



**MOUNT  
ASPIRING  
COLLEGE**  
Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

# NEWSLETTER PANUI

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Kia Ora

Our 2009 year has begun well with our roll up to just over 640 students. The college is humming and it is wonderful to be back. I would like to thank all the parents who were able to join us in our first House competition of the year, narrowly won by Barker. House spirit is alive and well at the college (witness the photos on page 3) and may I congratulate Barker House who were declared overall House winner for 2008 from Pisa, Iron and Roy respectively.

**ERO Report:** The final report arrived after the 2008 college year concluded and was emailed to families at the time. The Board and staff are very pleased with ERO's findings and I have included the community section from the report on pages two and three of this week's newsletter. The full ERO report and other school related news and photographs have been posted on the college web site: [www.mtaspiring.school.nz](http://www.mtaspiring.school.nz). Please visit this site and enjoy our news.

**Athletics Day and Friends of MAC:** May I extend a warm welcome to all parents and caregivers to support Athletics Day on Wednesday 18 February. The Friends of MAC will be hosting a BBQ and coffee tent and would love you to join them for 'lunch, a laugh and a coffee'.

**Mufti Day, Tuesday 17 February:** This mufti day is an extra to the college calendar this term and is to raise funds for Strathewen Primary School, a small rural school which is located one hour northeast of Melbourne. Strathewen is linked to MAC through a member of our staff and was destroyed by the Victorian bush fires. The money raised will go directly to Strathewen Primary so join in on our 'Australia' theme – \$2 to join in but all donations will be welcome. We are aiming for \$1500.

**Wanaka Aquatic Centre and Sports Facilities:** The consultation package outlining the options for future facilities can be read on line on [www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz). I would urge students, parents and staff to offer their thoughts to the QLDC and you can do this via email to [services@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:services@qldc.govt.nz) by 27 February 2009. Lyall Cocks will be coming to the college early next week to speak to students and outline each of the proposed sites. The Board of Trustees support the Aquatic Centre being located on Kelly's Flat where it will be easily accessible for all Wanaka school age children. Please make your feelings known to the QLDC before 27 February.

*Wayne Bosley*

## Introducing New Members of MAC Staff

Over the next few weeks we will be profiling staff members who have recently joined our team.

### Ms Angela Mote-Andrews, B Mus, Dip Tch

Ms Mote completed her secondary studies in Christchurch before studying at the Wellington Conservatorium of Music (now NZSM) majoring in classical performance flute and a minor in jazz. She trained at Christchurch College of Education in 1996 and following this worked at Hagley Community College (ten years) and Raphael House (1 year) teaching a combination of classroom, instrumental and ensemble work. Alongside her teaching Ms Mote has continued to perform on flute and saxophone in various groups from jazz and classical chamber music to bands and orchestral playing. She is looking forward to getting involved in music making in Wanaka and being part of the vibrant music department at MAC.

Ms Mote has recently shifted to Wanaka with her husband Jon and her two children Ellesse (9) and Zoe (6) and they are looking forward to living in Wanaka as it has long been a favourite holiday destination. Outside music Ms Mote's interests are in cycling (mountain and road), kayaking and snow sports.



### Miss Natalie Whyte, BSc, Dip Tch

Miss Whyte graduated from Lincoln University having studied Ecology and Parks and Recreation Management. Following this she spent time living and travelling in other countries which included Japan where she taught English, as well as BC Canada where amongst other things she taught about ecology in the regional parks and worked with kids in a wilderness camp. Miss Whyte completed her teaching diploma back in Christchurch at the College of Education and since then has taught Science and Biology at Paraparaumu College, schools in the UK and, prior to moving to Wanaka, was working at Dunstan High School in Alexandra.

Miss Whyte loves living in Central Otago where there is a fantastic community spirit, great sporting opportunities and a wonderful landscape to enjoy. She loves getting out on a bike, skiing and hiking. Miss Whyte looks forward to getting involved with the people in the Mount Aspiring community.





