
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

NOVEMBER 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

With less than four weeks to go until the end of the year, things are getting very busy. The calendar for the next few weeks is filled with a multitude of camps, field trips and school activities. I wish the Year 6-7 class, the Year 8s and the Year 9 and 10s well for their camps in the forthcoming weeks. We also have the Leaver's Dinner this Sunday, the BLAST longest day on 4th December and Year 8 graduation on 8th December.

This week we say a sad farewell to Henry Caccia-Birch. Henry has been working with us since term 2, he has been a mentor and teacher aide to students in the senior and upper primary schools. In a short time, Henry has made a big impact and he will be very much missed. We wish Henry all the best for his return to the Police force.

On Tuesday we held a seminar about a potential trip for Year 10-13 students to Vietnam in 2025. We are excited about providing this opportunity for our students. We realise some families were unable to make this seminar, and we will be offering a catch-up early in 2024. Please contact me if you do want further information before the start of next year.

Please note the following important dates:

Junior Prizegiving - Wednesday 13 December 1pm at the Town Hall

Senior Prizegiving - Wednesday 13 December 7pm at the Town Hall

Last half day (optional) - Thursday 14 December, 1pm finish

First day back 2024 - Wednesday 31 January

This newsletter also provides an opportunity to remind parents about the Teacher Only Day on Friday 24th November. Staff will be working on the implementation of the new Curriculum and the new Level 1 standards. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

Melissa Bell
Principal

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MANA POUNAMU YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS



Mana Pounamu acknowledges the many wonderful accomplishments of rakatahi Māori, and aims to inspire them to consider tertiary education as a natural progression.

The Awards provide an opportunity to showcase our future leaders, providing inspirational role models to other Māori youth across the province.

Congratulations to Reef Becker and Nate Spooner on your awards.



BLAST

Our BLAST students wrapped up their programme with the longest day challenge. After sleeping at school they were up at 5am to commence a day of mystery challenges. We are so proud of these students who demonstrated strength, teamwork, persistence and leadership. The day ended with the group pulling a fire engine down the street. We are so grateful for the huge team from the community who came together to run this programme.



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AED

We are very grateful to the PTA for installing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the school.

This is located on the outside wall of the Administration Block.

The combination is obtained by phoning 111.

COVID

Covid cases seem to be popping up again.

Please ensure you test your child if they are displaying symptoms and keep them home from school if they are unwell.

If you or any member of your household tests positive for Covid we would appreciate it if you could advise the school.

It is recommended that if you test positive for Covid then you should isolate for at least 5 days.

Household contacts should RAT test for 5 days

Face masks are recommended

COMMUNITY CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Please take the time to read the code of conduct for our school community.
(attached)

This is a reminder that all school staff should always be spoken to and communicated with respectfully. We ask that any concerns you have be raised following the correct procedure and with this in mind. A positive partnership between home and school makes for the best outcomes for the student.

Maniototo Area School Board of Trustees

UNIFORM CHANGE

We are currently in the process of changing our uniform supplier.

We will send out information to families as soon as it is available.



In the interim if you have any uniform queries, please contact the school office.

Community Conduct Expectations

Maniototo Area School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors.

Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical wellbeing, and not harm it in any way.

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media, or other communication
- while on school grounds or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as a camp or sports match).

Standards of Conduct

Maniototo Area School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to:

- treat everyone with respect
- work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of students
- respect and adhere to our school values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures (such as those listed below), and any legal requirements
- respect that contacting staff via their home phone, cell phone, and personal email is only with permission and at the discretion of each individual staff member.

Examples of unsuitable conduct include:

- threats, bullying, harassment
- profanity/offensive language
- insulting, abusing, or intimidating behaviour
- racism or discrimination (e.g. based on ethnicity, religion)
- physical aggression
- deception/fraud
- damaging school property
- smoking, vaping, possessing, or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances on school premises or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (except possession or use of alcohol in accordance with school policy)
- placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources
- pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board, or any staff or students on social media or other public forums
- wearing gang insignia on the school grounds. (This is not allowed under the Prohibition of Gang Insignia legislation, and anyone wearing it will be asked to leave.)

Dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct

How Maniototo Area School deals with breaches of our Code of Conduct depends on the nature of the incident and its seriousness, and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with. Examples include:

- documenting each instance of behaviour, including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said (verbatim if possible), how any witness or victim felt and/or responded
- holding a meeting with the relevant person, the principal, and/or board chair (or their delegate) or appropriate staff member to discuss the problem and possible resolution
- issuing a warning letter that outlines the problem and required resolution, and reminds them of the possible outcomes of repeated conduct
- arranging a meeting, which may include restorative practices, as an alternative or in addition to the processes above.

