



# NEWSLETTER #8

9th June 2011

## Principal's Perspective

Term 2 continues to be extremely busy. The Junior School had a fantastic trip to Oamaru to see a production of "The Gruffalo" at the Opera House. The day also included a swim at the pool and a beach visit. I understand the day was a great success and our students were very well behaved. Well done to all involved, including many thanks to the PTA for subsidising the trip. Their support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

The new roof for the Junior School has finally been completed much to the relief of the Junior Staff who have had to put up with several weeks of noise and disruption. There has also been a significant amount of painting around the school. We are gradually working through the school and hope to have it re painted with new signage within the next few years.

An important date coming up is our Maori Community Consultation Evening. This is to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7:30pm. The purpose of the evening will be to share our schools vision for our Maori students and get feedback from whanau about the direction the school is taking in regard to Maori education. In order for us to meet the needs of Maori children it is imperative that we hear the voice of the parent community. We have already made significant changes in Taha Maori at school, thanks to the excellent work Gemma Hore and Piripi Gage are doing.

Congratulations to the Maniototo Kindergarten Establishment Committee for the Central Otago Community Award they received last week. It is certainly well deserved. The weather station has moved from the corner and we are one further step closer to turning over the first stone as part of the construction of the new kindergarten.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to Dean Brensell and his team at Otago Power Services. We have been fortunate enough to receive some old lamp posts which will help retain the wall of some landscaping we are doing by the Gym car park. On behalf of the school many thanks for your generosity.

Well done to Canaan Napier for his selection in the Otago Country Under 14 Rugby Team and good luck to our Netball girls who travel to Dunedin next week to compete in the Otago Secondary Schools Tournament.

Finally to the parents of our NCEA students. Students have practice exams next week as part of their preparation for the end of year final exams. It is the schools expectation that a degree of revision is undertaken for these exams. It would be of value, if firstly, you could take time to check that your son or daughter has a quiet, appropriate place at home to study, and secondly, they actually spend a significant amount of time in that place, studying without distraction. When it comes to sitting exams "preparation is everything."

Regards

*David Hunter*

Principal

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## SNOW DAY PROCEDURES

With winter conditions soon to be upon us, it is important that parents are aware of the school procedures in the event of snow/icy conditions.

In the morning if the school is closed, or if any of the buses are running late - this will be broadcast on the local radio Burn 729am.

If there was reason to send bus children home early during the day, parents will be contacted and notified the time of departure for the buses.

If we are unable to contact any parent/caregiver then those children will remain at school.

It is important that all parents ensure their contact details are kept up to date.

If town pupils are to be sent home, they will wait in the Library to be collected by parents.



Kiwi Gym Fun is hoping to commence again next term. For this to take place we need more people to help with the children.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Belinda 444 7701 or Donna 444 9281.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL BUZZ



The Year 1-4 children enjoyed a trip to Oamaru last week to see the Gruffalo. The show was very clever and musical. There was lots of laughter, even during the scary parts! We were lucky enough to have sunshine at Moeraki beach on the way up, and during lunch.

The visit to the aquatic centre was a real highlight with such fantastic facilities. The best part for me was hearing from an Opera House Usher how well behaved and polite the MAS children were. A pleasure to take out of the Maniototo, any day!

Thank you once again to the parents who made the trip up to Oamaru to join in the fun and the PTA who contributed towards the cost of the trip.

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at one of our school values 'perseverance'. It has been fabulous to see many children putting in the hard yards in the classroom and being rewarded with good achievement. Well done! Now you have to persevere and keep it up!

We are gearing up for our first Funky Friday this week, where the children are looking forward to getting creative in lots of different disciplines, watch this space!

Hopefully (if the winter weather arrives?) we can get skating in Naseby before the end of the term, more information on this later.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Junior Assembly on 16th June when Whero and Kowhai will be presenting.

*Sarah Paterson*

### Gifted Awareness Week June 13-20th

Are you interested in learning more about what our S.T.A.R programme offers gifted students?

We have two One Day a week programmes based at Alexandra Primary school that cater for children from Yr 5 to 8 in the Alexandra/ Cromwell, Teviot Valley and Maniototo area.

