



**MOUNT
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NEWSLETTER PANUI

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MAC Library Information Centre (MACLIC)

The more you ski, the easier and more enjoyable it becomes. You can venture into harder places and as your fitness improves it complements all your other sporting endeavours.

Likewise, the more you read, the easier and more pleasurable it becomes. You can engage in a wider and deeper range of reading and your whole learning process benefits. This is why MACLIC actively promotes the student's love of reading.

It provides a wide range of quality and engaging literature for students, including visual and oral experiences with graphic novels and audiobooks.

The knowledge collection is carefully chosen to respond to the curriculum needs and personal issues students have. The reference section is rejuvenated and this is where all research should start.



The lively and comfortable environment, friendly service, and the book club all encourage students to read for personal enjoyment, which has a major impact on the students' motivation and achievement. Supported by the library house competition, the number of books borrowed per student increases, which gives us a lot of work! I can assure you that your kids read a lot!

Tools and systems are developed to facilitate the access to the resources: from book lists posters or brochures, to the OPAC, the thematic displays and the introduction of library and information literacy concepts to classes. In particular, MACLIC blog (maclic.wordpress.com) is a link between the digital world and the library. It provides a wealth of information: news, book lists and tools for finding books, homework and research resources links, links to the college's blogs and online facilities, web 2.0 tools, the rules of the library and much more! Explore it and add it to your homepage tabs or to your favourites to use for your study or enjoyment.



Library week is coming up!



To advertise and celebrate the library, this year we have organised lots of activities for the National Library Week (www.libraryweek.org.nz), which takes place from 16 - 20 August. There will be competitions and lots of surprises, from a Book Lucky Dip, to surprise videos, surprise decorations and give-aways and a very special surprise reader for the New Zealand's largest story time event. Full details will be published on the [maclic blog](http://maclic.blog). This year, we would like to have very special items to lend to classes for library week: Living persons or stories alive, in other words, people who have a story

that they would like to share with our students. If you want to be part of our living library database or know someone who would, please contact me on 443 9901 (ext 816).

I invite you to visit the library to discuss reading recommendations. You can visit during library week or on any school day until 4.00 pm. Ka kite ano.

Florence Micoud ~ RLIANZA
Mount Aspiring College Librarian

ASSESSMENT WEEK ~ 6 - 10 SEPTEMBER ~ EXAM TIMETABLE

All students are allowed to be on study leave from Monday to Friday apart from the exam times and other class times detailed below.
 Subjects without exams have time slots for assessment catchup, re-sits, practicals which students must attend.
 Correspondence exams will slot into the above times. There will be no OP sessions during this week.
 Friday is a compulsory day for Level 2 and 3 Art and Design and Level 1, 2 and 3 Graphics.

	Monday 6 Sept	Tuesday 7 Sept	Wednesday 8 Sept	Thursday 9 Sept	Friday 10 Sept
AM Exams 9.00 - 12.00 am	L1 Eng (Per) 3 hrs L2 Bio (R20) 2.5 hrs L3 Geo (R21/22) 3 hrs (+ Correspondence)	L3 Chem (R 20) 2.5 hrs L2 Maths (Per) 2.5 hrs L2 Core Maths (R21) (+ Correspondence)	L1 Sci (Per) 2.5 hrs L2 Eco (R20) 3 hrs L3 Hist (R21) 3 hrs	L1 Eco (Per) 2 hrs L3 Phys (Per) 2 hrs	L1 Maths (Per) 2 hrs L2 Chem (R20) 2.5 hrs L3 Calc (R21) 2.5 hrs L1 Core Maths (R22)
Other Classes 9.00 - 12.00 am	L2/3 Des L1 Core Eng	L1 Gra L3 Art	L3 PE L2 Comp	L1 Art L1 Comp	L2/3 Art/Des L1/2/3 Gra
PM Exams 1.00 - 4.00 pm (or earlier for shorter exams)	L3 Eng (Per) 3 hrs L2 Geo (R21) 3 hrs L1 Mus (R20) 2 hrs	L3 Hist (Per) 3 hrs L2 Mus (R21) 2 hrs L1 Span (R20) 3 hrs L3 Mas (Per) 2.5 hrs	L3 Eco (Per) 2.5 hrs L2 Phys (Per) 2 hrs L2/3 Span (R20) 3 hrs (+ Correspondence)	L2 Eng (Per) 3 hrs L3 Bio (R20) 2 hrs L1 FTN (R21) 1 hr	L2/3 Art/Des L1/2/3 Gra
Other Classes 1.00 - 3.15 pm			L2 Art	L2 Core Eng (R22) L3 Gra	L2/3 Art/Des L1/2/3 Gra

OPTIONS EXPO EVENING 16 August 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Choosing your subjects for the coming year is a very important decision and the more informed you are the better your decision will be. The Options Expo Evening is an opportunity for parents and students of Years 9 to 12 to meet with MAC staff and gather more information about what is offered in each subject and where it can lead.

