



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

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2009 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected into leadership positions to work for you.

House Leaders

BARKER

Guy Wilson and Breanna McNeill
(Deputies: Andrew Hamilton, Hugo Topping, Sarah Cashen, Jasmyn White)

IRON

Ryan Limmer and Nicole Andrews
(Deputies: Niall Pearson, Aidan Young, Greta Hewitt)

PISA

Taylor Hammond and Briar Peters
(Deputies: Mitch Stougie, Michelle Bowie)

ROY

Nick Jolly and Leah Pihama
(Deputies: Jack Beattie, Hannah James, James McCaughan)



Above: Roy House Leaders, Leah and Nick
Below: Iron House Leaders, Ryan and Nicole



Above: Barker House Leaders, Breanna and Guy
Below: Pisa House Leaders, Briar and Taylor



The 2009 Student Council Executive

Pictured below are:

Chairperson: Peyton Sweeney (middle)
Deputy Chairperson: Isy Harris (front right)
Secretary: Sarah Cashen (middle right)
Treasurer: Greta Hewitt (middle left)
BOT Rep: Alex Black (front left)
Co-opted member: Nick Jolly (back)



A Word From Your Student Council Chairperson

Hiya! I'm 17, moved to Wanaka two and a half years ago and have never felt so welcomed into a school and community as here in Wanaka. Being on the student council and furthermore becoming chairperson is an honour. I want the year of 2009 to be one in which the student council broadens its horizons beyond the senior school, strengthens the relationship between year levels and makes sure that everyone enjoys the amazing school environment that is 'MAC'. Looking forward to a fantastic year! **Peyton Sweeney**



The 2009 Student Council

Peyton Sweeney, Isy Harris, Sarah Cashen, Greta Hewitt, Alex Black, Nick Jolly, Meg Snowdon, Leah Pihama, Taylor Hammond, Jack Beattie, Christan Long, Mitch Stougie, Nial Pearson, Hannah James, Laura Prescott, Zoe Kefala, Bene Schwarz and Tom Sherson.



MAC FORMAL 2009

Saturday 4 April

Theme - Black Tie (dress to impress!)

The staff and senior students of Mount Aspiring College invite parents of students attending the formal to join us at The Venue, Orchard Road from 8.00 to 9.00 pm

We also require parent volunteers to assist staff during the night of the school formal. If you are available and able to assist, please contact Joss Walker on 9901 x 826.

The evening is a wonderful occasion for the staff, students and parents to mix in a social situation with a nice mix of etiquette and informality. It is however a college event and, as such, all school rules regarding alcohol, drugs, smoking and behaviour apply.

The clear blue sky
Hosting no clouds
Lush green grass
Gracious

Poem
by 8WT

The Sun
An oven, heating the earth
Scorch my back
Gently kissing my cheeks
The white speck of a seagull
Appears
And swirls around
The light blue blanket sky
Screeching
In the distance
A quiet human
The playground
Stands still
Anonymous
The wind cruises through the trees
Swirls across my face
One lonely cloud awaits
And sighs
Witch-like bees buzz
It's hard to stay awake.

SIR PETER BLAKE TRUST - YOUTH ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Congratulations to Molly Holloway who will attend the 2009 Youth Environment Forum in Wellington during the holidays. Molly will be one of the three delegates selected from the Otago region to participate in this all-expenses paid trip. She was selected on the basis of her letter describing her opinion on environmental issues and will join 45 other delegates from around New Zealand to participate in workshops, field trips and other activities.



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

Suit Hire for the MAC Formal

Glenn from Ace Suit Hire, Dunedin will be at the International Language Centre at the college on **Sunday 22 March** (Otago Anniversary weekend) from 11.00 pm to 12.00 pm to measure boys who wish to hire suits for the formal.

For further information call Karen on 443 5064.

MACLIC corner:

[Bookworm Favourite books for girls](#)



All these books have been listed on the "bookworm" by at least one girl as their favourite. Does this inspire your next read?

