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# NEWSLETTER PANUI

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## Our Wireless Campus

Yesterday I signed off on the details of our infrastructure upgrade to ensure that we have a robust network that will support a wireless facility. Central Lakes Trust has been very generous in its financial support not only of Mount Aspiring College but also of many other primary and secondary schools within our region.

A wireless network is portable, flexible and easily expandable. A universe of information is accessible when, and where, it is needed. Students, teachers and administrative staff can move throughout the college and maintain continuous network access.

Students will be able to investigate issues and research from an almost unlimited source. This will allow students to solve problems, investigate and present their ideas in a variety of media, for example, podcasts, visual wikis and web pages.

Our wireless network will continue to offer the same filtering to protect students from spam or inappropriate websites. We will develop boundaries on how much a person can download and when they may have access but we will also be encouraging them to take responsibility for managing their use themselves.

Last year's successful fundraiser allowed us to obtain our first set of COWS (Computers on Wheels) and once the wireless network is up and running these computers will be available to students where and when they need them for optimum learning. Currently the demand for computer use sees our suites fully booked during class time and before and after college hours. The flexibility of a wireless network will ease this demand.

We are also keen to allow students and staff to be able to access the network through their own personal devices and so are developing some protocols to ensure this is successful for us all. This is an exciting time for the college and I will keep you up to date as we get closer to having our wireless network up and running.

### Team Up

Thank you for supporting our Team Up conferences. It was very encouraging for the staff to interact with so many families.

### Art Exhibition

The Real Art Road Show bus will be with us on campus on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I would like to extend an invitation to parents and friends of the college to share in this experience with us (timetable on page 4).

Ka Kite and enjoy your week.

Wayne

## MACLIC Corner

### Books issues, returns, renewals, overdues...

Remember that it is your responsibility to record your book loan at the library issue desk before taking any books out of the library. This includes comics and books about ghosts!

You can borrow up to four books and keep them for three weeks. After that, you need to return the book/s (drop them into the library return box) or renew them (ask at the issue desk or record it on the borrowing sheet and tick the right column).

The books that have been borrowed in February (and not returned or renewed) are now overdue and will be invoiced to your parents/caregivers. This will include a non-refundable 50c handling fee per book. The value of the book will be credited to your account if the book is returned but, if you do not find the book, then it has to be paid for so that we can replace it.

Florence Micoud, Librarian

## FOCUS ON MAC HOSTEL ....

As the time flies by, the hostel kids cry, because soon it will be time to say good bye. As a last OP we went for a walk, over night tramped, stayed up late and talked. Sadly it rained and our gear got soaked, but we still made dinner (on which we choked). The walk home came which was rather funny, people made deals to carry bags for money. Now the adventure race looms ahead, so we've decided to train - if we don't we're dead! We went for a bike in the dark of the night which, for some in particular, gave them a fright (\*cough\* Hannah Liggins)  
A half day occurred, which gave us some rest, some ate, some worked - that's the best. Tuesday afternoon was full with fun, Katie, Anna and Lydia, got lots of things done. They made scrunchies and bows and started to cook, so if you see them wearing them, have a look. Fajitas are cooking in Cascade this week, the smell is sensational, - some came for a peek The PE students have their run and a bike, it's happening this Friday and they're ready to strike! There's homework to be done so it's time to go. You'll hear from me later, pip pip cherio!!

Katie Sparrow

## DO YOU LOVE COMPUTERS?

*Then these courses are made for you!*

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this April (closest one is in Queenstown).

Ages 6 - 17 years.

Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or email: [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz) or visit [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz). or pick up a leaflet from the office to find out more.



### YEAR 8 STUDENT COUNCIL

Pictured above (left to right) are Hamish Shea, Zac Shields, Jiorde White, Louis Reeves, Madison Parslow, Sydney Telfer, Sam Butler, Georgia McIntyre, Ruby Coers and Katherine Millis who comprise the Year 8 Student Council body. Each Year 8 class voted for two students from their class.

