
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

AUGUST 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a positive and productive start to the term. This week we have our Olympics House afternoon. A great opportunity to build House spirit and to reflect on the Olympic values and how these align with our own PRIDE values. It is great to have our new gym up and running to start this event in.

Over the last few days there has been a great deal of commentary in the media over government change to Maths instruction in New Zealand. Here at Maniototo Area School, we have high expectations across all curriculum areas. We believe that literacy and numeracy are of critical importance. We know these skills are crucial for everyday life, for work and for future study. We will work to enhance learning in these areas, and we have teachers who are always ready to embrace change.

One of the statistics that has been used to describe our 'catastrophic' level of achievement does need some clarification. The government has said that only 22% of students meet the Year 8 target for Maths. I do want to note that this target is based on the new curriculum, that has different content and learning goals for each level. This new curriculum was released in draft but has never been implemented. In other words, the target is set on material that students have never been taught. The NMSSA data in 2022 shows that 42% of Year 8 students are not meeting the standard for Maths. We appreciate that this is far from ideal, but we also acknowledge that this rate of attainment has not changed over the last ten years. At Maniototo Area School annually only around 25% of Year 8 students are not meeting the standards for Reading, Writing and Maths. Given that the government aims to have only 20% miss these standards by 2023, we are well placed to continue to enhance and improve and I have no doubt we will meet this target well before 2030.

We also believe in a rich and balanced curriculum. We do prioritize literacy and numeracy instruction, but we believe in the value of all of the other learning areas - including PE, Science, Social Studies, Technology and the Arts. I am sure that as adults, we all look back on our own schooling and can reflect on the subjects that were personally engaging and motivating. We look forward to implementing the change, but we will also honour and protect the rich learning opportunities, the curriculum integration and the creative tasks that make MAS the school it is.

Melissa Bell - Principal

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Mana Pounamu



The annual Mana Pounamu Young Achievers' Awards were held in Dunedin recently. These awards celebrate the vast and varied achievements of rakatahi Māori (Māori youth) in secondary schools across Otago. Congratulations to our teina award recipient Mahalia Tapatu.

Excellence Awards

Our Resilience Awards for Term 2 were received by: Zoe Weir, William Hodge, Hemi Huddleston, Lucas Mulholland, Truly Pilgrim, JR Buragay, Marshall Newth-MacDonald, Vladimir Badillo, Aeva Cairns-Whitcombe, Madi Hawkes, Nicola Kinney, Sebastian Hickman, Olivia Russell. Congratulations everyone!

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SOFT BRISTLES are important so we don't damage our tooth enamel or our gums

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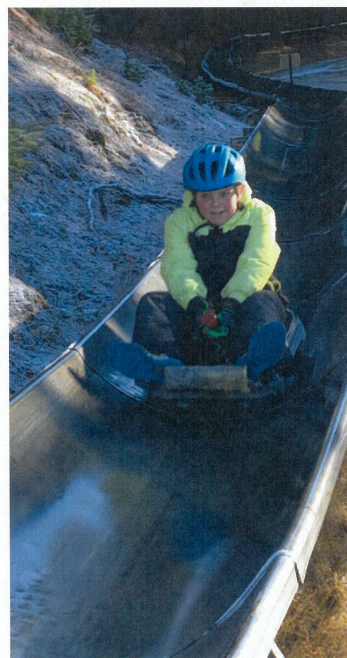
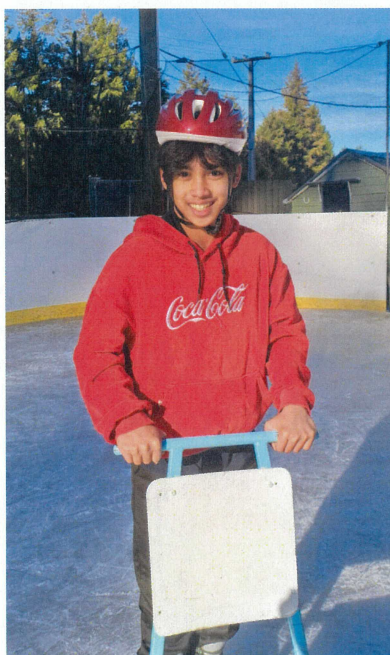
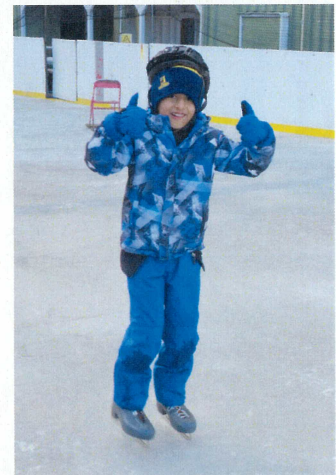
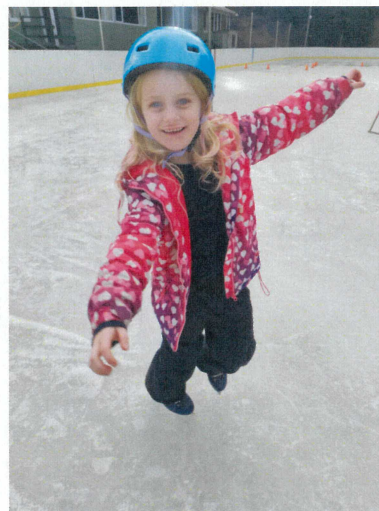
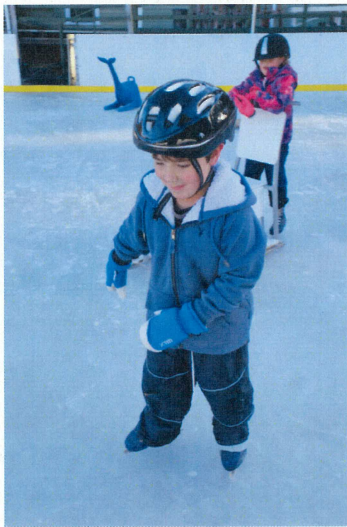
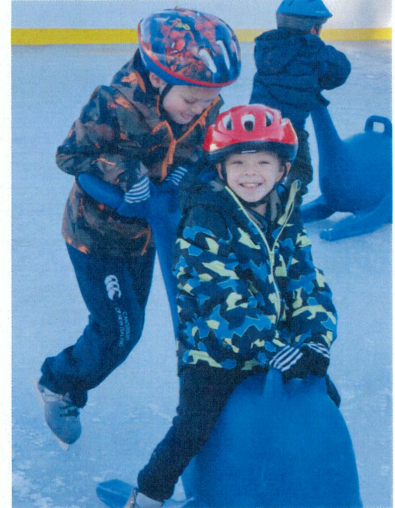