Favourite books for girls aged 11 or 12 are:

Finding Father, by Pauline Cartwright - CAR
Fiddlesticks, by Alan Fraser - FRA 600
The Priests of Ferris
Mother Stone, by Maurice Gee - GEE
Once, by Morris Gleitzman - GLE
With Lots of Love From Georgia, by Brigid Lowry - LOW
Tomorrow (series), by John Marsden - MAR
Aldophus Tips, by Michael Morpurgo - MOR
Ways to Live Forever, by Sally Nicholls - NIC
Goosebumps, by R. L. Stine - STI
Candyfloss, by Jacqueline Wilson - WIL

Favourite books for girls aged 13 and 14 are:

Chinese Cinderella, by Adeline Yen Mah - 92 MAH
Shearwater Bell, by Margareth Beames - BEA790
Tiger Eyes, by Judy Blume - BLU
Dear Mr. Sprouts, by Errol Broome - BRO
Missing Judy Love letters, by Anne Cassidy - CAS
Across the Nightingale Floor, by Lian Hearn - HEA
Pip: The Story of Olive, by Kim Kane - KAN
Good Night Mr. Tom, by Marjorie Magorian - MAG
Peter Pan in Scarlet, by Geraldine McCaughrean—MCC
Twilight, by Stephanie Meyer - MEY
Hunted, by Chris Ryan - RYA
A Series of Unfortunate Events, by Lemony Snicket - SNI
The Polar Express, by Chris van Allsburg - VAN 520 /P
The Diamond Girls, by Jacqueline Wilson - WIL

Favourite books for girls aged 15 and older are:

A child called "It", by Dave Pelzer
Bent Not Broken, Lauren Roche - 306.72
Ravens Gate, by Anthony Horowitz - HOR
The Thin line, by V. R. Joseph - JOS
Plain Truth, by Jodi Picoult - PIC
Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone, by J. K. Rowling - ROW
Harry Potter & the Half Blood Prince, by J. K. Rowling - ROW
Third Degree, by Tania Roxborough - ROX
Fairest, by Gail Carson Levine - LEV

Florence Micoud - librarian

Important Dates

Week 6	9 - 13 March Monday 9 March	Pounawea Camp 2 Level 3 Outdoor Pursuits Kayak Trip
Week 7	Thursday 19 March	Team Up Conferences
Week 8	Monday 23 March Wednesday 25 March 26 - 27 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed Team Up Conferences Summer Quadrangular Tournament
Week 9	Monday 30 March Monday 30 March Wednesday 1 April Thursday 2 April Saturday 4 April	Level 3 Geography Field Trip Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination Youth Careers Expo Level 2 Geography Field Trip MAC Formal
Week 10	Tuesday 7 April Thursday 9 April	Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination - catch-up day Last day of Term 1

Sponsored by:



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MESSAGES LEFT ON THE COLLEGE VOICEMAIL

Automated phone systems are fantastic but, sadly, we have to work within their capabilities. We have had a couple of indecipherable messages left on the office phone system this week where the caller has announced their name and number **before** the message recording facility has started. Please note that you must hear **both** of the following messages before starting to talk and also wait for the recording tone:

- 1) Please wait to leave a message when prompted...
- 2) Please leave your message after the tone...
- 3) Tone .. NOW LEAVE MESSAGE

We apologise that we have not been able to act upon the messages received earlier this week. Please remember that the office is manned until 5.00 pm each day and it is often easier to speak to the office directly if you have a concern.

MAC BOOTCAMP

Hard out - good fun - group fitness training. Free sessions run Fridays at lunchtime and Mondays at 3:30 pm.

Meet at Room

23 ready to run!



Athletics Champions

<u>Year 7 Boys</u>	1st	John Steven
	2nd	Toby Lee
	3rd	Thomas Hill
<u>Year 7 Girls</u>	1st	Ruby Coers
	2nd	Holly Bailey
	3rd	Billie Scurr
<u>Year 8 Boys</u>	1st	Mattison Hooper
	2nd	Hamish Thomson
	3rd=	Elliot Mason
		Denham Bayer
		Stefan Schwarz
		Fraser Hannon
<u>Year 8 Girls</u>	1st	Millie Gordon
	2nd	Libby Jones
	3rd	Emma Jay
<u>Under 14 Boys</u>	1st	Lorenz Kissling
	2nd	Gabriel Schwarz
	3rd	Brendon Murdoch
<u>Under 14 Girls</u>	1st	Jessica Bailey
	2nd	Allie Swale
	3rd	Sophie Mercer
<u>Under 16 Boys</u>	1st	Tom Hewson
	2nd=	Greg Redai
		Josh Dickson
<u>Under 16 Girls</u>	1st	Cholena Perry
	2nd	Courtney Poole
	3rd	Kaitlin Saunders
<u>Over 16 Boys</u>	1st	Nic Brooker
	2nd	Andrew Hamilton
	3rd	George Beattie
<u>Over 16 Girls</u>	1st=	Rebecca Farrant
		Katarina Schwarz
	3rd	Michelle Bowie

