
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

AUGUST 2023

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

We have had a settled and focused start to term 3. It has been great to start the term with little disruption, it allows us to focus firmly on teaching and learning.

We now have new obligations around absence reporting. For every absence we need to provide detail around the reasons for the absence. When you call, text or email in, please be sure to provide information around why your child is absent. As the Ministry of Education currently has a nationwide focus on attendance, we will also be sending out letters when attendance is at a level of concern. We appreciate when children are kept home due to ill health, but we do encourage families to minimise disruption to learning. We know that it is challenging for children to catch up on missed learning, and that there is a strong link between achievement and attendance rates.

A highlight of the term will be the formal opening of the new school. This is scheduled for 14th September and we are delighted to have the Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Cindy Kiro as the guest of honour at this event. Her Excellency will, along with Mr Joe Ferdinands, have the honour of unveiling the plaque to formally open the school. We know this will be a very special celebration of our new facilities, and we will provide more information about this event in the next two weeks.

I can also announce that the gym redevelopment is due to start mid-August. We are thrilled that this project will soon be underway. It will be exciting to bring the gym up to the standard of the rest of our learning spaces. The new gym will also provide a dedicated weights area and senior classroom space. While the construction will no doubt cause some logistical challenges and disruptions, we are looking forward to having another facility that we can be truly proud of.

On a final note, our PRIDE value this term is 'respect'. Assemblies so far have focused on respecting ourselves by setting high expectations of ourselves, respecting those who make a positive difference in the world and respecting diversity. We thank you for your support of these messages at home.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,

Melissa Bell

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TERM 2 PRIDE AWARDS: DETERMINATION

Our PRIDE Award recipients for Term 2 were recognised for displaying great determination. These students regularly push themselves to overcome challenges and never give up.

A huge congratulations to: Briar Gillespie, Aria Parker, Chrysler Houppapa, Sophie McAtamney, Sam Hore, Tayla Smith, Aria Spooner, Rhys Wilson, William McKinney, Nicola Kinney, Jake Smith, Samantha Varcoe and Jeremy Dumapis



NZAST

The New Zealand National Area School's tournament 2023 was held at the MainPower Stadium in Rangiora. Abby Ferdinands and Jeremy Dumapis took part in this sports event. Due to the heavy snowfall and the road closures, it was quite a mission getting to Rangiora, but we made it there eventually!! Jeremy was part of the soccer and volleyball teams and Abby was part of the netball, volleyball and soccer teams. Abby made it into the South Island Area School's Netball B team. On the last day they versed the North Island team but sadly, the South Island team lost in the last quarter of the game. Both our students showed great sportsmanship. It was interesting to note that on the last day, when the South versed the North teams, the South teams won 6 out of the 10 sports that were played.



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SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

Every year we thank our awesome support staff for the amazing job they do at our school. This includes our office staff, teacher aides, sports administrator, caretaker, cleaners and the library staff. This year we held a special assembly and each class presented a staff member with a card. The support staff were also invited to have a special morning tea together.



Thank you!

PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Wow! A huge congratulations to everyone involved in our primary production.

The kids were absolutely amazing - singing their wee hearts out! It was great to give all our students the opportunity to be part of the show and we were so thrilled to see them all embrace it and shine!



WOW!



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AGRIBUSINESS TRIP

On Wednesday the 26th, the Year 13 Agribusiness class visited the orchards at Webb's Fruit and Dicey's vineyard near Cromwell. We learnt how innovation plays a crucial role in adding value to primary products such as peaches, apples, cherries, and grapes. Both visits were very informative and gave us valuable insights into the agriculture industry. It was surprising to see the amount of knowledge, sophisticated inputs, and innovative techniques that go into fruit cultivation and winemaking. Another theme that came up was about how products must have a 'story' for them to sell into the market. It's the 'why' consumers should want to buy their products, and it includes reasons like locality and land, the people behind it, and the story behind each harvest. This topic went hand in hand with our existing business knowledge and the concept of pūtake.

The visits to Webb's Fruit and Vacey were incredibly educational and a great opportunity to fully appreciate the complex processes in the agriculture industry. A huge thanks is given to Simon Webb, James Dicey, and Matt Dicey for allowing us to visit their businesses and take the time out of their day to educate us. It was a lovely day out for our class, as we also had a delicious lunch at Nichol's Garden Cafe, towering ice creams, and a little detour on the way to the vineyard.