Outcomes of breaching the Code of Conduct

If a parent, caregiver, or visitor acts or speaks in a way that contravenes the Code of Conduct, possible outcomes may include:

- The school may restrict or redirect communication channels between persons and staff if found to be inappropriate. For instance, we may instruct communication to be via an in-person meeting rather than by cell phone or email, or to be conducted through senior management.
- The school (principal, board member, or staff member) may ask a person to leave the school premises by revoking their permission to be on the school grounds, then asking them to leave under section 3 of the Trespass Act 1980.
- Unacceptable behaviour of a criminal nature may result in the police being informed. For example, under section 241 of the Education and Training Act 2020, it is a criminal offence to insult, abuse, or intimidate a staff member within the presence or hearing of any student while on school premises or in any other place where students are assembled for school purposes. Other instances of criminal offending may occur where drugs are involved, an assault has occurred, or a person persists after being trespassed off school grounds.
- In the case of behaviour amounting to harassment, a restraining order may be sought.
- In some instances, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution. For example, a Facebook comment that contravenes this policy may result in a report to Facebook. If unacceptable behaviour occurs at a sports event or sports venue, then it may be appropriate to involve the governing body of that sport, event, or venue.

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2023 LEAVERS



It's time to say farewell to our 2023 leavers. After a special assembly, the staff and students lined the path as each student walked past and rang the school bell to signal the end of their schooling.

A highlight was the haka, led by Tiopira, to acknowledge and honour our leavers.

We wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.



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

PTA CHRISTMAS HAMPER



It's time for our annual PTA Christmas Hamper raffle. Please show your support by selling raffle tickets, then return the card to your classroom teacher the following day so it can be given to the next student.

All proceeds go towards supporting various activities at school. \$2/ticket

Each family needs to provide 2-3 items for the hamper.

Please drop off your grocery items for the hamper to your classroom teacher.

Winners will be announced at prize giving.

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

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INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY

A huge thank you to our High School students and Teachers who organised our International Food Day. We enjoyed food from a wide range of countries including China, Mexico, South Africa, Italy and the Philippines. It was great to come together and share such amazing food from around the world!



AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Emma Kinney who competed in the Polson Higgs Young Farmers Innovation Competition on Wednesday evening, where she had to present a 5 min presentation on how new technology such as Artificial Intelligence can work with traditional agriculture. She presented a speech about automatic sheep counting and sheep facial recognition using AI, and proposed two new ideas for the future in farming, robotic shearing and powering vehicles from wool-based fuels. She won 1st place in her age group for Teen Ag secondary school students, and was also awarded the Overall Winner of the night which included the open adult section. What an awesome achievement!



SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Lessons - Ranfurly pOOL
Billy Laing lessons
27-31 Dec 2023

Please message Belinda Colling via cell
(021 384 416) or Facebook if you wish to
enrol your child.

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ATHLETICS RESULTS

Under 8

Girls: 1st= Abigale Graham (MAS) and Isla Rutherford (Poolburn), 3rd Greta Love (St Johns)
Boys: 1st Max Stevenson (Strath Taieri), 2nd Chrysler Houppapa (MAS), Riley Stevenson (Strath Taieri)

Under 9

Girls: 1st Rosa Scott (Strath Taieri), 2nd Esme Hore (MAS), 3rd= Sophia Crutchley (St Johns) and Juliette Dowling (St Johns)

Boys: 1st Toby McFadyen-Beck (MAS), 2nd= Monty Anderson (Poolburn) & George Dykes (Strath Taieri)

Under 10

Girls: 1st Thalia Hepi (MAS), 2nd Osharne-Huriwai-Kirk (MAS), 3rd Truly Pilgrim (MAS)
Boys: 1st Edward Wilson (Strath Taieri), 2nd Marcus Carig (St Johns), 3rd Archie Jones (Strath Taieri)

Under 11

Girls: 1st Tayla Smith (MAS), 2nd Kaylah McAuley (St Johns), 3rd McKenna Suddaby (St Johns)
Boys: 1st Xavier Love (St Johns), 2nd Tyrell Hore (MAS), 3rd Joshua Barroga (St Johns)

Under 12

Girls: 1st Marley Weir (St Johns), 2nd Laura Paterson (MAS), 3rd Madi Bankshaw (Strath Taieri)
Boys: 1st Jae McAuley (St Johns), 2nd Axel McAuley (St Johns), 3rd Te Huri Geary (Poolburn)

