
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

20 FEBRUARY 2024

The actor and comedian Woody Allen once said ‘Eighty percent of success is showing up’. It is hard to calculate whether this is mathematically true, but the sentiment is certainly accurate. To succeed we all need to be present - whether it is at work, sport training or education. In 2023, 31% of students at Maniototo Area School had less than an 80% attendance rate - this equates to missing at least one day of school per fortnight. This is significant, and it is even more so when we add up the cost to learning over repeated years. Learning gaps are hard to close. It is like watching a movie and missing a scene every ten minutes - or reading a book and skipping chapters erratically. I know some will tire of hearing our repeated messages over attendance, but we do this as part of our unwavering commitment to help our students learn. Please support us by getting students to school consistently. We appreciate students do get sick and need time off, but erratic attendance throughout the year really does hold children back. I encourage you to make a time to meet with me if you do have concerns around absence rates.

Our focus this year is very much on learning, we are committed to ensuring students make steady progress across all subject areas. As part of this we are working on developing learning resilience and persistence. We look forward to telling you more about this at our whānau evening on 22 February. This starts at 5pm and will include a BBQ courtesy of the PTA, and some family activities and games. We look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to formally acknowledge Olivia Russell and Jack Steele who have returned from competing in the Youth Olympics in South Korea. How wonderful for students from Maniototo Area School to represent their country in such a fantastic competition. Jake Smith has returned from his time in the development programme for luge, also held in South Korea. It is great to see our students succeed at the highest level.

Melissa Bell
Principal

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2024 HEAD STUDENTS



Abby Ferdinands & Sam Varcoe

2024 PREFECTS



Jake Smith, Grace Farquhar,
Molly-Jo Munro, Abby Ferdinands, Sam Varcoe,
Olivia Russell & Keisha McFadyen

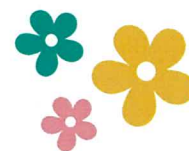


2024 HOUSE LEADERS

- Garibaldi - Keisha McFadyen & Sebastian Hickman
 - Serpentine - Olivia Russell & Bradley Shaw
 - Hamiltons - Tiopira Huriwai-Kirk & Rawiri Huriwai-Kirk
 - Danseys - Jack Steele & Jake Smith
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STAFF UPDATE



Katie Herbert



Kia Ora koutou, my name is Katie Herbert and I am thrilled to be team teaching this year alongside Gemma Hore.

I graduated from Otago University College of Education in 2016 and begun teaching in 2017 at Pleasant Point Primary School in South Canterbury. The Maniototo has a special place in our hearts so Matt and I moved 'home', got married and I taught year 5 & 6 at Palmerston Primary School for 3 years.

Since then we have welcomed our two girls, Aubrey (3) & Isla (1) into our family and we are now living in Kyeburn on a sheep and beef farm.

I look forward to working alongside, staff, tamariki and wider whanau this year.



Jude McMillan



I'm excited to be back at the Maniototo Area School as Executive Officer. Over the years I've been a pupil at MAS, my children attended the school and I've previously been on the staff. I'm married to John and we have two adult sons, Tim is a secondary teacher at Paraparaumu College and Hamish works for Coca Cola in Sydney. My interests are golf, walking, drama and spending time with family and friends.

Joanna Brooks



We welcome Joanna Brooks back as Head of the English Department after her refreshment leave



Amanda Graham



Amanda Graham has moved to a specialist art role this year.



2023 Year 6 & 7 Camp Report

At 9am Tuesday the 5th of December years 6/7 left the school to go on camp our first stop was a tour of the Clyde Dam then we went to Cromwell park to have lunch. After lunch we went to Cromwell water park, we got instructed about what we had to do to keep us safe. After another hour we finally arrived at Hawea campground.

Once we got to the Clyde Dam we had a quick morning tea and then went over the rules and regulations and then the whole class had to put a highvis vest on. After that we split into 2 groups, group 1 went to the turbines and group 2 went to the control room. Group 1 went to the transformers, transformers making water into power. Meanwhile, in group 2 they went down and looked at the turbans then we went through the dam wall and that was all for the Clyde Dam here are some fun facts about the Clyde Dam, they are only allowed to take 1 meter out of the dam a day. The dam is 64m tall and 44m thick. There is enough concrete to make a meter-wide path from there to New York. At the end, we saw 4 really big fish.

In our opinion the Water Park was the most exciting and enjoyable part. Some of our favorite obstacles were the big slides, the big red balls, the hamster wheel, the 9-meter drop, the trampolines on the water, and the lily pads. Overall it was very fun and we all had a great time at the water park.

When we arrived at the Hawea campground we got settled in and then waited for the parents to prepare dinner while everyone was playing on the playground. When dinner was prepared we grabbed our plates and cutlery and lined up then dinner was served. After dinner, we had to wash our dishes and go for showers. Then we got ready for dessert. The next day we woke up early and went for breakfast. At that point, we were all ready for the day ahead.

Quinton took us fishing at Lake Hawea and we met some nice divers who gave us some free lures. It was fun but on the other hand, Tyrell got chased by a hissing bird. We moved to the other side of the jetty when we were heading back to camp. Lucas caught a tiny fish with his hand.

