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Team Green's Earth Hour



The official 2012 Earth Hour will take place on Saturday 31 March at 8.30 pm. However, Mount Aspiring College will have its very own Earth Hour in Period 6 tomorrow. All electricity in the classrooms will be turned off including, if at all possible, all computers. This is to raise awareness about sustainability around the world.

The Earth Hour initiative originated in 2007 when 2000 businesses and 2.2 million individuals turned their lights off for one hour to take a stand against climate change. By 2011 hundreds of millions of people across 135 countries had joined this movement and the hope is that there will be an even greater commitment this year.

To discuss this and other ways in which you can keep your environment clean and green come along and join the Team Green meetings in the library every Wednesday lunchtime.

Jessica Bailey

CONCERT TONIGHT!

Senior Mount Aspiring College students will be performing a selection of contemporary music at the

Presbyterian Church at 6.30 pm.

Come along and listen to these talented students. All welcome. Gold coin donation.

Sporty News:

We have lots of students away this week competing at the Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta, at the Futsal Tournament in Wellington and at the Central Otago Primary Triathlon - hopefully some great results in next week's newsletter!

Good luck to Jessica Bailey, Holly Bailey, Hank Bilous, Luke Ruddenklau, Toby Lee and Nico Schikker who are off to the New Zealand Secondary Schools Kayak Slalom Champs on Sunday. This is a week long event and they have a number of National titles to defend!

GOING SOLO

Congratulations to Brent Perkins who is enrolled in the Wanaka Flight Training Aviation Programme and completed his first solo flight last Wednesday.



Big Night Out

Friday 30 March, 7.00 - 9.30 pm, MAC East Common Room
Tickets \$5 / Snack Packs \$5

Tickets on sale outside the ECR

AN ATHLETICS FUNDRAISER FOR LAYNE OPETAIA AND ADAM HEWSON

NEWS FROM THE ILC....

WELCOME to our visitors from Japan from **Nihon Gauken High School**, Tokyo. It is nice to have you here with us for the week enjoying our host families and getting to know our school.

REPORT FROM CHINA

Claire & Heather Watt (Year 12 Dean) have just returned from a marketing trip to China. In conjunction with other New Zealand schools, polytechs and universities we visited Beijing, Qingdao, Hangzhou, Guangzhou and Nanjing to promote Mount Aspiring College to Chinese students, families and agents. Everyone who visited our booth was really impressed with what they learnt about our school (thanks to our great marketing material - thanks Andrew) and we felt very proud to be a part of this fantastic school and community.

A special mention to Gigi's mother and sister, Kara and Vincent who took us out for dinner in Hong Kong; Yvette's mother and father who took us out for coffee in Hebei Province and Sherry's mother, aunt and uncle who took us out for dinner in Guangzhou. Also, to Justin Ma and family who were fantastic hosts during our time in Nanjing (Justin's son, Simon Ma studied at MAC and is now in the UK at University). Justin introduced us to Simon's high school which has a roll of 6,000 students. The school was huge and the size of its quad is equivalent to Tiananmen Square! This school is very interested in a 'sister school' type arrangement with our school. So if any students wish to learn Mandarin and go to China for an experience, come and see me at the ILC!!! Of course, students from this Chinese school will also come to us for an exchange visit. It will be great to see this happening in the future.

By the way, as always - it's great to be home!
Claire Easterbrook

To celebrate New Zealand book month \$5 book vouchers have been distributed to every college student. The voucher gives them \$5 off any book priced \$10 or more sold by participating book retailers (Paper Plus is one). But hurry! The vouchers must be redeemed by Saturday 31 March. So hasten to your local bookshop to buy that special book you've always wanted.

Please return or renew all library books taken out in February by Friday 30 March. Thank you!

Florence Micoud,
Librarian



Mount Aspiring College Formal 2012

Friday 4 May, 7.00 pm - 00.30 am, Lake Wanaka Centre

Theme: Masquerade

The students and staff invite parents of students attending the formal to join us from 7.30 - 8.30 pm in the Armstrong Room at the Lake Wanaka Centre for drinks and nibbles followed by the formal announcing of the students across the stage. In addition, there will be photo opportunities available for you and your son / daughter with a professional photographer at the end of the evening.

The MAC formal is a wonderful occasion for the staff, students and parents to mingle in a social situation with a nice mix of etiquette, formality and fun! The format of the evening will include a red carpet entrance, pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, a formal announced entrance, delicious 3-course sit-down dinner, followed by live music, dancing and photos.

We rely on the assistance of parents to help the caterers and the Year 10 students to serve the meal, secure entrance / exit doorways for part of the evening and to help clean up at the end of the evening. Please contact Karyn Munro (munrok@mtaspiring.school.nz / 443 9906 / 027 464 0334) if you are able to assist.

Te Kakano Aotearoa Trust AGM

Thursday 29 March, 7.00 pm
St John's Room

Each year, we hold an AGM to let the public know what we've been up to for the financial year. Come along to learn about our accomplishments and our native habitat restoration plans for the future.

You can also pick up a copy of our hot-off-the-press Annual Report.

Nibbles and drinks provided. All welcome. See you there!

Upcoming planting dates:

Saturday 14 April @ Fossil Creek
Sunday 22 April @ Roy's Bay, Stage 5

LOST PROPERTY

Named items have already been removed from the bin and the items are being returned to the students via their whanau teachers. All un-named, non-uniform items in the lost property bin will be taken to the recycling centre during the holidays. Please check the bin during the next week. We have a HUGE number of pairs of shoes!

