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COMMITMENT TO THE CODE

Local rugby stalwarts were honoured last month with Carol Dougherty retiring from Maniototo Rugby Club and Duncan Helm being awarded with Life Membership of the Club.



Carol and Club President Vaughan Dowling with the photoboard gifted to Carol upon her 'retirement'

Positively Maniototo had the pleasure of sitting down with Carol in her home to look back on her time with rugby in the Maniototo. *"It first started in the 1980s at Gimmerburn when it was the Gimmerburn Patearoa team,"* says Carol, *"Noeline O'Neill and I took over the cooking. Back then, everyone sat around the tables sitting with the opposition. There was also the washing of the jerseys and through the money raised from the meals we were able to buy team jerseys and dress uniforms (No 1's). We cooked for the senior and junior teams. There was always plenty of sausages, spuds and greens. The boys always helped with washing the dishes too!"*

In 1989 Carol picked up a video camera. *"Little did I think when I took our new video camera to a Gimmerburn Patearoa v Upper Clutha game at the start of the '89 season I would still be doing the same in 2015. The first try I ever recorded was Pete 'Wizzer' Johnston (Gimm Pat) and the last was newcomer to the Maniototo Club, Josh Beer."*

In 1998 the clubs amalgamated to become Maniototo Rugby Club and it was about this time the jerseys started going to the laundromat. *"This was a great relief,"* laughs Carol. In 2013 Carol was awarded life membership. *"I got told so many fibs. I thought it was Dunc Helms Life Membership. They asked me to be there to film it."* There are many highs and lows and in-betweens for Carol. *"Losses and wins, Central Otago Champs, losing and winning the White Horse Cup, Otago Country-wide champs. Friendships have developed in all teams..."*

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ICE RINK CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Following a spell of minus temperatures, the outdoor Ice Rink opened for business Queen's Birthday weekend, much to the delight of locals and visitors. At the same time, a raffle night was held at the Ranfurly Hotel. Rink Secretary Hazel Harrison says, *"Thank you Barry and Leonie, \$750 was raised to assist with arranging and holding the 25th celebrations. Prizes for the night were all donated and the generosity of the Maniototo people was overwhelming. Thank you one and all."*



A banner depicting the milestone was put in place at the Rink and celebrations started on Friday 17th with a dinner at the Naseby Lodge. This was well attended with nearly sixty people representing the planning, commencement of construction and through to the present day. Many tales were told that night as well as a few closely guarded former escapades being shared.



Saturday was the celebration for curling and ice hockey, several of the latter players now receivers of the pension! The traditional ice hockey 'grudge' match between Otarehua and Ranfurly clubs resurfaced for the 25th anniversary of the ice rink. All escaped serious injury and the score was a draw so no-one came away with bragging rights!

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L-R Nigel, Rebecca, Robbie and Warren Dobson enjoyed their time on the ice

FORWARD PLANNING 2016

JULY Sat 9 th	Patearoa Hotel 130th birthday
Sun 10 th	Ranfurly Bowling Club AGM, 2pm
Wed 13 th	School Holiday Programme (page 10)
Thurs 14 th	School Holiday Programme (page 10)
Sat 16 th	Naseby Ice Disco
Mon 18 th	First Aid Day, Maniototo Area School
Wed 20 th	School Holiday Programme (page 10)
Thurs 21 st	School Holiday Programme (page 10)
Fri 22 nd	Poolburn Quiz night (page 3)
SEPT Sat 10 th	Omakau Stars in Their Eyes (below)
OCT Sat 15 th	District Dance Gimmerburn Hall.

CALLING ALL TALENT

If you have a hidden voice or a special act, Omakau School would love to hear from you! Their famous 'Stars in Your Eyes' event is happening on the 10th of September 2016 and they need talent!

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THANK YOU

The Maniototo Golf Club would like to thank all the local businesses, contractors and farmers who sponsored our Cockies Classic Tournament in June.

A great day was had by the huge field of 96 golfers and non-golfers with everyone receiving a prize due to the generosity of our 130 sponsors. Your continued support of our club is very much appreciated and valued.

Jason Smith won the Weir Contracting Trophy with 42 stablefords.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I must congratulate you on your cover page story for June edition of Positively Maniototo. It is all too easy for us locals to say "Oh yes, they have won another cup or were mentioned in the farm page reports", without giving credit to these outstanding achievements!! To have international manufacturers come direct into Maniototo to view our unique and picturesque farming district, is almost beyond the individual's ability to influence international trade, yet these people have experienced that landmark. Not only is this of benefit to Maniototo but fosters international demand for our farm produce, a significant achievement.

Maybe, a follow up story is in order and at the business breakfast they could contribute?

