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## Newsletter

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# Maniototo Area School

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	<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>	
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Dear parents and caregivers,

We have certainly reached the busy time of the term. NCEA exams are well underway and Year 9 and 10 students are preparing for their final exams. Assessments are also a focus in the junior school - these results will be used to evaluate student progress, but also review if we have met our targets. Our priority will then be reports, which will be sent out in the last week of school.

Earlier this week we had a Year 5-10 assembly focused on positive interactions and kindness. This was in response to an increase in 'banter' situations that quickly escalated to students feeling harassed. While these events are isolated, we have a zero tolerance policy.

When we explored the difference between banter and bullying we clarified that it is NOT banter if:

- You would be upset if someone said it to you
- It's hurtful
- You're not friends
- Someone's asked you to stop
- The person isn't laughing
- It focuses on someone's insecurities

We do take our duty of care seriously, and it is important that all students are treated with respect.

Thanks to parents for their continued support of school events. It was great to see so many of you at the athletics. What a shame rain hampered our pet day plans!

Melissa Bell

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# CLASS ACT

## Olivia Russell

### Profile of Achievements:

#### **Sports:**

- Selected for mixed fours and mixed doubles to go to Gangwon Korea for the Youth Olympics.
- Came 1st in the New Zealand junior mixed doubles 2023
- Selected to play in the front line up (2nd position) for the New Zealand Junior women's u21 team, to compete at world junior B's in Finland December 2023
- Was selected in the New Zealand development team, that went to Norway for a 10 day training camp
- Skipped the Maniototo Area School team that won gold at the south island secondary schools tournament
- Came second place at the New Zealand mixed fours championships 2023
- Came third at the New Zealand Women's curling championships 2023
- Was selected to be a part of the Otago Academy of Sport 2024 Year 1 Talent Development Program.
- Last year I placed in every single national New Zealand curling tournament 2023

#### **School awards and positions:**

- I have been on the student council four the past three years 2021-2023
- I received the P.R.I.D.E values end of year award in both year ten and eleven
- I have been a prefect for the last two years 2022-2023
- I have also been house leader of Serpentine for the last two years 2022-2023
- I have received the curling girls trophy at the end of year prize giving for the last two years 2022-2023
- I have also been the sportsperson of the year for the last two years 2022-2023 at the end of year prize giving.



## Samantha Varcoe

### Profile of Achievements:

#### **Academic**

Maniototo Pharmacy Trophy - Junior Science (2020)  
Ranfurly Tractor Services Trophy - 1st Year 9 (2020)  
Level 1 endorsement with Merit (2022)  
Level 1 Science endorsed with Merit (2022)  
Level 2 endorsement with Excellence (2023)  
Level 2 Chemistry endorsed with Excellence (2023)  
Level 2 Biology, English, and Maths endorsed with Merit (2023)  
Peter Connolly Memorial Trophy - 1st Year 12 (2023)  
Clarke Cup - Chemistry (2023)  
Otago Advanced Science Academy (2024)

#### **Sporting**

Central Otago hockey U13 representative (2019)  
Central Otago hockey U15 representative (2020)  
Senior Contribution to Hockey Trophy (2023)  
Maniototo Hockey (2020-24)  
Maniototo Netball (2023-2024)  
Second in senior girls' school athletics (2024)

#### **Leadership**

Head Student (2024)  
Prefect (2023)  
Board of Trustees student representative (2024)  
Hockey Co-Captain (2023-2024)  
Hockey Coach (2022-24)





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## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards

My three goals which I completed for my Bronze Award were improving my hockey skills, learning how to figure skate, and coaching or teaching different skills to younger kids.

To achieve these I practiced hockey outside of school practices and spent as much time at the Naseby Ice Rink as I could to perfect my figure skating skills. My coaching goal was slightly easier to achieve as I spent an hour each week teaching a lesson or skill at St John Youth as well as attending St John Youth camps as an NCO.

I have enjoyed the structure that the Duke of Edinburgh provided as this kept me focused on tasks to achieve my set goals.

**Grace Farquhar**

*Congratulations!*

Nicola Kinney worked hard to gain her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. This saw her completing the four areas of the award over a period of a year.

