



**MOUNT  
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COLLEGE**  
Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

# NEWSLETTER PANUI

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## Clare Scurr

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Clare Scurr to the permanent teaching staff. Clare was appointed yesterday from a very strong field of applicants. 7MF will become 7SC without interruption to their programme.



## Summer Quad

This year's Quad Tournament is in Te Anau and is hosted by Fiordland College. Our team of fifty students and six staff left yesterday for two days of exciting competition. This year's events include:

- Haka and Waiata
- Clash of the Colleges
- Orienteering
- Volleyball
- Speech and Quiz
- Swimming
- Touch

Competition to be selected was once again fierce and our team received a rousing send off from the rest of the college at this week's assembly.

## Westpac – The great \$5 Debitplus Secondary Schools Promotion

Congratulations to everyone who opened a new Debitplus Visa card last year with Westpac. Mount Aspiring College received the most endorsements in the Southern region. As a result I received a cheque for \$800 last Wednesday from Barbara Lewis, manager of the Wanaka branch. Thanks again to the Wanaka community and Westpac bank. We hope to put this money towards a MAC marquee for future events.



*Wayne Bosley*

## Gold Rush 2009

Detailed below is an account written by Liam Vincent of his team's experience competing in the Goldrush race over the weekend. The team were fantastic ambassadors for the college and we are really proud of them.

*"Well, while most of you would have been enjoying a nice, relaxing long weekend, a few of us were pushing ourselves to our limits in the 3 day, 375km Multisport race known as Goldrush. Those few were (pictured below right to left) Harry Llewellyn, Constantin Vogt, Liam Vincent and (the man we couldn't have done it without) our support crew Chris Waugh. We set out on Friday after school to Alexandra where we had a race briefing with the hundreds of competitors including 22 school teams.*

*After a coolish night spent in a camping ground we set off to the start line where Harry had an amazing 30km kayak right into a head wind. We were flying along coming out 6th overall. From here it was our weakest leg - a 35km mountain bike which was almost all uphill. Then Constantin brought it home with a great 18km mountain run to put us in the school lead overnight by just over a minute.*

*After waking up the next morning at Manorburn Dam with ice on our tents we knew that it would be a cool morning. The day started with a 52km mountain bike, then a 24km road bike, a 15km run and a 58km mountain bike to finish. We knew this would be our weakest day and we just had to hold on. This we did with Southland Boys High taking the lead from our second place by 18 minutes.*

*The end of the day took us to Tarras which was the starting point for day 3 where Constantin had a amazing 42km road bike coming in first over the other school teams by a few seconds. From here Harry was in his kayak for 39km down the Clutha river and we had some great supporters at the Albert Town bridge. Another great kayak by Harry gave us a big lead as he was right up there with the fastest in the day. I then jumped on my road bike for 50km to just before Alexandra and I managed to stay up with the lead pack for a while which helped us a lot heading into Constantin's 13km run for home in central Alexandra. We had an almost perfect day and won by 14 minutes over Southland Boys having gained 32 minutes on them in the final day.*

*This is definitely a memory that will be with me and the rest of the guys for a long time to come. During the race and prior we certainly felt that we had the support of the Wanaka community and a huge thank you to Chris Waugh who pushed us along throughout the whole weekend. We couldn't have done it without you. So all you year 11's and 12's start training now so that we can make it MAC two years in a row!"*



## Parents Helping Parents - Year 10

Friends of MAC would like to invite all **parents of Year 10** pupils to an evening on Thursday 2 April at 7.30 pm in the East Common Room at Mount Aspiring College.

The purpose of the evening is to provide parents of teenagers with support, information and an opportunity to discuss (**teenage related**) issues that they are dealing with. Issues such as driving and youth, alcohol, parent to parent communication, boundary setting ... and more.

Those attending will include: MAC Guidance Counsellors, Dean of Year 10, Kahu Youth, Wanaka Police and other parents dealing with and thinking about these issues.

This is an opportunity to **gain information and share ideas**. It is intended as an informal evening, especially for parents of teenagers, and will give you a chance to access some of the excellent resources available to our community. For more information please phone Nicole Meldrum of Friends of MAC on 443 7768 or MAC Guidance Counsellor, Karyn Munro on 4439906.

