
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

	OCTOBER 2025	
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Dear parents and caregivers,

Term 4 has started with a hiss and a roar! Our senior students finish classes on 30th October, they are currently under pressure to finish art portfolios and put the final touches on internal assessments. NCEA exams start on Tuesday 4 November and we wish students well with these.

In the primary school, preparations are well underway for athletics and it is pleasing to see such big numbers at our Wednesday after school practices. Huge thanks to all of the parents who are coming to help teaching staff with running these training sessions. We look forward to a great day of athletics on 31st October!

This term our values focus is on Integrity. In particular, we are focusing on having courage to act with integrity - making the right decision even when it is hard. Our mantra for the term is 'Stand Tall, Stand True'. In our most recent assembly we talked about the movie Moana, and how the main character showed the courage to do what was right even though it made her feel lonely and afraid. This is an important message for all of our students, and we look forward to building on this theme throughout the term.

My final words today are a celebration of our most recent corequisite results. Last week we received results from the Reading assessment held earlier in the year. We were delighted to see almost every single student in Year 10 and above pass this assessment. These are spectacular results - and students should be commended as they worked with diligence and focus to achieve these results. I would also like to acknowledge staff who ran extra classes, led after school tutorials and cooked hearty breakfasts on the assessment days. I am so appreciative of the shared work. We now nervously await the results of Numeracy and Writing, both are due out next week.

Melissa Bell
Principal

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Class Act 2025

Congratulations to Grace Farquhar who is our 2025 Class Act recipient.

Grace has been involved with St John since she was 6, and this year she was named the Central Otago cadet of the year. While her mother was instrumental in Grace joining the organisation, it has been the people that have kept her interested, she says.

"What has kept me going is making friends and all the opportunities, such as competitions and camping."

Next year Grace plans to attend the University of Otago and her ambition is to become a criminal forensic scientist. Grace's fascination with forensics began after studying author Kathy Reichs' young adult novels in year 8. Since then, she has watched a lot of CSI-based television shows.

Grace attended the Otago advanced science academy earlier this year where University of Otago lecturer Charlotte King spoke about forensic anthropology. Grace says she has always been a literal, factual person. While there was some hypothesising required initially in a forensic examination, it was the ability to prove that theory (or not) with science, that appealed to her.



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Term 3 PRIDE Awards Choose Calm, Choose Kind

Congratulations to these outstanding students who have been recognised for consistently demonstrating compassion, patience, and respect toward others. Their kindness shines through in the way they encourage, include, and support their peers—helping to foster a warm, inclusive, and uplifting environment. Their thoughtful demeanor and respectful interactions with both classmates and staff truly set a remarkable example for our school community.

Mahaliya Pike (Yr 13), Rawiri Huriwai-Kirk (Yr 12), Jae Newth-MacDoanld (Yr 11), Henry Sillibourne (Yr 10), Peyton Baddock (Yr 9), Bonnie Spooner (Yr 8), Florence Dowling (Yr 7), Sophie McAtamney (Yr 6), Jack Parkinson (Yr 5), Alex Macapondag (Yr 4), Tobias Karena (Yr 3), Immy Weir (Yr 2), Kaylee Graham (Yr 1)



Kindness
= MATTERS =



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NZASA Music Camp

In the Term 3 holidays, Year 11 students Madi Hawkes and Trisha Buragay travelled to Christchurch to take part in the biannual New Zealand Area Schools' Music Performance Camp.

The camp brings together students from area schools across Aotearoa to collaborate, form bands, and develop songs to performance standard. Participants are randomly placed into groups and work alongside experienced music mentors to select, arrange, and refine their songs. After two intensive days of rehearsal, the bands perform live in front of an audience, with students also able to gain NCEA Music credits through their performances.

Madi was part of a band with five vocalists, a drummer, and lead and bass guitarists. Together they performed Before He Cheats by Carrie Underwood and Leonard Cohen's classic Hallelujah. Madi's role involved both solo vocals and harmonies, and the band's polished performance was warmly received by the audience.

Trisha took on the challenge of being lead vocalist for her band, performing three songs: Santeria by Sublime, I'm Not the Only One by Sam Smith, and Nothing Holding Me Back by Shawn Mendes. Learning the lyrics and delivering each song with the confidence and stage presence required of a lead singer was no small feat, and Trisha rose brilliantly to the occasion.

Both students were elated by the experience and inspired to continue their musical journey. They are now planning to form a local band and bring live music to the Maniototo community.

Congratulations to these two talented young performers – rising stars to watch!

A huge thanks to Ms Anna Sillibourne for going to Music Camp with the girls and the amazing support and encouragement she provides.

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Otago U18 Basketball Most Improved Player

Huge congratulations to Charlie Owens who was awarded
Most Improved Player for Otago U18 Girls Basketball.
What an incredible achievement Charlie!