Well done, Positively Maniototo is a good read.

Cheers Gerald Dowling

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POOLBURN QUIZ NIGHT

Poolburn School are hosting a Quiz Night on Friday the 22nd of July to raise funds for their school plus help support an ex pupil and local Macaela Turfus in her fundraising efforts towards representing New Zealand in the Under 21 Rowing Squad in Australia.

Where: Poolburn Hall, Poolburn-Moa Creek Road, Poolburn.

When: 7.30pm.

Licensed Bar. Courtesy Coach (Poolburn/Omakau area).
Light supper and nibbles provided.

Teams of up to 6 players. (Limit - 20 teams).

Entry - \$10 per person.

Fantastic prizes up for grabs in our auctions throughout the evening.

Come and enjoy a fun night out!

Enquires/Entries to Bridget Scott

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MANIOTOTO FOUR SQUARE

PRIZE WINNERS AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Maniototo Four Square would like to thank everyone who entered into our lucky locals competition held recently. We were absolutely delighted that three of our customers received major prizes.

Our major prize winners were:

WEEK 2: Geraldine Duncan \$1,000 Prezzy Card
WEEK 3: Stacey Weir \$1,000 Prezzy Card
WEEK 4: Sue McDiarmid \$3,000 of outdoor products

Our weekly store prize winners were:

WEEK 1: Heather Kinley George Foreman Grill
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WEEK 3: Shar Cromb Heated Throw
Sandra Kreft \$100 4 Square Gift Card
WEEK 4: Eileen Adam NutriBullet
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We are now entering into the Four Square Birthday celebrations. Until 10th July spend more than \$25 in store (including café) and collect your unique code card. Text to go in the draw to win a Retro Bush Bluetooth Stereo or one of two \$150 Party Packs.

From 11th to 24th July we have our Birthday colouring competition for the school holidays. Kids, bring your completed entry in to receive a FREE Budget Soft Drink 350ml or a Pams Spring Water 750ml.

WAIPIATA NEWS

Indoor Sports Club - The Waipiata Winter Indoor Sports Club had a very successful start for the new club, being supported by members of the public including people from as far as Middlemarch. Groups from Dunedin and Alexandra have expressed interest in visiting us, perhaps starting overnight and having a look at what the Maniototo has to offer. The activities have been well supported with bowls, pool and table tennis being popular and cards being not far behind (euchre and cribbage). If you have a free Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm, come along and enjoy. Contact Murray on (03) 444 9618 for further information.

Big Changes at Waipiata - The Department of Conservation has decided to do away with most of the existing fences in the area opposite the hotel and grass the lot to create a park-like situation for people to have a picnic, cook their BBQ's (in season) - in other words, a place to relax. It will be kept mowed. James Hazlett is helping with the project which will start very shortly. Anybody willing to assist with a few tasks are asked to contact John Andrews on 444 9030.

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The bus trips, cooking meals, washing jerseys, the injuries, worrying boys would get home safe, websites, dirty boots, frozen and muddy grounds, a beer with the boys in the changing rooms, the players' girlfriends, wives and babies (now some have grandbabies). There have been celebrations and drowning sorrows, watching my four sons and now grandson playing over the seasons. When your husband and four sons were rugby mad, it was only natural that I would follow and love the game too! There's my wee maggot and filming All Blacks. Most especially it's the fine young men I have had the pleasure to meet who have put up with me and my camera, treating me with so much respect. It's been such a proud time for me. I have loved every minute and have been thoroughly spoilt by the boys and their partners. It's been the most wonderful time of my life. It was a hobby and I loved it." 'It' all adds up to 27 seasons and 4 video cameras, transferring to video then DVD, creation of a website and then conversion to Facebook. Carol only missed two games up until 2013 - once for a wedding and once for a funeral!

A major highlight for Carol too was seeing the 5th generation of Dougherty playing rugby. *"My grandson Tom played for Maniototo in 2015 (he was top point scorer that season). His great-great grandfather Patrick, his great Grandfather Leo, his grandfather Lawrence and his father Larry all played for the Gimmerburn or Gimmerburn Patearoa club."*

Last month Carol was lied to again. Carol was asked to provide some images to the club but has no idea a photo board was being created. *"A troop arrived around at home with this lovely board, beer, wine and nibbles!"* Carol was give a copy of the board to keep and a duplicate has been put on the wall to create 'Carols Corner' in the rugby club rooms.



Dunc Helm always helping out a Maniototo player from the field

Three years later the event used to trick Carol into her own life membership became a reality. Another surprised long term contributor and supporter of the club also had the wool pulled over his eyes last month.

