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Te Kāreti O Maunga Titiitēa

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What a wonderful community!



A school will be successful when the staff, students and community interact together in harmony. This week we have enjoyed wonderful support from our community which has resulted in outstanding success.

Firstly, our 'Strathewen Primary School' mufti day raised in excess of \$1700 which exceeded our goal by \$200! Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause. If you still wish to make a donation please come and see Mandy and the team at the college office.

Secondly, athletics day had very positive feel to it (photos on page 3) and this can be attributed to tremendous commitment from the students and a huge level of support from parents, grand parents, St John's and friends of the college. Our 'Friends of MAC' were tremendous hosts and I would like to thank their hard working team. From a college perspective it is so encouraging to have parents joining us and supporting the students. Mount Aspiring College belongs to all of us and together we will continue to thrive.

Wayne Bosley

Introducing New Members of MAC Staff

Ms Nicola Clarke, BA, Dip Tch

Ms Clarke comes to MAC from Blenheim where she has most recently been teaching English at Marlborough Girls' College. Now teaching English to Years 9 – 13 here at MAC, she feels extremely lucky to be moving from one beautiful province to another and is very excited about all that Mount Aspiring College and Wanaka have to offer.

Ms Clarke harks from the South having grown up in Invercargill where most of her extended family still lives. She studied towards her Arts degree at Otago University and went on to do her teacher training at Christchurch College of Education. Miss Clarke then spent time teaching overseas in England and Japan and returned to New Zealand schools in 2006 with a new appreciation of how lucky we really are here.

Ms Clarke has moved to Wanaka with her partner Aaron and they are both very interested in outdoor pursuits, walking, cycling and kayaking. They are embracing the lifestyle, enjoying being closer to family and looking forward to becoming involved in the wider community.



Mr Greg Thornton, BCom, Dip Tch

Born and raised in Auckland, Mr Thornton started his working career in commerce. In 2000 he left New Zealand to take up volunteer work and learn Spanish in Bolivia, South America.

After travelling widely he returned home to train as a teacher. His first position in the new career was at Rangitoto College, a school he was a student at 8 years earlier. He left there to take up the HOD Mathematics position at Manurewa High School and then most recently at Takapuna Grammar School. He has been involved in rugby coaching throughout his time as a teacher having also played previously, representing North Harbour at Under 19 level.

Mr Thornton has moved to Wanaka with his wife, Teresa, and son Cameron (11 months). The family are settling in well and looking forward to making the most of all that this beautiful town has to offer. The community have made them feel very welcome and he is enjoying contributing to the learning environment at MAC, which is so varied and exciting.



MAC Uniform for sale:

Grey Shorts (80cm), Polar Fleece (sizes 12 & 14) as new, White Shirts (sizes 12 & 14) as new, Pisa PE Shirts (sizes 10 & 12), PE Shorts (10/12), Kilts (sizes 10 & 12). Phone Karen after 5.00 pm, on 443 4960.

FRIENDS OF MAC MEETING

**** NOTE: ****

**Date Changed - Now
Wednesday 18 March**

MAC Staffroom, 7.30 pm.

All new members welcome.

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

Board of Trustees Training on Board The Spirit of Adventure

It's not every day that you get to come on board a ship like the Spirit of Adventure. Setting sail from Auckland harbour, leaving the Sky Tower and what I thought was civilization behind was initially daunting. But the experiences that I would have over the next five days were greater than I could ever imagine. As soon as I stepped on board I felt immediately at home. I'm not sure if it was the loud personalities or the excitement of being on board a historical tall ship that allowed all 40 of us to get along so well. Broken up with 6 am swims, rope pulling, sailing, joking, eating and group activities was BOT training teaching us all how to become an effective BOT member. But it was the sailing, joking and leadership tasks that were most memorable. One thing I will always remember was standing at the top of the 31m high main mast and being able to see what looked to be all the fish in the sea (this also put me off swimming the next day though). I think that I have brought back leadership skills, confidence and practical knowledge that I can use not only in board meetings but everyday life and I would like to thank the Board for that and also for a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Alex Black



MACLIC corner: [Bookworm Favourite books for boys](#)



Do you remember, in 2008, when we invited you to fill in a "favourite book form"? Each form was a segment added to our bookworm on the library window. Not only does it make a colourful window, but it also tells us what YOU think is a good book.