The evening starts at 5.00 pm and is an open session in the gym where you are welcome to come and chat with the staff at their 'subject stalls'. We will also run the following four talks (all approximately 15 mins):

5:30pm **Year 10 Music** – What is involved? Targeted at Year 9 students

6:00pm **Talks aimed at students moving from:**

- **Year 10 to Year 11 (compulsory for all Year 10 students)**
Making sense of NCEA – What is it and how does it work?
Study Pathways – How to make the right option choices and plan where you are going at school
- **Year 11 to Year 12** – The choices are vital so how do you make the most of Year 12
- **Year 12 to Year 13** – How to make the most of your last year at school and how to ensure success when you leave MAC

The Deans of each year level will be on hand to help. The option choices for Years 9, 10 and 12 are due to the Dean by Friday 27 August. The sooner we receive these choices the better.

Year 11 students and their parents will be interviewed by the URSPACE team to help them make informed choices for their future studies at MAC and beyond. Their option choices are due on Friday 3rd September.

Look forward to seeing you there.

For further information contact Greg Thornton, gthornton@mtaspiring.school.nz, 443 9908

Maths Tutorials, Term 3

Week	Tuesday	Thursday
4	WA	JD
	SI (L2 MMD)	OC (L1 Mat)
5	WA	JD
		OC (L1 Mat)
6	WA	JD
	SI (L2 MMD)	OC (L1 Mat)
7	WA	JD
	SI (L2 MMD)	OC (L1 Mat)
8	WA	JD
	SI (L2 MMD)	OC (L1 Mat)
9	WA	JD
	SI (L2 MMD)	OC (L1 Mat)
10	WA	JD
	SI (L2 MMD)	OC (L1 Mat)

Staff will be there for the first 10 minutes of lunchtime. If no students turn up they will then leave.

JD Warren Judkins (Room 7)
 OC Rachel O'Connell (Room 9)
 SI Euan Simpson (Room 12)
 WA Heather Watt (Room 7)

Important Dates

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NEW WORLD

Term 3 (19 July - 24 September)

Week 5	16-20 August	8SD Winter Camp
	16 - 19 August	Year 7-10 Ski Days
	16 August	Option Evening
	17 August	Level 3 Enterprise Exam
	17 August	Year 11 Dinner, Edgewater
	18-20 August	Level 3 Geography Field Trip
Week 6	23-27 August	L2 Snow Cave Overnight Trips
	24 August	Year 7-10 Cross Country
	25 August	Year 11-13 Cross Country
Week 7	30 Aug - 3 Sept	8WT Winter Camp
	30 Aug - 3 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
	31 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
	2-3 September	Correspondence Exams
Week 8	6-10 September	Assessment Week
	6-8 September	Correspondence Exams
	10-12 September	Level 3 Alpine Trip

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DATES 2010

Term 4: 11 October - 10 December
 Labour Day: Monday 25 October

NZQA Fees for 2010

A reminder that NZQA fees need to be paid by Monday 16 August and that the cut-off date for applications for reader / writer assistance is Monday 10 August.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next Defensive Driving Course will commence on Monday 16 August 2010. If you have held your restricted licence for six months and complete this course you will be able to sit your full licence within six months. Phone Lyal on 443 5750 to register for this course.

GOOD LUCK to the following athletes who are representing Mount Aspiring College in the Otago Southland Ski and Snowboard Champs at Cardrona on the Monday 9 August:

Girls Snowboard Team

Roberta Vienna, Rhiannon Woolhouse-Williams, Charlotte Jolly, Fran Stapper

Boys Snowboard Team

Elliott Meldrum, Jaden Beange, Finlay Woods, Lachlan Woods

Girls Ski Team

Mikey Austin, Alex Winsloe, Kate Brownsey, Sina Schaal (Apologies to Sina Kate and to Eleanor Adams whose names were omitted from the joint second and third ski champion list in last week's paper copy of the newsletter)

Boys Ski Team

Wilbur Coote, Henry Schikker, Vittorio Sancipriano, Max Schikker

Mount Aspiring College Netball Club Prize Giving

Thursday 26th August, 3.30 pm in the East Common Room

All team members are required to attend. Netball uniforms need to be returned on this day and players will then be refunded their \$20.00 bond.