Sandee Barroga - Year 13

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

On Friday 28th July, the Year 8 to 13 girls had an amazing opportunity to go to a FIFA Women's Football World Cup game at the stadium in Dunedin. With thousands of other people, we watched South Africa and Argentina play against each other - and at times we were at the edge of our seats, anticipating coordinated teamwork and goals. The players in each team played wonderfully and definitely gave everyone an engaging and memorable game. The final score was a tie sitting at 2 all. The girls and teachers appreciated the opportunity we were given to watch the game in person. We all had such a blast and loved this enjoyable experience. We give a huge thanks to FIFA and the Dunedin City Council for making it happen.

Sandee Barroga



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SCIENCE ACADEMY

In early July, the Science Academy winter camp in Dunedin commenced. My cohort stayed at the Tolcarne Boarding Residence and we went down to the university campus each day for the projects and electives. Mine were chemistry, psychology, and biochemistry.

For chemistry, we went to the Mellor Labs and had an exciting time dyeing lab coats and t-shirts using dyes derived from various plants. We synthesized indigo dye and brown/orange dye from the native plant raurekau.

In Psychology, we conducted several experiments. One of them involved a visit to the Otago Museum. We all looked at the same set of artifacts but half of the group took photos, while the other half solely looked at the objects. Later on, we did a memory test to determine whether taking photos would enhance our memory compared to not taking photos. We found that the group that didn't take photos had a better memory of what artifacts we looked at.

In Biochemistry, we drew out blood from our fingertips to measure our lactate, cholesterol levels, and glucose. We also got to design and carry out our own experiments. Our group decided to measure our glucose levels before and after drinking 500ml of standard Coke, Mountain Dew, Diet Coke, and Coke Zero. We found that the drinks that contained sugar increased our blood glucose levels, whereas the no-sugar drinks didn't increase our glucose and it stayed relatively flat.

The Science Academy is a wonderful programme for individuals interested in science and meeting like-minded students from all over NZ. I definitely recommend upcoming Year 13 students to apply for this programme. It's a great opportunity to learn about science topics outside of school and at a more advanced level, taught by scientists and professors.

Sandee Barroga - Year 13



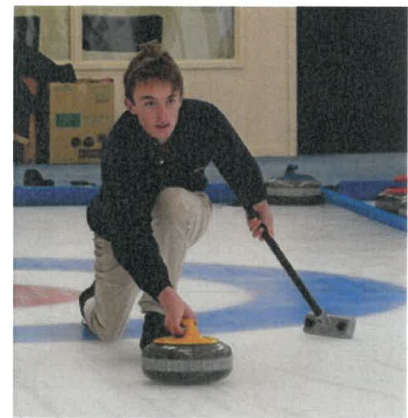
ICE WEEK

A huge thanks to all the caregivers that provided transport for our ice week.

Thanks to the staff and volunteers at both rinks for their coaching advice.

It is a huge week for everyone, but it's great to be able to incorporate these trips into our school year.

A special thanks to Donna Owens our Sports Administrator for all her organisation!



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SCIENCE EXTENSION PROGRAMME

At the end of May and the middle of June I attended a science extension programme run by the University of Otago.

On the first day of the May programme we went to the Portobello Marine Lab, met our teams and decided on our projects for each group. We then stayed on Quarantine Island for the night and played cards with everyone.

For the second day we took the boat Polaris II and went into the inner harbour to collect sample research for our projects.

After we took three samples in the inner harbour we used microphones and a zooplankton guide to identify and count each individual zooplankton.

While we were counting as a team the boat took us to three different sites in the outer harbour where we took a sample and analysed it at each site.

We did the same thing that night and the next morning but instead of going to the inner harbour we went straight to the outer harbour and took our last two samples there.

We then returned to the lab and started to analyse and graph our data in groups.

On our first day of the June program we finished our data analysis and began both our spoken and novel presentations. We then stayed on the island again for the night and were given a tour of the buildings, graveyard and grass areas, after this we had a game night in the hall with everyone and went back to the lodge for cards and food.

