



NEWSLETTER Panui

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Contacting Us

All staff can be contacted by phone through the college office on 443 9901.

The names of the staff in charge of each whanau are detailed below.

You can also email staff members by using the following format:

**Christian name
full stop
surname
@mtaspiring.school.nz**

Examples of this are displayed in the list of email addresses for deans and guidance staff opposite.

Please note that apostrophes and hyphens can be dropped or retained.

We hope that these contact details will assist you in the process of communicating with us.

Wayne Bosley

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Whanau Teachers

Barker

BAS - Vicki Ashton
 BBR - Rob Bruce
 BBU - Lincoln Bruce
 BBY - Wayne Bosley
 BCB - Hamish Crosbie
 BCM - Grier Campbell
 BEL - Annette Ellwood
 BHA - Jane Hamilton
 BLO - Kris Logan
 BSC - Clare Scurr
 BTU - John Turnbull

Iron

IBA - Gena Bagley
 IBL - Carol Bradley
 IBN - Denise Bruns
 ICS - Dave Cassaidy
 IDL - Matt Doyle
 IED - Jenny Edgar
 IHR - Caitlin Harvey
 IJO - Katrina Johnstone
 ILB - Lesley Baynes
 IMC - Deb McMillan
 IWS - Annabel Wilson

Pisa

PAL - Murray Allen
 PBC - Carol Brooks
 PBD - Dawn Bosley
 PBK - Perry Brooks
 PDN - Petrina Duncan
 PHO - Alistair Hose
 PJD - Warren Judkins
 PKN - Simon King
 PLE - Marie Lewis
 PMU - Karyn Munro
 PWL - Joss Walker

Roy

RBI - Jan Bailey
 RDB - Jenni Dobbie
 RFA - Luke Faed
 RMN - Ian McNabb
 RMO - Angela Mote-Andrews
 ROC - Rachel O'Connell
 RRO - Karen Rochford
 RSD - Michelle Suddaby
 RSI - Euan Simpson
 RTH - Greg Thornton
 RWT - Jane Watson-Taylor



Introducing the 2012 Student Council

Pictured left:
 (Back) Ruby Reddington, Nic Jackson, Ben Sherson, Ellie Greenwood, Max Schikker, Meg Topping
 (Front) Elliott Meldrum, Gabriel Schwarz, Rosie Thomson, Charlotte Jolly, Robin Long, Courtney Poole, Taylor Jongsma, Eden Bray
 (Absent) Emily Wilson, Tennessee Davis, Ashley Robb, Eugene Wolfin

MUSIC LESSONS

Lessons for students learning sax, clarinet, flute and trumpet have now started. The times of lessons are as detailed below (as published on the student noticeboard):

Woodwind 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.45 am	Tuesday (Angela Mote) Laura Smith, Ngaio MacLeod John Stevens, Mitchie Maluschnig, Daisy Thor-Poet Amelia Omelvena, John Stevens, Mitchie Maluschnig, Daisy Thor-Poet
Woodwind 9.45 am 10.15 am	Wednesday (Angela Mote) Ming Thor-Poet, Toby Jarvie Hannah McNabb, Sonya Palmer
Woodwind 8.45 am 9.15 am	Thursday (Angela Mote) Mel Telford, Breagha Rennie Rawiri Griffin, Emily Simpkin
Woodwind 11.20 am 11.50 am 12.20 pm 12.50 pm	Tuesday (Theresa Thornton) Christy Facer, Brittany Budden Anna Edwards Bailey Masters Leilana Elms, Rosie Munro, Amy Knight
Brass 2.15 pm 2.45 pm	Tuesday Hamish McLean Dara Beattie-Johnson, Kobi Stevens

Guitar lessons will now commence next week - the timetable will be published on the noticeboard very soon. Please note that any lessons scheduled for Tuesday next week will not take place because of the MAC swim sports.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Please let us know if your family has recently had a change of contact details (phone / cell / address) or if your child has developed a medical condition of which we should be aware. You can do this by phoning 443 9901 and speaking to one of the office staff or emailing office@mtaspiring.school.nz.

The UK School Minister, Mr Gibb says:

*"Children should always have a book on the go. The difference in achievement between children who read for **half an hour a day** in their spare time and those who do not is huge – as much as a year's education by the time they are 15."*
(from [The Telegraph, 8 Feb 2012](#))

So come to the library, choose a book you will like (you can use the online catalogue or ask the librarian for help) and enjoy reading!

