



**MOUNT
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Te Kāreti O Maunga Titiitēa

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What a long way we've come!



When you're at the A & P Show this weekend make sure to visit the Mount Aspiring College stand which is located to the left of the ferris wheel. We will be presenting the essence of MAC - 'Twenty Years Young' this year (since the official opening by Princess Anne). The stand will highlight our current strengths and profile the stepping stones and achievements along the way.

You will be able to browse through photographic, magazine and video archive from the last twenty years and be entertained by some of our senior music and drama students (Friday lunchtime / afternoon). You can also find out more about life at MAC now by chatting to the Year 13 students who will be manning the stand on both days. After glimpsing / re-visiting our past make sure that you sign up to our Facebook Group where you can rekindle old friendships and keep informed about the latest events here at Mount Aspiring College.



We've had a strong reminder over the last week that winter is coming – and early. Don't get caught unprepared, get your organic firestarters from the A & P Show. Mount Aspiring College, in partnership with the community, offer the perfect solution. 'Nature's Spark' organic firestarters are fantastic little sticks of tinder dry firewood naturally impregnated with sap just waiting to bring those flames alight in your grate or log burner. Perfect for getting your fire roaring.

Each box lasts approximately one month and is available at the A & P show or the college office for \$15.

See www.naturesspark.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).

Year 9 - 13 and Senior Men & Women Registration Day 25 March

Year 1 - 8 Grading & Registration Day 1 April.

Hockey Tuition by Coachforce Saturday 4 April 2pm all welcome.



Parenting Through Separation

Topics include:

- How separation affects children
- What children need during separation
- Talking with children
- Talking with ex-partners about arrangements for the children
- Keeping children away from arguments
- How the Family Court works

16 & 26 March, 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Wanaka - venue to be confirmed

For more information call Julie on 027 6039931 or email julesq@xtra.co.nz.

News from the ILC

Pictured above are some of the 2009 ILC team. On Tuesday 17 March we will be having a homestay family pot luck BBQ at Claire's place. We hope to see as many families there as possible.

A World of Global Experiences to Share....

Photos, questions, laughs and learning - 9 years and 45 countries!

D'Arcy Lunn is cycling around the South Island and visiting schools and communities to promote global awareness through an educational and interactive presentation and quiz. He will be speaking to Year 9 Social Studies students next week and will also be having an evening session for parents and interested community members. Please feel free to come along:

Room 28, Mount Aspiring College, Monday 16 March, 7.30 pm

For more information visit <http://au360.yahoo.com/lunny06>

If you are using a locker and have not paid for it please come and pay your \$10 to the office—we will be checking up on locker usage next week!

MACLIC corner:

MACLIC Book club has been busy creating the new display for the library. From choosing the theme, gathering the materials, deciding on the layout, designing it with lots of glitter to finally picking up the relevant books from the shelves! FANTASY is the first theme, because it is a great genre and fairly easy to illustrate. Check out the FANTASY display and read fantastic books!



WOW at MAC

The College was the lucky recipient of the Writers on Wheels tour, organised by the NZ Book Council. The writers included Steve Braunias (Non-fiction), Janet Charman (Poetry), Anna Mackenzie (Teen Fiction), Vanda Symon (Crime Fiction) and David Geary (Scriptwriting). Check out their profile on <http://www.bookcouncil.org.nz/writers/index.html> More than 120 students listened attentively to 5 writers, telling how they became a writer and other stories...



Florence Micoud - librarian

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.

Important Dates

Week 7	Thursday 19 March
Week 8	Monday 23 March Wednesday 25 March 26 - 27 March
Week 9	Monday 30 March Monday 30 March Tuesday 31 March Wednesday 1 April Thursday 2 April Saturday 4 April
Week 10	Tuesday 7 April Thursday 9 April

Team Up Conferences
Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
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Summer Quadrangular Tournament
Level 3 Geography Field Trip
Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, MAC Boardroom
Youth Careers Expo
Level 2 Geography Field Trip
MAC Formal
Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination - catch-up day
Last day of Term 1

Sponsored by:



NEW WORLD

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

SEASON SKI PASSES FOR LOCAL STUDENTS 'IN A NUTSHELL'

SNOW PARK

No information available at this stage. Check out www.snowparknz.com

CARDRONA

Local school students
Years 1-8 \$70 *
Years 9-13 \$115 *
Forms will available from the college office next week. These MUST be purchased by **18 May** (local adult by 18 March).