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At the end of Term 2 all of the Primary students got to experience multiple visits to the Maniototo Adventure Park in Naseby. They had some great sessions skating and curling, and some also chose to try out the Luge. Our Ice Week would not have happened without the support of everyone who helped to provide transport - thank you for giving up your time to help us out.

Thanks to our sports administrator Donna Owens for organising everything. Also, a huge thanks to the staff at the Adventure Park, we appreciated your patience and skill!



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Junior School Adventures

A huge thanks to our wonderful PTA for the new sandpit toys they kindly bought for our school last term. The Year 2 students wrote some great stories about them:

On Monday, some girls came and dropped some boxes off. They dropped them off by the whiteboard. I thought there was some space things. I felt happy.

When we opened them, inside was some Tonka trucks.

Millie, Ghiahn and me opened the biggest box. There was six Tonkas. There were dump trucks, bulldozers and diggers.

I chose a dump truck. I named mine, Dumpy. I played with mine the first morning in the sandpit.

By Briar



On Monday some girls came and dropped some big boxes at the whiteboard. I thought that there was space toys in it. I was feeling happy.

Then my group opened the little box and there was 2 Tonka trucks in there.

Finally, we chose a Tonka and I got a Tonka truck. I opened it by ripping the tape off. I named my Tonka truck, Sandy. At lunch I played with it.

By Blake

It all began with a simple question from a Year 1 child to Mrs Ferdinands one day – ‘Mrs Ferdinands, what do you call a ‘he’ teacher? This inquiry sparked the Year 1 children’s introduction to our very own male teacher, Mr Lind. The children quickly learned that all male teachers at MAS are addressed as ‘Mr’ followed by their names.

Mr Lind talked to the Year 1 children and told them he was the technology and hard materials teacher in school and that he taught the ‘big kids’ how to make some very cool stuff in the workshop at school. He invited the delightful 5-year olds to the workshop one day....and so they visited the workshop at MAS on Thursday, 4th July



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NZ Area School Tournament

In the first week of holidays Sophie, Indi, Jonty, Orlando, Abby and Ms Perkins travelled to Hamilton to participate in the National Area Schools' Tournament. The week was full of intense competition against the other three accumulated regions of NZ.

Sophie played Rugby and girls Football, Indi played girls Football, Jonty and Orlando played boys Football, and Abby played Netball, Ki O'Rahi and girls Football. On Wednesday our 'South of the South' teams versed the 'Top of the South' teams in each sport and the coaches selected players to form a 'South' team to play the 'North' team the next day.

Congratulations to Orlando and Abby who both made it into the South Island Team for football. At the closing ceremony they announced the national team for each sport (which is a one team made up of all the players at the tournament). Abby made it into the National Netball Team and received a badge and a shirt. This is a huge honour. Well done Abby.

Thanks to Ms Perkins for taking the students to tournament and supporting them throughout the week. They all had a memorable time.

A huge thanks to the Maniototo Lions Club for their generous donation towards getting our students to the tournament.



**School Photos are on
12th September**

**All students must be
in correct school uniform.**



**All uniform items can now be
ordered from NZ Uniforms, 342
Moray Place, Dunedin**


<https://maniototo.nzuniforms.com>

There is also a small supply of random uniform items available from the school office (both new and 2nd hand)



Event Calendar - 2024

- 9 August - Olympic Activities
- 20 August - Cross Country
- 28 August - Vietnam Fundraising Meeting
- 30 August - House Dance Competition (tbc)
- 2-6 September - Secondary Tournament Week
- 9-11 September - Year 5 & 6 Camp
- 12 September - School Photos
- 13 September - Sticks n Stones Ambassadors Day
- 13-15 September - SISS Curling
- 16 September - BOT Meeting
- 16-18 September - Year 11-13 Exams
- 18-20 September - Year 7 & 8 Camp
- 19 September - BOT Student Rep Election
- 19-20 September - Yr 12 & 13 Barista Course
- 23-27 September - Yr 10-13 Camps
- 27 September - End of Term 3
- 14 October - Start of Term 4

The poster features a dark blue background with a string of warm white lights at the top. On either side, there are stylized illustrations of hands holding up glowing yellow lightbulbs. The main title 'QUIZ NIGHT' is written in large, glowing white-outlined letters.

QUIZ NIGHT

MAS Vietnam Trip Fundraiser

Saturday 17th August 2024

Maniototo Park Stadium

Doors open at 7pm - Quiz starts 7.30pm

Celebrity Quiz Master - Matt Chisholm

Cash Bar - Supper - Auctions - Raffles
Cash Prizes!

\$20 per person - Teams of 8 people

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