19 December 2008

## To the Parents and Community of Mount Aspiring College

These are the findings of the Education Review Office's latest report on **Mount Aspiring College**.

Mt Aspiring College students enjoy the advantages of studying in one of New Zealand's most spectacular environments. Students from Years 7 to 13 learn through a variety of contexts including many experiences linked to the outdoor pursuits and tourism opportunities within the town and surrounding area. The school roll is increasing at the rate of 10% per year, putting pressure on buildings and other resources. Students and teachers take pride in their school and the achievements of individuals and groups in sporting, music and academic pursuits. At the time of the review, a music group had just won best song in the annual New Zealand-wide Rock Quest competition.

Since the last review a new principal has been appointed. He had been acting in the role for a year. The board and teachers had made good progress on implementing the recommendations from the last review. These related to the performance management system, and using teaching and assessment practices and information to better meet the needs, interests and abilities of all students.

Students do well compared with national expectations. In 2007 most students in Years 7 to 10 were at or above national expectations in reading, writing and mathematics. In 2007 100% of students achieved their numeracy credits and 94% their literacy credits towards National Certificates in Educational Achievement (NCEA). These figures are well above those for similar schools. Students gained NCEA qualifications in 2008 at a rate well above similar schools at Levels 1 and 3, and close to similar schools for Level 2.

In most of the classes ERO observed students related well with their teachers and other students. They are encouraged wherever possible to be responsible for their own learning and behaviour in line with the school's goal for self-responsibility. These values are reflected in the schools' low numbers of stand-downs and suspensions and low levels of bullying. Students are able to choose from a wide variety of options across and within subject areas.

Students ERO spoke to said that they often get individual and small group attention in class and extra help and extension when they need it. In most cases they experience a good variety of learning opportunities.

The board identified and ERO confirmed that the learning experiences for students in science need to be improved.

Since the onsite stage of the review the board has developed and begun to implement an action plan to address these concerns.

The school has many strong leaders, and opportunities are made for and taken by students and teachers to take on leadership roles and develop their potential. The collaborative approach in the senior management team means that the strengths and skills of many individuals contribute to the smooth running of the school. Trustees are knowledgeable about their role and are working to improve the governance of the school. They have reviewed a number of aspects of school operations. The next step is to make better use of student achievement information in its planning and decision-making.

### Future Action

ERO is confident that the board of trustees can manage the school in the interests of the students and the Crown and bring about the improvements outlined in this report.

ERO is likely to review the school again as part of the regular review cycle.

### Review Coverage

ERO reviews do not cover every aspect of school performance and each ERO report may cover different issues. The aim is to provide information on aspects that are central to student achievement and useful to this school.

If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact the school or see the ERO website, <http://www.ero.govt.nz>.



Isabell Sinclair Irwin  
Area Manager  
for Chief Review Officer



### HOUSE DAY 2009

## CANTEEN MENU FROM FEBRUARY 2009

♥♥ = OK Daily    ♥ OK = Occasionally

**Available Daily on request** (please order at the office or canteen at interval)

♥♥ Garlic Bread	\$1.00
♥♥ Cheese Roll	\$0.50
♥♥ Pizza Buns	\$2.00
♥♥ Wraps	\$3.00
♥♥ Sandwiches	\$3.00
♥♥ Spaghetti Buns	\$2.00
♥♥ Chicken Panini	\$2.50
♥♥ Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
♥♥ Yoghurt	\$1.00
♥♥ Pancakes	\$1.50
♥ Pizza	\$2.00
♥♥ Scones	\$1.00
♥ Hash Browns	\$0.50
♥ Noodles	\$2.20
♥ Wedges (sour cream 50 c extra)	\$2.50
♥ Chicken Burger	\$3.00
♥ Nachos (sour cream 50 c extra)	\$2.50
♥ American Hotdogs	\$3.00
♥ BBQ Beef Cheese & Bacon Burger	\$4.00

### Wednesday Pie Day

♥ Chicken Satay	\$3.00
♥ Mince and Cheese	\$2.50
♥ Mince	\$2.50
♥ Sausage Rolls	\$1.00

If you need food heated please drop it off to the canteen at interval or before school. The microwave and canteen kitchen is not for student use.

