

## School Photos

A reminder that school photos will be taken this Friday 16th September. Please ensure that all students are wearing **correct** and **tidy** uniform including footwear.

- Year 1-10 students will have their photos taken in polo shirts, so please ensure there are no visible undergarments.
- Year 11-12 students will have their photo taken in blazers with kilt/trousers. Boys will need to wear the school tie.

**If you have any queries about what is correct uniform, please contact the school office.**

All students will get an individual photo taken, if you want a sibling/family photo taken please complete the form sent home last week.

## Second Hand Uniform

If you have any unwanted uniform items at home, we would be grateful if you could donate them to the PTA. Please leave at the School Office.

## School Magazine Sports Photos

If sports coaches/parents have any team photos that we could use for the school magazine, please e-mail photo and names to Nikki Paterson at school.

**patersonn@maniototo.school.nz**



## Hockey

Congratulations to those students that were selected for the Collier and Development Squads: Laura Becker, Bridget Smith, Taylor Duffy, Ellie Duncan, Elle Steele & Tash Whyte.

## Japanese Curlers

During the Winter Games a group of men from the Japanese Curling Team came to visit Kakariki class. Mrs Watt was the translator. We learnt a few translations like "Hello" and "Thank you".

We asked lots of interesting questions like "Do you think the All Blacks are going to win the RWC?" They replied with big smiles on their faces "Yes!"

During interval we played a game of soccer with them.

Their soccer skills were incredible! We learnt a few tricks from them. I hope we will see them again next Winter Games!

**Nina Flanagan**



## St John Youth Competitions

On Sunday 21st August a group of students from the Maniototo went to Alexandra to compete in St John Youth competitions.

There were teams from Wanaka, Alexandra, Roxburgh and Ranfurly. The representatives from our division were Simon Neilson, Holly Thompson, Josh Whyte, Laura Dowling, Dylan Boulton and Charlotte Hazlett.

Each team competed in five events—Drill, Healthcare, First Aid, Pairs First Aid and Team Communication. Our team got second overall while gaining first place in both First Aid and Team Communication. Dylan & Charlotte got first place in First Aid, Second in Team Communication & Drill. We found drill to be the most challenging because we were given unknown commands. Attending a mock car crash was fun, we had to work together as a team.

We thoroughly recommend the experience to others and look forward to next years competitions.

**Simon, Josh & Holly**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL BUZZ



The term is flying by!!

We have wrapped up our Sustainability unit and are now fully immersed in the Rugby World Cup celebrations that have gripped the nation. Such a wonderful context to be teaching Social Sciences in, the children are all motivated and assure me by their calculations the All Blacks really are going to win!

The assemblies we have enjoyed over the term have been fantastic and are a real celebration of the learning that is taking place in each classroom. Its been great to see so many parents coming along. We have a break now from the Thursday assemblies to focus on the Speech competitions and the Wow Assembly at the end of the term on Thursday 5th October. It's going to be great, hope to see you all there. Mr Jenkins travelled to Dunedin with a cross country team to compete in the Otago Champs, our children performed strongly against a big field of runners. All the lunchtime trainings were worth it!

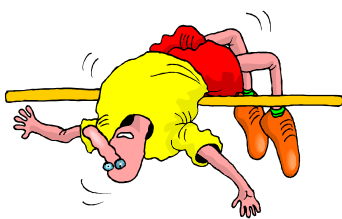
Blackout day on Friday 23rd for the All Blacks on the eve of their game against France, wear black and show your support!

**Sarah Paterson**

### Maniototo Athletics

A huge "Thank you" to all the coaches, staff and parents who gave up their time to help with the Athletics after school on Wednesday. Without you we couldn't run programmes like this. There was a huge turnout of enthusiastic and perfectly behaved kids from all over the Maniototo and Strath Taieri. I hope every Wednesday afternoon is as enjoyable. A reminder to parents, please add a bit of extra food to keep your kids going as they do a lot of running around.

Thank you.



## OTAGO CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> a team of fit kids headed down to Dunedin. They were on a mission to test themselves against the best in the Otago Primary Schools Cross Country Champs. MAS sent a group of about 20 of our fittest kids from years 5 -8.

The kids were put to the ultimate test and found themselves in huge fields of 100 or so other runners. Every one of the students tried their absolute hardest and were a credit to the school. The competition was very tough and our kids found the pace faster than they were used to. A couple of excellent results were gained by Ellie Duncan who finished just outside the top 10. Samantha Van Turnhout was another star with a great run to finish inside the top 20. This was a great learning experience for our kids and a real indicator of how much more training will need to be done in order to be more competitive for next years event.



### PTA—THANK YOU

On behalf of the PTA thank you to everyone that supported our lunches over winter. The response was outstanding.

