



## NEWSLETTER Panui

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Tena koutou katoa.

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kāreti o Maunga Tititēa

A very warm welcome back to students, staff, families and friends of the college. A special welcome to all new students and their families and we are looking forward to your contribution to MAC in 2012.

We are all looking forward to a year with high expectations for all.

Please feel free to join us at our first House competition on Friday in the college gymnasium at 1:00pm (but be prepared for a noisy experience)

### Wayne Bosley

#### TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 23 February

More information to follow shortly, but please make a note of these dates in your diary.

#### YEAR 7 POUNAWEA CAMP MEETING

This Thursday 2 February, 6.00 - 7.00 pm

This meeting is for the parents; it is not essential for the students to attend.

#### LOCKERS

Students may have the use of a locker for the year. Please bring \$10 to the office and the office staff will allocate one to you. Students will need to supply their own padlocks.

## HOUSE DAY FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2012

9.30 am - 12.00 noon: House and Whanau activities at the House venue

12 noon - 12.30 pm: Lunch at the House venue

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm: Tug of War at Mount Aspiring College

### HOUSE LOCATIONS

**BARKER:** Bremner Bay (Aubrey Road end of Eely Point)

**IRON:** Eely Point (on the grass above the Scout Den)

**PISA :** Pembroke Park (opposite Showgrounds entrance)

**ROY:** Roy's Bay (by the new adventure playground near Wanaka Station Park)

Students should meet at the above venue at 9.30 am. Alternatively, students may arrive at school as normal and there will be two staff from each house to walk with the students to their venues. These students must be at school by **8.50 am**.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ All students need to bring lunch, togs, sunhat, suncream, plenty of water and wear house-coloured mufti appropriate for the day's weather. Please wear shoes which can get wet.
- ◆ Students in Barker, Pisa and Roy are to bring a lunch item for sharing with their whanau.
- ◆ Remember: Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap!
- ◆ If the weather looks bad listen out for cancellation on Radio Wanaka (92.2 FM)

### IMPORTANT

If not already completed, parents of students new to the school should complete the Parental Consent and Health Form which is being sent home with your child today and make sure that it is returned to their whanau teacher on or before House Day. Parents of returning students who wish to update information given on last year's 'trip' forms should send this to their child's whanau teacher tomorrow or Friday morning in the form of a written note. Alternatively you can download a House Day Parental Consent and Health Form from our website from the following link:

<http://www.mtaspiring.school.nz/students-and-families/communication>

## Important Dates

Term 1 (30 January - 5 April)

Week 1	Friday 3 February	House Day
Week 2	Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day - college closed
Week 3	13-17 February	Pounawea Camp (all Year 7's)
	Tuesday 14 February	Board of Trustees meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
	Wednesday 15 February	Team Up Conferences
Week 4	Tuesday 21 February	Swimming Sports
	Thursday 23 February	Team Up Conferences
Week 5	Wednesday 29 February	Athletics Day
Week 6	7-9 March	Level 3 OP kayak trip
Week 7	12 March	ERO visit
Week 8	Monday 19 March	Year 8 HPV Vaccination

Sponsored by:



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### TERM DATES 2012

Term 2: 23 April - 29 June

Anzac Day: 25 April

Queen's Birthday: 4 June

Term 3: 16 July - 28 September

Term 4: 15 October - 10 December (provisional finish date)

Labour Day: 22 October

# MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE- HELPFUL GUIDELINES - PLEASE KEEP TO HAND

## 'PHONES

### Automated Phone System

We have an automated menu system which helps tremendously with the 'morning rush' of reported absences. Menu options can be selected without listening to the full introductory message.

Dial:

- 0 to report an absence
- 1 to leave a message outside office hours
- 2 to speak to the office
- 3 to dial an extension

### Pay Phone

We discourage the use of the office phone system for non-urgent student phone calls. There is a payphone in the student foyer of the office which takes OLD 20c coins (obtainable from the office). Please remind your child to carry 20c at all times so that they can use this phone.

### Cell Phones

Please ensure that students are aware that it is school policy that cell phones are switched off during class. Failure to conform may result in confiscation of the cell phone for the remainder of the day.

## ABSENCES

Please could all parents assist us by remembering to telephone the college to report absences from school first thing in the morning.

