



NEWSLETTER #9

23rd June 2011

Principal's Perspective

Our students have recently completed a "Well Being" survey as part of the schools self review process. There were 3 main purposes of the survey.

1. How do students perceive themselves? i.e. do they consider themselves to be nice or nasty to other people?
2. Have they been bullied? If so, what type of bullying takes place?
3. Do students have confidence in the school when it deals with bullying? e.g. is there someone they can talk to?

The results were very pleasing, yet also brought up some interesting issues. To summarise ...

- Our kids are generally pretty happy.
- Bullying is going to happen and is happening. We know that. The predominant type of bullying is name calling.
- Let's keep putting zero tolerance of bullying in front of our kids. Talk to them and don't hide from the issue.
- Watch for changes of behaviour in kids.

Our school has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying. Students who bully are **not** welcome at our school. With your help from home we are determined to eliminate bullying from our campus.

Congratulations to Keri Burroughs who has just been appointed as Ranfurly's new Youth worker. Keri's creative talents were recently displayed during her Drama Group's production of "Cinderella". Keri wrote, produced and directed this play which received excellent reviews from those who attended. Well done to all involved. The standard of acting was of exceptionally high quality and showed off the considerable talents of the majority of our Senior School.

The school has been asked to provide a Powhiri for the opening of the Indoor Curling at the Winter Games in August. This has given a real focus to the Kapa haka skills our students are learning and we look forward to seeing these during the opening ceremony. We are incredibly fortunate to have secured the services of Piripi Gage as a Kapa haka tutor. The progress he has made with our students in a short amount of time has been outstanding and it will be exciting to see the product of their practice on show at the Winter Games.

I have been extremely proud how the majority of our senior students have worn their uniform this term. It is nice to see students demonstrating a bit of pride in our school. Keep up the good effort.

Regards

David Hunter

Principal

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JUNIOR SCHOOL **BUZZ**



There is lots of exciting learning in the Junior School classrooms at the moment as we study some sustainable living tribes from far flung corners of the globe. The children are fascinated by their cultures and are making interesting comparisons to our own.

A special thank you this week to our awesome helpers in the Junior School, Sue Scott and Karenne Davis who work enthusiastically alongside us in our classrooms and also with small groups and individuals. Our children are very lucky to have this extra tuition.

Along with St Johns and Paerau schools we were lucky to be entertained by the Playhouse Theatre company last week, their play about the Rugby World Cup Robbery had the children and their teachers in stitches!

Our Super Spellers from Kakariki travelled to Cromwell last week to compete in the Extra spelling quiz, they spelt superbly and now they know more about the competition will be in to win next year. Well done Ellie Duncan, Tessa Jorgensen and Nina Flanagan.

As winter settles in, the colds do also. If your child is unwell please keep them at home to recover quickly then return to school 100%. Jackets are essential for getting to and from school at this time of year.

We look forward to another Funky Friday this week and an assembly hosted by Kahurangi the following Thursday. See you there!

Sarah Paterson

Junior Sports Report

After a reasonably quiet start to the term things are starting to get busy.

The year 3 & 4 Rippa rugby team that did so well last term at Cromwell will be playing at Carisbrook Wednesday 3rd August (the first Wednesday back at school after the holidays so it will sneak up fast). Practices for those kids involved will start every week from next Wednesday (29th) at lunch times with Stu Duncan.

The N/E to Year 3 (Steele's netball academy) netball girls have been practicing all term and are going really well. Thank you to Janet Steele and Cheryl Cormack for coming in to coach the girls.

We are in the process of organising an interschool Cross Country event at Wedderburn, Pencil in the 17th August and more details will be available nearer the time. This year we are sending a team to represent the Maniototo down to Dunedin (Balmacewan Intermediate) to the Otago Primary Schools Cross Country on the 9th September. (We are not taking a team to the Central Otago Cross Country in Glenorchy this year). So get training kids, we are choosing the team after the Maniototo Cross Country. Here are the distances you will need to train for Year 7 & 8—2.4kms, Year 5 & 6—2kms, Year 3 & 4—1.5kms, Year 1 & 2—1km and New Entrants—500m.

The Junior school is also planning to get in several Ice skating sessions this term, but the weather needs to be a little more "wintery" so more information will be available very soon (we hope).