The next morning we took the boat back to Portobello Marine Lab where we finished both presentations and presented them for parents, students and teachers from the University and our mentors.

*By Grace Farquhar
(Year 11)*



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Outlining our procedure around late starts and school closures due to weather conditions.

We aim to make a decision around late starts and school closures as early as possible. If buses are running late, the entire school will have a late start. If road and weather conditions are very bad, we would close for the day.

We will notify families via text message and on our Facebook page. This would also be broadcast on Maniototos Burn radio station. Please ensure the school office has been notified of any changes to your contact information.

Please note that most of our staff live beyond Ranfurly. Even if weather conditions are acceptable in town, it may be challenging for staff to travel safely. This will impact any decision around whether to open late, or at all.

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UNIVERSITY ON CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

During the Term 3 holiday break I participated on a four day trip to Dunedin to attend the University On Campus Experience for selected Māori students. When I was away, twenty other students and I went to various classes for different courses you can take, for example English, Sociology, Te Tumu etc. We stayed at Arana College and visited a few other colleges so that we got a feel for what we like and might want to live in. It was loads of fun, I met heaps of people and it was a great experience for what it will feel like next year at University of Otago. It really helped me to narrow down my subject options for next year and this was a worthwhile experience. I am now planning on studying a Major in Indigenous Studies and Minor in Psychology.

Reef Becker - Year 13



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TIME CAPSULE

Most of the time capsule letters have been sent to their owners, but we are keen to find the last few ex-students. Can you help us find: Reece Miller, Caleb Slipper, Liana Hughes and Krystal Cooper?

YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

On 14th March and 31st May, Olivia and I travelled to Dunedin to attend a Young Women in Leadership programme at Otago University. We were split into groups depending on what our application was about. We both were in groups that involved empowering youth and had to come up with ideas of projects that we could do at school with our junior kids.

I was in a group of girls from Trinity College and Otago Girls High School, the idea for our project involved helping young girls and making sure they have someone in their life they can talk to about all sorts of things (as some girls do not have a female figure in their life that they trust or want to talk to). We called our group "Girl Talk", we all ran a session in our school for the Year 7&8 girls where we just talk and hangout.

Olivia was in a group of girls from Trinity Catholic College and Tokomairiro High School, their project was about creating magazines to help, inspire and empower young women.

We both learnt a lot and had an amazing time, I personally made some great new friends and enjoyed creating a project we were all passionate about.

**Keisha McFadyen -
Year 12**



BUSINESS STUDIES

Bake a Leg

In Business Studies this year, Molly-Jo, Grace and Therese (Year 11) have created a business to continue throughout the year. Our product is a glass jar filled with the dry ingredients that are necessary to make a certain recipe. These recipes are : Brownie, Shortbread, and Chocolate Chip Biscuits. There is also an additional icing option flavoured either chocolate or vanilla.



JBS Coasters Co

Our names are Jake and Sebastian and we are the owners of JBS Coasters Co. We are selling a selection of pine wood coasters that have been engraved with the names of places in Maniototo. We believe in good quality products that last a lifetime that is why everything is finished with a coat of varnish to ensure durability and stain resistance. Then they are passed on to the business owners for a final quality check. Our coasters can be either squares or circles depending on your preferences and they will cost \$30 for a pack of 6.



For enquires feel free to contact the team at jsmith@maniototo.school.nz

Coming Soon...

Izzy's shirts are specially designed for students of MAS to wear for their house events. Each shirt has a design related to each house, Danseys, Serpentine, Garibaldi and Hamilton. They are made to be creative and help students express themselves as being part of their house.

Jacob's product is a coffee/table book that focuses on the aesthetics of fashion history and clothing. The book features small descriptors and pictures. As well as facts and info.

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

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CURLING

On Friday, the 21st of July, Jack Steele and I headed to Dunedin to compete in the New Zealand Junior Mixed Doubles Curling Championship.

Jack's curling partner was Ellie Mckenzie from Trinity College, and my curling partner was Jed Nevill from John McGlashan College. All four of us are in the NZ Youth Development Squad.

Jack and Ellie were pretty happy with how they played over the weekend.