**Thursday 2 April, 7.30 pm, East Common Room, MAC**

## Rutherford News

Year 9 and 10 students have made an enthusiastic start to this year's Rutherford programme with this term's activities including Maths extension, video conferences, a Model United Nations and mental workout exercises involving memory and problem solving. A change to Rutherford this year is that G.A.T.E. (gifted and talented extension) students will flow in and out of this year's programme depending on their strengths and interests.

Another difference to 2009 is that years 7 and 8 are now timetabled for Rutherford later in Terms 3 and 4. While they will be having extension activities, all other junior students will take part in alternative courses such as remedial work and Inquiry Learning projects.

Any enquiries please phone Kristine Logan on 443 9901.

## 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.

A few more parent volunteers to assist staff during the night of the school formal would be very helpful. If you are available and able to assist, please contact Joss Walker on 443 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.

### A note for Parents / Caregivers of senior students attending the formal

Please ask students for a separate newsletter which will be distributed next Wednesday afternoon. This is an important document with information which parents need to read.

## Farewell and Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to Dave and Marina of About Cleaning who have done an excellent job keeping our college clean over the last few years. ICS will take over the cleaning contract next week.

## MACLIC Corner

**Earth Hour** is on Saturday 28 March from 8.30pm to 9.30pm. To take part in this global event, all you need to do is to switch off your lights and electronic gadgets at 8.30pm for an hour. Pretty easy! See what is happening in Wanaka for the Earth Hour on <http://sustainablewanaka.co.nz/>

You can read more about Earth Hour here [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) and watch some of the Youtube clips below.

- How to participate in Earth Hour: <http://pop.youtube.com/watch?v=Bqvdyf0mpQo&feature=Playlist&p=003F73B68FBD21C8&index=10>
- Why and How (not in English- see if you still get it!) [http://pop.youtube.com/watch?v=3C3Q\\_\\_Q9gwk](http://pop.youtube.com/watch?v=3C3Q__Q9gwk) .
- History of Earth Hour, global event: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CRs-7IRIPo>

Check out **MACLIC blog** <http://maclib.blogspot.com/>

Here you will find news and events, books and comments, also useful links and the library rules.



You can leave comments at any time. If you want your book review to be published, email it to [micoudf@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:micoudf@mtaspiring.school.nz). I will add the picture of the book cover and create a post for you. Add it to your blogger dashboard to follow the library news.

## Important Dates

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**Week 9** Monday 30 March  
Monday 30 March  
Monday 30 March  
Tuesday 31 March  
Friday 3 April  
Thursday 2 April  
Saturday 4 April  
**Week 10** Monday 6 April  
Tuesday 7 April  
Thursday 9 April

Level 3 Geography Field Trip  
Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination  
Youth Careers Expo  
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, MAC Boardroom  
Mufti Day - Theme: Black and Gold  
Level 2 Geography Field Trip  
MAC Formal  
Level 3 Geography Field Trip  
Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination - catch-up day  
Last day of Term 1

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Greg Redai who competed at the Otago Southland Athletics meet last weekend and gained 2nd in the 1500m and 3rd in the 800m. He has qualified through to the Southland Champs which take place on Saturday 4 April.

### RUGBY NEWS

Well done to our Year 8 Ripa Rugby team who competed in Cromwell last Thursday. They had an outstanding day, played wonderful rugby and had a great time. They won every game going into the final but were unfortunately just pipped at the post by Maniatoto for first place.

### MOTATAPU ICEBREAKER

Congratulations to the following hostel students who also competed really well in this event but were omitted from last week's newsletter.

**Gillian Dean** who was the first hostel girl (with a time of 3.49 hours) and **Alice Shirtcliff** who was the third hostel girl home. Also **Pete Gilmour** who was the fourth hostel boy home.

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next course will be held at Mount Aspiring College on April 28, 30 & May 5 & 7 (inclusive) from 7.00 - 9.00 pm.