These areas were:

**Adventurous Journey:** This is where Nicola did a practice overnight camp, with activities, on the Otago Central Rail Trail. She then did the Deep Cove camp for her actual camp.

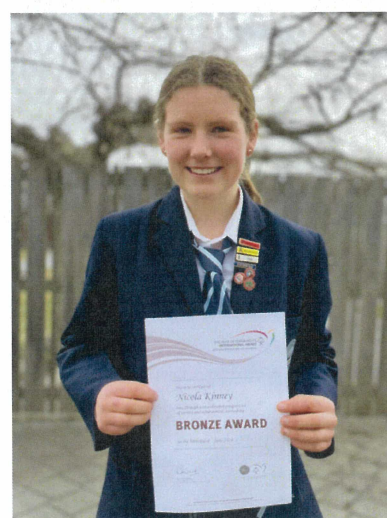
**Skills:** Nicola's skills were to increase her running and this resulted in her winning her year group in the annual road race at school.

**Voluntary Service:** Nicola completed thirteen hours, plus, of voluntary service trapping and killing possums in her district and farm.

**Physical Recreation:** Played netball for the Ranfurly Netball club in Alexandra for the winter season. Nicola also competed for the Maniototo Area School in two tournaments in Dunedin and Waiau.

Nicola is now looking forward to completing her next Duke of Edinburgh badge - Silver.

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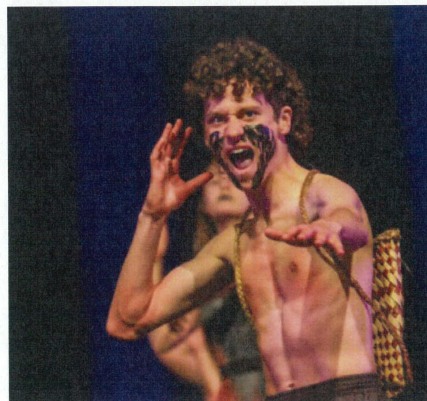
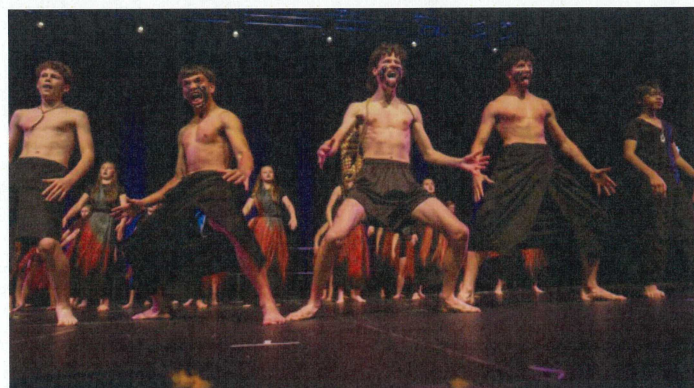
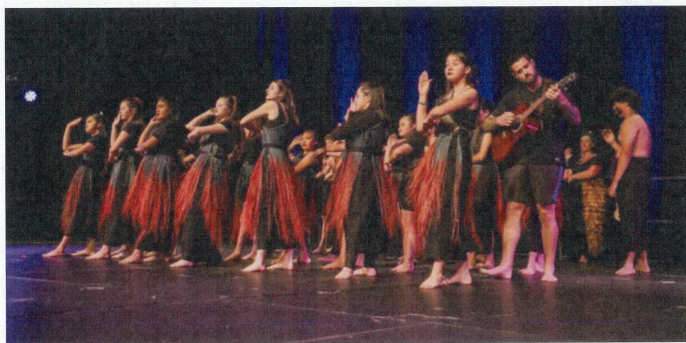
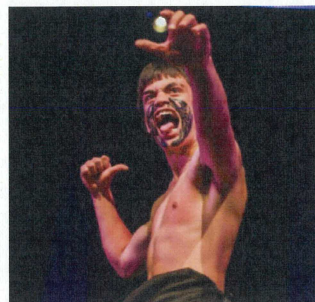
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## Central Lakes Polyfest

On the 23rd of October we drove to Queenstown to attend the 2024 Central Lakes Polyfest. Our Kapa Haka group has ages ranging from Year 5 to Year 12. We were the furthest travelling school travelling three hours in a van. There were schools from all over Central Otago performing. We were all nervous but excited at the same time. I had lots of fun and enjoyed watching other schools perform and seeing the different cultural groups. I would definitely do it again. The students and teachers were able to watch us perform on the live stream so everyone could see it live. We got lots of positive feedback.