HOUSE POINTS

BARKER 1139, PISA 1027,
ROY 1015, IRON 954

Athletics Records Broken in 2009

<u>Boys 800m</u>	2009 Year 7	John Steven	2.44.00sec
	1993 Year 7	Glen Mayen	2.45.75sec
<u>Boys 400m</u>	2009 U16	Josh Dickson	58.25sec
	1987 U16	Jason Fullerton	58.29sec
<u>Boys 800m</u>	2009 U16	Greg Redai	2.12.28sec
	2008 U16	Tom Mulqueen	2.20.20sec
<u>Girls 200m</u>	2009 Year 7	Ruby Coers	31.00 sec
	2002 Year 7	Sarah Gourlay	31.74sec
<u>Girls 400m</u>	2009 Year 7	Ruby Coers	1.10.97 sec
	1991 Year 7	Vanessa Robertson	1.13.44sec
<u>Girls 800m</u>	2009 Year 7	Ruby Coers	2.55.22 sec
	2001 Year 7	Sarah Smith	2.57.82sec
<u>Girls 1500m</u>	2009 Year 7	Ruby Coers	5.41.00 sec
	2008 Year 7	Millie Gordon	6.26.51sec
<u>Girls Shot Put</u>	2009 Year 7	Billie Scurr	7.05 m
	1991 Year 7	Cindy Adair	6.50m
<u>Girls High Jump</u>	2009 Year 7	Holly Bailey	1.30m
	2009 Year 7	Sarah Crabbie	1.30m
	1999 Year 7	Casey Ollerenshaw	1.29m
<u>Girls Shot Put</u>	2009 Year 8	Libby Jones	8.37m
	1992 Year 8	Cindy Adair	8.06m
<u>Girls Discus</u>	2009 Year 8	Libby Jones	24.74m
	1991 Year 8	Bronwyn Sami	24.70m
<u>Girls 400m</u>	2009 U16	Courtney Poole	1.07.78sec
	2004 U16	Bonnie Mahon	1.09.04sec
<u>Girls Javelin</u>	2009 O16	Leah Pihama	23.43m
	2005 O16	Christina Johnston	21.28m

MAINLY TRAMPING SEASON SKI GEAR HIRE

- ◆ Standard skis, boots and poles.
- ◆ Limited to the first 20 students. MAC ID required.
- ◆ All season rental \$200 if booked by 31 March.
- ◆ All season rental \$250 if booked before 31 May.
- ◆ All season rental \$350 from 1 June.

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.

Full information regarding **STUDENT SKI PASS OPTIONS** for our various ski fields is currently being collected and will be published in next week's newsletter.

BEGINNERS ROWING COURSE

16 March - 19 April

> Open to boys and girls aged 13 and over and you must be able to swim 50 metres
> Train for 5 weeks with the aim to race at fun regatta at Lake Hayes on Sunday 19th April
> 3 sessions per week. Probably Monday and Thursday 6.30 am or 3.45 pm depending on light /conditions, and Saturday 8.00 am

OR Try coxing - you need to be 55kg or lighter - you get to be the boss!

To register interest or find out more information call Club Captain, Amanda Inkster on 443 6944 or 021 247 8879 or email outtatown@xtra.co.nz

Upper Clutha Hockey Club AGM

Tuesday 17 March , 7.00 pm, @ 79 Riverbank Road

All welcome to attend.

All enquiries to Sue Telford (443 9257).

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

AIKIDO CLUB

Mondays, 3.30-4.30 pm, MAC Performance Room

\$20 per term to contribute to purchase of 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

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

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)

YOUNG NEW ZEALANDERS DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

A large numbers of students have now signed up for this scheme and there are already some overnight tramps in the planning stages. Pictured right are Hannah Scott, Sally Rutherford, Laura Cates, Sarah Lees, Sam Crone, Michael Jolly and Henry Schikker who made a great effort to complete the expedition component of the Bronze Award when they tramped into Welcome Flat hut last weekend. On the first day the team made a speedy ascent to the hut in five hours.

It rained heavily in the night and continued for the whole of the return trip out and the team had to make some quite serious river crossings. However, they made good time, kept together and maintained very high spirits. The 'shadow team' (Peter Rutherford, Barbara Stevens & Mike Scott) had nothing but praise for their attitude. Congratulations on turning a potentially miserable walk into a really great time.