Parents, please encourage your children to read. When they lie down with a book they are not being lazy - they are building their brains!

Florence Micoud, Librarian ~ RLIANZA



TERM DATES 2012

Term 2: 23 April - 29 June, Anzac Day: 25 April, Queen's Birthday: 4 June
Term 3: 16 July - 28 September, Provisional Teacher Only Day: 24 August
Term 4: 15 October - 10 December (provisional finish date), Labour Day: 22 October

Important Dates

Term 1 (30 January - 5 April)

Week 4	Tuesday 21 February	Swimming Sports
	Wednesday 22 February	HPV Info session (Year 8 girls)
	Thursday 23 February	Team Up Conferences
	Friday 24 February	Level 3 OP Kayak, Makarora
Week 5	Wednesday 29 February	Athletics Day
Week 6	8/9 March	Level 3 OP Kayak, Shotover
Week 7	12 March	ERO review commences
	15/16 March	Summer Quad
Week 8	Monday 19 March	Year 8 HPV Vaccination
Week 9	Monday 26 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
	Tuesday 27 March	Teacher Only Day - college closed to students
Week 10	Monday 2 April	Level 3 Geography Field Trip
	Thursday 5 April	Last day of Term 1

If you would be interested in timekeeping at the college Swim Sports on Tuesday 21 February please contact Carol Bradley on 443 9901 x819. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Help with Swimming Sports

PHONE SYSTEM
We spoke too soon! We are still having technical problems with our phone system. There may well be quite a hum on the phone line when you call. Thank you for bearing with us while we get this rectified.

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

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The college will be closed to students on Tuesday 27 March.

We apologise for any inconvenience which this may cause.

After School Drama Classes

Tuesday to Friday after school. Theatre skills, voice production, body awareness & performance skills, taught by theatre professionals. Email johnandgilly@slingshot.co.nz for details.

CONGRATULATIONS

to COLOUR CLASSIC (last year's Year 13 students - Tom Dickson, Hugh Haworth, Kape Sinnott and Rowan Brash) who performed at this year's Rippon concert and were outstanding ambassadors for the college!

GUITAR LESSONS

Anything from Jimi to classical.
 Txt Gabe for details:
 0278573951

PROJECT MUSICAL 2012

If you are in Year 9-13 why not be part of the fun and get ready to audition or sign up as part of the crew. Auditions are planned for week 5 of this term.

The pre-audition meeting takes place TODAY at interval so why not come along and find out more. Keep an ear open for further information in the school notices.

Performance nights will be **21-24 June** so make sure that you are available on these dates if you are keen to be involved. For more information please see Mrs McRae and Ms Mote-Andrews.

HPV Vaccination Information Session

Wednesday 22 February, 9.00 am, Room 27.

A Public Health nurse will be visiting the college to deliver education regarding the HPV vaccination to Year 8 girls on Wednesday 22 February at 9.00 am. Parents are welcome to join this information session to hear what is being said to their daughters.

All girls attending the sessions will be given consent forms to take home for parents to sign. Please take the time to read the consent form, as it contains important information regarding the human papillomavirus, and the vaccination being offered. **Whether you consent to your daughter taking part in the campaign or not please fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible.**

For more information you can contact: the Public Health Nurse Paula McHugh on (03) 440 4309.

DID YOU KNOW?

A doctor from one of the Medical Centres visits the college every Friday lunchtime. Students may make appointments at the office (by the end of interval) and receive a free confidential consultation.

Oceania Mountain Bike Champs

Rotorua - 8-11 March 2012

See www.mtbnz.org for costs and event details. If you are interested please contact Andrea Woolley (OP department) by this Friday 17 February.

Subway MORE FM Kids Duathlon

Sunday 26 February, Queenstown
Entry forms at the Sports Hub.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next course will be held in the last two weeks of February. To register or to find out more information call Lyal on 443 5750.

KAYAKING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Jessica Bailey who has won selection into the NZ Junior Slalom Kayak team. Four selection races were held in the last two weeks of January and Jessica finished as the top boat in the Women's U18. Jessica will travel to the USA in July to compete in the Junior World Championships. She is currently training in Penrith, Australia and competes in the Oceania Championships next weekend.