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## Maniototo Primary Schools Athletics Results

### Under 8 Years

Boys: Arthur Wilson (Strath) 29, Hudson Crutchley (MAS) 26, Oscar Jeffries (St J) 21  
Girls: Frankie Pyle (Poolburn) 29, Izzy Eketone (St J) 26, Myah Hokianga (Strath) 19

### Under 9 Years

Boys: Max Stevenson (Strath) 35, Chrysler Houppapa (MAS) 23, Riley Stevenson (Strath) 22  
Girls: Abigale Graham (MAS) 24, Isla Rutherford (Poolburn) 20, Milly Turner (Strath) 22

### Under 10 Years

Boys: Toby McFadyen-Beck (MAS) 30, George Dykes (Strath) 26, Richie Lynch (Strath) 23  
Girls: Rosa Scott (Strath) 30, Olivia Ross (Poolburn) 23, Juliette Dowling (St J) 21

### Under 11 Years

Boys: Edward Wilson (Strath) 35, Archie Jones (Strath) 22, Charlie Norman (MAS) 12  
Girls: Thalia Hepi (MAS) 33, O'Sharne Huriwai-Kirk (MAS) 22, Truly Pilgrim (MAS) 18

### Under 12 Years

Boys: Xavier Love (St J) 37, Joshua Barroga (St J) 25, Liam Hamilton (MAS) 18  
Girls: Tayla Smith (MAS) 34, Nikita Wilson (MAS) 22, Charlie Hooper (Poolburn) & Isla Jeffries (St J) 18

### Under 13 Years

Boys: Axel McAuley, Ethan Chisholm, Jae McAuley & McKinley Francis (St J) all with 21 points  
Girls: Marley Weir (St J) 41, Laura Paterson (MAS) 26, Madi Bankshaw (Strath) 23

### 13 Years +

Boys: Vladimir Badillo (MAS) 30, Victor Yates (St J) 22, Karl Suplente (St J) & Matthew Costelloe (Strath) 17  
Girls: Lexi McFadyen-Beck (MAS) 32, Grace Pilgrim (MAS) 26, Josie Herlihy (St J) 22

### Matchett Cup

1st= Max Stevenson & Edward Wilson (Strath) 35, 3rd Thalia Hepi (MAS) 33

### McSkimming Cup

1st Marley Weir (St J) 41, 2nd Xavier Love (St J) 37, 3rd Tayla Smith (MAS) 34

### House Points

Yellow (Strath) 22, O'Neill (St J) 15, Hamiltons (MAS) 14

### Records

Marley Weir (St J) equalled U13 distance 2.47 (previous record holders are Rachel Hansen (MAS 1989) & Alice Paterson (MAS 1991))

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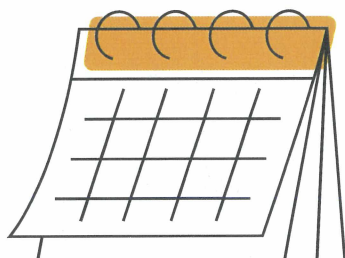


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## Term Dates 2025



### Term 1 : 3rd February to 11th April

\*Waitangi Day - 6th February

\*Otago Anniversary Day - 24th March

### Term 2 : 28th April - 27th June

\*Kings Birthday - 2nd June

\*Matariki - 20th July

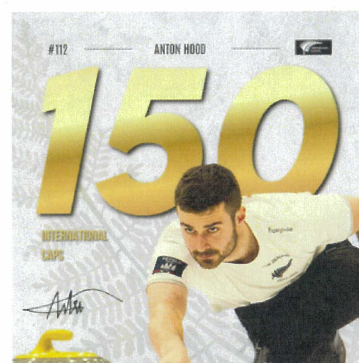
### Term 3: 14th July - 19th September

### Term 4: 6th October - 11th December



## Curling

During the recent Pan Continental Curling Championships 2 ex MAS students passed some pretty impressive milestones. Anton Hood played his 150th game for NZ, closely followed by Ben playing his 100th game for NZ



