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Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

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## GATEWAY 2010

Last week the 2010 Gateway students held an afternoon tea to celebrate their success and to publicly thank their employers. Students spoke in front of an audience of parents, employers, industry representatives and college staff about their achievements during a year where they combined classroom and work-based learning and assessment. The students also talked about their 'next steps' which included being accepted for university and polytechnic courses, employment and apprenticeships in their chosen fields (one with his Gateway employer) and several returning for another year's study at school to move them further along their chosen career pathway. These very positive outcomes are in addition to the four students who left the programme during the year for full time local employment and apprenticeships. Well done guys!

A huge thank you to our continually supportive local employers for their support, training and mentoring of the 2010 Gateway students:

Employer	Industry / work area	Student
Montessori Children's House	Early Childhood Education	Emily Baines
Mount Aspiring College	Performance Production	Aaron Blackledge
Mount Iron Automotive Services	Automotive Engineering	Andrew Bird
Leyser Brothers	Horticulture	Callum Ceci
Treble Cone	Ski rentals	Jared Cunningham
Treble Cone	Tourism	Shennae Feisst
Wanaka Marine	Marine Engineering	Krystal Gilmour
Hawea Flat Kindergarden	Early Childhood Education	Larissa Hansen
Hawea Flat Kindergarden	Childcare	Emma Hayes
Simple Sites	IT Technician	Matt Jackson
Jolly Earthworks Ltd.	Civil Infrastructure	Adam McClintock
Breen Construction	Carpentry	Daniel Morrison
Cromwell Motorcycle Services	Motorcycle Engineering	Josh Nijhuis
Back Country Saddles	Equine	Ashlee O'Hagan
Wanaka Primary School	Business Administration	Renee Robinson
Amalgamated Builders Ltd.	Carpentry	Shannon Rowe
Wanaka Veterinary Centre	Animal Care	Caleb Shortcliffe de Waal
O'Hagan Builders	Carpentry	Joe Suttie
South Air	Aviation Engineering	Max Sydney

## LEAVERS' DINNER 2010

Pictured above, action from last Friday's very successful Leavers' Dinner. A highlight of the evening was a tribute to Mrs Janet Malloch (right) which was written by Joss Walker and performed by the students. Mrs Malloch has been a valued MAC staff member for the last 15 years and is retiring this

*Pictured below is some of the fantastic art work which was on display in the East Common*



## NEWS FLASH!

Some great results at the recent Central Otago Athletics. We will share these with you next week once these have been celebrated at assembly next Wednesday.

## MONEY MATTERS

Anyone with accounts to pay or library books to return, will be receiving their final account next week. We would really appreciate your payment as soon as possible. The School Magazine will be distributed to the eldest student in each family on Friday 3 December. However, it will NOT be given to any student(s) with unpaid accounts or non-returned books.

### ADDED INCENTIVE!

**Families with fully paid-up accounts and all library books returned by Tuesday 30 November will go into the draw for an Apple iPod Nano. Any queries please contact Kathy Tweedie. Thank you.**

### NO MORE CANTEEN / PHONE TABS

Please note that from now on until the end of the year there will be no more tabbing of phone calls and no more canteen vouchers. Please make sure that your son/daughter has some spare cash at school to make phone calls or purchase extra lunch.

**GOOD LUCK to the MAC 13th Grade Boys Futsal Team** who travel to Brisbane on Tuesday to play in the Australasian Schools Champion of Champions Futsal Tournament.

**Prime Cut Meats** are looking for a 16+ years school leaver for a fulltime **butchery apprenticeship**. Applicants must be strong and fit and should ideally be able to start straight away. Please contact the manager on 443 7591.

## PRIZEGIVING

If you would like to sponsor a prize, or group of prizes, please contact Greg Thornton on 443 9901

**WANTED:~ 4+ bedroom furnished home to rent for 2011 school year.** We are a professional responsible Northland family relocating to Wanaka to Wanaka from 27 January. No pets. Excellent references. Please contact Debbie on 09 4077342 / 021 0599399.

**Te Kakano Open Day**  
14 November  
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

**River House Concert**  
featuring Whirimoko Black.  
17 November, 7.30 pm . Tickets (\$25) available from Video Ezy.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:~

Sean Nugent who has been selected as a representative of the U16 Otago Country Cricket Team. Chloe Wigg and Accacia Murray who have recently gained their Junior Brown Belts in Karate.