The toughly guarded secret was revealed at a Club night after the Maggots defended the White Horse Cup against Roxburgh and Duncan Helm was honored with life membership for his dedication to the club both on and off the field. Dunc played rugby up until fifty years of age, has been a vital member of St John Ambulance, always on the sideline, ready to assist.

Dunc was surprised as he was proudly presented with a club blazer by Jo Donald.

FLYING THE FLAG

If you were in the crowd or watching it on the box, you'll agree the All Black v Wales Test on the 25th of June was a pleasure to watch.

Many may also have recognized a local Maniototo lad also played an important part in it all. Max Hore was flag bearer for the All Blacks and did a great job!



MANIOTOTO ICE RINK

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That night the Highland Ball was held in the Naseby Hall with the original Southern Knights Band playing, accompanied at times by local pipes and drums. At least fifty couples danced the night away with the small hours coming far too soon. Sunday was wind down time with a BBQ and skating at the Rink plus more story telling.

"All-in-all a most successful weekend and we now look forward to the next twenty-five years," says Hazel.



Trevor Beck (Line Umpire) and Joe Donald (Ref) keep it all under control during the Naseby Ranfurly match.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

The big skies of the Maniototo are opening up a wealth of opportunity for the area as they become the focus of two new government initiatives. Last month members of the Otago Museum team, including Director of Science Engagement, Craig Grant spent time at the Ranfurly Town hall engaging the local schools in planetary pursuits.



Following the school visits an invitation had been put out to the community to head along to a discussion on the idea of creating a 1:100,000,000 replica solar system along the Otago Central Rail Trail and it was met with overwhelming enthusiasm. The project, Piloting the Interplanetary Cycle Trail, is funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Environment (MBIE) 'Unlocking Curious Minds' programme and is working together with the Department of Conservation (DoC), The Otago Central Rail Trail Trust and Otago Museum. The discussion was a chance to gauge the community's response but to also generate ideas on how each planet could be 'represented'. One of the most exciting possibilities is that Ranfurly will get the sun! In working with the scale, this would mean that the 'representation' would be nearly 14 metres in diameter. It is hoped that it would be located on/near the rail trail behind the Ranfurly Railway Station. Ideas included a 'sphere' which visitors could walk into and see stars or planets through the surface, a giant number 8 wire sculpture, an archway over the trail or an art deco themed 'sunburst'. There was much excitement at the possibilities!

Since the initial consultation, Kate Wilson (OCRT Trust), Craig and representatives from DoC (as guardians of the trail) plan to meet and discuss the ideas further. "We hope to mock up some prototypes models of the planets and pilot them on the trail and also start thinking about interpretative signage or guides," says Craig. "We want the planets to be true to scale and also in keeping with the rural and rustic nature of the trail and its environment. Probably our biggest challenge is dealing with how to represent the

Sun given its scale. It's important we develop something the community is happy with but all still within budget."

The Interplanetary Cycle Trail project also ties in nicely with the new Naseby Night Skies initiative led by Naseby Vision. Again, funded by MBIE, this project is a pilot supported by the Participatory Science Platform, and aims to research the potential of Naseby to become a night skies tourism destination.

After the brainstorming session around Interplanetary Cycle Trail, Dr Ian Griffin (Director, Otago Museum) gave a presentation on the amazing night skies of Otago which then lead to a session of stargazing in Naseby. The session was held by Dunedin Astronomy Society (DAS) (who provided the telescopes) and Otago Museum and, although the sky was a little cloudy, 25 keen 'gazers' enjoy great views of Saturn, the Moon and Mars.

The darkness of the proposed night sky viewing area, just off Mt Buster Road, has already been measured by DAS. They found it was as dark as any other region they had recorded without being 2000 meters up a mountain! Naseby Vision hopes that a viewing platform can be built, and is working alongside the Dunedin Astronomical Society to research the optimal site and what is required to achieve international dark skies accreditation.

Soon, not only the McKenzie Country will be known for their night skies! It seems right don't you think? We all know how amazing our Maniototo skies are. For many of us it's a huge part of why we come here and why we never leave.



Q & A WITH COLLEEN HOLLOWES



Colleen about five weeks into her basic training at the museum in Waiouru on Visitors Day

Colleen Hollowes was born and bred here in the Maniototo. Her family (Mum Alice, Dad Tony and brothers James and Raymond) used to own and run Balmoral Dairy but are all now off doing different things but Colleen decided to do something a little unique. Colleen (19) attended Maniototo Area School and has just finished her basic training with the NZ Army in Waiouru. While she was on leave, Positively Maniototo threw a few questions her way ...

How did you choose to get into the army?