## Event Calendar - 2024

20 November - Yr 8 Orientation afternoon

20 November - BOT Meeting 5.30pm

**22 November - Teacher Only Day - School is Closed**

26 November - Vietnam fundraising meeting

28-29 November - Year 9 & 10 Exams

29 November - Year 2 "Almost sleepover"

2-6 December - Primary Swim week

3-5 December - Year 9 Camp

6 December - Year 9 Water Park in Cromwell

9 December - Year 7 & 8 Water Park in Cromwell

10 December - Secondary Prizegiving 7pm @ Town Hall

11 December - Primary Prizegiving 11am @ Town Hall, 1pm close  
and last day for students

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# Taiari Wai River Festival

A festival for Otago's fresh water



Tiaki Maniototo



January 18, 2025, 12pm-5pm

Pātearoa School

The Tiaki Maniototo Taiari Wai River Festival is a music festival with a purpose — to engage the Otago community with the extraordinary freshwater ecosystems of the Taiari/Taieri river.

The festival, which is entering its second year after a very successful 2024 event, features top New Zealand music artists and is held in the village of Pātearoa, on the site of the old school.

Mixing science, music, food and community, the aim of the festival is to provide a focal point for the Taiari river community to gather; to learn about and celebrate their river. The festival aims to be an annual event that links communities up and down the Taiari river.

It is a daytime event with a strong family focus. Events related to freshwater conservation provide opportunities to learn and get involved. Catchment groups and conservation bodies from around the district are invited to set up stalls and there will also be space made available for local craft and food vendors.

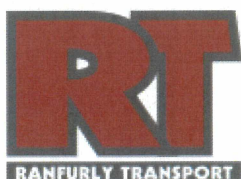
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## ARTISTS:

### Tess Liautaud



The music of Franco-American singer-songwriter Tess Liautaud can not be easily defined. It hangs in the balance of her voice, warm like honey; it carries a depth of raw emotion, delivered with melodic grace and country soul.

Her songs are easy listening, in that Jackson Browne, dreaming of Laurel Canyon, Americana sort of way and together with her band Liautaud creates a sound steeped in classic folk'n'country

rock'n'roll. This is music that will grow roots in your heart and lift you up, the way it is supposed to.

"It is warm and giving, open and true, devoid of pretension, gentle and full of heart, It sounds beautiful and everything is in its right place . A special balm for jolting times." - Adam McGrath

### Jessie Shanks



Having traversed the countryside for the last fifteen or so years in New Zealand's hardest working band The Eastern, Jessie Shanks is a renowned guitar picking, banjo frailing, foot stomper with a sweet southern voice and a raft of songs built from years on the road.

Shanks has cultivated her own unique approach to roots music, performing haunting contemporary folk tunes steeped in time and place and woven from her countless travels.





## Mads Harrop

Mads Harrop is a singer-songwriter, composer, musician, producer, and sound engineer based in Ōtepoti, New Zealand. Her first song "Contagious World," written during lockdown in 2020 went to number one on the New Zealand student radio Music Charts.

Her songs are joyous and poignant and have garnered a lot of critical acclaim. The Mads Harrop Band has supported both local and international acts such as The Chats, Reb Fountain, Ha the Unclear, and many others. Mads writes songs that are mostly about the challenges she faces, and ideas to do with Neurodiversity (she has autism, anxiety and Tourette's Syndrome). In between Gigs, work and play Mads is a Masters Student at University of Otago, studying Music Production. An original song writer who strives for an authentic sound using analogue gear to highlight her love of vintage instruments, effects and of course, style.

## Skin and Bone

Skin & Bone are a swing, string and sing unit from the gin-and-tonic end of the Cowboy Lounge. Skin & Bone are a five piece acoustic swing band from Ōtepoti, Dunedin. Formed relatively recently, they are nevertheless a product of some very longstanding musical friendships.



Difficult to pigeon-hole, a substantial portion of their repertoire is 1930's style swing, and they are popular in their hometown as an energetic dance band who will always pack the dance floor. In addition, they have a sizable number of original tunes that tend toward acoustic rock, and contemporary folk music from Aotearoa.