Rebecca Hunter

Headlice

Headlice is still doing the rounds. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly and treat for these pesky little critters more than once.

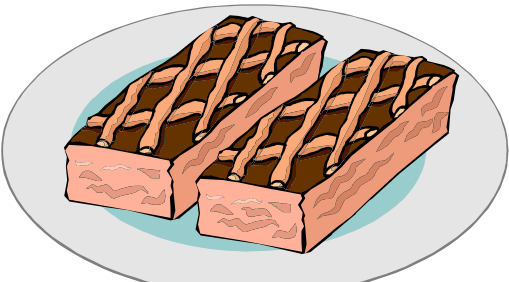
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Ipad Nano. If you have lost one, please contact the school office.

MUSIC LESSONS

Due to icy road conditions Andy and Peter were unable to make it for their lessons last Friday, however we are lucky to have them re-schedule for this Friday.

Come and Support
Ranfurly Playcentre
 Bake stall
 Friday 8th July
 10am onwards
 Outside Books n Things
 Yummy bits to buy!



MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY YOUTH UPDATE

The Maniototo Community Youth Committee have appointed Keri Burroughs to the position of Community Youth Worker. This part-time position has been made possible through the generosity of funding applications.

We are very pleased to welcome Keri to this position and look forward to further developing the positive work already undertaken with the youth of Maniototo.

The Youth Centre will be open on both a Monday and Wednesday from 3.00-5.30pm and a Friday from 3.00-10.00pm.

We welcome all youth from Year 9-13 to join us.

Plunket together with CO REAP
 would like to invite you to
“Healthy Cooking on a Small Budget.”

One night a month we will be cooking and learning to get back to basic, interesting and tasty food on a budget.

Cost: \$10
Dates: 13 July, 16 August, 5 October, 8 November
Time: 7-9pm
Where: MAS Home Ec Room
Register with REAP on 0800 267 327

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LUNCH ORDERS

Ewes and Moos will be closing from Sunday 26th June until mid July, so they will not be providing school lunch orders during this period.

Lunch orders are still available from:
 Dunc'n Inn on Tuesday and Thursday or from the Ranfurly Foodmarket any day.

In addition to this, the PTA are having “Winter Warmers” each Thursday, details of these are sent home on Mondays.



PTA Newsletter

AGM

Our AGM was held on Thursday 2nd of June and it was attended by 13 parents and 6 teachers.

Office bearers are as follows:

- President Diane Brensell
- Vice President Miranda Smith
- Secretary Jane Girvan
- Treasurer Rebecca Crawford

Jan Walker is also continuing in charge of catering.

School Donations

It was agreed to increase the school trip subsidy for every child from \$10 to \$15 each.

A general meeting followed and it was voted that we give \$2000.00 towards the new schist entrance way and then we discussed further fundraising ideas.

Fundraising

We are selling chocolate again this term so your child/children will be bringing home a box with a mixture in it to sell. There will be an order form inside to order more if you want.

There will be some **awesome prizes** to be won by those selling the most and a lucky draw as well.

Some other ideas mentioned were: Master Chef Competition, Mr Maniototo, Wedding Dress of the Year, Mystery Murders and general catering. Anyone with knowledge in these areas or keen to organise them please contact us.

School Lunches

Watch out for the 'Winter Warmer' meals available on Thursdays thanks to Monique Anderson, Rebecca Crawford and Miranda Smith.

E-mail updates

We now have an e-mail address and would like to get a list of all parents/caregivers so we can keep in touch with newsletters, minutes from meetings for those interested, special deals and interesting info!

Please e-mail us with your details at pta@maniototo.school.nz NOW!

Regards

Dí Brensell

President

Important School Dates

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

24 June	Funky Friday (Junior School)
30 June	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (Kahurangi to host)
1 July	Music Tuition
5 July	Parent Teacher Interviews (Year 11-13)
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
3 August	Rippa @ Carisbrook (Year 3/4 Team)
5 August	Class Act
12 August	Ski Trip
17 August	Cross Country (Cancellation Date 24th August)
18 August	Ski Trip (Back-up Day)
9 September	Otago Primary Cross Country (Dunedin)
16 September	School Photos