Further information please contact Kaye Rowell Lakes Driver Training on 03 442 7073 or 027 623 3534 or email [krowell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:krowell@xtra.co.nz);

### NETBALL SUBS

Please note, players will not be allowed to "take the court" until their netball subs have been paid. This will be strictly enforced! Please see Kellie immediately for a registration form. Forms and payment can be left at the office. Cheques should be made payable to 'Mount Aspiring College Netball Club'.

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

### BASKETBALL NEWS

Basketball Trials for the MAC Teams take place in the gym on Tuesday 31 March. **Girls @ 5.00 pm, Boys @ 6.00pm.**

**There are over 30 wheelie bins around the college. Don't forget to use them!**

### Important Sporting Dates

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

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
3 April	Regional Bowls – Alexandra
6 April	NZ Secondary School Kayak Slalom Champs - Napier
8 April	Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon - Cromwell

### LAWN BOWLS UPDATE

Guy Wilson, Mark Tucker, Ryan Limmer, Jack Beattie, Hugo Topping, Nick Jolly, Vai Marama, Liam Vincent, Nic Haldezos, Luke Macdonald and George Beattie competed in the Central Otago Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls competition in Alexandra last Thursday. Congratulations to Guy and Mark (pictured above) who won the competition and now go on to the regional competition. Also to Nick and Hugo who won awards for the most improved male players and to Vai who was the most improved female player.



### GOOD LUCK TO:~

**Swimmers** - Emily Wilson, Ellie Brooks, Tane Duncan, Dylan Bradley, Millie Gordon, Tessa Henderson, Hailee Humphrey, Matt Henderson, Guy Gibb, Ellie Russell, Josh Timu, Tim Ecroyd, Tegan Vink, Francis Freeman, Holly Ansley who are off to the Otago Secondary and Primary Champs

**Equestrians** - Mandy Cooper, Hannah Armstrong, Cate Howie, Gen Scurr, Ceilidh Johnston and Anna Watson-Taylor, who are all competing in the Otago Schools Pony Event at Mosgiel this Saturday.

**Sailors** - Jack Beattie, Nick Jolly, Guy Wilson, Sarah Cashen, Katie Conroy, Hayden Dickey, Michael Jolly, Sarah Lees, Whitney Coers, Abbi Ayre, Sam Crone, Quinn Thompson, Jack Henderson and Richard Walmisley who are competing in the Teams 420 Schools Sailing Challenge at Aviemore over the weekend.

**Rowers** - Georgina Galloway and Saasha Bruce who are competing in the Maadi Cup at Twizel.

**Adventure** - The seven hostel teams who will be competing in the South Island Schools Adventure Race (expected to last between 6-12 hours) in Cromwell on Saturday.

### TREBLE CONE SKI PASSES

Don't forget that you need to get your locals student pass or family pass paid for by **Tuesday 31 March** to qualify for the special rate! Forms are available from the college office, or you can take your student ID card with you to the TC office in town (99 Ardmore Street - above Racers Edge).

### MUFTI DAY

Friday 3 April Theme: Black and Gold  
\$1 if dressed in theme, \$2 if not.

The money raised will assist Georgina and Saasha to get to the Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta at Karapiro in late March.

### MAINLY TRAMPING SEASON SKI GEAR HIRE FOR STUDENTS

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

## 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

## MAC Uniform For Sale

3 pairs grey shorts (88 cm)  
1 fleece (medium)  
1 grey shirt (medium)  
1 red polo shirt (medium)  
1 pair PE shorts (medium)  
3 pairs boys' MAC socks (large)

**Most items new or 'as new'.**  
Contact Jenny on 027 3931291

## 2008 Prizegiving DVDs

Would you like a copy of the Junior or Senior Prizegiving?  
Please bring \$15.00 to the office to order your copy.

## LIGHT THOSE FIRES WITH EASE!

Mount Aspiring College is offering 'Nature's Spark' organic firestarters. These 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 boxes are available from the college office for \$15. For more information see [www.naturesspark.co.nz](http://www.naturesspark.co.nz).



