
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

	10th JUNE 2025	
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Kia ora koutou,

Winter has certainly made its presence known, but with the shortest day just around the corner, there's a warm light at the end of the tunnel!

We were thrilled to hear recently that our school has been awarded a generous grant from Air NZ's 'Every Corner Counts' initiative. This funding will help us create a vibrant school garden, and we're looking forward to starting this exciting project later in the year.

We're also pleased to welcome Kara, our new counsellor, who will visit every second week. It is great that we will be able to offer this important support to our tamariki.

In our last newsletter, I mentioned the upcoming Co-req assessments. I'm pleased to share that these assessments are now complete. While we're still waiting on the results, we couldn't be prouder of the positive attitude and effort our students displayed. Their commitment was excellent, and they gave it their all. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our students during this time.

Our Primary students have been busy preparing for the bi-annual Speech competition. In Yr 3 students recited a poem, in Yr 4 they retold a story and from Yr 5-8, the students wrote and prepared a speech based on the topic 'Game Changers'. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in the Maniototo Competition at the Ranfurly Town Hall this week: Briella Graham, Millie Harley, Maddie Norman, Oto Kernot-Berke, Abbie Graham, Quinn Andrews, Kora-Lee Martin, Oscar McAtamney, Sophie McAtamney, Florence Dowling, Sam Hore, Lizzie Dickson, and Hugo Paterson.

Unfortunately, the Central Otago Rippa competition was cancelled due to poor weather. Our Year 5/6 kids were disappointed, but the forecasted weather would've made it a very challenging day. There's always next year!

Our Secondary Netball team had a fantastic run at the Otago/Southland Secondary Schools tournament in Dunedin, finishing 8th out of 16, an awesome effort for our wee school. A big thank you to Donna Owens, Kate Dowling, and Sal Byrne for their organisation and support.

Lastly, don't forget the Vietnam group will be sharing their travel highlights next Tuesday evening, 17th June, at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall. Come along and hear all about our amazing adventure!

Ngā mihi nui,

Lucia Dowling - Acting Principal



Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt Day is a special event celebrated in many New Zealand schools to stand up against bullying and promote kindness and inclusion and our school really got behind it.

On Pink Shirt Day, students and staff wear pink shirts to symbolize their commitment to creating a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

The day fosters a strong sense of community and reminds students that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



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Otago Secondary School Sports Assn Netball Tournament

Our senior netball team had a couple of days in Dunedin at the OSSSA Netball tournament. They started the tournament with a tough match against Columba and came up short, but the team spirit stayed high—everyone was still smiling and happy.

They bounced back with a solid 27–24 win over Taieri. Then they faced East Otago and came out strong with a 28–11 victory.

In a hard-fought game against Wakatipu B, they drew the third quarter but they pulled ahead to win 35–16. Their last game was a challenging match against Dunstan, which ended in a loss. Overall, the team finished 8th out of 16 teams—a great effort and plenty to be proud of!

A huge thanks to Donna Owens, Kate Dowling and Sal Byrne for braving the cold and supporting our girls at the tournament.

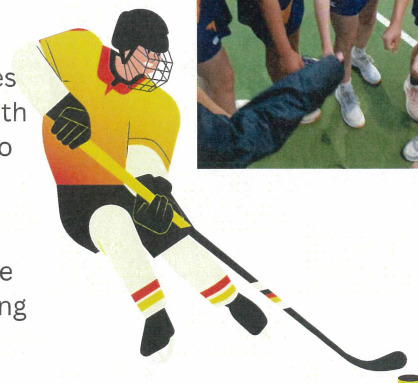


Ice Hockey

A talented group of young ice hockey players from across the South Island have been selected to represent their region in an exciting Under-14 tournament in Queenstown this weekend.

Among the athletes are local lads Sam Hore, James Meehan and Liam Hamilton, they will join forces with fellow players from Alexandra, Gore, and Tekapo to form a dynamic and determined team.

The tournament promises to be a thrilling event, bringing together top youth talent from across the country. The team is currently in training and looking forward to hitting the ice.