Alternatively you can report an absence via email: [absences@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:absences@mtaspiring.school.nz). Please make sure to state your child's surname as well as Christian name and also the reason for their absence.

This reduces the time-consuming and often difficult task of following up unexplained absences each day.

## 2012 Football Registrations

Outside the college gym after school on Wednesday 8 February

## Aspiring Athletes Club

restarts next Wednesday 8 February.  
Year 1 - 8: 4.00 pm  
Year 9 and older: 5.00 pm  
See you on the MAC fields.

### Important Notice from Central Motorways

Please note that from the start of 2012 Central Motorways will not allow scooters, skateboards or other modes of transport on their school buses for safety reasons. Please help us by ensuring your child is not bringing any of the above items to school. Thank you.

Apologies to Emile Coote for failing to acknowledge his skiing achievement at the end of last year. Emile competed in the Alpine Ski Racing National Youth Series and placed 3rd in the GS race at Cardrona.

## CLIFFHANGERS CLIMBING CLUB

Every day after school from Monday 6 February. Instruction, coaching, competitions and fun! New and existing members contact Base Camp on 443 110 for more information.

## MONEY

### Office Payments

Please encourage children to order lunch and hand over other payments to the office as soon as they arrive at school. It is really helpful if payments are enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the student's name and an indication of the trip or activity. Cheques should be made payable to Mount Aspiring College.

We would like to encourage all students to AVOID carrying more money with them to school than is necessary.

The office is always happy to 'hold' larger sums of money for students if they feel uncomfortable taking care of it during the day.

### School Accounts

Accounts are posted home monthly and prompt settlement is appreciated.

If you have a discrepancy with an item on an account please contact the office at the time so that this can be investigated.

Payments can be made in person by cash, cheque or Eft-Pos. You can also pay by Internet Banking (Account Number 031739 0027820 - 00) Please ensure that your child's surname and initial are detailed in the reference field and indicate that the payment is for school fees in the code field. You may also pay by Credit Card but a fee may apply.

### Financial Difficulties

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are struggling to meet the payments please contact Kathy Tweedie to discuss the possibility of making time payments or obtaining financial assistance.

## E-LETTER

Please let us know if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically by emailing your preferred email address and student's name to [office@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:office@mtaspiring.school.nz).

## Proactive KIDS - 9-18 years

Come and be part of the FREE trial week beginning Monday 13 February and try out the best way to get fit in Wanaka. Whatever fitness level you are at now, you can always improve! Call into Proactive Gym to find out more or call 4436500.

### International 420 Dinghy Teams' Racing

Are you interested in this fast exciting genre of sailing?  
Do you want to be in the MAC Team?  
Find out more from Richard 0273808586  
or come to the Wanaka Sailing Club at 5pm on 1 / 8 February ready to go on the water.

## YOGA FOR TEENS

Stretch your body, calm your mind. Learn poses that build strength, coordination, and balance. Relaxation techniques and meditation also explored. Classes are on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the East Common Room. \$10 per class. Contact Shannon: 0210-2972705

## LUNCHES

### Canteen

Lunch can be ordered from the school canteen. Orders may be made at the office before Period 1 or at the canteen at morning interval. It is possible to pay for lunches using Eft-Pos.

There is a menu at the office and it will be printed in the newsletter soon.

### Late Lunches

If forgotten lunches are brought into school by parents we will ask you to personally deliver these to your child in their class.

Alternatively, please arrange in advance for your child to check with the office to see if lunches have been delivered.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is a large lost property bin in the student foyer of the office. Parents are welcome to come and 'search' if items of clothing go missing (mums are often more thorough than students!).

Please help us keep on top of lost property by labeling all uniform items.

## MEDICATION

The office holds medication for a number of students with critical medical conditions (for example, bee allergies, diabetes).

Please come and speak to the office staff if there is anything they should be aware of about your child (for example recent concussion).

## CONFISCATED ITEMS

Items which are confiscated will be held at the office until the end of school on Friday when they may be collected from the office.

Confiscated items will only be held for one term following the term in which the item was confiscated.

Please help eliminate the handling of confiscated items by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed at college.

## MESSAGES

We do not operate a 'runner' system at the college and it is often difficult to relay messages to students, particularly if these are received after midday.

If at all possible, make arrangements with students prior to the start of school.