## URSPACE NEWS

### Is there anything which is NOT happening on Monday 30 March?!

### YOUTH CAREERS EXPO - Monday 30 March, Lake Wanaka Centre

This involves all Year 11, 12 and 13 students. The theme for this year is "Movin' On". There will be a good variety of local trades and businesses attending as well as University and Polytechnic providers and Industry Training Organisations (ITOs). All students will be gathering information to share back at school. Parents are invited to pop in any time during the afternoon. The timetable is as follows:

12:30 pm - Years 11 and 12 arrive at LWC to participate in interactive stalls.  
13:30 pm - Year 13 arrive  
13:40 pm - Speaker from Attitude  
14:15 pm - Years 11 and 12 return to school.  
15:10 pm - Year 13 free to leave Lake Wanaka Centre.

A huge thanks to Kahu Youth for organising this day for our students.

### Attitude Presentation - Monday 30 March, Period 3, East Common Room

Attitude is giving a presentation to Year 9's on the X factor and getting along with your family.

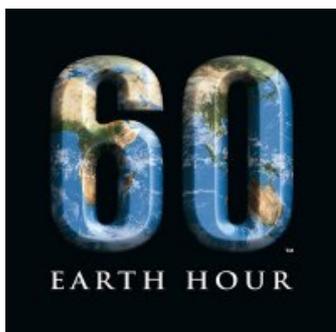
### Otago University Presentation - Monday 30 March, East Common Room

A presentation for all Year 13 students from 10.15—11.15 am.

**Wednesday 1 April** we have one of our lovely ex-students Abby Shaw giving a presentation to the seniors about life as a student at Lincoln University.

## Team Up Conferences Catch Up Session

A catch up session will be run on **Tuesday 7 April**. The idea is to give those parents that missed out an opportunity to meet teachers this term in a way that is the most convenient / efficient for all concerned. Given that this is an unplanned date rather than a scheduled one a few teachers may be unavailable and will contact parents directly if they have missed out on interview slots. However, for all teachers who are putting this date aside this will be the last opportunity this term to request an appointment. Please ask your child(ren) to approach the teachers concerned directly to make an appointment time.



Switch off your lights from 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Saturday night and add your voice to those around New Zealand and the world who are showing that they care about our fragile earth.

## HPV Vaccination Programme Update

A reminder that the first dose of the HPV vaccine will be given to the year 8 and 9 girls on **Monday 30 March**. If a student is away on that day, the nurses will return for a catch-up day on Tuesday 7 April. Only girls (under 16) whose parent or caregiver has consented in writing will be given the vaccine at school.

The approximate timetable will be as follows:

**11.20 All Year 8 girls**  
**12.50 9TC**  
**12.50 All other Year 9 girls**

All girls should come to the office at the times detailed above. The vaccinations will take place in the sick bays.

If you have not yet returned the consent form you can still do so. Extra forms are available from the school office.

Please ensure your daughter has had breakfast on the morning of the vaccination.

## MAKE EVERYDAY AN EARTH DAY

Turn everything off at night (standby power is estimated to be 11 percent of all power use in New Zealand. You can save around \$75 a year by turning off standby at night).

Reduce the use of your heated towel to no more than four hours a day. (This will also save you around \$100 a year.)

Do not use your dryer. Invest in a clothes horse and find a space inside your home during winter, all towels should be dried this way.

Have a screen-free hour. Turn off the television, computer and cell phone.

Commit to being a plastic bag free home. (Only taking reusable bags or boxes from the supermarket and do not line your household bin with plastic, you don't need it).

Commit to always giving consideration to pre-loved or second hand clothes and goods. Don't forget your trash may be someone else's treasure.

Only ever put a washing machine or dishwasher on with a full load.

Place a filled milk bottle or fizzy bottle in your cistern (if you are able to and reduce the flush!)

Buy a simple timer for the heater that would otherwise stay on 24 hours and have it turn on an hour before you get up and switch off when you leave the house. (This will save you money on your power bill and quickly pay for the cost of the timer.)

Turn off the lights when you leave a room and buy eco-bulbs from now on. (They use one-fifth of the power of a regular light bulb and last longer.)

## Suit hire for the MAC Formal

If you have ordered a suit from Ace Suit Hire your suits will be ready for collection on Thursday 2 April between 5.00 and 6.00 pm at the International Language Centre. Remember to bring your payment with you.