The army was always something I wanted to do from about Year 8 or 9. Having a Dad who was ex-military made it all the more natural.

What was involved in getting accepted?

After 9 months upon applying for the army, a couple of fitness tests and a nerve racking interview, I finally got the email I had been waiting for. Accepted!

What has the journey been for you since leaving Ranfurly?

On the 29th of February I departed the beautiful Ranfurly to Waiouru, the town of all four seasons. Upon arrival we were put into our platoon lots and began settling into our homes for the next 16 weeks. It was different environment for those who had travelled from big cities. The size was similar to Ranfurly and the weather was also much the same. Cold crisp mornings followed by sunshine. The army's core values of Comradeship, Commitment, Courage and Integrity were drilled into us right from the get go.

Tell us about the 'hard' bits ...

It was a bit of a culture shock for me and everyone else. Having never lived away from home, I struggled a bit with homesickness but, eventually, my tiny little bed space began to feel like home. There were many physical challenges, as I expected, but also many mental

and emotional challenges to overcome. Being out in the field in -6 degrees wasn't easy but it was all worth it when we got back to barracks and had a shower a few days later.

What have you learnt over the last 4 months?

I learnt to fire rifles and a Mag 58 (machine gun). I learnt navigation through tough terrain during the day and at night. I learnt how to use two types of radios and how to throw grenades. Firing a rocket launcher was a highlight for me! We learnt how to clear buildings and patrol through an urban environment.

How do you think living in the Maniototo helped you prepare for the army?

I was out as 2IC for my section to test my leadership skills. I feel being captain of a few sports teams in the Maniototo really helped with that.

Where to now?

Last month was 'The March Out'. It is a way we show our families all that we have learned. With all three platoons demonstrating a different aspect. Crichton VC platoon did open country assaulting, Forsyth VC platoon did Urban assaulting and Brown VC platoon (my platoon) did drill. The occasion is very formal and a lot of hierarchy come to welcome us into the army.



Colleen on 'March Out' during the ceremony at completion of basic training. She is in the back row, third from the left.

On basic I was known as Recruit Hollowes. I'm now Sig Hollowes as Signals is the Corp I'm going into. At the end of the 16 weeks I moved down to Linton (Palmerston North) to start my Corp training. We have 10 days leave at the moment which is ticking down rather quickly.

"I look forward to where this career path will take me and it's definitely a long term job for me. I have met some lifelong friends already and I'm sure there are plenty more out there to meet! I would recommend it to anyone and everyone! Of any age! The oldest guy on our intake was 34, so age isn't much of an excuse!"

OUT AND ABOUT



Central Otago Hunt Club had their end of year 'wind up' last month. After 28 hunts of the year (including at Tarras, Glenorchy and Kyeburn) they celebrated in style at the Wedderburn Tavern.



St John School overnight trip to Dunedin Museum



Maniototo Maggettes after their 4-1 win against Upper Clutha last weekend



Mini Maggots



The Year 6 & 7 Saturday hockey team after one of their games in Omakau. Back row: Briar Duncan, Hamish Crossan, Maggie Dowling, Hannah Cormack, Craig Paterson, Hope Devitt. Front row: Peta Smith, Maia McDonald, Charlotte Paterson and Cassidy Pont.

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FODDERBEET TOP FEED

The Young Farmers Winter Feed and Charity Auction held in June was certainly a great success. A total of 50 crops entered and the quality of the crops were a very high standard given the expectation that the season may have affected productivity. The overall winners were Johnny and Geraldine Duncan with their irrigated fodderbeet crop. A close second went to Fraser and Lynley McDonald and third place went to Emma Crutchley and Kyle Hagen.



Johnny Duncan outstanding in his field - of fodderbeet

On Saturday night, a Charity Auction and presentations for the Winter Feed Competition were held. The evening was a huge success with 140 coming along and the auction raising a whopping \$19,650.

Maniototo Young Farmers are proud to announce that we will be donating the full amount to our three nominated organisations. The money raised will be going to the junior local sports clubs, Community Hospice and Brooke Solly. Brooke (20) was in a major car accident in Lawrence earlier in the year and suffered spinal injuries which left her battling to walk again. The Maniototo Young Farmers were passionate about supporting her difficult journey.

Club President Brooke Elliot says, *"The Maniototo Young Farmers would like to take this opportunity to thank our local community for your amazing support of this event. Because of this, we are able to support some great causes. We would also like to thank our guest speakers Cameron Leslie and MC Dick Taylor (Commonwealth Games Gold Medalists in Christchurch in 1974) on the night and all of the people who helped to make this evening a great success. Cam was an inspiration to us all. I'm sure many*



Cameron Leslie

of us thought twice about just how lucky we are."

