
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

If you are anything like me, you have to pinch yourself that we are now in October and well into term 4. This is the pointy end of the year, especially for our senior students who have less than two weeks with us before they depart on study leave. It is a poignant time for our Year 13s who are embarking on their final days of schooling before they follow their paths to new adventures and opportunities. There will be plenty of opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate this group, but I do note what a positive impact they have had on the school through their loyal leadership and service.

This is an especially busy time for our junior students also. It feels much like a term of camps and activities, alongside very full classroom programmes. I have enjoyed hearing about the adventures of the Year 4-5 class in Dunedin in week one of the term; I know that many other classes have exciting challenges and adventures ahead. This is the first time I have worked in a school where every class has a camp opportunity. It helps create a rich and rewarding environment, and gives plenty of opportunity for personal challenge and growth for our students. A huge thanks to all of the parents who give of their time to help and support these activities.

In term 4 it is tempting to take the foot off the accelerator and wind down into the holidays. Term 4 is a quarter of the school year, and we aim to be busy and productive right until we cross the finish line. I ask in particular, that we keep school attendance high. Absences are so hard for students to bounce back from. When there are gaps in learning, it makes new learning all the more difficult. I understand that students will get sick, and I appreciate the need to take time off on these days. Consistency in attending school does make a massive difference in terms of ability to progress academically and in terms of relationships with peers.

All the best for the long weekend ahead. We are excited to have 20 fruit and nut trees planted at the school on Labour Day. This is the first step towards our new community garden, an exciting new initiative we look forward to telling you more about in the near future.

Ngā mihi nui,

Melissa Bell

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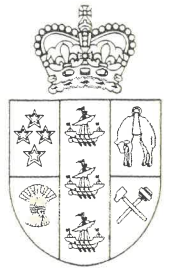
SCHOOL OPENING

What a fantastic day we had for our official school opening!
It was an absolute privilege to have The Governor General, the Right Honorable Dame Cindy Kiro officiate at this milestone event. It was a great opportunity to be able to showcase what an amazing facility we have.



Grand
Opening





Government House
New Zealand

27 September 2023

Melissa Bell
Principal
Maniototo Area School
15 Caulfeild Street
Ranfurly 9332
Central Otago

Tēnā koe Melissa

It was such a pleasure to visit and re-open Maniototo Area School on 14 September 23.

I would like to thank you, your staff, and your students for the manaakitanga shown throughout an incredibly special occasion. I thank you also for your generous gifts which have already proven to be extremely useful.

The delicious treats produced by the talented students in the food technology classroom have been enjoyed extensively throughout Government House. In addition, the honey is a tasty treat that will continue to be savoured, whilst the warmth of the gloves will serve me well for future regional visits. The beautifully crafted Kete will shortly be displayed for all to enjoy, and I hope that you may be able to visit us for an excursion to see for yourselves.

I trust that you are enjoying the new facilities and I wish you all the best as the remainder of the project comes to fruition.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Cindy Kiro'.

Dame Cindy Kiro GNZM QSO
Governor General of New Zealand

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CLASS ACT



Congratulations to our Class Act Recipients for 2023: Emma Kinney and Cassidy Pont.

Emma is planning to study for a Bachelor of Science at the University of Otago next year, majoring in mathematics and minoring in physics before turning her attention to secondary school teaching. She wants to help her future pupils share her love of mathematics.

Kass is going to study towards a Bachelor of Nursing at Otago Polytechnic. For Kass, nursing is an opportunity to have a positive impact on people and their whanau. Eventually her focus is to specialise in Maori health with a vision to improve health outcomes for Maori.



PRIDE AWARDS



A big congratulations to our Term 3 PRIDE Award recipients. These awards were recognising students that showed RESPECT.

Mason Smitheram, Musa Ismail (absent from photo), Blake Scott, Osharne Huriwai-Kirk, Jr Buragay, Bonnie Spooner, Maddy Lowe, Mackenzie Knox, Nate Spooner, Mason Henare, Molly-Jo Munro, Abby Ferdinands and Jayson Dumapis.

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY EXAMS



Well done to all our students who sat University of Canterbury exams in English, Maths and Science.

Special congratulations to Nathan Paterson for obtaining Excellence in English.

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BOT ELECTION

We received 3 nominations for the 3 positions of Parent Rep - so these 3 people are duly elected onto the Board for a further 3 year term:

- Sarah Paterson
- Craig Paterson
- Donna Owens

They will join: Kym Smith, Jackie Spooner, Sarah Byrne, Lucia Dowling (Staff Rep).

We also welcome our new Student Rep Samantha Varcoe to the Board.

ATHLETICS

The Maniototo Primary Schools Sports are being held on Friday 3rd November at the Maniototo Stadium.

Are you able to help with chaperoning a group of students on the day?

The role includes making sure children arrive at their scheduled event, ensure they are in the right order when the event begins and writing down the points at the end of the event. You would be expected to stay with your group until the end of the events. Having two adults chaperone each group is helpful.

Please contact the school office if you can help.



END OF YEAR

Due to the Gymnasium being out of action, this year we will be having 2 separate prizegiving ceremonies. These will both be held in the Ranfurly Town Hall.

Junior Prizegiving (Yr 1-8)
13th December 1pm

Secondary Prizegiving (Yr 9-13)
13th December 7pm

School Closes at 1pm on 14th December

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1: 31 January - 12 April

Term 2: 29 April - 5 July

Term 3: 22 July - 27 September

Term 4: 14 October - 13 December



SCHOOL HOURS

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.40am, children should not be onsite until 8.25am.

