifically Competence, Reliability, Compassion & Care. Sums her up perfectly!

We were lucky enough to have Amanda come to visit the school yesterday and speak to the secondary students about her life in the NZ Defence Force.

Thank you Amanda, you are a true inspiration to so many.

## DOUG SMITH

Well done to Doug Smith who was selected for the Otago NPC Internal Trials. We hope this is just the start of more great things in your rugby career Doug!

## CAREY KNOX

The Year 6 kids had a visit from local herpetologist (*reptile and amphibian researcher*) Carey Knox. As a kid growing up in the Mackenzie Basin, he'd roam the hills, searching for grasshoppers. Yet while he came across some of the common brown skinks, it was years before he learnt enough to really engage with lizards.

Carey is now with Wildlands Consultants, and has been involved with Mokomoko Dryland Sanctuary for a number of years. The Central Otago Ecological Trust contract him to help with the proposals and field work involved in lizard translocations, and to carry out the follow up lizard monitoring within the Sanctuary.

He has built up a high level of expertise on our wild lizard populations. DOC contract Carey to carry out most of their threatened lizard species work across Otago, Southland and Fiordland.

The students really enjoyed learning about the lizards and appreciate Carey taking the time to come and talk to them.





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## NETBALL TOURNAMENTS



On the 22nd of June the Year 5's from St Johns and MAS competed in a tournament in Alexandra. The girls had a fantastic day. The first game was against Roxburgh Area School, the fog and cold was getting to the girls but they still put up a fight to win 4-0.

The second game was against Cromwell, the fog was slowly going away and they played extremely well and had another win of 4-1. Their third game against Kawarau was more challenging but they worked as a team better and very impressive. This led to another win of 6-1.

Our final game against Arrowtown was a blast, the game was hard and both teams played very well. It was a very close game and the final score was 4-3, another win for the girls. 4 wins in a row which we are so proud of.

The girls had a great time with a stop at Subway on the way home - everyone was happy with their wins and a fun day. Thanks to Sal and Emma for giving the girls a ride and giving up their time to come coach the girls.

**Keisha McFadyen**

### Otago Secondary Champs

Two weeks ago, the secondary netball team attended a two day tournament at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. The Team travelled down in the school van very early on the chilly Sunday morning but proved there was a great atmosphere entering our first game. Having a successful first day, winning one out of our two games. On the second day the team played off for 5/6th. With two tough losses, we placed 6th. We worked well as a unit, adapting our game to a faster pace inside, and encouraging one another making our coaches Erica, Izzy and Michelle proud. We want to thank those parents who travelled to Dunedin to support the girls, it was great having your support on the sideline.

We were lucky enough to meet Georgia Heffernan, and her twin sister Kate Heffernan who plays for the Southern Steel and the Silver Ferns. It was great to have them watch our games and take time to get a photo with the girls. They even mentioned that we have promising players.

Let's hope the great season that we are having continues, with playing off to move to a higher grade in our Central Otago Netball Competition this Saturday.



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## HOCKEY

Our Secondary School Mixed Hockey team are currently top of the table for Division 2 with 2 games to go.

They have also just started fundraising for tournament in Oamaru - Kai Pai Pies & Savouries.

The link is on the school Facebook page for orders. Delivery will be 10th August.

## CURLING CAMP

NZ Curling is hosting a FREE Curling Camp this July Holidays in Naseby.

- Tuesday 4th July: 10 am - 4 pm
- Wednesday 5th July: 9 am - 3 pm
- Cost: Free
- Venue: MCI, Naseby
- Registrations: Close Monday 26th June
- To register, please go to our website <https://www.curling.org.nz/championships/camp-2-yogs-beginners-intermediate-1>

This training camp is open to beginning and intermediate Curlers who want to learn more about the game. Over the two days, participants will learn about delivery, sweeping, strategy, nutrition, and much more.

It is recommended this Training Camp is from Year 7 up.

## Event Calendar

**26 & 27 June : Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews**

**28 June : Careers Expo**

**29 June : Primary School Production  
12.30pm & 6.30pm**

**30 June : Last Day of Term 2**

**10-13 July : NZAST (Rangiora)**

**17 July : Start of Term 3**

**18-21 July : Ice Week**

**25 July : Attitude Year 7-13**

**2 August : Board of Trustees Meeting**

**7-11 August : Yr 11 Trip to Wellington**

**22 August : Maniototo Cross Country**

**28 August -1 Sept : Tournament Week**

**1 Sept : Otago Primary Cross Country**

**5 Sept : School Photos**





Come along and see our awesome Yr 1-8 students on the stage!  
Thursday 29th June 12.30pm and 6.30pm.  
Ranfurly Town Hall. Admission by \$ Donation

by Andrew Oxspring & Nick Haworth

# WOW!

## WHAT A YEAR!



# FUNDRAISING

MAS Senior Hockey Team is fundraising for The Mixed South Island Tournament in Oamaru. Kai Pies available for purchase through the link below to help towards our fundraising efforts. Thanks in advance for your support.

[https://maniototoareaschoolpies.raiseit.co.nz/mashockeytournamentfundraiser?fbclid=IwAR0pxN7Y9Yw\\_2DgCBdGlO8ry7QOwOnfPTAxAcLxe5cmEmQuf7xFy46hpVac](https://maniototoareaschoolpies.raiseit.co.nz/mashockeytournamentfundraiser?fbclid=IwAR0pxN7Y9Yw_2DgCBdGlO8ry7QOwOnfPTAxAcLxe5cmEmQuf7xFy46hpVac)

## BEGINNERS TE REO MĀORI MĀNIATOTO



10 weeks on a Tuesday  
starting 18 July  
with Marcanui

at Māniatoto Arts Centre  
5.30 - 8.30pm, \$50

- Learn to introduce yourself
- Learn to welcome others
- Learn conversational Māori
- Learn about the culture and traditions

To book phone Central Otago REAP - 0800 267-327 or [admin@coreap.org.nz](mailto:admin@coreap.org.nz)  
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