Cameron Leslie is a gold medal winning New Zealand Paralympics swimmer and wheelchair rugby athlete with a quadruple limb deficiency.

Cam is also the recipient/member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Keep an eye out as Cam features in

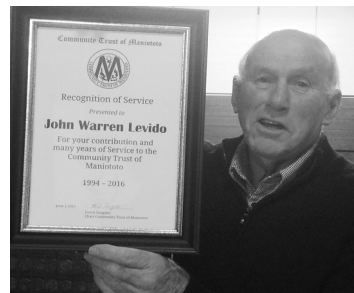
both Para-Swimming and Wheelchair Rugby at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

Many of our Burn radio listeners will know Dick Taylor as a regular on The Country with Jamie McKay and Dom Boy George. Dick is best known for winning the 10,000 metres at the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch but, when arthritis cut short his running career, Dick jumped on the public appearance and motivational circuit which keeps him very busy.

A huge congratulations to Brooke and her team for putting together and running such a successful fundraiser. It is no easy task. Well done!

TRUST MEMBER HONORED

On the evening of June 1st, a function was held by the Community Trust of Maniototo to honour John Levido and acknowledge his many years of service from 1994-2016 as a trustee and as a secretary.



Fellow long serving trustee and immediate past Chair, Mike Dowling made the presentation. *"I have enjoyed very much working with you on the Trust John and have always valued your sound reasoning, attention to*

detail and sense of humour. Special thanks to Joan and your family for the time they made available for service. Your work for the Trust is only a small part of your contribution to the community. As Trustees we represent the community so, on behalf of all of us, please accept this token of our appreciation."

John is the second only secretary the Trust has ever had.

A surprise dinner party attended by the trustees and their partners was held at the home of Trust Chair Dawn Sangster. The Community Trust of Maniototo advertised for a new secretary and are very pleased to welcome Val McSkimming on board.

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ICE EVENTS

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Luge and Ice Camps

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STRETCH YOUR IMAGINATION

Central Otago Libraries are inviting children to come exercise their imagination during the upcoming July holidays.

"Tell Me A Story" is the theme for the Winter Holiday Programme, which will run at Maniototo, Alexandra, Cromwell and Roxburgh Libraries.

The activities will be based on 'The Story House', a multi-platform storytelling and story making programme designed by Tanya Batt, a Kiwi children's author and professional storyteller. It draws its inspiration from the tradition of illustrated storytelling, in particular from Japanese Kamishibai. It engages children in creating their own story and presenting it via their drawings in an open door of a house. Our Central Otago librarians will use a classic fairy tale as a starting point, but get children to lead the way changing its course. The first session will involve plotting out the story; the second session we be about making the house; in the third session kids will illustrate the story; and in the fourth and final session the story will be presented to parents and caregivers.

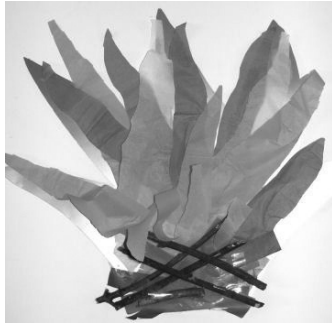
The Maniototo programme will run from 2-3pm on the 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st of July. You can sign up in person at the library or call 444 9348.

There will also be a "How many colours can you read?" reading challenge running for the holiday period. And don't forget the holiday DVD special - hire three DVDs for the price of two all school holidays.

ACTIVITIES PAGE

Positively Maniototo have put together an activities page for over the school holidays. Also see page 3 for information on the Maniototo Four Square colouring competition.

FIRE COLLAGE - Build your own fire just like the adults have to over winter!



You will need:

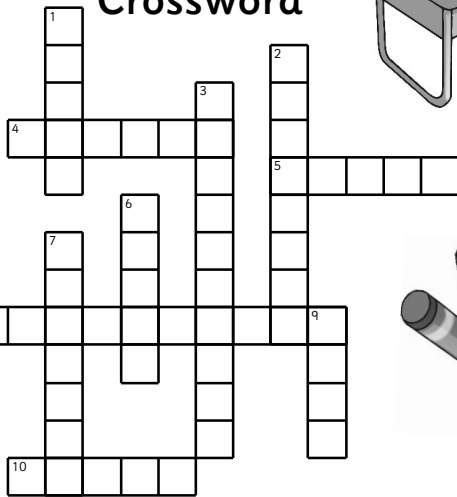
- Large sheet of gold card
- Glue stick
- Yellow, red and orange tissue or crepe paper
- Brown paper or card
- Twigs
- Sticky tape

Instructions:

Cut a bonfire shape from card. Cut flames from the tissue paper and glue them to the card. Try not to glue them flat but bend them and only stick bits down to add texture and make the flames look more real. From brown paper cut some rectangular "log" shapes and glue these to the bottom of the fire. Finish off by taping on some real twigs to bring the collage to life and add even more texture.