Everyone agrees that the walk up Mount Iron was by far the worst and hardest part of the whole camp. If I had the opportunity to do it again I would not want to. The only upside was the satisfaction of getting to the top and the fact that every time I drive past with my family I can say that on the 3rd of December 2023 I climbed this whole mountain in under one hour.



2023 Year 6 & 7 Camp Report

As we walked into a puzzling world, we saw the maze. We got split into two groups, group 1 and group 2. Group 1 went to the illusion room first while group 2 was in the maze. Group 1 had to do puzzles for a few minutes before entering the illusion room. Group 2 got into the maze for one hour to try to find the four towers, the colours were green, red, yellow, and blue. If you found all four towers you had to try again but find them in a certain order. If you had done both activities before an hour, you would come through the finish and come back inside waiting for the other teams that were still in the maze.

The illusion rooms were weird because some of it was in the leaning house and water was running uphill.

During the second day of camp year 6/7 headed to a place called Basecamp. Basecamp is a place where you can do indoor and outdoor rock climbing or clip and climb. When we first put on our harness which is needed if we fall it can catch us. When we had the harness on we split into our two groups and went either to the clip and climb or to the indoor rock climb. I went to the clip and climbed first and went straight to a timed wall and got 29 seconds. I did a lot more but then also finished with that wall. After the clip and climb my group headed to the rock climb. When we were there we had to split into groups of three and have one parent. The first bit I climbed was right next to the door. We were there for a bit climbing it constantly. Then we swapped and by the end of our session, I had ended up on the other side of the wall. Overall base camp was really fun apart from the fact that I got really sweaty hands.

Sailing

When we went sailing we went on two different types of sailboats, there were two single boats where only one person would go on with an instructor. The other Boats were called a Quest, they would have three people and one instructor.

After sailing on Thursday Group One went biscuiting group 2 had already been already and they were going sailing. We walked five minutes down to where the boats were parked. We are lucky that Quinton and Simon brought up their jet ski and boat so we could go biscuiting. The two biscuits they brought were the Big Mable and the Bat Wing. We all got at least 3 rides each. It was fun biscuiting because the water was warm and you got sprayed with water when you were on the biscuit.

In conclusion, the camp was really enjoyable as we did the Water Park, Basecamp, Sailing and a whole bunch more activities. I really do wish I could go to this camp again as it was so fun. We also are very thankful to the teachers for organizing the camp.



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MAS SPORTS SINGLETS

If you have any school sports singlets at home could they please be brought into the school office ASAP. Thank you

UNIFORM

There is a selection of uniform items (both new and second hand) at the school office for purchase. If you would like to have a look please come into the office and check it out.

ROAD SAFETY

For the safety of our students please ensure that you always use the pedestrian crossing when dropping them off or collecting them from school

Term 1 2024 Cricket In the Maniototo



**SMASH
PLAY**

JUNIOR — TAMARIKI

Soft-ball programme with a focus on game play, values and enjoyment. Every session has more hits, more catches, more action... more fun!

For Children in Years 0-3.
scan the QR Code to
register



22nd of February till 28th of March
Alternating every week starting in Ranfurly on 22nd
Ranfurly 3:30pm (Maniototo Area School on the Hockey Turf)
Omakau 3:30pm (Matakanui Rugby Club on the Hockey Turf)



To register Scan the QR code or email
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Top Tips for Toothbrushing!

How much Toothpaste?

0-6 years old, use **a half pea** sized amount

6+ years old, use **a small pea** sized amount

Brush **twice a day**, in the **morning** and especially at **night before bed**. Spit out toothpaste but **leave mouth unrinsed** as fluoride left on your child's teeth helps to keep them strong

Scan this code for more great tooth tips 

Community Oral Health Service **Te Whatu Ora**
Health Sector | Te Whaiti



Event Calendar - Term 1 2024

21 February - Vietnam Parent Night 5pm
22 February - Meet the Teacher Community Night 5pm - 6.30pm
26 February - Senior Athletics
26-28 February - Life Education Trust (Part 2)
28 February - Senior EnviroSchools Hui Wanaka

1 March - GRIT afternoon
4 March - Secondary Swimming Sports
5 March - Primary Swimming Sports
7 March - Primary Assembly 2pm
9 March - Otago Secondary School Athletics
18 March - Sticks 'n' Stones Ambassadors Day
20-22 March - Year 13 Biology Camp @ Portobello
22 March - Kahui Ako Jumbo Day (School is Closed)
25 March - Otago Anniversary Day (School is Closed)
29 March- 2 April - Easter Break (School is Closed)

5 April - Cricket v's BMC
6 April - SISS Athletics Timaru
7 April - Otago Primary Swimming Sports
12 April - Last Day of Term 1
15-20 April - Lions Leadership Course (Borland Lodge)
29 April - Term 2 Begins

COOPERATION

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SMASH PLAY

JUNIOR — TAMARIKI



Term 1: 19th February - 22nd March

Alexandra: Mondays (Molyneux Park) 3:30pm

Cromwell: Tuesdays (Anderson Park) 3:30pm

Wanaka: Wednesday (Wanaka Primary)

3:30pm

Ranfurly and Omakau Rotating Weekly

Ranfurly: Starting Thursday 22nd

February (Maniototo Area School) 3:30pm

every second week

Omakau: Thursday (Matakanui Rugby Club on Hockey Turf) 3:30pm every second week

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