Today, the bookworm tells you what boys like to read:

"Favourite books for boys aged 11 or 12 are:"

Paul Jennings's Funniest Stories, by Paul Jennings - JEN
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, by J. K. Rowling - ROW
Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity Jig Neild, by Diana Neild - NEI /P
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, by J. K. Rowling - ROW
The Thin Line, by V. R. Joseph - JOS
To the Max, by Mark Inglis - 796.6

"Favourite books for boys aged 13 and 14 are:"

Mort, by Terry Pratchett - PRA
The Navigator, by Eion McNamee - not in Maclic yet
Tomorrow When The War Began, by John Marsden - MAR
Holes, by Louis Sachar - SAC
101 Cool Science Experiments, by Glen Singleton - 507.8
Through the Rings, by Ruben Sanchez - 796.90
One Shot, by Lee Child - CHI

"Favourite books for boys aged 15 and older are:"

Murder in Orbit, by Bruce Colville - COL
Area 7, by Matthew Reilly - REI
Lord of Snow and Shadows, by Sarah Ash - Not in Maclic yet
Why Dick Fosbury Flopped, by Damian Farrow Justin Kemp - 796
Tenth man down, by Chris Ryan - RYA
Catch 22, by Joseph Heller - HEL

Next week, the bookworm will tell us the favourite books for girls... Watch this space!

Florence Micoud - librarian

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 Anniversary Day: Monday 23 March
Queen's Birthday: Monday 1 June
Labour Day: Monday 26 October

COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORKER:

Free, confidential help, information and support to individuals or families.

Call Gaye on 443 7725
Community Networks
14 Dunmore Street
WANAKA 9305

Important Dates

Week 4 Tuesday 24 February
Wednesday 25 February
Thursday 26 February
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Week 5 2 - 6 March

Week 6 9 - 13 March
Monday 9 March

Week 7 Thursday 19 March

Week 8 Monday 23 March
Wednesday 25 March
26 - 27 March

Swimming Sports
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, MAC Boardroom
Level 2 Outdoor Pursuits Camp
Year 9 Girls Immunisation Information Session, 10.45 am, Gym
Level 2 Outdoor Pursuits Camp

Pounaweia Camp 1

Pounaweia Camp 2

Level 3 Outdoor Pursuits Kayak Trip

Team Up Conferences

Otago Anniversary Day - college closed

Team Up Conferences

Summer Quadrangular Tournament

Sponsored by:



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

'Locations Realty' Assisting The Youth of Wanaka

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO DIVE?

Scuba Steve has another PADI Seal Team programme scheduled to begin on 7 March. This is Scuba Diving for kids aged 8-12 yrs taught within the safety of the Wanaka Swimming Pool. For more info parents should contact us at scuba.steve@xtra.co.nz or 443-4954.

MAC NETBALL AGM

Tuesday 3 March, 7.00 pm, Room 20.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to see some new faces.

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

will take place outside the school gym this Friday 20 February from 3.15 pm. Full details, registration form, newsletter and dates are all on the website (www.cofa.org.nz - go to clubs, wanaka). Bring your completed enrolment form and payment to the registration day to make the process quicker and easier.



Congratulations to Alex Knight who was selected for the Otago Country U15 Cricket Team last weekend.

Q92FM THE BREEZE IRONKIDS DUATHLON

Sunday 1 March

Info available from www.thebreeze.co.nz

Dental care is FREE until you turn 18. Make sure you look after your teeth!



Kayaking

with the Central Otago Whitewater Club

Wednesdays from 5.15 pm \$50.00 per term for gear hire. Meet outside the OP shed each week For more information see Kellie Bailey in the Sports Hub.

Interested in Rugby?

If you would like to be a rugby coach or manager of a college team this year please contact Hamish Crosbie on 443 9901.

AIKIDO - self-defence, fitness and flexibility

Free 'have-a-go' class next Monday, 3.30-4.30 pm in the MAC Performance Room (apologies for last week's postponement).

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.

Important Sporting Dates

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

- 24 February MAC Swim Sports, 9.00 am start
- 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

They're young They're impressionable The perfect new customers

To stay in business the tobacco industry needs kids – tobacco displays help reach them.

Take action to protect kids from tobacco advertising in 3 easy steps.

1. Cut this out
2. Sign it
3. Put it in an envelope (does not require a stamp) and send to:

Hon Tony Ryall
Minister of Health
Parliament Buildings
Molesworth Street
Wellington 6160

Dear Hon Tony Ryall

We call on you as Minister of Health to protect our children from tobacco marketing. Tobacco products are not normal consumer items. They are highly addictive, and cause lethal cancers. The average age of a new tobacco industry customer is 14. It is unacceptable to continue to allow tobacco products to be prominently displayed and marketed to children. Please act to protect our children. Help us get tobacco out of sight in retail outlets.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____



www.ProtectOurChildren.org.nz

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB AGM MONDAY 9 MARCH, 6.00 pm RUGBY CLUBROOMS

Please would all intending coaches, committee members and helpers attend. Come along and support your local junior rugby.