Back to School Crossword



Across

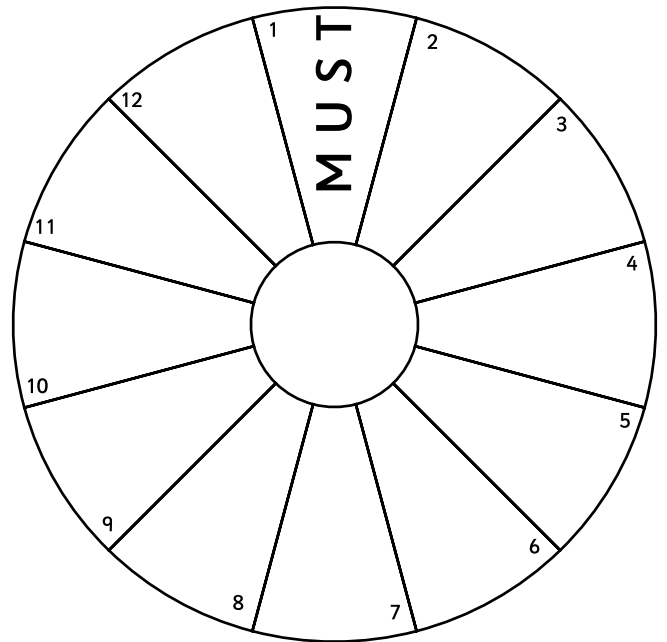
4. Do you need to sharpen yours?
5. Write or draw on this.
8. You write on this with chalk.
10. Please _____ your name on your work.

Down

1. Draw straight lines with this.
2. It has a keyboard and a screen.
3. Where you go to play at break (recess)
6. Read these at home or school.
7. They help you learn new things.
9. The teacher sits here.

Change Twelve Letters

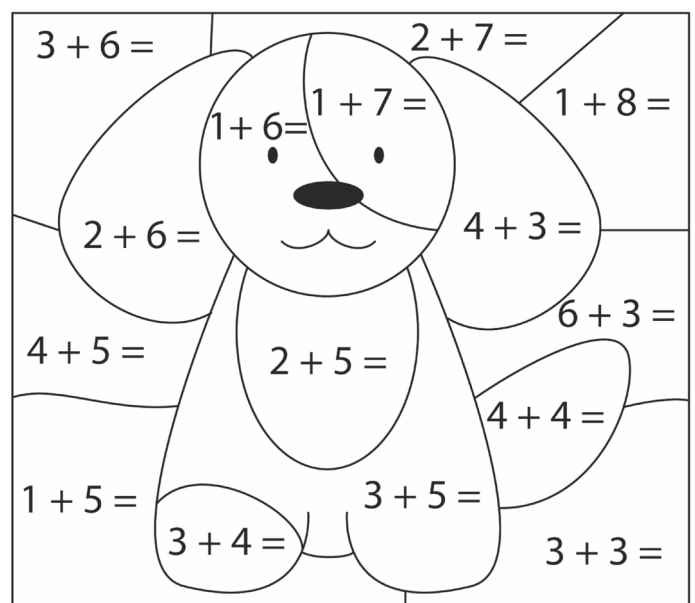
Can you work your way around the circle, solving the clues and changing one letter each time until you come back to the beginning?



2. Fog, low cloud
3. It holds the sail on a ship
4. Not the future
5. Send a letter or parcel
6. You don't know where you are
7. Coming after all the others
8. Write things in order, perhaps with numbers
9. Old fashioned word meaning "for fear that, so that"
10. Put your feet up, take a breather
11. Red crust on old metal
12. Broke, broken

START A JOURNAL

Winter is a great time to start a journal or get back into writing the one you've already started and haven't written in in ages. It's a great way to reflect on your day, Get out that blank book that's been on the bookshelf for too long! Happy writing!



Dog Maths Colouring

Solve the simple sums then colour in the picture using the key below!

- 6 - green
- 7 - yellow
- 8 - brown
- 9 - blue

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Denise Baddock

Plenty happened in and around the Maniototo last month to keep you occupied, whether it be watching or participating in recent events, various winter sporting activities, taking in the atmosphere and the skirl of the pipes at the recent 'Highland Ball' or just chilling out in front of the fire with a good book. The shortest day has now passed and we are still experiencing some crazy daily temperatures and balmy days. The dark start to the mornings, the only clue that we are actually in the winter months, not complaining, it makes for a nice change.