(Apologies to Ayla Meikle whose name was omitted from the paper copies of last week's newsletter and is the secretary of the Senior Student Executive)

### MAC Team Green Snippet

#### Earth Hour 2010

Join millions of people around the world in this global event!

When: Saturday 27th March, 8.30-9.30pm  
Why: To raise awareness of climate change and sustaining our environment for future generations.

How: Turn off all lights and electronic appliances for an hour

Who: We encourage everyone to take part! Also...Join the group 'Earth Hour Central Otago 2010' on Facebook and write something on the wall about what you are doing and then upload photos of yourself/friends/family taking part in this event.

Friday, period 6, the college will join and switch off all the lights for one hour! We can make a difference!



### MAC MAGAZINE '09

We now have replacement magazines available for those students who received a magazine with incorrectly collated pages. Just bring your old one back to the office and we will replace it.

### Maths Tutorials, Term 1

Week	MON	Tues	Thurs
9	EL	WA	JD

All tutorials take place in room 7 at 1.20 pm. Staff will be there for the first 10 minutes and, if no students turn up, they will leave.

WA=Heather Watt, EL=Annette Ellwood, JD=Warren Judkins

### DATES 2010

Term 3: 19 July - 24 September  
Term 4: 11 October - 10 December

Queen's Birthday: Monday 7 June  
Labour Day: Monday 25 October

Shop at [www.yourfastshop.co.nz](http://www.yourfastshop.co.nz)  
90 stores for all your shopping and a great fundraiser for MAC!

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property bin before the end of this term.

Any un-named items not claimed by the end of term will be donated to the Op Shop or Wastebusters.

We still have some items left over from Pounawea camp which have not been claimed.

## Important Dates

**Term 1 (2 February - 1 April)**

**Week 9** Monday 29 March  
Monday 29 March  
31 March / 1 April  
Thursday 1 April

**Term 2 (19 April - 2 July)**

**Week 1** Saturday 24 April  
**Week 2** 2/3 May

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Level 3 Geo Field Trip  
Life and Leisure Expo  
Real Art Road Show  
Last day of Term 1

MAC Formal  
Tertiary Trip, Dunedin

## THANK YOU

to 9TC and Ms Brun's Year 10 Computing classes who made quick work of the collation and stuffing of Board of Trustees nomination forms ready for posting this week. Their help was MUCH appreciated!

## GOOD LUCK TO:~

- Jessica Bailey, Holly Bailey, Tennessee Davis, Hugo Ayre, Conor Hayes who are heading away to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Slalom Kayak Nationals on the Waipori River near Dunedin next week.
- Gabriel Schwarz, Finn Moore, Connor Ceci, Oliver Ceci and Harry Waters who leave very soon for Barcelona, Spain as part of the 82 Football Academy attending the Mediterranean International Cup Tournament.
- Katie Sparrow, Rosa Antunovic, Hannah Liggins, Lydia Lysaght (Team Pussy Willows). Joe Rasmussen, Rose Curin-Brown, Milly Smart, Charlie Glover (Team Joe's Angels). Rhiannon Woolhouse-Williams, Julie Burnett, Rebecca Hawkey, Yana Tomich (Team The Rashuns). Hugo Miller, Elliot Roe, Dom Andrews, Anthony Green (Team Soggy Muffins). Dwayne Underwood, Sam Hogg, Connor Clements, Alex Meads (Team Hogg vs Wild). Lindsey Coup, Kristy Jones, Kate McDermid, Tom Rogers (Team The Tarantulas). Kansas Davis, Tamsin Fitzgerald, Karolina Lundahl, Brittany File (Team Con Memento). These athletes are all representing the college at the South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race in Cromwell this weekend.
- Our 2 Yr 7/8 Ripa Rugby teams who travel to Cromwell on Monday to compete in the Central Otago finals (thank you to the parents who are supporting them).

