
Newsletter

Maniototo Area School

FEBRUARY 2025

Dear parents and caregivers,

Thanks to all of you for the support of our school over the first few weeks of 2025. We have had a flurry of activity - primary swimming, secondary athletics, mufti days as well as the start up of classes and courses.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families. Thanks for trusting us with the education of your children. It is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We very much look forward to working with you in the weeks, months and years ahead.

Alongside our regular school start up we are preparing for our high school trip to Vietnam. We have a group of 23 students, 9 parents and 3 staff heading away on 8th April. I have to acknowledge the incredible support of our community - we have fundraised \$125 000 for this trip in less than a year. This was our fundraising target, but when we set it we knew it was hugely ambitious. We could not have done this without the support of all of you - so thank you!

Starting the 2025 school year without our Head Boy, Jake Smith, has been tough. Our thoughts are constantly with Jake's family - Kym, Scott and Paige. We are inspired by the resilience and determination Jake is showing in his rehabilitation at Burwood Hospital. Jake wrote an amazing reflection for our opening assembly, and has taught us all of the power of being 1% better every day. We are using this as a mantra for our staff and students this year.

We look forward to seeing you all at our whānau evening and bbq on 4th March. Please be seated in the secondary school by 5.30pm. We want to start on time, and plan to keep the formalities as brief as possible. Thanks to the PTA for providing a BBQ at this event.

Melissa Bell
Principal

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Mufti Day for Jake

Wow!



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Senior Art Trip

On Tuesday 18th February our Year 11 Art students went on a day trip to Karitane. We walked the track at Huriawa Pa and learnt the history of the people who once lived there led by Chief Te Wera. We explored the coastal area and learnt what the Ngai Tahu tribes way of life would've been like. We looked at the collecting of kaimoana, found clay the Maori used to make paint and looked into the uses of fauna in the area. The students also enjoyed some shell collecting, crab hunting, sand castle building and a paddle in the ocean! They will now use all this information gathered to present their findings and extra research visually for their first Level 1 Art achievement standard.



Please help support our senior students enrich their learning at the famous "Crab Camp" in Portobello.

There's something for everyone...Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Rocky Road
<https://maniototobiologycupsrr.raiseit.co.nz/edjqfgfx3k>



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New Speed Limit



To ensure the safety of our children, a new 30km/h speed limit has been implemented outside Maniototo Area School. Please adhere to this speed limit during school hours and whenever children are present.

Remember:

- Slow down to 30km/h when driving past the school.
- Stay alert for children crossing the road or walking near the school.

Passing school buses:

When you're passing a school bus that's stopped to let kids on or off, the speed limit is 20km/h. This limit applies even if the school bus has stopped on the opposite side of the road to where you are driving.

Let's work together to keep our community safe.
Drive carefully and protect our tamariki.



Thanks

You're the bees' knees



We have been very fortunate to be gifted a large amount of fruiting plants, herbs, bee-attractant plants and gardening equipment from the East of Eden movie set. A heartfelt thank you to Marilyn for thinking of us. This will create numerous wonderful opportunities for our students and greatly enhance the future of our school garden.

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Science Department Adventures

Year 11 Science are currently studying freshwater quality and Ecology for their first Achievement Standard for Level 1 Science. We met Lucy Francke from Enviroschools at various locations on the Sow Burn river, this being a very popular swimming hole we wanted to test the water quality. The students enjoyed getting knee deep in the water carrying out the various tests and catching and classifying the many fresh water invertebrates. All tests confirmed that this was very clean water and a healthy ecosystem.



The Senior Agriculture and Horticulture class recently visited Yellowstone Dairies limited and were treated to a guided tour with Peter Aitken through the dairy shed and pastures.

The students are studying how value can be added to the milk solid product, as well as understanding the environmental impact and mitigation involved with producing milk solids.

It is really great to get the students out on the farm, we are fortunate to have these real life experiences on our door step. Pete was a top tour guide, who shared a wealth of information, the students enjoyed testing pastures with him and his trusty sidekick "Gus".