TREBLE CONE *

Local school students (all ages) \$149 *
Locals family pass (2 children) \$1749
Forms available from the college office. These MUST be purchased by **31 March**.

SNOW FARM

Local school students (all ages)
Trail Pass \$85 *
Pass and Gear Hire \$125 *
These MUST be purchased by **30 April**. Contact admin@snowfarmnz.com to purchase. If you would like to know more about the New Zealand Nordic Sports coaching programme which includes trail fees and gear hire please visit www.nordicnz.com.

* **Students must either show their student ID card when purchasing their pass or get their form stamped at the college office as proof of student status.**

Has your child performed well at a sporting event? Please email Kellie Bailey: baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz.

Otago Southland Triathlon

Thirteen MAC students attended the Otago/Southland Triathlon in Cromwell at the end of February. Congratulations to Constantin Vogt and Sam Lee who placed second and third respectively in the Year 11-13 Individual Male event and to Brooke Dickey, Jessica Bailey and Meg Topping who placed second in the Year 9-10 Girls Team event.

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.

'Olympic' Style Gymnastics Display Tuesday 17 March, 3.30 - 4.30 pm MAC Gymnasium

Danielle Baker is a professional gymnastics coach from the United States. If you are keen on gymnastics make sure that you come and watch her display. If there are enough interested students Danielle will be running a regular Tuesday session after school until the end of this term. For more information call 4438308.

Maths Tutorials, Term 1

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Week	Mon 3.20	Tues 1.20	Wed 1.20	Thurs 3.20	Fri 3.20
7	WA	TH	EL		JD
8		WA	HW	EL	JD
9		WA	HW	EL	JD
10	WA	TH	EL		

All tutorials will be in room 7. Staff will be there for the first 10 minutes and will then leave if no students have turned up.

TH	Greg Thornton	WA	Heather Watt
EL	Annette Ellwood	HW	Jo Hawkins
JD	Warren Judkins		

MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY

For ALL Players Intending to Play
Thursday 19 March 2009
3.30 – 6.30pm

Rugby Clubrooms, Wanaka Showgrounds
All players must be registered and have paid their subs prior to taking the court
Enquiries to Karen Ruddenklau on 443 5064

GOOD LUCK TO:

- ◆ Hannah Lumsden, Saasha Bruce, Dominic Schwarz, Alexandra Winsloe, Eachann Bruce, Nicholas Jackson, Lee Martin, Kaitlin Saunders, Georgina Galloway and Rebecca Clark who are all competing in the South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Champs in Twizel this weekend.
- ◆ Jessica Bailey, Shilo Gibson, Fran Stapper, Tennessee Davis, Brooke Hawkins, Matt Jackson and Hugo Ayres who are competing in the Otago Paddles Up on the Hawea River this Saturday and Sunday.

CENTRAL OTAGO PRIMARY SWIM SPORTS

Well done to Millie Gordon, Holly Ansley, Guy Gibb, Josh Timu, Jayden Fisher, Michael Shannon, Ady Vincenzi-Johnson, Tegan Vink, Tim Ecroyd, Tarryn Dickson, Princess Adcock, Sydney Telfer, Francis Freeman, Callum Carbon, Tessa Henderson, Hailee Humphrey who represented the College at the CO Primary Swim Sports in Cromwell last Wednesday.

Podium finishers were:

Millie Gordon - Girls Open: 1st in Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly and 3rd in Breaststroke
Guy Gibb - Boys Open: 3rd in 50m Freestyle
Tegan Vink - 11 Year Boys: 3rd in Freestyle, Breaststroke and Butterfly
Francis Freeman - 12 Year Boys: 1st in 25m Breaststroke
Hailee Humphrey - 12 Year Girls: 2nd in 25m Breaststroke
Tessa Henderson - 12 Year Girls: 3rd in 25m Breaststroke
Ady Vincenzi-Johnson - 10 Year Girls: 2nd in 25m Freestyle and 3rd in 25m Breaststroke
A special congratulations to **Millie Gordon** who was the overall girls champion.

