



**MOUNT
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WHAT A GREAT TERM WE'VE HAD!



HAVE A HAPPY EASTER HOLIDAY!

MAC FORMAL 2010

Saturday 24 April

1920's Casino Flappers and Gangsters Theme

Tickets (\$60) on sale from the college office

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.

GUYS: Last chance to order a suit for the MAC FORMAL

ACE SUIT HIRE will be in Room 6 between 4.00 and 5.00 pm on Good Friday (2nd April).

GALS: Need a Formal Dress?

ALICE can sort you out. Come and see us (next door to BNZ bank) or call 443 2706.

MACLIC Corner

We had the pleasure to welcome Bob Docherty, 'The Book Talker', to the library last Wednesday. Four Year 7 and 8 classes enjoyed listening to his presentation about a number of MACLIC books including a few new ones.

In 2 or 3 minutes, with a book in his hand, he talked about the plot, what made the book special and the reading level of the book. He read a couple of pages to inspire us, then gave a few hints for reading and how to really appreciate the act of reading...

The most popular books are "Don't Call me Jojo", "Cirque du Freak", "Night Hunting", "Wolf Brother" and "Red Kayak", on which there are many reservations made.

You can find his book recommendations on his blog: <http://bobsbooksnz.wordpress.com/>

Florence Micoud, Librarian

VOLUNTEER FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

If you are sixteen or older and have at least half a day up your sleeve during the Holidays, **we really need your help**. You can assist our fantastic facilitators with the fun activities for kids aged 5 years up. This will count towards your Duke of Edinburgh. Interested? Get in touch with Community Networks, 14 Dunmore Street, phone 443 7799 or text 021 02944311

UNIFORM FOR SALE

Kilt, 77cm
White polo shirts x 3
Fleece, XS
Call Heather on
443 4151

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

Invitation to Parents of Students in Year 12 and Year 13

Parenting from the teens to young adults

Tuesday 20 April, 7.30 pm
East Common Room, Mount Aspiring College

An opportunity for parents to discuss some of the many issues regarding parenting older teens, with guest speakers including:

Gayna McConnell – Positive Sexual Health
Paul Crosswell and Phil Vink - Wanaka Police
Karyn Munro - MAC Guidance Counsellor
Joss Walker – Year 13 Dean
Heather Watt – Year 12 Dean

Topics to be discussed:
Drugs and Alcohol, The After Party,
Sexual Health, Mental Health, Stress,
Legal stuff including fake IDs, fraud and driving



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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

Important Dates

Term 2 (19 April - 2 July)

Week 1	24 April	MAC Formal
Week 2	2/3 May	Tertiary Trip, Dunedin
Week 4	12 & 13 May	HPV Vaccinations
Week 5	19 May	Level 3 Barista Course
	19 May	Level 3 Enterprise trip to Dunedin
	21 May	MACStock

Sponsored by:



NEW WORLD

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

SADD

(Students Against Driving Drunk)

Fundraiser

Saturday 3 April
Sausage Sizzle
outside
New World

\$2 a sausage
See you there!

RUGBY GAME

Come and support the MAC U16 Rugby team who will be playing against All Saints College, Bathurst, Australia on the college fields at 1 pm on Monday 12 April. The boys would love to have you cheering on the sideline!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Tarryn Dickson, Shania Dickson, Jaimie Vial and Cholena Perry who have been selected as members of the Te Wai Pounamu netball teams who will be competing in the Aotearoa Moari Netball Tournament in New Plymouth during the Easter holidays

Fantastic Results for the Wanaka Rowing Club at the Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta

Congratulations to Saasha Bruce, Greg Redai, Rob Saunders, Finlay Meldrum, Matt Jackson, Maddi Kirk, Lee Martin, Dominic Schwarz, Eachann Bruce, Bailey Masters, Nick Jackson and Riley Bruce who competed at the Maadi Cup Regatta on Lake Ruataniwha last week.

In only its third year of rowing all but one of the clubs crews gained places to the finals, with the boys U16 Quad (Eachann, Lee, Dominic, Nick and cox Riley) missing out by just .01 of a second.

The Boys U18 Novice Four (Greg, Rob, Finlay, Matt and cox Maddie) won their heat in an exciting race to the line with a photo finish against old rivals Marlborough college, gaining them a place straight to the final on Saturday, where they were placed fourth.

In the Boys U16 double sculls the new combination of Lee Martin and Dominic Schwarz were fourth in the fastest heat in the semi finals, narrowly missing out on the A final. However, as one of the faster qualifiers in the B final they showed their strength and determination gaining winning position against St Peters School.

In the Under 15 boys double sculls Eachann and Bailey Masters placed fourth in the B final.

Saasha competed in the U17 sculls finals and gained fourth place in a tough race. However, in a the U18 single sculls finals she excelled herself coming from fifth place to finish second by just a length. Gaining the silver medal in the Under 18 single sculls not only sees Saasha winning the first ever medal for the club and school at a national event but has also secured her a place in the Under 19 National squad trials.

These are great results for the rowing club which is only in its third year. It looks as though all the hours of effort and training are definitely paying off!