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GYMNASTICS



Gymnastics was so much fun! Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

A special thanks to the CODC for the use of the Town Hall.

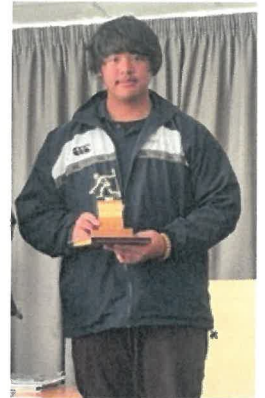


CURLING



Our secondary curling teams had a great weekend at the NZSS curling tournament in Naseby at the start of the holidays. Both teams won silver medals, the girls were beaten by an undefeated Trinity College team and the boys lost the final to John McGlashan College. Special congratulations to Jeremy Dumapis for receiving the Boys Spirit of Curling Award.

Thanks to all the parents and teachers for their support during the tournament. It is the final year of curling for our Year 13 students: Reef, Jayson and Jeremy and we wish to thank them all for the contribution they have made to our school curling teams. We will miss you guys!



We had 26 students from Years 5-8 take part in the MCI tournament against St John's. It was a great day and the students really enjoyed it. Well done to Jake, Nic, Jonty and Rhys for winning the Intermediate trophy and Marley Hore for receiving the Spirit of Curling Sportsmanship Award.



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YEAR 4 & 5 CAMP



Last Thursday, we embarked on an unforgettable journey to Dunedin for an overnight camp. Our first stop was Portobello, a coastal haven that would soon reveal a world of sea life to us.

In the touch tanks at Portobello, we had the opportunity to connect with sea life in a way that stirred our senses. We gently caressed starfish, sea cucumbers, and discovered the artful camouflage of crabs, who ingeniously adorned their backs with bits of seaweed. We encountered kina, spotted empty shark eggs. Our adventure didn't stop there. We delved deep into the secrets of the sea's food webs, gaining newfound appreciation for the delicate balance of life beneath the waves.

As the day unfolded, we found ourselves face to face with a squid dissection, a task that gave us a mixture of emotions. We delicately removed the squid's backbone, resembling an ancient dip pen, and even had the chance to expose the inky secrets hidden within the creature.

Our overnight stay was at the Museum, setting the stage for an evening filled with captivating learning experiences. We began by venturing into the planetarium, where we were transported into the depths of space and time. In the Science Lab, we delved into an array of engaging activities, sparking our curiosity and imagination.

The night took a thrilling turn as we gathered for a nocturnal adventure to explore the mysterious world of mummies. Nikita bravely volunteered to be our living exhibit, and we embarked on the mesmerising process of mummification. It was a spine-tingling experience that left us with a newfound appreciation for the ancient art of preservation. And just before bedtime, we were treated to a bedtime story in the eerie darkness, surrounded by the watchful eyes of the museum's resident animals.

As the sun rose on Friday morning, we kicked off our day with a hearty breakfast, ready to conquer the world's steepest street – Baldwin Street. The view from the top was fantastic, and we couldn't resist the chance to roll jaffas down the hill.

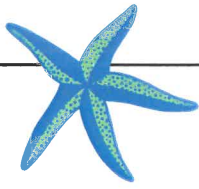


To wrap up this incredible journey, we headed to Moana pool for a refreshing dip, celebrating the bond we had formed and the adventures we had shared.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our exceptional parental helpers. We couldn't have done this without them. Even if they did try to scare us by dressing up as mummies and monkeys and jumping out at us during our bedtime story.



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TENNIS

**After School Tennis Lessons November 2023
- with Jim Hoffman (Professional Tennis Coach)**

When: Four weeks: Wednesdays - starting on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of November.

Where: MAS Turf

Time: 30 minute lessons in small groups of 4 - 6. Starting 3 05 p.m. with younger players, progressing through to older children later in the afternoon/evening

Equipment required: own Tennis racquet and sneakers.

Cost: \$40 per child, payable on the first lesson, non-refundable by Internet preferably (03 0951 0051487 00) please text once you have paid

Please be mindful that no food, drink, or animals should be on the turf during the lessons and children should not be climbing the trees beside the turf.

To register, please contact
Kate Dowling text 027 403 6433 or email
dowlingk@maniototo.school.nz
With your child's name and year group

By Monday the 30th of October

BASKETBALL

Our basketball team finished 3rd in their competition, which is a great achievement.

Thanks to the staff and caregivers that made this possible.



EVENT CALENDAR

20 Oct : International Food Day

23 Oct : Labour Day - School is Closed

25 Oct : BOT Meeting 5.30pm

27 Oct : Mana Pounamu Awards

31 Oct : PTA AGM 3.15pm

3 Nov : Maniototo Primary Athletics

10 Nov : Orientation Afternoon for Yr 8's

20 Nov : Science Roadshow (Yr 1-10)

21 Nov : Otago Athletics

24 Nov : Teacher Only Day - School is Closed

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All school photo orders should be handed into the school office by Friday 20th October.

FUNDRAISING

We would like to thank our school community for all their help with fundraising this year. Our students are only able to go on the amazing trips and camps they have attended this year if our community gets behind our fundraising efforts, we are very lucky to have your support.

Currently we are looking to start raising funds for senior camps next year, keep an eye out for some goodies pre christmas.



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