Apologies to: Mandy Knight (443 6088) or Grant Ruddenklau (443 5064)



2009 MAC SWIMMING SPORTS

Entry is optional and is taken on the day.

Events will be called and you can enter at this time. You need to be aware of the events you want to be in and listen out as there is no set time.

Swimmers must choose to enter either **Championship** (50m) or non championship (25m) events. You cannot swim in both. To be the MAC swimming champion you must swim in the championship events. There are more points on offer in the **open championship** events. The first three place-getters will get points which go toward their individual championship totals.

Each swimmer must enter at least two events.

All entries earn one house point. More points are awarded for placing in an event (6 for 1st, 5 for 2nd etc). Points are double for championship races.

All students are required to stay for the whole of the swimming programme. The school day finishes at the conclusion of the last event and the students will be released from the pool. A roll check will be taken at the beginning and at the end of the day.

Swimmers must swim in their own age group relays; any variation will be considered on a case-by-case basis by Ms Bradley (swimmers cannot swim below their age group). Team lists need to be completed before the race.

Swimmers must come prepared for hot and cold weather. Students must dress appropriately, bring drink bottles and food. If the weather is extremely wet, marshalling will take place in the gym.

Calling all parents... If you would like to assist with the organisation and time-keeping for the MAC Swimming Champs please contact Hamish Crosbie on 443 9901 or email him on crosbieh@mtaspiring.school.nz.

HPV Vaccination Programme (Year 8 / 9 Girls)

Year 8 girls were handed information and consent forms for this vaccination yesterday and the forms for Year 9 were given out today. Please complete these forms and return them to the college office as soon as possible.

It is important that the form is returned whether you consent to your daughter taking part in the campaign or not.

A reminder that there is an opportunity for parents of Year 9 girls to come and find out more at 10.45 am next Thursday 26 February when the Year 9 girls have their information session in the gym.

UGLY SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

From which famous play does this quotation come?
"wear my heart upon my sleeve"

Next Thursday Mount Aspiring College plays host to the Ugly Shakespeare Company who are bringing their interpretation of "Othello" to the school for your entertainment and delight.

The Ugly Shakespeare company are famous for their fast paced and irreverent style where three energetic and frantic actors take the audience on a journey through this incredible Shakespearean tragedy.

Recently these performances have been open only to students of Drama, but this year the college is offering every student the opportunity to experience this stunning theatrical phenomenon.

The performance is during Period 2 on Thursday 26 February and students must either bring the \$5.00 charge to school in advance or hand \$5.00 to their whanau teacher before the show on the day. A tear-off slip is provided below for money coming into the college office.

I enclose \$5.00 for the **Ugly Shakespeare Company** performance on Thursday 26 February.

Student's Name -----

(please print clearly)

Whanau: -----

2009 MAC SWIMMING SPORTS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 24 February

9.00 am start

Event	Event Name	Gender
1	25m Butterfly Championship Open	Girls
2	25m Butterfly Championship Open	Boys
3	100m IM Open Championships	Girls
4	100m IM Open Championships	Boys
5	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
6	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
7	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
8	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
9	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
10	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
11	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
12	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
13	Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
14	Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
15	Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
16	Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
17	Backstroke Championship 50m 14 -15 yrs	Girls
18	Backstroke Championship 50m 14 -15 yrs	Boys
19	Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs	Girls
20	Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs	Boys
21	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
22	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
23	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
24	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
25	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Girls
26	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Boys
27	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
28	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
29	Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
30	Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
31	Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
32	Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
33	Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Girls
34	Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Boys
35	Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs	Girls
36	Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs	Boys
37	14 Man House Relay	
	LUNCH TIME	
38	100m Freestyle Open Championship	Boys
39	100m Freestyle Open Championship	Girls
40	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Boys
41	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Girls
42	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
43	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
44	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
45	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
46	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
47	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
48	Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
49	Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
50	Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
51	Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
52	Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Boys
53	Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Girls
54	Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs	Boys
55	Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs	Girls
56	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Boys
57	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Girls
58	House Relay 13 yrs	Boys
59	House Relay 13 yrs	Girls
60	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Boys
61	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Girls
62	House Relay O16 yrs	Boys
63	House Relay O16 yrs	Girls