Cliffhangers Climbing Club Fundraiser

You can win yourself a \$100 New World voucher (spot prize) by sponsoring a climber in the Wanaka Cliffhangers Climbing Club climbathon which is being held at Basecamp on the Sunday 4 March from 12 noon to 6pm. All climbers will also have the chance to win. A \$100 Base voucher is up for grabs for the climber who raises the most sponsorship.

All money raised will be used to send our best climbers to the national competition and, if they are selected, to international climbing competitions. We are grateful to Basecamp for providing the facility for this event.

Don't miss your opportunity to attend the Team Up Conferences next Thursday 23 February

Year 7 - 10 Science - Extension Opportunity

The MAC Science Department would like to offer all Year 7-10 students the opportunity to become involved in an out of class science badge extension programme offered by the Science Award Trust which is based from Christchurch. To find out more visit www.sciencebadges.co.nz, see the poster with your science teacher or email ian.mcnaab@mtaspiring.school.nz for more details.

MOUNTAIN BIKING ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Paul Wright who has had a busy summer on his mountain bike. He competed in the 2012 NZ MTB Cup Series and placed 1st in both Christchurch and Dunedin in the U15 cross country section. He now has just two rounds of the competition left to compete in which will take place in Wellington and Hawkes Bay. Paul also competed in the 2012 NZ MTB Cup Nationals and placed 2nd in the U15 cross country section.



CLIFFHANGERS CLIMBING CLUB

Every Monday after school. Instruction, coaching, competitions and fun! New and existing members contact Base Camp on 443 1110 for more information.

Festival Day of Cricket in Alexandra Sunday 19 February

From 10.00 – 11.30 am there will be youth cricket coaching with ex NZ players. All welcome to attend. More information is available on the Sports Hub notice board.

Special Olympics Meeting

Special Olympics Central Otago would like to invite you to an information evening on **Monday 12 March from 7.00–8.30 pm in room 7 at Mt Aspiring College.**

Come along and find out what is available for you and your child and learn more about the Special Olympics programme.

Year 9 Outdoor Education 2012

All four Year 9 classes will be involved in a three day / two night Outdoor Education Camp at Mount Aspiring Lodge in the East Matukituki Valley at the end of Term 1. This camp will be an opportunity for the integrated staff and students in each class to get to know each other better. They will also take part in EOTC activities such as ecological surveying and the river crossing parts of the Water Safety NZ River Safe programme.

The new format for the Year 9 Outdoor Education programme will also involve a two day / one night Tramp / Tent Camp and a locally based, one day inter-class challenge, in Term 4.

More details on the itinerary, cost, clothing and gear lists for the Term 1 camp will be sent home with the students in the next couple of weeks along with a parental consent and medical form.

Any student who can't take part in these programmes will be expected to attend school as normal. Financial support may be available if necessary (please contact Kathy Tweedie in the office).

If you have any queries regarding the programme you can contact the camp co-ordinator Ian McNabb (see page 1 for details)

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

Sports Hub Noticeboard

has information regarding:

South Island secondary school adventure race
Otago netball camp
Otago primary / secondary swim champs
Secondary school athletics competitions
South Island secondary school MTB Champs
Festival day of cricket

Important Sporting Dates

19 February	Otago Water Skiing, Millers Flat
21 February	MAC Swim Champs
23 February	Otago / Southland Triathlon / Multisport, Cromwell
24 February	Otago Tennis (finals), Dunedin
29 February	AWD (athletes with disabilities) Swimming, Dunedin
3 March	Otago/Southland Triathlon / Duathlon Champs, Oamaru
7 March	Central Otago Primary School Swim Sports, Cromwell
9 / 10 March	Otago Athletics, Dunedin
10 / 11 March	South Island Secondary Schools Rowing, Ruataniwha
13 March	Golf - Balclutha Junior Open, Balclutha
16 March	Intercollegiate Golf, Taieri
16 March	South Island Secondary Schools Tennis, Timaru
16 / 17 March	Otago / Southland Athletics, Invercargill
17 March	Otago Secondary Schools Rowing, Dunedin
17 March	South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race, Cromwell
28 March	Central Otago Primary Triathlon, Cromwell
25-30 March	Futsal Tournament, Wellington
25-30 March	Maadi Cup Rowing, Twizel
30/31 March	Otago Secondary Schools / Primary Swim Champs, Dunedin
31 March / 1 April	South Island Secondary Schools Athletics, Nelson
31 March / 1 April	NZ Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Champs, Levin
1-5 April	NZ Secondary Schools Slalom Champs, Murchison