Left - Right: Dave Varney (coach), Saasha Bruce, Rob Bruce (coach)

CONGRATULATIONS

to Cate Howie who came second riding Barenjager in the Training - 95cm Class of the Southland Eventing One Day Event at Aparima. In this event the rider has to do well in three different riding disciplines. Well done Cate!

CENTRAL OTAGO JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Pick up games (trials) for Under 13 and Under 15 boys and girls representative Central Otago Junior Basketball teams will be held at the Cromwell Gymnasium on Sunday, 18 April from 1:00 pm.

Under 13 players must not turn 13 during 2010 and Under 15 players must not turn 15 during 2010.

All interested players are welcome and enquiries should be directed by email to bballcojb@xtra.co.nz or to Robyn Marnane on 027 599 6103

New Zealand Samurai Karate Championships 2010

Sunday 16th May at the Events Centre, Frankton. Spectators welcome. Gold coin entry. Registration 8 am, tournament starts 9 am. Kata events in the morning. Kumite (sparring) in the afternoon. Spot prizes for entrants. Tournament Enquiries to arrowtown@shukokai.co.nz General enquiries and all Dojo locations www.shukokai.co.nz

Lower South Island Secondary School Teams Racing

After packing up six 420's (sailing boats) Mount Aspiring College's two teams travelled down to Lake Aviemore on Thursday night to compete in the Lower South Island Secondary School teams racing. The two teams competing were: MAC Red - Hayden Dickey (captain), Jeremy Grundy, Abbi Ayre, Ellie Greenwood, Sam Crone and Jack Henderson and MAC Blue - Michael Jolly (captain), Julia Roberio, Quinn Thompson, Whitney Coers, Richard Walmisley and Jamie Bowley.

On Friday morning, after rigging up the six boats, we started practising our race techniques for the next two days. During the day the wind increased and eventually forced us to return to shore which postponed the racing till following morning. Saturday morning was looking like good conditions until a wall of white water rose up from the Aviemore dam, with wind strength of 20 knots gusting to 25 knots. The racing couldn't continue due to the strong winds and, in order to get all the races completed, we had to start at 8 am the following morning.

Luckily Sunday brought perfect conditions so we were able to get 45 races completed. Each MAC team sailed in 15 of these races. After some very close racing, the MAC Red team managed to win 13 out of their 15 races to take away first place. The MAC Blue team was not far behind and came in fourth by a narrow margin.

On behalf of all of the sailors we would like to thank Mark Ayre for organising a very memorable regatta, also to the rest of the parents that came along and supported, fed and helped us throughout the weekend.

Hayden Dickey, Jeremy Grundy, Abbi Ayre, Quinn Thompson, Sam Crone and Richard Walmisley (reserves Michael Jolly and Jack Henderson) will travel to Taupo to compete in the 420 Teams Racing National Event against 36 other secondary schools during the holidays. We wish them luck.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

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

For further information please contact: Kaye, Lakes Driver Training krowell@xtra.co.nz or 03 4427073, 027 623 3534

Super 14 Rugby hits Queenstown on Saturday 10 April Highlanders v Western Force at the Queenstown Events Centre (2.35pm kick off). Tickets available at www.ticketdirect.co.nz or 0800 111 290 or 03 450 9005.

Come and meet the Highlanders at: Pioneer Park, Alexandra - 8 April from 11.30 am to 12 noon. Earnslaw Park, Queenstown - 9 April from 1 pm to 2 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hannah Lane who won the got bronze medal (U19 Girls) in the hill climb at the National Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Champs. She was also fifth in the cross country and 8th in the downhill.



SKI PASSES

We now have Snow Park ski pass forms at the office. The cut-off date for purchasing your pass (\$99) is **Saturday 10 April** Alternatively you can head directly to Locations with your student ID card to purchase your pass.

Locals rate for Treble Cone is now closed. Cardrona open until 31st May.

Important Sporting Dates

11-17 April National Secondary School Team Racing Regatta, Taupo

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



CONGRATULATIONS to Anna Hogg who came first in the preliminary round of the Rotary Speech Competition on Tuesday night. Alex Black also gave an excellent speech.

SPANISH CLASS TRIP TO ARGENTINA: A FUND RAISER FOR PARENTS

Clases de español viaje a Argentina: A recaudar fondos para los padres

To help this small class with its fund raising efforts and with the endorsement of the School Board, Clutha Ridge Vineyard are offering Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Supporters of Mount Aspiring College the opportunity to purchase a case of **Clutha Ridge 2008 Pinot Gris** through the school's fundraising programme. Priced at **\$250 a case**, this equals \$20.80 a bottle, which is good value for a premium Central Otago Pinot Gris, and your order will result in a significant contribution to the fund raising efforts for the whole Spanish Class to reach Argentina. The 2008 vintage was made by the well-known wine maker Grant Taylor at Maude Winery here in Wanaka, and is available to try locally at Pembroke Wines and Spirits, Ardmore Street Café, The Spice Room, The Lazy Dog and the Tarras Country Store. Only a limited number of cases are available with this offer, so place your order soon to secure this parent's treat.