Many thanks to the following who donated items/products and also to the parents that gave up their time and helped out:

Sauce	Wedderburn Cottages
Cheese	CRT—Ranfurly
Serving Container	Otago Polytech
Mince	Various Parents



# NEWSLETTER #13

15th September 2011

## Principal's Perspective

Spring has arrived and brought with it plenty of variant weather. It also has brought an outbreak of flu which is sweeping through the students and the staff. It seems to be a particularly nasty bug which has a habit of returning after you think it's gone. Our advice is pretty simple when it comes to sick children. Make sure they are healthy before they return to school. This flu doesn't seem to be the type that goes away quickly so keep warm and take your time with recovering.

The Rugby World Cup is well underway and there has been quite an emphasis in classes on using it as a vehicle for learning. Several classes are studying the various nations taking part. The Junior School also sent a message of good luck to Andrew Hore. Children wrote comments on a card that was sent to Andrew before the kick off against Tonga. One young lad wrote "Get well soon" as his message. He must have an idea of how the Tongan players like to tackle!! The entire school will be holding a "Black out Day" on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This is the day before the All Blacks play against France. Students will be asked to dress in all black for the day.

We have been very fortunate to have received scholarship support from Central Otago companies looking to put something back into education. Firstly, Dairy Partnerships are providing a \$1000 scholarship to any Maniototo student looking to study Agriculture at a tertiary level. This may include, but is not limited to, Lincoln University or Telford Polytechnic. This scholarship sits nicely with the developments we are making in our Senior Agriculture programme. We are now accredited to offer Farming Skills at Level 2 of the National Qualification Framework. Sam Stevens is putting together a practical course where students visit local farms, learn and demonstrate practical farm skills, and are awarded NCEA credits for them. We are gratefully using the expertise of several local farmers in the delivery of this course. This course is being run in conjunction with Agriculture ITO. If you have any queries about this course please feel

free to contact me at school. Secondly Breen's Construction are offering a \$1000 scholarship to any Central Otago student wishing to partake in further study relevant to the Building and Construction Trade. Both scholarships are awarded via an application process. If you want more information once again please contact me at school. Thanks to both companies for their outstanding generosity.

Last Wednesday over 100 young athletes took part in the first of several athletics meetings. A fantastic response from all involved. The kids were fantastic and participated with enthusiasm and commitment. Special thanks to all the parent help and in particular the coaches. The standard of tuition was very high and I am sure the children will gain a lot of insight and improve their athletic skills. This will hold them in good stead for competitions in Term 4.

Congratulations to the Junior Cross Country Team that travelled to Balmacewen Intermediate for the Otago Championships. Despite the hard training with Mr Jenkins the competition proved a bit tough. Still it was great to see our area represented and we look forward to making another assault on the competition next year.

A fantastic performance from our Hockey team that narrowly lost the final against the Warratah's last weekend 2-1. I have heard the team played particularly well and were unlucky not to take the title. Well done to the team.

As Paul Dougherty (a famous Maniototo golfer) quoted after a heavy defeat last Saturday "If you learn from a loss you have not lost." Thanks for those wise words Paul.

Regards

*David Hunter*  
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MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL



## Important School Dates

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

16 September School Photos  
21 September Class Speech Competition  
22 September Class Speech Competition  
23 September Music Tuition  
23 September "Black Out" Mufti Day  
27 September Maniototo Speech Competition (please note change of date)  
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 Music Tuition  
7 October Term 3 ends  
24 October Labour Day—SCHOOL CLOSED  
25 October Term 4 begins



Rural Women New Zealand are selling Red and Black socks with an aftershock running through them to raise money for Canterbury. They are made of Merino wool and can be purchased here at Burn or at the Project Maniototo Office in the Centennial Milk Bar building.

### ADULTS

Women's size 3-8 & Men's size 8-12  
(or larger women's size)  
\$20 per pair

### KIDS

Size 11-13 (4-6 year olds)  
Size 1-2 (6-8 year olds)  
\$25 for 2 pairs



This Friday night is the Jazz 'n' Jocks Jazz evening here in Ranfurly. Starting at 5pm, a great night is planned with jazz music in Ranfurly Hotel and Dunc 'n Inn. E-Central will be open late serving 'Just Desserts', the Art Deco Gallery will be open for viewing and local shops are staying open for late night shopping. Opera singer and ex Otago rugby player, Jud Arthur will perform throughout the night outside the Ranfurly Railway Station so bring a chair and relax on the green. There will also be the chance to rub shoulders with some sporting greats. We encourage you to bring anything you wish to have signed & everyone is encouraged to sign our giant rugby jersey which will be kept as a World Cup souvenir for the community. It's free entry & feel free to dress up in jazz/art deco theme! We look forward to seeing you there.

## 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.

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Immunisation complete: YES/NO

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