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

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An ILC Experience - Friendship around the world

Germany — 18,580 km —> New Zealand

When you leave your own country to visit another one at the other end of the world you are on your own. Completely thrown into some new experience of which you are – so far – uncertain as to whether it will be a good one or not. It is like jumping into cold water from a 10 metre diving board. It's scary, exciting.

However, that shouldn't keep you from jumping, because, man, the water turns out to be nice! I never thought that the locals of Wanaka would be so welcoming and open. I met some people who I can consider some of my best friends today. Italy, Thailand, New Zealand, the Falkland Islands, Brazil, Germany – in all of these places there are doors on which I can knock and a familiar face will welcome me with a warming hug. Going overseas is not just about going to one country, or getting to know one culture and language. It is getting to know many different cultures and languages and most importantly making friends for life from all over the world.

At first I felt like an invader, a stranger. After the 17 months that I got to live in Wanaka I felt like a local because every single one of you gave me the chance to integrate myself into what was for me a new life. Certainly, it was also dependent on me to take the offered opportunities. I hope that those of the students of MAC who are going to plunge into another culture in another country will have equally fantastic experiences as my international friends and I have had.

One thing that I learnt is that if you have a dream which is huge and important and you really want that dream to turn into reality, it will. I had the dream of seeing one of my best friends again. Yeah that's fine, why don't you just go and visit him? Well, I first met Jeng in Ms. Bagley's Drama class at MAC but then he returned to Thailand. But it was my dream to see him again and it worked out. It always depends on what you do with a situation. If you sit there and wish for things to happen you'll be waiting for a long time. Get up and work towards the dream. Who knows, in the end you may end up in Thailand riding an elephant with one of your best friends.

Best wishes to my lovely host family and all my many friends at MAC.
Missing you all, **Vivi Lehmann**

Introducing new members of MAC staff

Mr Mathew Doyle, BMus, Dip Tch Sec

Mr Doyle was born and raised in Queenstown and studied music at Otago University. Last year he completed his diploma in secondary education at Otago University College of Education with placements at MAC and schools in Dunedin.

Mr Doyle has always loved Wanaka and visited often while living in Queenstown, especially for trips to the snow. He was thrilled to have the opportunity to come back to MAC to teach this year and is so enjoying getting to know the place better and meeting people in the community.

Mr Doyle's interests are music and the many joys that come with living in the mountains.



Ms Petrina Duncan, BSc, MSc

Originally from the Kaipara district of the North Island Ms Duncan moved to Dunedin to attend Otago University where she completed a BSc and an MSc majoring in Zoology.

Ms Duncan's work background includes: Guiding in Fiordland National Park, working as a DOC ranger on numerous projects involving birds, lizards and bats, research assistant work for Canterbury University and the University of Tasmania, massage therapist, and now teaching!

She trained at the University of Canterbury and is a biology and science teacher. She has taught at Fiordland College, Orewa College and Unlimited School.

Ms Duncan has a partner called Paul and a dog called Hoki and her interests include yoga, biking, tramping, day walks, environmental projects, gardening and photography. She also loves travelling, and has been to 19 different countries so far!

Looking forward to getting to know lots of students and staff during her year covering maternity leave at MAC.



Fantastic Money Raising Opportunity!

Friends of MAC are operating a major fundraiser for the college. All money raised by this venture will be put towards the transformation of the upper quadrangle into an outdoor performance area.

We need about 40-50 people to do 2.5 hour slots manning the A & P Showground gates on either Friday 11 or Saturday 12 March. After your stint you are welcome to go in and enjoy the show.

All that is required is to take money from people entering the showgrounds - it is a very sociable thing to do! Why not team up with a friend and ask to be on the same gate together at the same time?

Your support would be hugely appreciated. Please email Sandy on 5limos@wave.co.nz as soon as possible. Alternatively you can call 443 5452 after hours (or leave a message).

Your help would be MUCH appreciated!

Pictured below, Vivi and Jeng elephant riding