HERE'S THE DEAL: ESTE ES EL TRATO

- Premium Central Otago Pinot Gris produced locally.
- \$250 a case: Sorry NO single bottles.
- Tasting notes provided with every case.
- Free delivery to your door (within school catchment zone) by Spanish Students supervised by Tony or Debi.
- Offer only available to Parents, Care Givers, Staff and MAC Supporters.
- Significant contribution to the fund raising effort for the whole Spanish Class.

Order forms are available from the college office. If you require further information please contact Caitlin Harvey on 443 9901 x 894.

WINTER UNIFORM

is to be worn from the start of Term 2.

The full information is available on our website <http://www.mtaspiring.school.nz/Enrolments/EnrollSchool.aspx> under general information.

FOCUS ON MAC HOSTEL

The Adventure Race

MAC hostellers (plus Year 13 team Con Memento) were amongst the 23 teams who competed in the South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race at the weekend ... and they pretty much 'cleaned up!' Special congratulations go to The Tarantulas Team (Lindsay Coup, Kristy Jones, Tom Rogers and Kate McDerimid) who came first in the mixed teams. Team Hogg vs Wild were the second boys team home closely followed by Team Soggy Muffins. Team Con Memento were the second girls team home followed by Team The Rashuns in third place. Well done to everyone who took part!



Friends of MAC Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 28 April, 7 pm in the staff room.
This meeting will cover the topics of Enterprise, Outdoor Pursuits and Rutherford.
We welcome all parents who would like to learn more about these topics.

WANTED!

Volunteer Automotive Tutor

Could you spare an hour each week to tutor senior automotive engineering students on the Gateway Programme who are working on a car at school.

Please contact Marcus batem@mtaspiring.school.nz

URSPACE NEWS

URSPACE NOTICEBOARD is right outside our doors in the gym foyer. You will find information about courses, jobs and career events. Come and check it out.

SIT has a campus in Queenstown. They run full time and part time courses in a range of areas such as Beauty Therapy, Computing, Tourism Management and Hospitality. Some of these start part way through the year, some are for just a day and some are part time; see our NOTICEBOARD for details. These courses may be of interest to someone you know in your whanau or community.

NASDA for a DAY – if acting, singing dancing are your passion ask about attending a one day workshop in Christchurch to see what it would be like to attend a performing arts school. Some funding may be available.

OTAGO TERTIARY DAY, Monday 3rd May – please get your forms and payment in to the office.

LIFE and LEISURE EXPO put on by our Kahu Youth leaders was held on Monday in the school gym. It was showcasing out of school activities available in our community. The EXPO was open at lunchtime to all students then Years 10, 11 and 12 were invited to hear motivational speaker James from Attitude talk about making choices (and a whole lot of outrageous stuff!) THANK YOU to the community groups who attended and Richard and Kim for making it happen.

WHAT ELSE?

Wednesday 28 April - Otago Polytech, presenting to year 12
Friday 30 April - Otago Uni Law lecture to English classes
NAVY Challenge – one student has been selected for this experience in the holidays
Tots 'n' Toddlers – a one day course run by Plunket in July.

Scholarships Opportunities

Tēnā koutou i roto i te ahuatanga o te wā,

Te Tapuae assists Māori secondary students to achieve educational success by managing a number of scholarships on behalf of funders. For your information the following scholarships for secondary school students are currently open (closing date is 30 April 2010) :

Yamada O'Regan Secondary School Scholarships:

The Ngāi Tahu Mātauranga Trust offers up to 12 Yamada O'Regan Secondary School Scholarships per year to "at risk" Ngāi Tahu studying around the country. These scholarships are for students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 who are achieving academic excellence in science, maths, technology, te reo Māori and geography. Applicants should also be displaying leadership qualities and be participating in whānau, hapū or iwi related affairs. The value of awards will vary.

Transpower Tū Mai Rakatahi Scholarships:

The objective of the Transpower Tū Mai Scholarships is to encourage more Māori to consider careers in the fields of science, engineering, technology and mathematics. Transpower offers 10 scholarships valued at \$1000 each to Māori secondary school students studying in South Island in Years 11, 12 & 13. Applicants must be studying science, maths and/or information technology.

ESR Tū Mai Rakatahi Scholarships:

The objective of Environmental Science and Research Tū Mai Scholarships is to encourage more and enable Māori to take an active role in, and to continue to develop the science knowledge within Aotearoa. ESR offers 2 scholarships valued at \$1250 each to Māori secondary school students studying in the South Island in Years 11, 12 & 13. Applicants must be studying subjects which support ESR's mission of "protecting people and the environment"; these include science, maths, information technology, te reo Māori and/ or geography.

For applications & more information:

Applications for the Transpower, ESR and Yamada O'Regan Secondary School Scholarships can be downloaded from the Te Tapuae o Rehua website: www.tetapuae.co.nz. For more information, or for help with filling out applications forms, please contact Kylie Solomon, Te Tapuae's Administration Assistant, via scholarships@tetapuae.co.nz or phone 03 377-7305.