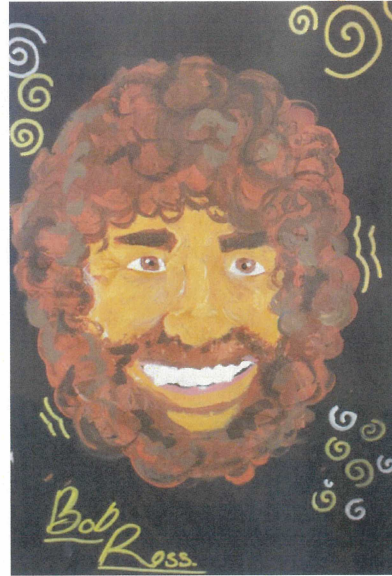
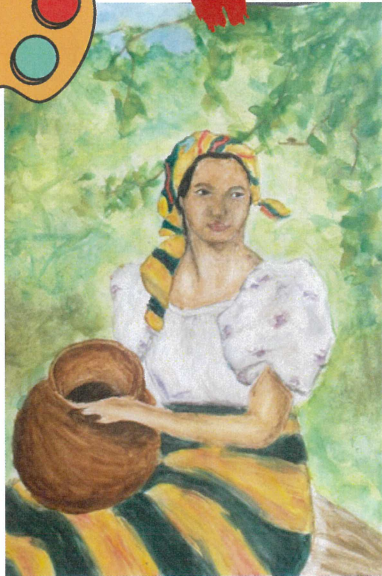
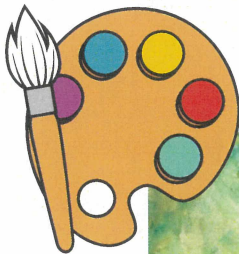
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Bubble Art



Year 3 and their masks

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Artwork by Hayley Barroga and Dakota Nicoll

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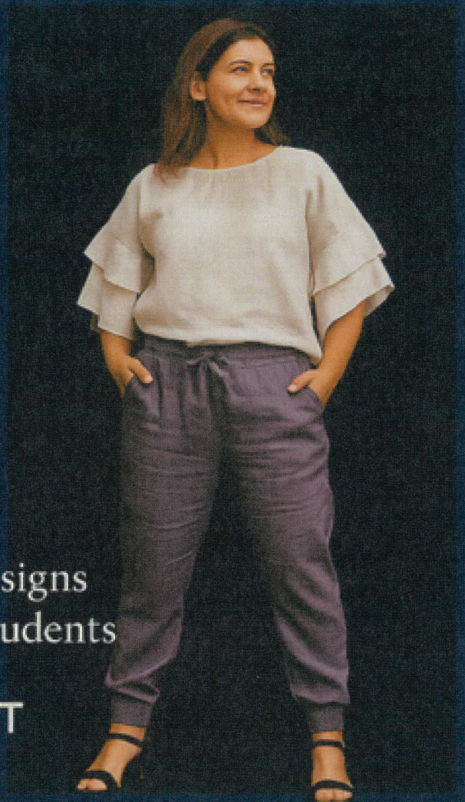
FRIDAY, JUNE 20
(MATARIKI WEEKEND)

6:30 PM START

8 CHARLEMONT
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Featuring
Re-fashion designs
inspired by students

\$25 TICKET



After being presented with an opportunity by Tania and Russ from Lohi to design and upcycle a garment of clothing, the Year 7 and 8's decided they were up for the challenge. Over the last month, the students have been learning about the difference between fast and slow fashion, and why sustainability is such an integral part of Lohi's design process.

Tania has visited the Intermediate class a number of times, bringing examples of sustainable garments, and then to support them in the design process. As a class, we visited Lohi and the Catholic Women's League Op Shop last Friday.

It has been exciting to see the student's creativity, and the problem solving that has occurred while creating a garment made from bedding! There has been researching, sketching, cutting, negotiating and decision making as the children work together.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lohi Fashion Show to see our Year 7 and 8 students designs. This will be at Lohi, Matariki Weekend, Friday the 20th of June for our Primary School fundraiser.



