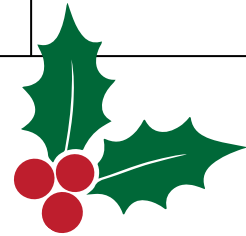

Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

	NOVEMBER 2025	
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Dear parents and caregivers,

This newsletter reflects the busy-ness of school as we enter the last few weeks of the year. Every day there seems to be activities, events and camps. It is a great way to finish a wonderful year.

I do want to mention the special Year 10 Strive Awards. You can read more about these awards in the newsletter, but I need to warmly congratulate the 11 Year 10 students who committed to this award, and persisted through to completion. Our awards ceremony on Monday evening was a wonderful celebration of this commitment. We were honoured to have Mayor Tamah Alley come to present these awards. Thanks to the family members who came along to support these celebrations.

This week we held our orientation afternoon for the 2026 Year 9 cohort. The afternoon was a mix of administration, team building and some friendly (yet fierce) whānau group games and competitions. Excitement levels were high, and we are really looking forward to welcoming this new group into our secondary school.

We have 3 camps departing next week - all the best to the staff, students and parents involved. Let's hope the weather plays its part and that the camp experiences are full of good challenge, fun and adventure.

Melissa Bell
Principal

Happy Holidays



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Year 10 Strive Awards

Strive is a programme especially for our Year 10 students, it encourages students to dream big, make the most of all school opportunities and develop their leadership skills. The programme is open to all Year 10 students – all requirements must be completed within the school year.

To complete the programme, students have to meet the academic, attendance, service and curricular goals.

These are:

- 85% attendance each term
- Read one novel or non-fiction book per term
- Complete 20 hours service across a year (we can help organise this)
- Participate in at least one sport or cultural activity
- Gain a Merit average in 3 nominated subjects
- Mentor junior students
- Complete one public speaking engagement



Congratulations to: Jacob Mayo, Teyah Al Niaami, Nicholas Inder, Mahalia Tapatu, Jonty Russell, Indianna Hepi, Sophie Meehan, Katelyn Hughes, Noah Smith, Jake McMillan and Mac Dowling on being the recipients of our inaugural Strive Awards.



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Ki o Rahi Tournament

Our Year 9 and 10, students in our Ki O Rahi team have recently had a successful Otago Secondary Schools tournament. This was our first-ever tournament within the Ki-o-Rahi sport, which is on the rise within our school and is currently played at the annual National Area Schools competition.

We won our first game against South Otago 15-17, and the team started to believe in themselves. In our second game, we won 17-6 against Roxburgh Area School. The third game would decide whether or not we made a final, and we won 22-6 against Dunstan High School.

The thought of attending our first-ever Ki-o-Rahi tournament and making it to the finals was mind-blowing, and the students were ecstatic. We lost our final against the second South Otago Team by 2 points; however, all came away absolutely buzzing after such a successful day.



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Science Roadshow

Maniototo Area School hosted the National Science Roadshow last week, this is an event that we organize biannually and is always a highlight for our students.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who funded this experience for our Junior School, and to our Year 10 Science Class who were excellent exhibition guides.



Uniform: Our uniform supplier (NZ Uniforms) is now located at 24 Filleul Street Dunedin. There is a small selection of uniform items (both old and new) available from the school. Available to view during normal school hours, or by arrangement.

<https://maniototo.nzuniforms.com/>

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Important Information

Prizegivings

The senior (Y9-13) prizegiving will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm, in the Ranfurly Town Hall, 3 Northland Street. Doors will open from 6.40pm. Please note that winter uniform is required.

The primary (Y1-8) prizegiving will take place at the Town Hall on Thursday 11th December at 12pm, doors will open from 11.40 onwards. You may take your child home at the conclusion of this event.

School Magazines

For those families that have paid for a school magazine these will be given out at the conclusion of the junior prizegiving. The final day for payment to receive your magazine at the prizegiving is Friday 5th December.

For secondary families that have ordered a magazine, they will be able to collect their magazine from the school office on Friday 12th December between 8am and 11am or by arrangement.

Reports

Primary school reports will go home on Tuesday 9th December.
Secondary reports will go home on Wednesday 10th December.

Last day of term

Year 9 & 10 students will finish school on Wednesday 10th December. Our last day for primary students is Thursday 11th December.

Return dates 2026

The first official day of school in 2026 will be Monday 2nd February.
School will be open on Thursday 29th January for senior students needing to change or confirm courses.

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Room 1: Teddy Bear's Picnic



Term 1: Monday 2nd February - Friday 3rd April

Friday 6th February (Waitangi Day)

Monday 23rd March (Otago Anniversary Day)

Term Dates

2026

Term 2: Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July

Monday 27th April (Anzac Day)

Monday 1st June (Kings Birthday)

Term 3: Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4: Monday 12th October - Thursday 10th December

Monday 26th October (Labour Day)

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Important Dates

26th & 27th November - Year 9 & 10 Exams

28th November - Year 3 & 4 Dunedin Trip

1st-2nd December - Year 5 & 6 Camp

1st-4th December - Year 9 Camp (Tautuku)

3rd-5th December - Year 7 & 8 Naseby Activities/Beach Education

10th December - Secondary Prizegiving (7pm)

10th December - Final Day of School for Year 9 & 10 students

11th December - Primary Prizegiving (12pm)

11th December - Final Day of school for primary students

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★ 2025-26

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placed in the draw to
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Ages 0-12 years