### Cold Drinks

♥♥ H2O	\$1.20
♥♥ Keri Kids	\$1.50
♥ Milkshake	\$2.00
♥ Deep Spring	\$2.70
♥♥ Calci Yum	\$1.50
♥♥ Aquashot	\$2.70
♥♥ Powerade	\$4.00
♥♥ Smoothie	\$2.50

### Available Daily

♥♥♥ Sandwiches, Sub Rolls and Wraps	\$3.00
Salad &/ or Ham / or Chicken	

### Available Mon / Wed / Fri

♥♥♥ Yohei Sushi	\$4.00
Salmon / Vegetarian / Chicken	

### From the Freezer

Cool Sips	\$1.20
Cool Sips Lime/ H2O	\$1.00

## MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are in the pipeline - there will be further meetings next week for guitar and woodwind. More information will be available in next week's newsletter. Keep listening to the morning notices as well if you are waiting to sign up.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Is being held at Cromwell College on February 17, 19, 24 & 27 (incl) from 7.00 -9.00pm. Please contact Kaye Rowell Lakes Driver Training to enrol on 03 442 7073 / 027 623 3534 or email [krowell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:krowell@xtra.co.nz)

## ASSISTANCE WITH PURCHASE OF UNIFORM

Any families with students **new to the college** can apply for financial assistance with the purchase of school uniform. Contact Kathy at the college office to find out if you are eligible.

## Amended Year Level Timetable

Year	Room	Day
7	Performance Room	Thursday
8	Library	Thursday
9	Gym	Thursday
10	Gym	Monday
11	Library	Monday
12	Performance	Monday and Wednesday
13	East Common Room	Monday and Wednesday

## RUTHERFORD REPORT

Thank you to all those parents who completed Rutherford Questionnaires last year. The report produced from these questionnaires can be viewed on: [http://www.mountaspiring.school.nz/Documents/BoT/MAC\\_Rutherford-Review.pdf](http://www.mountaspiring.school.nz/Documents/BoT/MAC_Rutherford-Review.pdf)

## FRIENDS OF MAC MEETING

Tuesday 24 February, MAC Staffroom, 7.30 pm. All new members welcome.

## 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: Friday 6 February  
Otago Anniversay Day: Monday 23 March  
Queen's Birthday: Monday 1 June  
Labour Day: Monday 26 October

## SCHOOL RECORDS

Please let us know if your family has recently had a change of contact details (phone / cell / address) or if your child has developed a medical condition of which we should be aware. You can do this by emailing [office@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:office@mtaspiring.school.nz) or phoning 443 9901. Thanks!

## KAHU YOUTH TRUST NEWS

**INVITATION:** Come and celebrate the near completion of the new Kahu Youth Trust Venue This afternoon - **Friday 13 February at 4.00 pm** - underneath the Paradiso movie theatre. Come on down for a feed, check out the venue, meet Kim, have a game of pool with Richard and discuss any ideas you have for the venue.

If you are interested in the **BOYS / GIRLS ADVENTURE CLUBS** or the **STUDENT YOUTH COUNCIL** you can give Richard a call on 443 5880 / 0275 709268.

## Important Dates

Sponsored by:



Owner / Operator: Lindsay & Carol Parry  
20 Dunmore Street, Wanaka  
Phone: 03 4430048  
Fax: 03 4430050  
[wanaka@newworld-si.co.nz](mailto:wanaka@newworld-si.co.nz)

<b>Week 3</b>	Tuesday 17 February Wednesday 18 February Thursday 19 February 20 / 21 February
<b>Week 4</b>	Tuesday 24 February Tuesday 24 February Wednesday 25 February Thursday 26 February Thursday 26 February
<b>Week 5</b>	2 - 6 March
<b>Week 6</b>	9 - 13 March

Year 7 Camp Meeting, ECR, 7.00 pm
Athletics Day
Year 8 Girls Immunisation Information Session, 10.45 am, Library
Level 3 Outdoor Pursuits Bush Tramp
Swimming Sports
Level 2 Outdoor Pursuits Camp
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, MAC Boardroom
Level 2 Outdoor Pursuits Camp
Year 9 Girls Immunisation Information Session, 10.45 am, Gym
Pounaweia Camp 1
Pounaweia Camp 2

Has your child performed well at a sporting event? Please inform the school by contacting the sports coordinator Kellie Bailey - [baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz).