## Are you a possible mentor or 'life coach'?

We need volunteers from the community to help with our MEX programme at the school. This programme is designed to support and challenge students who are aiming for a Merit or Excellence level endorsement in their NCEA assessment. The programme started last year in Year 12, using staff as mentors for students. This year we want to extend the programme into Years 11 and 13 and make greater use of our community experts.

What will we need from you? We found that last year students needed help with a wide range of areas such as time management, study habits, exam performance and reflection. Any assistance or advice we can offer which helps them to be able to perform at their best academically. Your commitment would be to assist the student(s) during a regular meeting at a time which worked for both parties. The frequency of these sessions is up to you and the student.

Want to contribute but are not sure whether you can commit to a regular session? We are always looking for ways to involve our community in the education we offer students here. That can be through extending and enriching the learning which happens in the classroom through to providing students an opportunity to learn something new. Who knows, we might have some astrophysicists in our community and I know our top students would love to know all about it.

Please contact me with any queries or suggestions.

Greg Thornton on [gthornton@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:gthornton@mtaspiring.school.nz) or 443 9908.

## Hockey registration and Sausage Sizzle

**Saturday 27th March, 1.30 pm, Wanaka Primary School Turf**

Bring your stick for a coaching / skills session with Mark Smithells.

**All subs must be paid at registration. Subs for the season are:**

Senior Mens (boys 16 years and older on 1st January) \$95 per player, Senior Womens \$105 per player, Senior B (14-17 years) \$70 per player, Primary A (11-13 years) \$60 per player (must be Year 8 or under), Primary B (8-10 years) \$50 per player, Mini's (4-7 years) \$ 5 per player

If you can't make registration day or need more information please contact Colleen Topping 0274689152 or 443 2268 (evenings).

## CRICKET NEWS

The cricket XI have had a very successful season winning all three of their Central Otago Zone games. In the last of these games captain Nic Brooker scored 100 runs in the team's convincing win over Cromwell.

The team will now play a final against the winners of the Northern Zone to determine the Otago Country Cricket Champion team.

Thank you to Mike O'Connor and Bill Brooker for all the work they have put into coaching this team.

## Questions regarding sport at MAC?

See Kellie at the Sports Hub.

## GLEE CLUB

**Do you enjoy singing?  
Do you enjoy dancing?  
Like the concept of Glee?**

The Glee Club could be just what you're looking for. Come along to Room 23 next Tuesday lunchtime or after school in the Performance Room on Thursdays.

It'll be fun!

## KAYAKING NEWS

Well done to Jessica Bailey who competed in the South Island Slalom Kayak Championships in the weekend. Jessica won the U18 K1 women's class and was third fastest woman overall.



## Important Sporting Dates

22/28 March New Zealand Secondary

Schools Rowing Canps, Twizel

27 March

South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race, Cromwell

29 March

Rippa Rugby Semi-final, Cromwell

31 March

Year 7/8 Triathlon, Cromwell

26-28 March

South Island Secondary Schools Teams Racing Sailing Regatta, Aviemore

28 March

Netball Otago Coaching Clinic, 10 am - 1 pm, MAC Gym

28 March - 1 April

NZ Secondary Schools Kayaking

31 March

Year 7/8 Triathlon, Cromwell

11-17 April

National Secondary School Team Racing Regatta, Taupo

## UNIFORM NEWS

### Kilts for sale:~

Size 75 cm x 2, call Sue on 03 445 2879

Size 72 cm, call Sam on 443 5217

Size 82 cm, call 443 7171 evenings

### Kilts Wanted:~

Size 72 cm, call Janet on 443 8654

All students should be wearing winter uniform next term. However, there is a two week leeway period at the start of term where students may wear winter or summer uniform.

## SKI PASSES

### TREBLE CONE

Early Bird season passes are available to local children to purchase at \$149 until **Wednesday 31 March**. Forms are available from the college office. Student ID is required when purchasing passes.