Proactive Kids

It's not too late to sign up to join this exciting new exercise opportunity for kids. Join a group on either Tuesday or Wednesday at 3.30 pm. Indoor cycling, circuits, swiss balls, gym floor, boxing. Sounds like fun? Call Proactive gym on 443 6500 to sign up and to find out more information.

UNDERSTANDING TEENAGERS

Nathan Mikaere-Wallis, a well-known and entertaining speaker on human development and parenting, will:

- Explain how and why teenagers think, feel and act the way they do
- Discuss the latest research about alcohol in teenage years
- Help you understand and communicate with your teens

**TUESDAY 10 AUGUST , 7.30 - 9.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm)
The Venue, Orchard Road**

Ticket (\$10 which includes coffee and desert!) available from the college office and Paper Plus. Tickets are limited so purchase yours as soon as possible.

Central Otago Schools Basketball Competition

The MAC Boys' Basketball team had another good win over Cromwell on Monday (101 – 43!). The MAC Girls had a good game but lost to Cromwell 34 – 42. The teams have two more rounds to go before the finals. Good luck to both teams.

MAC Netball Draw

MAC A Aspiring Electrical	v Maude Wines	06/08, 7.20 pm
MAC B	v Hawea Motor Inn	06/08, 9.10 pm
Black MAC Aspiring Engineers	v Cromwell 2	05/08, 5.50 pm
Year 10 A Infinity	v Cardrona Pioneer	05/08, 7.40 pm
Year 12 Aspiring Engineers	v McGregors Pioneer	05/08, 8.35 pm
Lakeland Flooring Green	v Nu Look Hawea	05/08, 4.55 pm
Wellman Electrical Red	v Treble Cone Pioneer	06/08, 8.15 pm

SCOOTERS

(like skate boards) are not to be used on the school grounds. They need to be parked at the skateboard stand and will be confiscated if they are used by students during the school day.

Important Sporting Dates

9 August	Otago/Southland Ski/Snowboard Champs Cardrona
21 August	South Island and Southland Secondary Schools MotoX Champs, Tapanui
24 August	MAC Cross Country Champs (Year 7-10)
25 August	MAC Cross Country Champs (Year 11-13)
25 August	Central Otago Primary Cross Country, Queenstown

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

HOSTEL NEWS - World Cup South Africa

On Sunday 11 July I was lucky enough to actually be in the stadium in South Africa to watch the final of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. We got there in time to see the closing ceremony and pre-game anthems and the arrival of the W.C. They were fantastic of course, but I was only there for one reason and that was the final. The atmosphere was electric; the vuvuzelas were staying remarkably quiet except for a few occasions when one or two fans wielding them started the noisy chorus that had become a huge part of the 2010 World Cup. The two finalist teams; Spain and the Netherlands, walked out onto the pitch past the World Cup that sat on its pedestal, a trophy that one team would have, a trophy that the other would not get a chance to touch for another four years. We were about to witness who the best footballing nation on the planet was. 120 minutes of frantic, fast-paced, beautiful, ugly, dramatic, skilful football later, Spain were world champions - they had won the best prize on earth by playing the best game... and my dad and I had been there! We were two of 85,000 people to witness the game unfolding within 2 to 3 hundred metres from us. While over 700 million were scrutinizing from their T.V sets we were there! Unforgettable, unbelievable memories like no other. This was an experience I will never forget. The next day I couldn't wipe the smile from my face. Even a trip to a lion and rhino reserve where I got to pat a white lion and see a black panther right up close could not compare with the final. South Africa is a beautiful country, with beautiful people who make the most of their situation whether they are rich or poor. Hopefully, after this tournament more people will make the journey to the country and see for themselves how amazing it really is. **Connor Clements**

Please could Year 7/8 athletes wishing to be considered for the MAC Primary Cross Country team register their interest with Kellie.



Congratulations to Hank Bilous and Luke Jarvie

who have been selected for the Otago Country U38kg Rugby squad.



Mount Aspiring College Rugby Draw

U18 Upper Clutha	v Telford, 1.00 pm, Showgrounds
U16 Upper Clutha	v OBHS U15, 1.00 pm, Tahuna
U15 Upper Clutha	v Kings, 1.00 pm, MAC
U14 Upper Clutha	v WBHS, 1.00 pm, Showgrounds

Year 11 Formal Dinner
Tuesday 17 August, 6.30pm
Sargoods Restaurant, Edgewater
Formal Attire (ie very tidy)

Tickets (\$35) now on sale at the office
Please encourage all Year 11 students to come to this enjoyable evening.