Under 13

Girls: 1st= Lexi McFadyen-Beck (MAS), Josie Herlihy (St Johns), Ruby Cameron (Poolburn)
Boys: 1st Eddie Weir (St Johns), 2nd Vladimir Badillo (MAS), 3rd Jonty Russell (MAS)

13+

Girls: 1st Zoe Lithgow (Poolburn), 2nd Aeva Cairns-Whitcombe (MAS), 3rd Katelyn Hughes (MAS)
Boys: Jacob Sutherland (St Johns), 2nd Noah Smith (St Johns), 3rd James Gare (Poolburn)

McSkimming Cup: 1st Eddie Weir, 2nd Marley Weir, 3rd Zoe Lithgow

Matchett Cup: 1st= Xavier Love and Max Stevenson, 3rd Edward Wilson

House Shield: McAuley

Congratulations to these MAS Students were selected to represent the Maniototo at the Otago Champs:

Aesha Cairns-Whitcombe, Dakota Nicoll, Grace Pilgrim, Truly Pilgrim, Jake McMillan, Jonty Russell, Laura Paterson, Lexi McFadyen-Beck, Toby McFadyen-Beck, Liam Hamilton, Mahalia Tapatu, Marley Hore, Nikita Wilson, Tayla Smith, O'Sharne Huriwai-Kirk, Thalia Hepi, Tyrell Hore, Vanessa Kinney, Vladimir Badillo.

Special Congratulations to our Otago Champs Place getters:

Tayla Smith - 1st in hurdles and 2nd in discus

Marley Hore - 1st in discus and 2nd in shotput

Toby McFadyen -Beck - 3rd in long jump and 2nd in U10 relay

Laura Paterson - 3rd in U12 relay

Thalia Hepi, Truly Pilgrim, Esme Hore - 3rd in U10 relay



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ROADSHOW

Maniototo Area School hosted the local Science Roadshow at the Maniototo Stadium. The focus this year was Physics with teaching around waves and motion and some Chemistry with solvents and solutes. Our Junior school participated, along with Poolburn School Year 5-8 students and St Johns School Year 6-8 students. Our Year 9 and 10 students were awesome helpers who gave extra explanations at the various floor exhibits. The favourite practical stations were the rotating chair and the plastic mold where they could create ninja stars from compressed plastic. We host this event biannually and it is always a really great hands-on science learning experience, many thanks to our PTA who have always supported us financially when hosting this event.



STREAM HEALTH

We were fortunate with wonderful weather while the Year 9 and 10 classes partook in stream health investigations coordinated by Lucy Francke from Enviroschools. We also greatly received support from Becky Clements from the Otago Regional Council, who brought with her the stream testing kits and demonstrated how to use them. The students were knee-deep in mud and sediment and had a marvelous time categorizing the various stream macroinvertebrates that we found.



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COMMUNITY GARDEN



Have you seen the developments in the new Community garden?

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in the tree planting projects.

SCIENCE ACADEMY



Congratulations to Sam Varcoe who has recently been accepted into the University of Otago, Science Academy for 2024.

The course starts late January, and Sam will join students from all over the South Island within the university science laboratories, where she will carry out university level investigations. Sam is preparing herself for Health Sciences in 2025, and this Science preparation course will be perfect to extend her skills and grow her confidence.

This is the second consecutive year that Maniototo Area School has had a top Science student selected for this programme, and we are very proud of Sam and the hard work that she exhibits daily in all three Science subjects at Maniototo Area School.

EVENT CALENDAR

24 Nov : Teacher Only Day - School is Closed

27-28 Nov : Year 8 Camp to Naseby

29 Nov : Year 7 & 8 Warrington Beach Education Day

29 Nov : CO Primary Orienteering

29 Nov : BOT Meeting

30 Nov & 1 Dec : Year 9 & 10 Exams

5-7 Dec : Year 6 & 7 Camp

5-7 Dec : Year 9 & 10 Rail Trail

7 Dec : BOT Meeting

13 Dec : Prizegiving's 1pm & 7pm

14 Dec : School Closes 1pm

JOB VACANCY



A vacancy exists for an Executive Officer at MAS.

The successful candidate will be a reliable, well organised, collegial person with excellent financial, communication and IT skills. Knowledge of Musac Edge, Approval Max and Xero is preferred. 30 hours a week during school term-time, starting 22 January 2024. School accommodation is available.

A job description and application form are on the school website.

Applications close on 7th December at 3pm. Please email CV, covering letter and support staff application form to office@maniototo.school.nz