Jed and I had won three out of four Pool Play games and, with a good Draw Shot Average, were placed at the top of our Pool, which meant we qualified for the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, we played Sam Flanagan and Rachel Pitts. Jed and I won 9 - 3.

We played Darcy Nevill and Lucy Neilson in the final. Going into the 8th end, Jed and I were leading 7 -4, and we ran them out of rocks, meaning they couldn't win.

Overall, it was a great tournament.

Olivia Russell - Year 12



DISCO

A Year 8 Camp Fundraiser is being held on Friday 11th August for Year 0-8 children.

**"Come as Your Favourite Movie Star" Disco
MAS Gym from 5.30-7.30pm**

**\$7 including a sausage and a drink
or \$4 for Entry only**

**There will be extra sausages, drinks, chips,
candy floss, lollies and a great range of
glow products for sale.**

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MEET HENRY



Kia Ora Koutou,

Ko Ihu Karaiti toku Atua
Ko Aoraki toku maunga
Ko Waimakariki toku awa
Ko Takitimu toku waka
Ko Kai tahu toku Iwi
Ko Kai Tuahuriri toku hapu
No Raumati Ahau
Kei Tauraka Moana toku kainga inaianei
Ko Tamara toku hoa wahine
Ko Henare toku ingoa
No reira tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

I recently moved back to the Māniatoto with my wife Tamara, from Tauranga Moana. I am stoked to be working 4-days a week with the local rangatahi at M.A.S. I run a lunchtime sports program for senior students, youth mentoring, supporting kapa haka and exploring Te Ao Māori and volunteer as the basketball coach.

In my personal life I have always been an avid sportsman and physical exerciser, and have spent many years in roles where I supported young people to navigate their way through their teens into adulthood. In my spare-time I work on the farm, gym and play sports. My wife and I recently welcomed our firstborn son in July this year so he happily takes up most of my free time lately.

I am slowly making my way introducing myself to the whānau of the rangatahi at school, so please come and introduce yourself if I haven't met you yet. Whakawhanaungatanga is very important to me, also I'll take any reason to have coffee and cake!

Ngā mihi nui, Henry

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HOCKEY

On the 1st of July till 8th July, myself and 18 others travelled to Auckland for the National Under 18 women's tournament. We played 6 games of hockey and ended up 15th out of 20 teams. Although the outcome was not as good as we all hoped, we had such a great time and made the most of our last Rep tournament.

A big thank you to everyone who helped me get there, especially my main sponsor, Maniototo Contracting Limited. I have loved my years of representing Central Otago and am sad that it has come to an end, but I do look forward to what the future holds for my hockey down in Dunedin. Hockey has taught me so much and has helped me make forever friendships.

Kass Pont - Year 13



NZ LUGE CHAMPS

Senior Men: 1. Flyn Coburn 2. Sam Flanagan 3. Ben Voice; **Senior Women:** 1. Maggie Dowling 2.

Kiera O'Neill 3. Cheyan Vowles;

Junior Men: 1. Liam Pettigrew 2. Nathan Paterson 3. James Bennett;

Junior Women: 1. Paige Smith;

Doubles: 1. Ben Voice & Flyn Coburn 2. Jack Leslie & Kiera O'Neill 3. Jake Smith & Louie Coburn.

Photos with NZ Luge athlete's rep & coach Jack Leslie, Annika Wing (HPSNZ) & NZ Luge President Geoff Balme.

Event Calendar

9 August : Board of Trustees Meeting

7-11 August : Yr 11 Trip to Wellington

8 August : PTA AGM 3.15pm

10 August : Kai Pai delivery

11 August : Year 0-8 Disco

22 August : Maniototo Cross Country

25 August : Otago Primary Cross Country

28 August -1 Sept : Tournament Week

1 Sept : Otago Primary Cross Country

5 Sept : School Photos



Chips, candy floss, drinks, lollies and a range of glow products will be for sale on the night priced from \$1-\$5



GLOW

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DISCO
FOR STUDENTS IN
YEARS 0-8



SPOT PRIZES

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST
MAS GYM
FROM 5.30PM - 7.30PM

A FUNDRAISER FOR YEAR 8 CAMP

\$7 Package - Entry fee, sausage & a drink
or \$4 Entry Only

Additional sausages \$3 each (pre-ordered)