## JUNIOR GOLF

Coaching sessions are now available at the Wanaka Golf Club.

**When:** Tuesdays, 4.00 pm

**Where:** Golf Club, bottom practice area

Nine hole competitions will run every Sunday during term time - meet at the club house at 9.30 am. For more information contact Wal Shuttleworth on 443 5344.

## Wanaka Go By Bike Day

**Thursday 19 February**

*Bike to work or school and stop off for a FREE breakfast at the Lake Wanaka Centre between 7.30 and 8.20 am.*

## NETBALL NEWS

- ◆ Lists will be up next week outside the Sports Hub. All girls from Year 7 to 13 should put their names on the lists if they want to play netball this year.
- ◆ The College AGM will be held on Tuesday 3 March at 7 pm in Room 20. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- ◆ Registration for netball and payments of subs will be carried out at the Rugby Club Grounds on Thursday 19 March after school – reminders will follow.

## FUTSAL NEWS

Congratulations to Lorenz Kissling (top right) and Connor Ceci (bottom left) who represented New Zealand playing Futsal during the holidays. The team came 4th in the 14th Grade of the 2009 Australian National Club Championships and were also 3rd overall in the 14th/16th Grade of the National Team Championships held in Sydney. Best of all the boys won their 14th Grade final to become the 2009 14th Grade Team Champions. Well done!



## CRICKET NEWS

Senior reserve cricket  
Edgewater Resort Wanaka, 272 versus Wakatipu High School, 158. Congratulations to Nick Brooker (pictured) on his century and to Daniel Edwards who took 3 for 58.

## Otago Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Matt Henderson, Emily Wilson, Millie Gordon, Ellie Russell, Tane Duncan, Ellie Brooks, Holly Ansley, Guy Gibb, and Francis Freeman who all competed at the Otago Swimming Champs at the end of January.

The whole team swam really well, making finals or personal best times.

Special congratulations to the following students:

**Matt Henderson:** 4 golds (10 -11 year boys 50 / 100 / 200 Breaststroke and 200 IM) and 2 silvers (50 / 200 Freestyle)

**Emily Wilson:** 1 silver (12-13 girls 50 Fly) 2 Bronze (50 and 200 Backstroke)

**Millie Gordon:** 1 bronze (12-13 girls 50 Fly)

**Ellie Russell:** 1 bronze (10 -11 girls 50 Backstroke)

**KEEN SAILORS** wanted to take part in this year's team racing. Sailors need to be available for the following 2009 Secondary Schools National teams racing events:

- ◆ 28-29th March, Lower South Island Nationals
- ◆ 19 - 24th April, Christchurch Nationals.

If you are interested please contact Janice on 443 7223 and give her your sailing cv, weight and age.

## AIKIDO - self-defence, fitness and flexibility

Free 'have-a-go' class next Monday, 3.30-4.30 pm in the MAC Performance Room. All students are welcome to come and try out this non-aggressive martial art. If you enjoy it there will be a regular class after school (day to be confirmed). There will be a nominal fee of \$20 per term which contributes to the cost of the aikido mats.

To find out more call Paul on 443 2375 or visit [www.aikido.wanaka-online.co.nz](http://www.aikido.wanaka-online.co.nz).

## ROCK CLIMBING CLUB

This Club is intended for climbers with some experience who own, or intend to own, their own equipment. For more information contact Mr Hammond at the college.