ORGANISED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Questions regarding sport at MAC?

See Kellie at the Sports Hub.

CAREERS NEWS

TERTIARY TIMELINE

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATIONS for all University and Polytechnic **Colleges of Residence** are due at the **end of September**. Generally the school confidential references are done by the Year 13 Dean and we encourage students to hand their completed application forms in to Joss by the **20th August** to allow time for this process. Joss is currently running lunchtime sessions to assist the students with this process.

RESTRICTED ENTRY COURSES for degrees at Otago; Teaching Education Programme (Otago and Canterbury) are due **end of August**.

Applications for Bachelor of P.E are due end of September. Performance Music Auditions applications close on **1 September**.

Applications for ALL intending international students close at the **end of October**.

Massey University Design Programmes - the application process includes a Portfolio which must be submitted by **Friday 15 October**.

OTHER RESTRICTED ENTRY COURSE dates must be checked out with Charlotte or on the individual tertiary websites.

POLYTECH COURSES are generally open for application from now on so students should get started with their applications soon.

University Undergraduate Admission Requirements

If you are applying for ANY university for the first time you must meet 3 requirements;

- Age
- University Entrance Qualification
- Language Requirements

All universities have their own slightly different admission requirements, **however all still require the U.E 42 credits at Level 3** (including 14 credits in each of 2 approved subjects with a further 14 Level 3 credits from no more than 2 additional domains/subjects, plus literacy and numeracy).

The above no longer absolutely guarantees your place. We understand that Auckland, Victoria and Otago are using a ranking system for the Level 3 results and encourage you to check out the links below to get the latest:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/news/news/otago010211.html>

<http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/home/about/admission-and-enrolment/ae-undergraduate-students/ae-entry-requirements/ae-domestic-students>

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/admission/studentnzaus.aspx#ncea>

In a nutshell Otago University has developed 2 pathways - Preferential Entry and Competitive Entry:

A student may qualify for **Preferential Entry** in several ways;

- NCEA Level 2 with Merit or Excellence
- NCEA Level 3 Ranking at least 140 points. Points are calculated using a student's top 80 credits and awarding 4 points for Excellence, 3 for Merit, 2 for Achieved.
- Be an Otago Undergraduate Scholarship winner
- Be accepted into a residential college affiliated with the university.

All students who do not reach the above standards will be considered under the **Competitive Entry** pathway.

UP AND COMING VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

Wed 11 August	Airforce Demonstration
Mon 16 August	University of Canterbury Course Planning
Wed 24 August	CPIT broadcasting school
Thurs 25 August	University of Otago Medical students visit
Thurs 2 September	Otago Polytechnic course planning
Mon 13 September	Studylink presentation
Thurs 23 September	University of Otago Course Planning

For more information above any of the above please contact Charlotte Lucas in URSpace or email lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz.

LARGE bar of Cadbury's chocolate up for grabs!

Complete the MAC uniform survey at the following web address and you have a chance to be in chocolate heaven! The survey is a great chance for students to have their say about the uniform and help make a positive change around the college. The web address to fill out the form is <https://sites.google.com/site/macboardoftrustees/>. The winner of the chocolate will be selected at random from all the people who have completed the form. Both students and parents can fill out the form. However only students will be eligible for the prize!

Operatunity Entertainment Ltd is coming to Alexandra on Saturday 4 September and will present their concert 'I'm in love with Vienna' in the Alexandra Memorial Theatre at 7.30pm. Enjoy four of New Zealand's top operatic singers accompanied by piano and violin presenting songs from Vienna, Venice and surrounding areas.

Tickets cost \$25 each are now available from Budes Central Pharmacy. Groups of 4 or more \$20 each. This concert is organised by Alexandra-Clyde-Lauder Union Parish and supported by CODC Creative NZ.

NEWS FROM THE ILC

A big (belated) welcome to our new German and Italian students. It is great to have you here with us. It has been a busy start to Term 3 with your participation in MAC Champs (go Sina Schaal, Vittorio Sancipriano and Roberta Vienna!), learning all about your new family and your new school and going on the Geo Trip to Dunedin all in your first week! Make the most of your time here and enjoy!



Happy Birthday to Yoo Chung who turned 16 this week pictured here with happy international students who love chocolate cake!



Welcome to the students from Nihon Gakuen High School who are visiting us from Tokyo for two weeks. Some of them are pictured below working with Ms Meissel's Science class.

HOME VISITS

Please talk to your families about when I can visit you all and let me know. Thanks!

Claire Easterbrook