Any students who have not yet signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme can pay \$27.00 to the office and then get their booklets from Karen Rochford (bronze) or Andrea Woolley (silver and gold).



WANTED: Talented Young Maori for 'I AM TV' Show

Looking for musicians, artists, sports people, drama students, award winners, inventors, and, and, and

If you think you have a talent that you would like to share email Ellie.Callahan@tvnz.co.nz

NEED A KILT FOR WINTER?

Apparel Studios only carry a low stock of MAC kilts. If you wish to purchase a new kilt for next term you should call in to Apparel Studios to place your order as kilts take 8 weeks from ordering to delivery.

REAP workshops coming up:

"Harakeke for Beginners" Traditional art of Maori flax weaving. Thursday 19 March 6.00-9.00 pm (\$30) Bookings essential.

"Sustainable Cooking" preserving without preservatives. Learn the skills our grandparents had and grow your way out of a 'tin'. This course is in two sessions - Saturday 28 March and Saturday 4 April 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Bottle home-made spaghetti and tomato soup plus a variety of chutneys and learn to utilise what is readily grown.

"Coffee appreciation for the home-users" With Sarah from 'Venus Coffee'. Learn how to make great coffee at home. Thursday 2 April, 7.00-9.00 pm and Saturday 4 April, 9.30 am - 12 noon.

Brochures are available at the library. Bookings essential. Call 0800COREAP.

To find out more call Jo 4431706 or check out www.coreap.org.nz

Gateway, Careers Advisor, Students in the Community, Guidance Counsellor. What do these have to offer your child?

Friends of MAC would like to invite all parents / caregivers to an evening at the college on **Wednesday 18 March at 7.30 pm** in the staffroom.

Mary Chaffey (Students in the Community Co-ordinator), Marcus Bate (Gateway / Work Experience Co-ordinator), Karyn Munro (Guidance Counsellor) and Charlotte Lucas (Careers Advisor) will give a short presentation on their roles and these programmes within the school and in the community.

Come for a coffee, meet with the staff and other parents and hear what's going on in our school and how your child can participate in these programmes.

Uniform at the college

Although the majority of our students are very well presented, some non-uniform items are creeping into the college. We would appreciate your support in making sure our students continue to represent the college well in our uniform. A few points to highlight are:

- Girls black slip on shoes are okay to wear instead of sandals (as summer uniform), but cannot be worn with socks.
- No jandals
- Girls – plain white socks, any length, are okay with lace-up shoes
- Black lace-up shoes (small logos and white soles are okay so long as the shoe is black and lace up)
- Hoodies (or other non school jumpers) are not acceptable
- Hats are fine, but not indoors
- Undershirts need to match the uniform shirt colour (grey for boys, white for girls).
- In the colder months, students can wear a jacket if they have their correct winter uniform on underneath
- Jewellery—single discreet stud or sleeper in one or both ears only.

The full uniform code can be viewed on the MAC website. http://www.mtaspiring.school.nz/Documents/MAC_GeneralInfo08.pdf

Uniform is available for purchase from Apparel Studio, 11 Frederick Street (off Ballantyne Road). Opening hours 9.00 to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, EFTPOS available. Second-hand uniform is occasionally advertised in the college newsletter or may be available from the Wanaka Primary School Op Shop, Warren Street, open Tuesday and Thursday, 12.00 to 4.00pm.

If there is a reason as to why your student cannot wear the correct uniform then please send them with a note, which they will then need to take to their dean at the start of the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Greg Thornton

HPV Vaccination Programme (Year 8 / 9 Girls)

Please complete the consent forms and return them to the college office by next Monday. If you have any queries regarding the vaccination the nurses at the Aspiring Medical Centre and the Wanaka Sexual Health Clinic are very happy to answer these for you. Please call 4431226.

Please note that it is important that all vaccination forms are returned to the college next Monday whether you consent to your daughter taking part in the campaign or not.

"The Gift of Dyslexia" Join us for an Informative Evening with Ronald D Davis

author of the international bestseller "The Gift of Dyslexia"
Are you / your child bright and talented, but...
...struggling with Reading or Math?
...emotional about school or homework?
...can't sit still or pay attention?

Wednesday March 11 2009 7-9pm

Queenstown Primary School Hall

Tickets (\$10) available from

www.ticketdirect.co.nz or 0800- 224224
(booking fee applies)