
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

	25th JUNE 2025	
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Kia ora koutou,

Kia ora koutou! We're already in the last week of the term. Even though it was a short one with just 9 weeks, we've managed to accomplish a lot. A big thank you to our students and staff for your hard work. Make sure to take some time to recharge over the upcoming two week break.

One of the highlights since our last newsletter was the Maniototo Speech Competition. We were pleased to have MAS, St John's, Strath Taieri, and Omakau participate this year. We are very proud of all our participants for their courage and effort on stage. It's not easy to deliver a speech, story, or poem in front of an audience. Check out the newsletter for our place-getters.

Last week, we celebrated Matariki. Our Kapa Haka visited the Maniototo Hospital to perform various waiata and our haka. During lunch, our Seniors led games like Ki o Rahi for the Juniors, and our Primary students took part in Matariki-inspired activities such as weaving and kite-making. Ngā mihi to our Kapa Haka adults, Amie, Henry, Leona, and Ms Meyer, for their support.

This term has been filled with sports for many of our students. While some sports are finishing up, others will continue until mid Term 3. A big thank you to everyone who helps make these opportunities possible for our tamariki. We know how challenging it can be to get to games or find coaches, so your dedication and effort are greatly appreciated.

A special shout-out to Dakota Nicoll, our Manu Pounamu recipient this year. Dakota will be honoured at a special ceremony on Friday in Dunedin. We hope you have a wonderful day, Dakota – well done!

Congratulations also to the students who were selected by their teachers for the '1% stronger' awards which were presented at our Term Two PRIDE assembly at the beginning of the week. It was lovely to listen to their achievements over the past term. Tino pai tamariki!

Ngā mihi, and enjoy the break!

Lucia Dowling
Acting Principal


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ELECTIONS Board of Trustees

Are you passionate about our kids' education? Got ideas to help our school thrive?

Then it's time to **step up, speak out, and stand for election** on the Maniototo Area School Board.

Elections are being held soon for 3 parent representative positions. School board members play an important role in shaping the education experience and achievements of students.



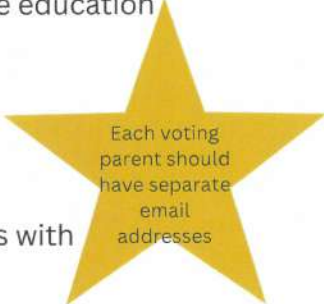
Ensure your contact information is up to date

Why You?

Because you care.

Because you've got vision.

Because our tamariki deserve the best—and that starts with strong, community-driven leadership.



Each voting parent should have separate email addresses

What You Need to Know:

You can nominate yourself or somebody else
(information about this will be sent out at the beginning of term 3)
Provide a short statement and photo—let your personality shine

If you have any queries please contact one of our existing board members:
Sarah Paterson (Chair) 027 577 6411 or Craig Paterson (Vice Chair) 027 471 7017

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**Celebrate Our Sporting Legends and Inspire Future Generations...
Join our Honours Board Project!**



Maniototo Area School has a proud tradition of nurturing excellence—growing great people who achieve amazing things.

With the gym refurbishment complete we're establishing a committee to create a permanent Honours Board in the school gymnasium, both a tribute to former students who have excelled in sport at national or international levels and as a lasting source of inspiration for future generations.

If you are keen to be part of the committee please contact Anne Kirk at the school office:
email - office@maniototo.school.nz

PRIDE Awards - 1% stronger

These students have shown consistent effort, quiet determination and a strong commitment to personal development and achieving more each day.

Yr 1- Rocky Woodhead, Yr 2: Hugo Fairweather, Yr 3: Millie Harley, Yr 4: Kahu Houpapapa, Yr 5: Autumn Forbes, Yr 6: Richard Wade, Yr 7: Aubree Mulholland
Yr 8: Laura Paterson, Yr 9: Jamie Poihakena- Jackson, Yr 10: Jacob Mayo, Yr 11: Elle-Mae Lunam, Yr 12: Latrell Houpapapa, Yr 13: Thea Torres



SAVE THE DATE

27 June
Road Race

27 June
Mana Pounamu Award Ceremony

27 June
Last Day of Term 2

14 July
Term 3 commences

21-25 July
Ice Week

23 July
BOT Meeting

29 July
Open Night 5pm

Sam Hore and James Meehan were chosen to play for the southern Knights ice hockey team which consisted of players from the Alexandra Tekapo and Gore Ice hockey club. They played against Queenstown and Dunedin beating both teams. They won against Queenstown 5 to 3 in Dunedin 6 to 5

Ice Hockey



Maniototo Adventure Park have their annual Costume Ice Dance on Saturday the 5th of July from 6pm-8pm
Children \$5 each, Adults \$10 each or a family pass for \$20

There will be a sausage sizzle, games on the ice and spot prizes for the best costumes.



Now!



MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 29TH JULY 2025

Please be seated by 5pm

ALL WELCOME



RSVP: office@maniototo.school.nz

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Job Vacancies

Position 1: Caretaker/Groundsperson

Maniototo Area School is looking for a Caretaker/Groundsperson to join our team.

This position will suit someone who is proactive with excellent practical and problem-solving skills. A solid knowledge of maintenance, groundskeeping and Health and Safety will be an advantage. The ideal applicant is self-motivated, prioritises tasks and communicates well.

