



**MOUNT  
ASPIRING  
COLLEGE**

TE KARETI O MAUNGA TITITEA PANUI

# NEWSLETTER

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Tena Koutou Katoa

May I extend a warm welcome to everyone within the college community. We are fully staffed and are raring to go in 2009.

The House Day outlined below is always a 'fun' way for students to meet and work together through a range of activities. The day culminates in the Tug of War at the college at 1:00 pm which historically has been very keenly contested. Please feel free to join us at 1:00pm on the top field.

I look forward to sharing thoughts from the college with you, including student success through our weekly newsletter.

Ka Kite *Wayne Bosley*

## HOUSE DAY

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2009

### HOUSE LOCATIONS

#### **BARKER**

**Bremner Bay (Aubrey Road end of Eely Point)**

*Note: Each student to bring a lunch item for sharing with their whanau.*

#### **IRON**

**Eely Point (by Scout Den )**

#### **PISA**

**Pembroke Park (opposite Showgrounds entrance)**

*Note: A sausage in bread will be provided for a gold coin donation.*

#### **ROY**

**Wanaka Station Park (avenue entrance)**

Students should meet at the above venue at 9.30 am. Alternatively, students may arrive at school as normal and there will be two staff from each house to walk with the students to their venues. These students must be at school by **8.50 am**.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ All students need to bring lunch, togs, sunhat, suncream, plenty of water and wear house-coloured mufti appropriate for the day's weather.
- ◆ **Remember: Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap!**
- ◆ If the weather looks bad listen out for cancellation on Radio Wanaka (92.2 FM)

### IMPORTANT

If not already completed, parents of students new to the school should complete the Parental Consent and Health Form which was sent home with your child yesterday and make sure that it is returned to their whanau teacher on or before House Day.

Parents of returning students who wish to update information given on last year's 'trip' forms should send this to their child's whanau teacher tomorrow or Thursday morning in the form of a written note.

### TIMETABLE

**9.00 am - 12.00 pm**  
House / Whanau  
activities

**12.00 - 12.30 pm**  
Lunch at House  
Venues

**1.00 - 3.15 pm**  
The first 'House Competition'  
Tug of War at Mount Aspiring College

# MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE: - HELPFUL GUIDELINES - PLEASE KEEP TO HAND

## ‘PHONES

### Automated Phone System

We have an automated menu system which helps tremendously with the ‘morning rush’ of reported absences. Menu options can be selected without listening to the full introductory message.

Dial:

- 0 to report an absence
- 1 to leave a message outside office hours
- 2 to speak to the office
- 3 to dial an extension

### Pay Phone

We discourage the use of the office phone system for non-urgent student phone calls. There is a payphone in the student foyer of the office which takes OLD 20c coins (obtainable from the office). Please remind your child to carry 20c at all times so that they can use this phone.

### Cell Phones

Please ensure that students are aware that it is school policy that cell phones are switched off during class. Failure to conform may result in confiscation of the cell phone for the remainder of the day.

## ABSENCES

*Please could all parents assist us by remembering to telephone the college to report absences from school first thing in the morning.*

*This would help reduce the time-consuming and often difficult task of following up unexplained absences each day.*

## MEDICATION

The office holds medication for a number of students with critical medical conditions (for example, allergies, diabetes).

Please come and speak to the office staff if there is anything they should be aware of about your child (for example recent concussion)

## MONEY

### Office Payments

*Please encourage children to order lunch and hand over other payments to the office as soon as they arrive at school. It is really helpful if payments are enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the student’s name and an indication of the trip or activity. Cheques should be made payable to Mount Aspiring College.*

*We would like to encourage all students to AVOID carrying more money with them to school than is necessary.*

*The office is always happy to ‘hold’ larger sums of money for students if they feel uncomfortable taking care of it during the day.*

### School Accounts

*Accounts are posted home monthly and prompt settlement is appreciated.*

*If you have a discrepancy with an item on an account please contact the office at the time so that this can be investigated.*

*Payments can be made in person by cash or cheque or by Internet Banking ( Westpak Bank, Account Number 031739 0027820—00 Please ensure that your child’s surname and initial are detailed in the reference field and indicate that it is school fees in the code field) ) Payments can also be made by Eft-Pos or Credit Card.*

### Financial Difficulties

*If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are struggling to meet the payments please contact Helen Hammond, the Executive Officer to discuss the possibility of making time payments or obtaining financial assistance.*

## CONFISCATED ITEMS

Items which are confiscated will be held at the office until the end of school on Friday when they may be collected from the office.

Confiscated items will only be held for one term following the term in which the item was confiscated.

Please help eliminate the handling of confiscated items by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed at college.

## LUNCHES

### Canteen

*Lunch can be ordered from the school canteen. Orders may be made at the office before Period 1 or at the canteen at morning interval. It is possible to pay for lunches using Eft-Pos.*

*There is a menu at the office and we will publish one soon in the newsletter .*

### Late Lunches.

*If forgotten lunches are brought into school by parents we will ask you to personally deliver these to your child in their class.*

*Alternatively, please arrange in advance for your child to check with the office to see if lunches have been delivered.*

## LOST PROPERTY

There is a large lost property bin in the student foyer of the office. Parents are welcome to come and ‘search’ if items of clothing go missing (mums are often more thorough than students!).

Please help us keep on top of lost property by labeling all uniform items.

## MESSAGES

We do not operate a ‘runner’ system at the college and it is often difficult to relay messages to students, particularly if these are received after midday.

If at all possible, make arrangements with students prior to the start of school.

## E-LETTER

Please let us know if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically by emailing your preferred email address to [office@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:office@mtaspiring.school.nz).

DAILY TIMETABLE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.35 am - 8.45 am	Whanau	Whanau	Whanau	Whanau	Whanau
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9:45 am -10:45 am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
<b>10:45 am -11.05 am</b>	Year Group 11-13	Break 1	Assembly	Year Group 8-10	Whanau
<b>11.05 am -11.20 am</b>	Break 1		Break 1	Break 1	Break 1
11:20 am -12.20 pm	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.20 pm -1.20 pm	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
<b>1:20 pm - 2.15 pm</b>	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2	Break 2
2.15 pm - 3.15 pm	Period 5	Period 5	<b>Period 5 *</b>	Period 5	Period 5

\* **Wednesday Period 5:** Year 12 - Supervised study for 30 minutes, followed by Pastoral meeting

## TERM DATES 2009

**Term 1: 2 February - 9 April**  
**Term 2: 27 April - 3 July**  
**Term 3: 20 July - 25 September**  
**Term 4: 12 October - 11 December**

**Waitangi Day: 6 February**  
**Otago Anniversary Day: 23 March**  
**Queen’s Birthday: 1 June**  
**Labour Day: 26 October**