Our relay teams also did very well:

Girls 12 Years: 1st, Boys 11 Years: 2nd, Girls 11 Years: 3rd, Mixed Medley 2nd.

Thank you to Justin Ansley who managed the team and also to all the parent helpers who helped with transport and time keeping.



Important Sporting Dates

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

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

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!

NETBALL COACHES required for our Year 7 / 8 netball teams. Games are played on a Fridays from 3.15pm until 5.00pm. If you are interested in coaching please contact Kellie Bailey at MAC.

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DAY

for players intending to play in teams from U14 down to U5's

Thursday 19 March 2009
Rugby Clubrooms, 3.30 – 6.30 pm

Enquiries to Mandy Knight on 443 6088

GOOD LUCK to Tom Hewson, Greg Redai, George Beattie, Leah Pihama and Breanna McNeill who are all competing at the Otago Athletics Champs in Dunedin this Saturday.

Stage Challenge 2009

The college's Stage Challenge Committee is in full-flight, getting ready for this year's event that takes place in Dunedin on Tuesday 5 May. Please note that if you've signed up for Stage Challenge, rehearsals are running on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you're unsure of which group you are in talk to any member of the Stage Challenge Committee (Kat, Laura, Susie, Greta, Rosemary, and Cathey).

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Thank you to all those parents who have already sent in their Team Up requests. Interview times are now being allocated and these will be returned to you via your child - please check in with them for the appointment sheet. There are still plenty of interview slots left so get those forms back to the office as soon as possible.

MAC polar fleece (small) for sale. Hardly worn. Call Jane on 4434567.

WANTED:

Ball gowns to hire or borrow for MAC Formal. If you can help please call Joss Walker on 443 9901 x 826

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



Kids Art in Wanaka

Students are invited to enter work into the Wanaka Art Society Easter Exhibition / Silent Auction. Deliver your work of art (one only) on Wednesday 8 April by 10.00 am to the Lake Wanaka Centre with your \$2.00 entry fee. Queries to Sue Davidson (443 7139).

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.

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.

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.

QLDC HEART OF THE DISTRICT AWARDS

Nominations are now open for these prestigious community awards. Groups or individuals can be nominated for their contribution in one of the following categories: **Arts, Landscape and urban design, Youth, Business, Environmental and heritage, Social and cultural.** Nomination forms can be downloaded from the council website homepage www.qldc.govt.nz. Nominations must be received by 27 March '09.



REAP workshops coming up:

"Harakeke for Beginners" Traditional art of Maori flax weaving. Thursday 19 March or Thursday 26 March, 6.00-9.00 pm (\$30).

"Sustainable Cooking" preserving without preservatives. Learn the skills our grandparents had and grow your way out of a 'tin'. Two sessions - Saturday 28 March and Saturday 4 April 10.00 am - 2.00 pm.

"Coffee appreciation for the home-users" 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.

7BD and 7GO Pounaweia Camp 2009



Level 3 OP Kayaking trip

Last weekend the Level 3 Outdoor Pursuits classes spent a couple of days kayaking on the Shotover River. We drove into Skippers canyon on Sunday. This in itself was an adventure for most of the group. The real action began with the river trips on the upper section of the "Shotty". This grade 2 river has over 7km of challenging whitewater. The students paddled in small groups, each under the supervision of an instructor. Each group had trained to be able to be independent on this grade of water. They used their skills to inspect rapids, paddle safely and help each other when capsizes occurred. There were plenty of spills and thrills along the way. There was also a huge improvement in paddling skills as they became more confident at negotiating the rapids and looking after each other.

This was fabulous trip in a wild and scenic part of our region. The students gained skills in trip planning and group management as well as taking on the personal challenge of the rapids. We expect them to now transfer that learning into future challenges.