Do you want to know how we identify gifted students? Register by Ph 4486115 or emailing [kathi@coreap.org.nz](mailto:kathi@coreap.org.nz)

If you are interested in more information you are invited to attend an Open session on Thursday June 16

2-4p.m. at Alexandra Primary school [upstairs in the new Administration block ]

7-8 p.m. at Central Otago REAP 17a Brandon St Alexandra

Assessments for gifted students will take In Alexandra place from July 2011.

If you would like an Assessment Pack please contact Kathi McLean [kathi@coreap.org.nz](mailto:kathi@coreap.org.nz) or 03 2286115



The Gruffalo made me scared.

*By Charlotte Paterson*

Yesterday we went to see the Gruffalo show. It was Fantastic! I loved it!

*By Jasmine Balloch*

### The Great Trip

Whero, Tawa, Kowhai from MAS had a trip to Oamaru to see the growly Gruffalo and to have a run and some fun on the sandy, shelly, soft beach at Moeraki Boulders. The swimming pool was really awesome fun. We travelled by a bus and it was very noisy and had lots of people in it. The stage was well set up and lit up well. The characters were the Gruffalo, mouse, fox, owl and snake. All the kids had an amazing time.

*Will Duffy*



Whero were one of the lucky enough classes to go to Oamaru with Tawa and Kowhai from the MAS Junior School on 1st June. First stop was at Moeraki Boulders. The children found some treasures on the beach. The Oamaru Public Pool had a hydroslide for children to play on. After swimming they went to have lunch in the gardens, then it was time for the Gruffalo show. The Gruffalo was funny and the acting was amazing and creative. The bus made a lucky stop at the park before the children went home. All of the parents were there waiting and excited to have their children back at home.

*Paris Anderson*



### A Brilliant Trip to Oamaru to watch the Gruffalo

Three classes from the MAS in Ranfurly got to go to Oamaru to watch the Gruffalo. They were Whero, Tawa nad Kowhai. We were also lucky enough to go to Moeraki Boulders, the swimming pool and the park. They went on Wednesday 1st June 2011. They went to the show last. Christine Dunstan presented Tall Stories Production of the Gruffalo. I believe they all had a marvelous time. They got there and back on a bus. All of the kids were tired by the end of the day but they had a fantastic day.

*Lucy Neilson*



I went to the Gruffalo. I sat in seat number 9.

*By Hayden Becker*

The Gruffalo is scary! he has terrible claws and terrible jaws! But I'm not scared.

*By Oliver Geddes*

The Gruffalo made me laugh.



## Important School Dates

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

10 June	Music Tuition
10 June	Funky Friday (Junior School)
10 June	Careers Presentation 2.15pm
12-13 June	Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament in Dunedin
13-16 June	Exam Week (Years 11-13)
14 June	NZ Playhouse Theatre 1.30pm (Years 1-8)
16 June	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (Whero & Tawa to host)
17 June	Music Tuition
20/21 June	Kapa Haka
24 June	Funky Friday (Junior School)
30 June	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (Kahurangi to host)
1 July	Music Tuition
8 July	Funky Friday (Junior School)
14 July	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (All classes to host)
15 July	Music Tuition
15 July	Last Day of Term 2
1 August	Term 3 Begins
5 August	Class Act
6 August	Rippa @ Carisbrook (Year 3/4 Team)
12 August	Ski Trip
18 August	Ski Trip (Back-up Day)

## A WINTER PROJECT

### Join the Library

If you are not already a member of the Library now is the time to join.

There is no charge and the Library is open the following hours:

#### Monday—Friday

9am-11.45am & 12.30pm-4pm

Friday Evening 7pm-8pm

#### School Holidays

1pm-4pm & Friday Evening 7pm-8pm

There is something to interest every member of the family.

Recently released fiction like the latest Lesley Pearse and Jodi Picoult.

Magazines like House & Garden, Taste, The Gardener, Rod & Rifle, Dirtbike Rider.

For the younger members of the family lots of fun board books, picture books and puzzles.

Plus heaps of books for the older children.

Even some handyman books for Dad on home repairs, plumbing and hunting.

For those cold winter nights a good selection of DVD's.

**SO CALL IN AND TAKE A MOMENT TO GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.**