**GOOD LUCK** to Ruby Coers, Nico Schikker, Toby Lee, Bronnie Ormandy, Alannah Stalker, Teegan Vink, Holly Bailey, Brynee Wilson, Josh Perkins, Julia Fauth, Josh Timu and Luke Ruddenklau who are competing in the Top Bike Competition in Invercargill today.

**A.C.T. presents "ACT II", featuring 3 original plays,** starring 28 incredibly talented Year 7-9 MAC Students. Lake Wanaka Centre, Thurs 18, Fri 19 November, 7 pm Admission \$15 / \$10.

## Get involved in the 7in7 Challenge

Mal Law is once again running 7 marathons in 7 days and encouraging others to join him to raise money for the Leukaemia & Blood Foundation (check out <http://www.7in7.org.nz/>). Students and members of the community can join in on Sunday 28 November either as spectators or as participating runners/walkers.

Individual or team participants are all welcome in this marathon which will start in Hawea and end in Macetown. Secondary school teams can consist of 4 members and there is a \$10 registration fee for each participant. It is hoped that teams will collect sponsors and there are prizes for the individual students with the highest amounts of sponsorship money raised. Information and sponsorship forms are available from the college office.

For further information contact Jennie on 443 6227 or email [jennieblen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jennieblen@xtra.co.nz).

## MACLIC

### Overcoming the "summer slide": students reading mileage and summer holidays

Studies have been carried out about the "summer slide" - the decline in reading achievement children suffer just from being away from school and formal literacy instruction. Sadly it is often the students who can least afford to lose the reading gains they've achieved during the school year who fall the furthest behind when they return to school after a summer break. It is characterised as the "Harry Potter divide", and the effects are cumulative and long-term.

Even just 10 minutes reading a day by or to children will maintain and develop the children's reading skills, habit and enthusiasm. It is important that the parents support their children in order to reap the powerful benefits of reading.

An easy way to do it is to **offer books for Christmas**. Cherub, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and the Hunger Games series are all winners. Children will love owning their own book. Book shop sellers would be able to make further recommendations.

If you choose to shop online, I recommend Wheelers website ([www.wheelers.co.nz](http://www.wheelers.co.nz)) because their range of books is huge (6.7 million books!). It is well organised and easy to use and the prices are very competitive. In addition, if you purchase from this website you can help raise funds for the college's library. Simply select Mt Aspiring College at the checkout stage.

Sometimes teachers issue good reading lists to their students and there are many more recommendations on the library blog <http://macliv.wordpress.com> on the Book Lists page.

Another great and simple way to encourage reading is to visit the **Wanaka Library**. There is a well-stocked children's section and a separate young adult section. Every summer, a "Reading Challenge" is organised with lots of prizes, so check it out. Children need a parental consent to get their free card, so parents need to accompany them at least for the first visit. They could grab a book for themselves too - to enjoy and to be a role model!



**GOOD LUCK to Gabriel Schwarz, Lorenz Kissling, Finn Moore and Connor Ceci** who were first selected back in May 2010 to be part of a New Zealand 15th Grade Football squad and are part of the team who will play in Singapore at the International Youth Sports Challenge Tournament at the end of November 2010. The boys have been training both here in Wanaka and at weekend training camps in Dunedin. We wish them success in Singapore.



## Important Dates

Sponsored by:



Term 4	(11 October - 10 December)	
<b>Week 6</b>	15 November	NCEA Exams begin
	17 November	All library books to be returned
<b>Week 7</b>	23 November	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, MAC Boardroom
<b>Week 8</b>	1 December	Junior Prizegiving, 7.00 pm
	3 December	Senior Prizegiving, 7.00 pm
	3 December	Year 9 / 10 reports issued
<b>Week 9</b>	6-10 December	Year 9 and 10 Camps
	10 December	Year 7 / 8 reports issued

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### TERM DATES 2011

Term 1: Tuesday 1 February - Friday 15 April  
Term 2: Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July  
Term 3: Monday 1 August - Friday 7 October  
Term 4: Tuesday 25 October - Friday 10 December (provisional finish date)

### COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Would your family like a second copy of the college magazine at the end of the year? Extra copies will cost \$10 - place your order as soon as possible.