Prizegiving Scholarships

**Please hand scholarship application forms into the school
office by 1st November.**

Hadlee Trust: For Students from Year 7 and above who excel in
their chosen field of endeavour (Sporting Cultural or Academic)

Maniototo RSA, Maniototo Lions & Centennial Trust:
For school leavers

Application forms can be found on the school website:
<https://www.maniototo.school.nz/prizegiving>

Make breakfast count! Power
up with Weet-Bix and milk! This
tasty duo offers vital nutrients,
including fiber and calcium, to
boost energy and focus!



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Important Dates

- 27th October - Labour Day (School is Closed)
- 28th October - Health Clinic (1pm-3pm)
- 30th October - Final Day for Yr 11-13
- 30th October - Play Pop Up 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- 31st October - Maniototo Primary School's Athletics
- 4th November - Health Clinic (1pm-3pm)
- 11th November - Otago Athletics (17th postponement date)
- 17th - 21st November - Year 9 & 10 "Have a Go" week
- 18th November - Health Clinic (1pm-3pm)
- 18th November - Leavers Dinner
- 19th November - BOT Meeting (5.30pm)
- 26th & 27th November - Year 9 & 10 Exams
- 28th November - Year 3 & 4 Dunedin Trip
- 1-2nd December - Year 5 & 6 Camp
- 1-4th December - Year 9 Camp
- 3-5th December - Year 7 & 8 Naseby/Beach Education
- 10th December - Secondary Prizegiving (7pm)
- 11th December - Primary Prizegiving (12pm)

PEOPLE CONNECTING PEOPLE

INTERNET / MOBILE / HOME PHONE - RURAL OR URBAN

Across the Otago Region, including the Maniototo.
Call our local team to find out more.

Unifone

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Breakfast is
available to all
our students
everyday.

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



Over \$2 million Donated

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our school receives 50 cents!



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today!

2025 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Examinations available digitally shown in **blue**.

Date	Session	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Tue 4 Nov	AM		Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM		Latin	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Statistics
Wed 5 Nov	AM			English	
	PM		Geography		Earth & Space Science
Thu 6 Nov	AM		English		Latin
	PM		Chinese	History	French
Fri 7 Nov	AM			Chemistry	Accounting
	PM		Accounting		Biology
WEEKEND					
Mon 10 Nov	AM	French Spanish	Lea Faka-Tonga Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	PM	Commerce	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Media Studies
Tue 11 Nov	AM	English			Physics
	PM	Gagana Tokelau	Dance	Biology	Art History
Wed 12 Nov	AM	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Chemistry	Drama	Geography
	PM	Korean	Cook Islands Māori Drama	Digital Technologies Samoan	Psychology
Thu 13 Nov	AM	Mathematics and Statistics	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	PM	History	Physics	Accounting	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 14 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 17 Nov	AM	Te Reo Māori	French	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	PM	Japanese	Biology	Economics	
Tue 18 Nov	AM	Science	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	PM	Digital Technologies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Media Studies	
Wed 19 Nov	AM	Chinese	Te Reo Rangatira	Lea Faka-Tonga	English
	PM	Social Studies	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Thu 20 Nov	AM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Media Studies	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	PM	Vagahau Niue	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
Fri 21 Nov	AM	Reo Māori Kūki Āirani		Music Studies	Spanish
	PM	Geography	Music		History
WEEKEND					
Mon 24 Nov	AM	Gagana Sāmoa	Japanese	Geography	
	PM	German	Earth & Space Science		Religious Studies
Tue 25 Nov	AM	Chemistry & Biology	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	PM	Lea Faka-Tonga	German	Home Economics	Digital Technologies
Wed 26 Nov	AM	Religious Studies	Social Studies	French	Japanese
	PM	Health Studies	Business Studies	Health	
Thu 27 Nov	AM		Economics	Korean	
	PM		Health	Business Studies	
Fri 28 Nov	AM		Digital Technologies Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	German



ALEXANDRA

PIONEER PARK

Monday, Oct 20
3.30-5.30pm

CROMWELL

ALPHA ST PARK

Friday, Oct 24
3.30-5.30pm

RANFURLY

MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

Thursday, Oct 30
3.30-5.30pm

MUSIC • GAMES • STORIES • NATURE • FOOD

Bring the whole whānau to to one of our Play Days in Central Otago for some **games, music, food, stories** and **nature activities**. Enjoy the Sport Central Tākaro Play Trailer, inflatables and gagaball, explore the interactive story walk with Central Otago Libraries, and discover the outdoors with Central Otago REAP nature connectors. There will also be a sausage sizzle – and ice cream from Mr. Whippy!



