



NEWSLETTER #12

25th August 2011

Principal's Perspective

Many thanks for everyone's patience and understanding following last weeks disruptions due to snow. Our policy on snow days is very clear. We put the safety of our students first and foremost. Closing the school is not a decision we take lightly. In this case it was fairly straightforward due to the extent of snow, but there are times when the decision is very difficult.

Hopefully we won't be faced with the situation for the rest of this year!

As the Winter sports season draws to a close I would like to commend all of our students who performed so admirably in their chosen sports. There is a massive amount of commitment and travel required to participate in meaningful competition and our students have demonstrated excellent dedication to their teams.

Sport is so important in developing social skills and testing character and I am a strong advocate for children playing some sort of team sport, regardless of their ability. In a community of our size it is often difficult to muster numbers so it is really important we welcome all participants to our teams and appreciate their individual capabilities. Well done for looking out for each other and keeping the Maniototo at the fore front of sporting excellence.

I would also like to pass on my gratitude to everyone involved in assisting our children in their endeavours. Coaches, Managers, Parents and Supporters are an invaluable resource to any team. Thanks for all your efforts and we look forward to enjoying even greater successes next season.

I would like to make special mention of Cory Tau. Cory was a member of the Dunstan Team that drew 5-5 in the final against Burnside High

School at the Under 15 Tournament in Alexandra this week. (Burnside has over 2 600 students and is the second largest High School in New Zealand!) I received a call from Cory's coach who spoke very highly of Cory's performance and contribution. Well done Cory.

As the days begin to get longer I would like advertise the revival of a community athletics club. This will run after school on Wednesdays and will provide expert coaching, ardent competition and lots of fun. It will run for a couple of months. Please keep an eye out for registration.

In the first week of next term we welcome the Education Review Office (ERO) to our school. They will be conducting a full review of our school and its systems, with obvious focus on teaching and learning.

We look forward to opening up our school to them and receiving valuable feedback on how we are progressing.

Regards

David Hunter

Principal

NCEA Fees 2011

Information on NCEA fees has been given out to students in Year 11 to 13 and these are to be paid by 26 August 2011.

Students may apply for Financial Assistance and the application form is to be returned to school office by this date also.

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MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL



YEAR 8 POETRY

Reuben

His name is Reuben Pyle
He can run a very fast mile
He plays rugby and cricket
In cricket he keeps wicket
He does all of this with great style

Reuben Pyle

Homework

Homework, Homework I have nothing to gain
Homework every day is a great pain
English, Maths, Science and Art
We wouldn't have to do it if the teacher had a heart.

Ryan Chiffers

Sad

At a funeral out of town
Putting someone in the ground
All the people have a frown
Good bye Dad we will miss you
Now Mum can't kiss you.

Kalib Treszise-Creed

Rugby

Charging, Tackling
Scoring lots of tries
Smashing the first five
Open side.

Ben Girvan



JUNIOR SCHOOL BUZZ



We are certainly enjoying the sunshine this week after last weeks challenges. Unfortunately the Cross Country had to be cancelled we hope for better luck in April 2012 back at Paerau School.

Classes are busy preparing persuasive writing for the speech competitions coming up towards the end of the term. We are wrapping up our Sustainability unit over the next few weeks to make way for learning based around the Rugby World Cup. Watch this space for exciting events you can be a part of. Next Friday the creations from Funky

Fridays will be on show at a special assembly in the Art Room at 2:15pm. The Craft afternoons have been a great success and the children have produced some amazing work. Extra special thank you to the helpers from the community that gave up their time to come in to take a group. It is much appreciated.

Whero and Kowhai will host the next assembly on the 8th September. See you all there!

Sarah Paterson

CLASS ACT

Congratulations to our Class Act Students Shayne Hughes and Giles Graham who

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tended the Class Act Ceremony in Dunedin on 5th



August where they were presented their award by Prime Minister John Key.

Shayne received this award for her achievements in sport and her creativity skills.

Shayne prides herself in working hard towards her goals. As Head Girl Shayne is a great role model for students at our school.



Giles is a very talented young man, he has a passion for music and has had a huge impact promoting music within the school. Giles has made a valuable contribution to MAS, he is both the Board of Trustees and SADD representative at school. Giles



is a respected member of our

senior school.

ABOVE LEFT: A line up of gumboots outside the Junior classes.

LEFT: Tony Wadsworth clearing the snow from the school paths.

Important School Dates

****Please remember to update your calendar at home****

25 August	Junior Assembly
26 August	Funky Friday
2 September	Funky Friday Assembly
8 September	Junior Assembly
9 September	Otago Primary Cross Country
16 September	School Photos
21 September	Class Speech Competition
22 September	Class Speech Competition
28 September	Maniototo Speech Competition
29 September	St John First Aid (Years 1-8)
30 September	St John First Aid (Years 1-8)
5 October	WOW Assembly
6 October	Reports go out (Years 1-8)
7 October	Term 3 ends
24 October	Labour Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
25 October	Term 4 begins
13 December	Term 4 ends (half day of school)

P.T.A Chocolate Fundraiser

This has been a huge fundraiser for us, thanks to all who have supported us so well!!

We are still waiting on quite a few families to get their money back in to school, could you please have it back by the end of this week? If you're unsure whether you've paid or not please get in touch with Julie to check.

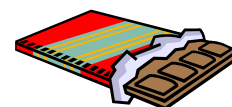
Our lucky prize draw can't be held until all money is collected, and you need to have paid to get your name included in the draw.

There is still a small amount of chocolate left if anyone is keen to take some more!?

Many thanks

Julie Pyle 444 5883

Jane Girvan 444 9441



Maniototo Netball Club

End of Season Breakup

Sunday 11th September
11.30am at the Stadium courts. BBQ food and eating utensils will be provided, but please bring a salad or sweet plate to share.

BYO refreshments.
This will be a fun family day out for the whole family, so make sure you bring your netball shoes so you can join in the action on the court. Prizegiving will be

held after the netball games and lunch.

Summer League Netball

This competition will be starting at the beginning of October and will be held on Wednesday evenings in Ranfurly.

If you are interested in playing and would like to either be put in a team or enter a team please contact Cheryl Smith 444 9392 or Gemma Hore 444 9822.

PTA Meeting held Tuesday 16th August

Points of interest from this meeting:

- Completion of the blinds in Kakariki room, plus new blinds for Kahurangi room.
- Upcoming fundraisers – Book catalogues, out to families by end of Term; sales of Entertainment Voucher Booklets coming up next year.
- Chocolate fundraiser has been going well, good effort by all who have taken this on with gusto.
- There haven't been many email addresses sent through, please add yours to the list at: pta@maniototo.school.nz

New Zealand Sign Language Course

Thursdays 18 August—6 October
At Maniototo Area School
6.30-8.30pm

Cost \$30

For further information contact
Central Otago REAP 03 448 6115

Immunisation Update

We are currently updating our medical records and would appreciate if you could return this form advising if your child has been immunised.

There have been outbreaks of measles and whooping cough in some parts of New Zealand, it is important that if we were exposed to any of these conditions we are able to immediately identify any students that are not immunised so they can be excluded from school.

Name: _____

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Class: _____

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Immunisation complete: YES/NO

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