The Wednesday evening quiz nights at the Ranfurly Hotel are still proving popular and another date to keep free is the Poolburn School are hosting a quiz evening on Friday 22nd July. Check out page 3 for details regarding this. If you missed the recent round of St John 1st aid courses and need to update your skill level, the MAS is holding a day on Monday 18th July, all you need to do to register is to contact the school office.

Keep tuned for any cancellations, delays or postponements of events and road conditions throughout the Central Otago and coastal roading network. Maniototo Area School is in touch early re bus runs and closures. We hope the regular updates on facebook are also beneficial.

Don't forget to post your sporting results with us here at Burn, for the 'McLarens Transport' sports round up with 'Krefty' on Sunday mornings. These results can be phoned, emailed or dropped into the white basket in the Burn foyer throughout the week.

Contact details for all your advertising requirements, updates and information here on Burn729am/ 87.9fm or 'Positively Maniototo'

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Winter is here (supposedly!) and we have passed the shortest day. That means that after a period of feeding out, calving and lambing will arrive before we know it. It's time to think about prelamb and precalve treatments.

PRECALVE - Cows are easy – make sure their selenium levels are adequate and, on some farms, their copper levels are supplemented. We have tested a lot of beef cows for selenium over the autumn with many having low levels, often despite having had the odd selenium pour on. A long acting selenium injection is the best bet to keep the levels adequate over the critical times of calving (less retained membranes) and mating (better conception). A few herds also have low copper levels which can impact the cow's performance as well as their calves livelihood (poor growing bones and increased leg fractures). To monitor copper levels, the easiest way is testing of cull cows' livers at the Works. Otherwise, liver biopsy on-farm is easy and only slightly more expensive.

PRELAMB - Ewes are also easy as far as Clostridial and iodine protection go. We would recommend a 5 or 10 in 1 clostridial vaccination. This is in the form of either Multine (2-4weeks pre-lamb) or Nilvax (2-6weeks pre-lamb). If ewes are on brassicas during the winter we recommend long acting iodine injections given pre-mating or monthly iodine drenches throughout pregnancy. If not on brassicas, an iodine drench one month pre-lamb should suffice to protect lambs at birth. With ewes, the worm control over lambing is where it gets complicated. Some breeds eg merinos need some help to keep worm levels in check, while other breeds show an increased resistance to worms. Use of long acting injections/capsules will increase the drench resistance on your property, so there always needs to be a balance between the use of these products and the ability of the ewe to resist worms. Young and multiple bearing ewes sometimes need help to perform adequately and long acting worm treatments will ensure better ewe and lamb weaning weights. Single bearing crossbred ewes shouldn't need much help. Ring us if you wish to discuss your options.

RENOVATIONS - Some of you may have noticed building work around the back of our clinic. We are enlarging the clinic with more display area, vet offices, built in chiller, storage etc. The work has been outside so far, with no disruption to clinic activities. Soon it will be moving inside as well – so your patience (and ours!) will be needed for a while!

EUKANUBA ON SPECIAL! We still have a \$15 discount on large bags of Eukanuba dog biscuits, with plenty in stock.

CLACHANBURN COMMENT

It is now the end of June and I cannot ever remember weeding at the end of June in warm soil. The grass is still growing (and weeds too) and last week it was 11 degrees, so I decided to have a little spray with round up on paths and the driveway and I am fairly confident it will work. What does concern me though, is that we are best to have our weather in the proper season, the last thing we want is winter at springtime. We are past the shortest day, and as the saying goes the days lengthen and the weather strengthens, so in a way let's hope so.

A recent visit to Auckland and to stay with a gardening friend was very interesting to me in several ways. She has moved to a town house



with a small garden, and wants to make the most of every square inch, so when she showed me her new plan for some modifications, and what did I think, I found it hard to get my head around it, you see we all here, have so much more space, and probably take that for granted. What amazed me more than anything was the fruit she was growing – cherry guava's, persimmons, lemons, mandarins and chillies, so I said you can't get rid of any of them, they are special, and I came home with some – what a treat.



A few weeks ago we had an open day here on pruning fruit trees and Russell the orchardist came and showed us all how to do it. We had a great little crowd, good weather and Russell was able to answer everyone's

questions. I thought basically it is not too different to pruning a rose – keep it open in the middle, cut out any dead wood, any wood crossing over each other and then cut back to the laterals by approximately a third. For home growers, I think we need to be mindful of how high you want to climb to pick the fruit. I have a 2m long pole with a small basket on the end, with inclining tines and a piece of sponge rubber in the bottom of the basket and it is most successful. A good option if you don't want to climb a ladder.