AOTEAROA
PLAYWEEK TĀKARO MAI!
20 – 26 OCTOBER 2025





SAINT BATHANS

VILLAGE FETE

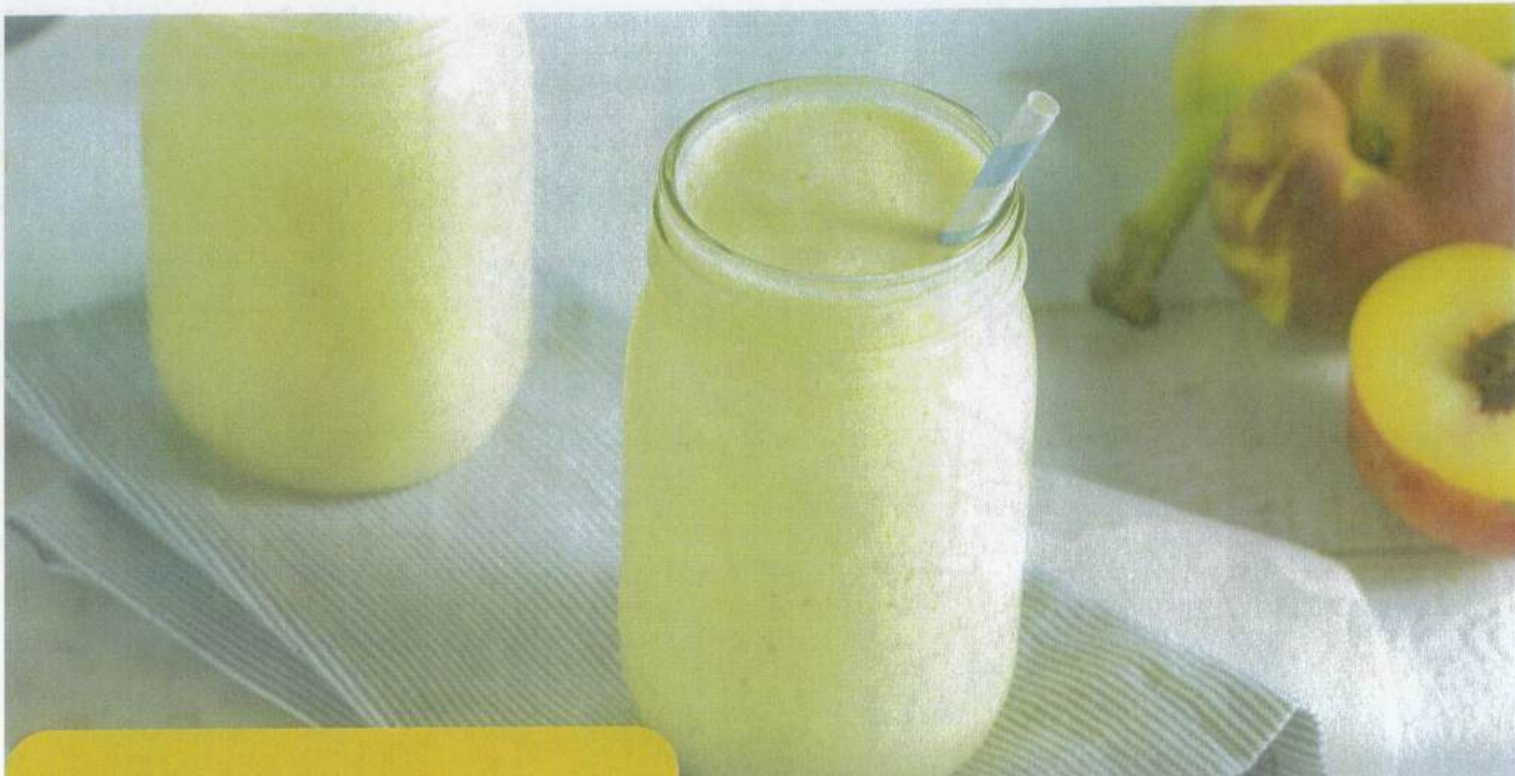
SATURDAY
17 JANUARY

10.00AM TO 4.00PM

VULCAN HOTEL

BILLIARDS

GET TICKETS ON [HUMANITIX.CO.NZ](https://humanitix.co.nz)



INGREDIENTS (SERVES 2)

BANANA BERRY BLISS

- 1 cup Anchor™ UHT Lite milk
- 1 Weet-Bix™ wheat biscuit
- 1 banana
- ½ cup fresh or frozen berries

PEACHES & CREAM

- 1 cup Anchor™ UHT Lite milk
- 1 Weet-Bix™ wheat biscuit
- 1 cup tinned peaches in juice (drained)
- 1 teaspoon honey (optional)



Source of Fibre



1 Serving of fruit per serve



Source of Calcium



Source of Protein

Fruity & Filling Smoothies

Smoothies have been a favorite at the KickStart Breakfast Club for years! Many students have mastered the art of blending the best smoothie flavors. Check out our top combinations below, and then give creating your own a try!

METHOD

Place all ingredients into a blender, and blend until smooth. Pour into serving glasses.

Get creative with what fruit you can source. Fresh fruit in season can provide delicious flavours whilst frozen or tinned fruit is always readily available.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