## WANAKA SWIM CLUB

*is now taking registrations for Term 1, development and competitive squad training. If your child can swim 200m and has the basic technique of 3-4 strokes, then these are the classes for your children. To register, email [info@wanakaswimclub.co.nz](mailto:info@wanakaswimclub.co.nz) or phone Leisa on 443 6552 for further information.*

## Special Olympics Events

Would you like your child to be involved with Special Olympics events? These events are for all students with special needs, physical, intellectual, or vision. There are both swimming and athletics events coming up. Please contact Kellie Bailey to find out more.

## CALLING ALL GYMNASTS....

Are you interested in doing some tumbling or minitramp? To find out more email Rae on [aspiringgymsports@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:aspiringgymsports@yahoo.co.nz).

## Important Sporting Dates

See Kellie ([baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz)) at the Sports Hub for more details

18 February	MAC Athletics Day
24 February	MAC Swim Sports
26 February	Otago/Southland Triathlon – Cromwell
1 March	Q92 Kids Duathlon - Queenstown
4 March	Special Needs Swim Event - Dunedin
4 March	Central Otago Primary Swim Sports – Cromwell
6 March	Intercollegiate Golf Tournament - Dunedin
6 March	Central Otago Primary Schools Rippa Rugby Tournament - Wanaka
8 March	Otago Triathlon Champs – Omarau
14 March	Otago Athletics – Dunedin
14 March	Otago Paddles Up Kayaking – Wanaka
27 March	Otago Secondary and Primary Swim Champs – Dunedin
28 March	South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race – Cromwell
28 March	Ghost 2 Ghost Triathlon – St Bathans
8 April	Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon - Cromwell

*Thank you to those who have sent in sporting results not published this week - we will publish skiing and boarding results from overseas when we have the complete picture - please email information to [shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz)*

Congratulations to **Georgina Galloway** who participated in the NZ College Games in Hamilton in December and gained a bronze medal in the indoor rowing event.

**Q92FM THE BREEZE**  
**Ironkids Duathlon**  
**Sunday 1 March**  
[www.thebreeze.co.nz](http://www.thebreeze.co.nz)

## MAC SWIM SPORTS

**Tuesday 24 February**

If you would like to assist with time-keeping please contact Hamish Crosbie on 443 9901

## Interested in Kayaking?

Then you should join the **Central Otago Whitewater Club**. \$50.00 per term for gear hire. Meet outside the OP shed next Wednesday at 5.15 pm. For more information see Kellie Bailey in the Sports Hub.

**MACLIC  
Mount Aspiring College  
Library Information Centre**

**Rights and Duties**

- ◆ Students are allowed to borrow 4 books (fiction or knowledge – not reference or magazines)
- ◆ Always record your books at the issue desk.
- ◆ Books need to be returned or renewed after 2 weeks. Overdue lists and slips are given to whanau teachers. Be prompt if you hear your name as we charge 50 cents per book on the announced invoiced date.
- ◆ No food or drink in the library please.
- ◆ Respect the resources and other users: be very quiet!
- ◆ Find a cozy spot to settle down with a good book or magazine... and start reading NOW! The Library House Competition is ON.

**Book Club Launch**

Become a MACLIC book club member to:

- ◆ Choose a name and a logo for our book club
- ◆ Read and share books of course
- ◆ Choose new books
- ◆ Choose and design the library display
- ◆ Meet writers
- ◆ Learn library skills
- ◆ Organise a bookfair, a reading campaign, do posters, bookmarks...
- ◆ Other ideas welcome

If you missed yesterday's meeting come and talk to me to find out more ....

**Florence Micoud - Librarian**

**HPV Vaccination Programme (Year 8 / 9 Girls)**

Eligible school girls in Otago can elect to be part of the HPV (human papillomavirus) school-based vaccination campaign. HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer in New Zealand women.

In 2009 the vaccination campaign will be delivered to years 8 and 9 girls at school (during school time) by the Otago Public Health Nursing Service. The vaccinations are free of charge. Alternatively, parents can choose to take their daughters to their own doctor for these injections (also free of charge). Any girl born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1990 is eligible for free HPV vaccines.