REMEMBER:~

Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 1 April (clocks go back by one hour at 2.00 am).

INTERNET BANKING REMINDER

When paying your school account by internet banking, please remember to use your child's surname as a reference. Thank you.

MAC KILTS

We have been advised by Apparel Studio that there has been an unforeseen problem in the supply of the winter kilt. The manufacturer is based in Christchurch and has discovered that the polyester/wool Napier tartan fabric that they were holding to make the kilts has suffered earthquake damage. Unfortunately they have been unable to source an equivalent fabric at short notice.

Apparel Studio has managed to source another Napier tartan fabric but this is 100% wool, which is a very good quality and warm fabric. However it is more expensive than the polyester/wool blend and the kilts this year are therefore likely to be more expensive than anticipated (around \$225). There may also be a slight delay in delivery of the kilts but they should be available within the first week of Term 2. In the meantime, a cross-over period will be allowed at the start of Term 2 when students will be able to wear either summer or winter uniform.

Ski Connect Children's and Adults Seasonal Ski Rental

Early Bird rates end on Sunday 15 April
Book your skis, boots and poles and pay now and secure your equipment for the 2012 season.

Amazing value -- you keep the gear at home, no need to return when it is not being used.
Children's rental from \$200 for the season

Don't delay, get them booked today
Ski Connect (opposite Post Office) 443 1443

NETBALL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CLINIC for Year 7 and 8 Players and Coaches from all age Groups

Netball Upper Clutha are pleased to advise that we are running a Skills Development Clinic for year 7 and 8 players and all interested coaches on Friday 27 April (first Friday of Term 2) from 3.30 - 6.00 pm at the MAC outdoor courts. We invite all interested coaches and players of other age groups to come along, observe and learn some fun and effective skill development techniques. Our dynamic facilitator is an experienced Otago player, coach and inspiring teacher. This will be an invaluable session for coaches of all age groups providing new ideas and focus for training sessions - a perfect start to the 2012 Netball season. Special thanks to our sponsor - NUC life member, Pam McRae, for supporting development of netball in our Centre. For further information please contact Anne Cooper on 443 8292.

Albert Town Community Association presents

"Party in the Park"

Sunday 1 April
2.00 - 5.00 pm

Bouncy castles, face painting, egg and spoon races, sack races and much more...

Plenty of prizes to be won.
BBQ, candy floss, coffee and ice cream.

Gold coin donation.

WANTED:~ Girls winter kilt for a year 9 girl, (72-77 cm) Phone 443 6110.

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB OPEN DAY (U7-U13 Players)

Saturday 31 March, 10.00 am - 12 noon
Rugby Club Grounds

Players will meet their coaches and team. There will also be a second-hand boot sale.

Any enquiries to: Sue (443 8468) or Dean (445 2117)

Money Management Course - Fully funded

April to August - Tuesday evenings, 20 weeks

Understand the financial world, simplify the jargon

The ability to manage money is an essential life skill, regardless of age or income level. The Certificate in Money Management (Level 3, offered through Te Wananga o Aotearoa) gives you an opportunity to develop this ability in a neutral environment, enabling you to make decisions that will help you reach your personal financial goals in life.

During the course you will learn about:

Money and debt management / Wealth creation and protection / Property investment / Equity and other investments

Spaces are limited - enrol now

Contact Mylrea Bell, 443 1738, 027 443 9942, myl@xtra.co.nz



Treble Cone 2012 Early Bird Season Pass deadlines!

Saturday 31 March is the early bird deadline for family passes and the last opportunity to get your bonus TC dollars with your family or youth season pass. Thursday 31 May is the deadline for youth season passes and a free youth season pass if you sign up for Riders & Sliders (ages 4-12 years), the Full Time Race Programme (ages 6-14 years) or Full Time Free Ski Programme (available to 6-17years).

For more details please see our web site www.treblecone.com, or contact seasonpasses@treblecone.com, 03 443 1406 or pop in to the town office at 24 Dunganon Street.

A reminder that students taking Level 2 or Level 3 Outdoor Pursuits are eligible for a reduced rate pass. Please check in with the Outdoor Pursuits department if you require clarification.

Leslie Rugby Junior Coaching Clinics

All Blacks Ben Smith and Tony Brown have now been confirmed as coaches for the Leslie Rugby Junior Coaching clinics during the April school holiday in Queenstown, Alexandra and Dunedin.

To find out more, or to register online for a day of intensive and specialised junior rugby skill and drill coaching go to leslierugby.co.nz. Places are limited to 80 juniors per day.

Important Dates

Term 1 (30 January - 5 April)

Week 9	Thursday 29 March	Senior Music Student Concert
Week 10	Monday 2 April	Level 3 Geography / Tourism Field Trip
	2-4 April	9SF Camp
	Tuesday 3 April	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm
	Tuesday 3 April	Level 1 OP Overnight Trip
	Wednesday 4 April	Defence Forces bus visits MAC
	Thursday 5 April	Last day of Term 1

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NEW WORLD

Owner / Operator: Lindsay & Carol Parry
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Kilt for Sale

82 cm, suitable for Year 9 - 11 student.
Very good condition. Call 443 8654