### CARDRONA

Local student passes will be \$75 for students in Years 7 and 8 and \$120 for students in Years 9 -13. Forms are now available at the office. The deadline for buying local student Cardrona passes is **Monday 31 May**.

## REAL ART ROADSHOW TIMETABLE

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Cromwell College  
20, 22, 27 & 29 April  
7.00 – 9.00pm

For further information  
please contact: Kaye Rowell,  
Lakes Driver Training  
[krowell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:krowell@xtra.co.nz)

Wednesday March 31 March			Thursday 1 April		
Student Viewing		Community Viewing	Student Viewing		Community Viewing
8.45 – 9.15	Level 2 Art	9.15 – 9.45	8.45 – 9.15	Level 3 Design	9.15 – 9.45
9.45 – 10.15	Year 10 Art	10.15- 11.20	9.45 – 10.15	Year 10 Art (CU)	10.15- 11.20
11.20 – 11.50	Level 3 Photo	11.50 – 12.20	11.20 – 11.50	Level 1 Art	11.50 – 12.20
12.20 – 12.50	Year 7 Art	12.50 – 2.15	12.20 – 12.50	Year 8 Art (BL)	12.50 – 2.15
2.15 – 2.45	Year 9 Art		2.15 – 2.45	Level 2 Design	
			2.45 – 3.15	Level 3 Painting	

## MAC FORMAL 2010

**Saturday 24 April**

**1920's Casino Flappers and Gangsters Theme**

**Tickets (\$60) on sale from the office from next week**

*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 7.30 - 8.00 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.*

## LIFE AND LEISURE EXPO

**Monday 29 March**

Mount Aspiring College in conjunction with Kahu Youth are hosting an expo from 1.00 pm onwards in the gymnasium at the college. The focus of the expo is on exploring the range of leisure opportunities open to youth in the Wanaka area.

All students will be encouraged to attend, visit the stalls and talk to the community people present.

At 2.15 James from **ATTITUDE** will be giving a presentation to all **Year 10, 11 and 12 students**. Attitude presents on a variety of issues relating to mental health, friendships, sexuality and alcohol/drugs. The sessions have been very worthwhile in the past.

If you have any queries please contact Karyn Munro on 443 9906 or Kahu Youth on 443 5880

### FORMAL ATTIRE

Want to get a dress made for the formal? Have a dress or a suit which needs altering?

Call Bernadette on 443 2006

### Did anyone miss out on ordering a suit for the MAC FORMAL?

**ACE SUIT HIRE** could visit between 4.00 and 5.00 pm on **Good Friday (2nd April)** if there are people who still need to order suits - let Mandy at the office know if this will work for you.



### NEWS FROM THE ILC

Claire will be away from next week for a combination of overseas travel and workshops to promote the college. She will be relieved by Helen Best and Helen Rule. If you have any queries for all things international just email or phone the ILC as usual and one of these wonderful women will help you.

Other departures from the ILC are Jan Schrieber and Yasi Duecker from Germany and our two Sosei students Nami & Ayumi. We will miss you all. Take care and stay in touch! Make sure you make the most of your last days at MAC and join us on Facebook!

Last week we welcomed Junko Aruga from Japan, to the ILC. Some of you may remember her sister Yuu who attended the college for 3 years. We also have Eileen Cao back with us for one term and Jaz & Key Mongkholsin from Thailand (pictured with their Dad & Godfather who came for a week to settle them in).

This week is also the last week we will have Victoria & Isaac Noel from Quebec who have been with Linda Pierce in the General English room and also in Mrs Russell & Mrs Vermeullen's homerooms. Thanks for coming Victoria & Isaac - we will miss you too!

Thank you to all of our host families for doing a wonderful job. Keep up the good work and I'll see you soon.

Claire Easterbrook



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Enjoy Success!

### Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on Friday 23 April 2010 and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on Friday 7 May 2010.

Helen Hammond  
Returning Officer