Girls will need three injections during the year to gain the best possible protection against the viruses. The first vaccinations will be rolled out in schools in Term 1 (Monday 30 March at MAC). The second dose will be provided in Term 2 (Friday 29 May) and the final dose in Term 3 (Friday 23 October).

Public health nurse, Karen McCabe will be visiting the college to deliver education to Year 8 girls on Thursday 19 February and Year 9 girls on Thursday 26 February. Parents are welcome to come in to these meetings to hear what is being said to their daughters. All girls in Years 8 and 9 will be given consent forms to take home for parents to sign. Please take the time to read the consent form, as it contains important information regarding the human papillomavirus, and the vaccination being offered.

**Whether you consent to your daughter taking part in the campaign or not please fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible.**

For more information you can contact Karen McCabe on 03 4404309 or 0274917574 or phone the Dunedin office of the Otago Public Health Nursing Service on 0800 769 880.

Additional information about the vaccine and the programme can be obtained from:

[www.govt.nz/immunisation](http://www.govt.nz/immunisation) or [www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz](http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz) or phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).

**For Sale: ~ MAC Kilt**  
(77 - 87cm) and jersey.  
Call 027 4413090

**YEAR 7 CAMP MEETING**

for parents and their children

**Tuesday 17 February  
East Common Room, 7 pm**

Due to an increase in costs the final figure for camp is now \$150.00 instead of \$140.00.

**LOCKERS** are now

available. Bring your \$10.00 to the office and you will be allocated your locker for the year.

**MAC UNIFORM**

*Wanaka Wastebusters have lots of second hand MAC uniform.*

**Congratulations to Heather McClintock who was the lucky winner of the Garden Furniture Raffle.**

**DID YOU KNOW? A doctor from one of the Medical Centres visits the college every Friday lunchtime. Students may make appointments at the office (by the end of interval) and receive a free confidential consultation.**

**ATHLETICS DAY TIMETABLE ~ Wednesday 18 February**

Could any parents who would like to assist with time-keeping and marshalling during the day please contact Rob Bruce on 443 9901 or [email brucer@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:brucer@mtaspiring.school.nz).

All parents are warmly invited to share this special day with us - come along and support your child(ren)!

Time	GIRLS	BOYS				
		Year 7	Year 8	Under 14	Under 16	Seniors (over 16)
8.35 - 8.45	Whanau meet on the school field for a roll to be taken					
8.45 - 9.15	100 m	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
9.15 - 9.45	400 m	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
9.45 - 10.15	200 m	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
10.15 - 10.45	800 m	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
10.45 - 11.15	100 m / 200 m Finals	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
11.40	<b>House meeting to confirm the mid event change over.</b>					
Time	BOYS	GIRLS				
		Year 7	Year 8	Under 14	Under 16	Seniors (over 16)
11.45 - 12.15	100 m	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
12.15 - 12.45	400 m	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
12.45 - 1.15	200 m	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
1.15 - 1.45	800 m	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
1.45 - 2.15	100 m / 200 m Finals	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
2.15 - 3.10	HOUSE 4 x 100 Relays (Years 7 - 13) Whanau roll check to be completed at the conclusion of the day.					

**LOST PROPERTY**

We still have a large pile of lost property left over from last year's Year 9 Camp. Items include billies, a camping mat, tent and pillow! Surely someone is missing them! Come and check out the Lost Property Bin at the office.

**An invitation from Friends of MAC**

Friends of MAC welcome all parents to the Athletics Day on Wednesday 18 February. We'll have a food tent (for students and parents) and tables for you to congregate around. You will be able to have a 63Bean coffee, eat lunch such as filled French roll for about \$4 or a BBQ sausage for \$2. The perfect way to spend your day or lunch break - chat, help out and connect with other parents whilst enjoying the fierce house spirit and athletic prowess of the students.

Don't miss this iconic MAC day - come and join the fun!