The Garden Club mid-winter Christmas lunch was held at the Waipiata Hotel last week. A lovely group of about

25 people had a wonderful time and the Waipiata Country Hotel did themselves proud. So I haven't begun to read my new gardening books yet but surely that is not far off.

Keep warm, Jane

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Over a hundred years ago (late 1890's early 1900's), there was not the huge range of over the counter medications as now to treat life's minor aches and pains. 'New' methods of treatment were always being promoted as the answer to these problems. One, developed in the United States, found a strong following and soon came to the Maniototo to households and the doctor's therapy regime. Entertainment evenings, for want of a better term, were held by householders to administer the 'wonder' cure to one another.



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WHAT'S ON BURN AND WHEN

Road Reports, Cancellations & Water Notices	- Top of the hour 6am - 10am
Ranfurly Hotel Restaurant - Birthday calls	7.50am weekdays/ 9.20am weekends
Central Otago Sheep Handling Buy, Sell and Swap	9.30am , 11.30am and 3.30pm weekdays
Vet Centre Community Notices	10.30am, 2.30pm and 5.30pm weekdays
The Country with Jamie MacKay	12noon - 1pm weekdays
Monday Night Memories	7pm - 9pm Mondays
Patearoa Hotel - Country Show	6pm - 8pm Wednesdays & 9am - 12 noon Sundays
Entire Plumbing Rock Show	6pm - 8pm Thursdays
Combined Churches Choices	8am - 9am Sundays
McLarens Sports Round Up	9.30am Sundays
The Hits Weekends	6pm Friday nights and after midday Saturday and Sunday

For all notices placed in *Buy, Sell & Swap, Live and Community Notices* for individuals or groups, a gold coin donation would be very much appreciated (other than community groups who already make an annual donation). Thank you.

MONDAYS

Ceramics Club: 10am at the Art Centre. Contact Eileen 444 9880 or Julia 444 9971
Ranfurly Karate Club: 6-8pm for beginners & lower grades, Maniototo Arts Centre. \$1pp – call 444 9831
Monday Night Memories: Burn 729am 7-9pm, 444 9729

TUESDAYS

Pottery Group: Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Denise 444 9985
Maniototo Ladies Golf: Tee off 11am. Contact Belinda for details, 444 9185
Uruuruwhenua: Smoking Cessation 9.30am-2pm and evenings by appointment. - Ranfurly Plunket Rooms. Call Rose 444 9577
Waipiata Indoor Sports Club: 1.30pm at Waipiata Community Hall. See page 3 for details)

WEDNESDAYS

Catholic Women's League: Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. Contact Francie on 444 9243
Artists Group: 1pm, Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Norma 444 7076
Line Dancing: 4pm, Arts Centre. Contact Joan 444 9612
Ranfurly Karate: Graded Members, Arts Centre 6-8pm. \$1pp. Call 444 9831
Pilates: 6-7pm, \$3 per session at the Maniototo Area School Learning Centre.
Maniototo Bridge: 7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members very welcome. Call Ang on 444 9231
Country Show: Burn 729am 6-8pm. 444 9729
Ranfurly Hotel Quiz Night: 7pm, call 444 9140 for more information

THURSDAYS

Steady As You Go Classes: 10-10.30am, Ranfurly St John Ambulance Rooms. Call Joan 444 9164, Karen 444 9814 or Maureen 444 9493
Rock Show: Burn 729am. 6pm - 8pm. 444 9729

FRIDAYS

Catholic Women's League: Op Shop. Open 10.30am- 4.30pm. All welcome. Contact Francie on 444 9243
Indoor Bowls: 1.30pm at Ranfurly Bowling Club. All welcome.
Ranfurly Playcentre: 9.30am-12noon. Call Jenny on 021 158 4698

SATURDAYS

Maniototo Golf: Tee off 12.45pm. Contact Barry for details on 444 9809

SUNDAYS

Presbyterian Church: 10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly
Rainbow Kids: Presbyterian Church. For details - Call Ro on 444 4700
Naseby Golf: Club Competition. Tee off 12 noon. Contact Carol 444 9949 or Syd 444 9604
Catholic Church: 4pm Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly



Maniototo Spinners	2nd and 4th Monday	10am – 3pm	Tracey 027 654 1977 or Karen 444 9814 Debbie on 444 9280
Plunket Playgroup	1st Monday	10am-12noon	Amie 444 9993
Business Breakfast	3rd Wednesday	8am - 9am	Sheryl 444 9776
Garden Club	1st Thursday	7.30pm	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly
St Hilda's Anglican Church	1st Sunday	10.30am	