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Rocket Launching



Making Elephant's Toothpaste



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Secondary Athletics Results



U14 Boys

- 1st Vladimir Badillo
- 2nd Henry Sillibourne
- 3rd Karl Suplente

U14 Girls

- 1st Mahalia Tapatu
- 2nd Lexi McFadyen-Beck
- 3rd Aariah Spooner



U15 Boys

- 1st Noah Smith
- 2nd Max Gregan
- 3rd George Wadsworth

U15 Girls

- 1st Indianna Hepi
- 2nd Dakota Nicoll
- 3rd Sophie Meehan



U16 Boys

- 1st Latrell Houppapa
- 2nd Nate Spooner

U16 Girls

- 1st Charlie Owens
- 2nd Te Oranga Huriwai
- 3rd Ella Owens



Senior Boys

- 1st Rawiri Huriwai-Kirk
- 2nd Jack Kiri Kiri

Senior Girls

- 1st Molly-Jo Munro
- 2nd Nicola Kinney
- 3rd Grace Farquhar



A&P Show Art



Maniototo Junior Hockey

AGM is Monday the 3rd of March @ 7pm upstairs at the Maniototo Stadium Squash Club.

There are some changes happening this season to the KwikSticks format, so it would be great to get as many parents along as possible please to discuss the changes and make some decisions going forward.

- Prior to the AGM we would like to get an idea of player interest for the 2025 season.
- Please email Trina at maniototojunhockey@gmail.com with your child's name & year level so we can get an idea of numbers.

I will send out details to register your child officially via PlayHQ once I receive confirmation it is up and running.

Coaches

We cannot run a successful season without the help of wonderful parents putting on their coaching hats. If you are interested in coaching or co-coaching a team this year, please also let Trina know this via email. It's loads of fun and super rewarding.

Role Vacancies within the Club

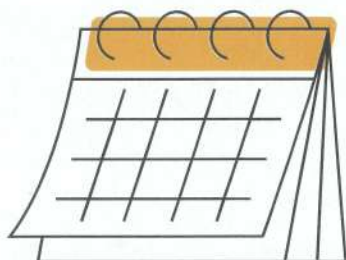
It is getting to that time where we are looking for people to take over some leadership roles within the club. You will not be thrown in the deep end, and we will transition you into the role, so this season is a good time for you fabulous parents to put your hands up and get more involved.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and look forward to our season ahead

Becky McAuley (President) & Trina Steele (Secretary)

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Term Dates 2025



Term 1 : 3rd February to 11th April

Teacher Only Day - 21st March
Otago Anniversary Day - 24th March

Term 2 : 28th April - 27th June

Kings Birthday - 2nd June
Matariki - 20th June

Term 3: 14th July - 19th September

Term 4: 6th October - 11th December

Event Calendar - 2025

- 4 March - School Community Night 5.30pm
- 5 March - BOT Meeting
- 7 March - Secondary Swimming Sports
- 10-12 March - Year 13 Biology Crab Camp
- 11 March - Primary Swimming Sports
- 13 March - HPV Year 8
- 14 March - Otago Secondary Athletics
- 20 March - EOHS Jack Martin Sports Exchange
- 21 March - Teacher Only Day (School is Closed)
- 24 March - Otago Anniversary Day (School is Closed)
- 29 March - Quiz Night for Jake
- 31 March - Year 12 Biology Field Trip
- 31 March - 4 April - Book Week
- 2 April - BOT Meeting
- 6 April - Otago Swimming Champs
- 8 April - Vietnam Trip commences
- 11 April - Last Day of Term 1
- 14 April - Dental Bus due to arrive on site
- 28 April - Term 2 commences

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Free
BBQ

Community

FAMILY

NIGHT

Fun
Night

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TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025

PLEASE BE SEATED IN THE SECONDARY BLOCK BY

5.30pm

Meet the
Teachers

The PTA and Prefects will be running a free BBQ.

Come and find out about our
plans for 2025

Become an Oranga Tamariki Foster Caregiver in Otago

Help make a Difference in a Child's Life!

Are you ready to provide a safe, loving, and supportive home for a child in need? Oranga Tamariki is looking for caring individuals and families who can help children in care to grow, heal, and thrive.

We are currently seeking caregivers who can offer:

- A safe and nurturing environment
- Emotional and physical support to children in need
- A commitment to helping a child reach their full potential

As an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, you'll receive training, 24/7 support, and a financial allowance to assist with the care of the child. You'll also join a network of compassionate individuals dedicated to making a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children.

Who can become a caregiver?

- People with a genuine desire to care for children
- Families, singles, and couples
- People with different life experiences, backgrounds, and cultural connections



Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable home. Could that home be with you?

Contact us today to learn more about joining the Otago caregiving whānau.

Call: **Isla Hardy**

Email: isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz

Website: orangatamariki.govt.nz

Together, we can make a brighter future for children in Otago!