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Philippines Independence Day: 12th June

Happy Philippines Independence Day, we celebrate not only the rich history and vibrant culture of the Philippines, but also the incredible Filipino families who are part of our school community.

Your warmth, resilience, generosity, and strong sense of family bring so much heart and joy to our school.

Wishing you a joyful and meaningful Independence Day filled with pride, love, and celebration.

SAVE THE DATE

16 June
Kapa haka group hospital visit

18 June
Night Sky Tour

20 June
Matariki - School is closed

20 June
lohi Fashion Show fundraiser

25 June
Kapa haka group marae visit

27 June
Road Race

27 June
Mana Pounamu Award Ceremony

27 June
Last Day of Term 2

14 July
Term 3 commences



MAS IN VIETNAM!

Thank you Maniototo for your support of our recent Vietnam trip

It was a trip of a life-time!
Come along and hear all about it!

Students will present their trip highlights at a special community evening to be held at

RANFURLY TOWN HALL

17TH JUNE

5.30PM

Finger food provided

ALL WELCOME!



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Safety on Buses

The school bus is one of the safest ways to travel, but there are risks to keep in mind. Here's how to help our children stay safe.

Avoiding harm when crossing the road

The most frequent time children have been hurt is crossing the road after getting off the bus, especially in the afternoon. This has happened on rural and urban roads.

Slow down!

Always slow down to 20km/h when passing a stationary school bus. This is the law.

Be alert for children walking or running onto the road.

This low speed gives you time to react and it reduces harm.

Reduce the need for kids to cross

Wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop when picking up or dropping off children.

Park your car further away and walk to the bus stop to meet them.

If they have to cross the road

Come across yourself first so you can cross back with them.

If they need to cross alone, teach them these steps:

After getting off, wait as far away from the edge of the road as you can.

Wait until the bus has gone.

Choose a place to cross where you can see clearly up and down the road.

What else to teach your children:

Waiting for the bus

Wait at the designated bus stop area, not elsewhere.

Keep well away from the road edge.

Avoid playing games where you might end up running onto the road.

Getting on the bus

Form a single line, with younger children first.

Make sure the bus has stopped before you try to get on.

Don't push. Be patient.

Carry your backpack or school bag so it doesn't get caught in the door.

Riding on the bus

Quickly choose a seat and sit down.

Put your bag on your lap or under your seat.

Use seatbelts when provided.

Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.

Follow what the bus driver or bus warden tells you to do.

If you have to stand, put your bag on the floor and hold onto a seat back or handrail.

Getting off the bus

Get off the bus carefully, without pushing.

Stand well clear of the bus if it is turning or reversing.

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Breakfast Club is back up and running and open to all MAS students! It's a great option for anyone who may have missed breakfast or just needs a little extra fuel to power through the day. A big thank you to the KickStart Breakfast programme for generously supplying Weet-Bix and milk.



School Holiday Activities

The July school holidays brings an opportunity for children in Central Otago and surrounds to experience holiday offerings that are unique to our area. Each winter Naseby, the ice capital of New Zealand, offers ice and luge camps for children 8 years and older to experience the fun of the ice sports - ice skating, ice hockey, luge and curling.



Ice Camp (1st week of the holidays - 30 June to 4 July)

<https://forms.gle/kKePoYWDDm1L8yrN9>

Luge Camp (2nd week of the school holidays - 7 to 11 July)

<https://forms.gle/FCMKbCQ5AwvDi9zs7>



The 2025 NZ International Science Festival

90+ events these coming school holidays – and most of them are free!

Whether you're into gaming, quantum physics, technology, conservation, books, talks, learning through play, theatre or comedy, there's something for everyone, no matter your age or interests.

Parents - there's plenty of adult focused events on too, so don't miss looking through the programme yourself too!

See the full NZ International Science Festival programme at scifest.org.nz/programme.
28 June – 6 July 2025



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