The successful candidate needs to work within a budget, manage our school houses, liaise with contractors and manage staff.

Position 2: School Cleaner

This position will suit someone who has a keen eye for detail. School cleaners are responsible for maintaining high standards of cleanliness throughout the school. The successful candidate will be required to work 3 hours per day during term time. School holiday work and extra hours may be required by mutual agreement.

Duties:

Daily tasks which include vacuuming, mopping and wiping surfaces. There are additional tasks which are to be completed at the end of each term eg. windows

General Information about both positions:

Both positions are part time permanent.

Conditions and remuneration are according to the School Caretakers' and Cleaners' Collective Agreement.

Applicants will be required to undergo a police vet.

For enquiries please contact Melissa Bell: bellm@maniototo.school.nz

Applications close on Friday 11th July at 3pm.

To apply for either of these positions, please include:

- Curriculum Vitae (including referees)
 - the completed support staff application form
 - the completed Police vetting consent form with the appropriate ID
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Year 9 and 10 ESOL (English as a 2nd Language) Students

William, Anto, Kian and Vlad enjoyed learning more about Matariki, first learning about what each star in the cluster represents, and then making Matariki 'Chatterboxes'.

Lots of connection, conversation and laughter as we reflected on the significance of each star in our lives.



Music Club

Secondary students have been enjoying our new Music Club, which runs on Tuesday lunchtimes. This term, we have been learning new songs, as well as singing in 'parts'.

A big emphasis is fun, along with building confidence - we nailed both of those aspects yesterday with end of term karaoke!

We are looking forward to adding to our repertoire of songs next term.

New members are always welcome (currently Years 9-13).



Breakfast is available to all our students everyday.

All our secondary students have a special breakfast provided every Friday.

Mrs Sillibourne

Speech Competition

Last week, our speech competition finalists showcased their talent and confidence at the inter-school speech competition, with St John's, Strath Taieri, and Omakau schools. The event was a real celebration of creativity and courage.

We are incredibly proud of all our participants for stepping up and speaking out with such poise and passion. Their hard work and dedication, as well as the support of their teachers and whanau made for a really tough contest.

Well done to these students for their final placings:

Year 3 Poem: 1st Place - Briella Graham (MAS) & 3rd Place - Millie Harley (MAS)

Year 5 Speech: 3rd Place - Abbie Graham (MAS)

Year 7 Speech: 3rd Equal - Sam Hore (MAS)

Year 8 Speech: 2nd Place - Hugo Paterson (MAS)



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Technology



Senior BCITO students are working hard to finish their projects. A dog run, a desk with twin drawers, a storage chest with a parquet top are just some of the creations being made this year.



A few Mothers Day gifts going home last term from the Year 9 & 10 students as they explored New Zealand native and exotic timbers in the laminated chopping board project



The new rotation from the Junior School were really excited to experiment with the hot poker to embellish the practice boxes they complete last week. Now to research and design their Waka Huia (treasure box) using the knowledge they have gained.



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Thank You, Fuel for Schools!

A huge thank you to the families and wider community members who support our school with Fuel for Schools. Their generous donation of \$1,500 to support our PE programme is amazing! This funding has allowed us to purchase brand-new sports equipment for our tamariki. The new additions include a disc golf set, pickleball set, a parachute and lots of new balls. We're so grateful for this support.



We Won a Kī o Rahi Set!

We're excited to share that our school has won a brand-new Kī o Rahi set thanks to Physical Education New Zealand!

To enter, we submitted a short video showcasing our awesome PE gear shed.

We can't wait to introduce Kī o Rahi to our primary students!



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Over \$2 million Donated

For every 100L of bulk fuel you have delivered
our school receives 50 cents!



Ice Week Information

The Primary Ice Week is part of our PE curriculum and is scheduled for the week 21-25 July.

Each student has the opportunity to attend three sessions at the Maniototo Adventure Park, Naseby, where they will learn to curl, ice skate or luge. Curling sessions are compulsory for Y3-Y8 and they have a choice of luge or ice skating. (Year 1 & 2 students will skate only).

We would appreciate some parent help for transport and both on and off the ice.

Please note: Helmets are compulsory whilst on the ice.

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lohi Fashion Show

The Year 7 and 8's have been learning about sustainable fashion, and how they can play a part in reducing landfill and repurposing things that may have been thrown out. Showcasing as part of the lohi Matariki Fashion Show was old bedding turned into garments that can be worn.

A big thanks to all our models and everyone who came along to enjoy the show.

Over the past few weeks, learning has been based around fast fashion, and the impact it has on the environment. The class visited lohi, and the Op Shop to choose bedding that Tania could help turn into outfits.

Thank you Tania for sharing your vision, and for the hours spent turning the students designs into reality. She has been backwards and forwards to school, talking through designs and helping with ideas. She has given up her own time unpicking, removing, adding and sewing to make it all come together. We are so grateful and thankful for your support of our school.

**THANK
you**

A huge thanks to Tania and Russ for hosting the Matariki Fashion Show.



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Peter Pan

Based on the original play by J.M. Barrie
Adapted and directed by M. van den Yssel

4th - 5th July 7pm

6th July 2pm

\$25 adult, \$15 youth

\$60 Family (2 adult, 2 youth)

Earnscleugh Hall, Earnscleugh Road

For more info and tickets;

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