



A warm welcome to you all!

Year 13 students have been back since last Thursday and they were joined by the Year 7's for a full day on Friday. Year 11 and Year 12 students came in for the morning on Friday and all new students in other years had a chance to become more familiar with the school. Today we welcome everyone back for another busy term.

Our first week back as a full school will be a mixture of class work and orientation activities aimed at ensuring that all students and staff feel part of the college as quickly as possible.

Our weekly newsletter will be available on-line as well as hard copy and will be issued each Thursday. We hope to keep you informed about up coming events, student success and college activities. It is also posted on our college website: www.mtaspiring.school.nz

This week's newsletter is to inform everyone about our House Day activities which are planned for Friday morning. These will be followed by the first House competition at the college in the afternoon. Please feel free to join us in the college gymnasium at 1:00pm (but be prepared for a noisy experience).

We are fully staffed, our hostel is full, our student numbers are up and we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Our vision is simply to be the best possible learning community and together we can ensure that our students reach their potential.

Thank you - it is wonderful to be back at MAC.

Wayne Bosley

YEAR 7 POUNAWEA CAMP MEETING

East Common Room, 6.00 pm
Thursday 7 February

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

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Tuesday 26 February and
Wednesday 6 March

This is a chance to meet the teacher and help your child to set their individual goals for the year.

More information will follow shortly, but note these dates in your diary now.

Community Survey

In the continuing quest to develop our strategies for learning we would value your feedback to our survey. Please access the link on the home page of our website. Hard copies of the survey are also available from the college office. The link will remain active until Friday 22 February. As an added incentive everyone who completes the survey will go into the prize draw with a chance to win an i-pod touch.

MAC Athletics Champs - Wednesday 27 February

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.

HOUSE DAY FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2013

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 link on the home page of the MAC website.

Calling all families, especially those new to town....

'POT LUCK' PICNIC

Thursday 14 February, 6 - 7.30 pm, Mount Aspiring College Quad (ECR if wet)

Did you know that we have 181 new students at the college this year? Are you part of a family new to town? Are you a family already living in Wanaka who would like the chance to meet and mingle with parents and children of other MAC families? We encourage you to come and join us for this informal gathering next week.

This is an opportunity to enjoy the last rays of the sun (hopefully!) sitting in our beautiful quad and network with other families. Why not come a bit earlier and let your child(ren) show you where their classrooms are?

Bring blankets and / or chairs and your own food and drink (no alcohol please), or feel free to bring a platter of something to hand around (a good way to mingle).

EVERYONE WELCOME

NEWS FROM THE ILC...

THE WORLD REALLY IS YOUR OYSTER!

Welcome to all of our new students from Japan, China, France, Uruguay, Falkland Islands, Austria, Germany, Brazil and Chile. There are 27 students from all over the world to start the year, so we hope you all enjoy your time here with us.

SOSEI HIGH SCHOOL - SISTER SCHOOL - EXCHANGE FOR MAC STUDENTS

This term we also welcome our sister school from Japan. They have a group here for two weeks as well as three students who will stay with us for 10 weeks. While here they will be living with host families. We are keen for everyone to know that there is an opportunity for our Kiwi kids to have a Japanese cultural experience through our exchange programme with Sosei High School in Sapporo.

If you would like to know more about this programme please call the ILC office. Sosei High School would love to see MAC students at their school in Hokkaido. Traditionally students from MAC have gone to Hokkaido at Christmas and New Year, so that it does not interfere with our academic programme. However, Sosei High School realise that there may be other times of the year which are more attractive. If you think that you might like to go for two to up to 10 weeks, the school would be very happy to hear from us. Of course this would be subject to you gaining approval from your family and teachers.

Things that you need to know:-

- you don't need to speak Japanese!
- you will stay with Japanese host families with students that go to Sosei High School
- if you go in December/January - you will get to ski or snowboard in amazing snow
- Hokkaido is famous for its ice festival
- you could go with a group of your friends
- you could go for just two weeks or 10 weeks

Things that you would have to remember:-

- you would be representing our school
- you would be required to wear a school uniform (that's provided)
- you would have to have an open mind
- you would have to have a great sense of humour
- you will get to eat Japanese food!!!!

ARE YOU INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY?

As we have an amazing community of active, fun-loving people the ILC are seeking offers of support for our international students. This can be in the form of taking them on a day trip to Queenstown for a bit of shopping, offering them a chance to go tramping with your group, helping them with their reading after school, or joining you on a tour of the South Island in the holidays! Please come and see us up at the college. We would love to see you and, of course, so would the students.

WANT TO BE A HOST FAMILY?

This is a very rewarding experience and will make you friends all over the world. We have students coming for a short time or a long time, so there is plenty of flexibility and support. Email Jude on fairclothj@mtaspiring.school.nz or ring us on 443 0466.

PARENTING THOUGH SEPARATION

Friday 15 February

Queenstown and Alexandra, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Contact Tina (027 203 3261) or Fi (027 4873 673) for more information and to register.

ITINERANT MUSIC LESSONS

At Mount Aspiring College music lessons are available on the following instruments: Flute, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, guitar and bass guitar. We also have a limited number of wind and brass instruments for hire.

Notices have been handed out to interested students during year level meetings (7-9) and are also available at the office during this week.

Enrolment forms must be returned to the office by Friday 14 February. Please do not pay until you are invoiced by the office.

Due to the high demand for guitar lessons there will be a quota for years 7-9 and, once that is full, students will be put on a waiting list. Guitar lessons will also be available for Year 10-13 Music students.

Angela Mote HoD Music

CANTEEN MENU

Available Daily on request Please order at the office or canteen at interval

MADE FRESH ON THE PREMISES

Not everything is made every day (unless you order it at the beginning of the day)

* available daily

** available daily but need to order

Filled roll (Ham, chicken or salad) **	\$3.50
Salad Wrap (Ham, chicken or salad) **	\$3.50
Sandwiches (Ham, chicken or salad) **	\$3.50
Pizza (Vegetarian, ham or chicken) **	\$3.00
Chicken burger **	\$4.00
Chicken Tender Wrap *	\$3.50
Sausage roll *	\$3.00
Cheese roll *	\$1.00
Garlic Bread *	\$1.00
Hash brown	\$0.70
Cheese scone (please order)	\$2.50
Seasonal fruit *	\$1.00

DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.00
Primo	\$3.50
Iced Tea	\$3.00
Milkshakes	\$3.00
Calci Yum	\$2.00
Cup of Chilled Milk	\$1.00
E2	\$3.00
Slushie	\$3.00
LOL	\$2.50

SWEET TREATS

Muffin *	\$2.50
Chocolate scroll *	\$2.00
Chocolate brownie *	\$2.50
Cookies *	\$1.50
Hot chips	\$3.50

FRIDAYS ONLY

Hot chips (limited supply - please order)	\$2.50
Pies (available on request)	
mince, mince/cheese, chicken	\$3.50

If you order your lunch at the office before school or at the canteen at interval we will have it put aside for you so that you won't miss out.

Read the notices for specials

MAC Swim Champs - Thursday 14 February

Event	Event Name	Gender
1	25m Butterfly Championship Open	Girls
2	25m Butterfly Championship Open	Boys
3	100m IM Open Championships	Girls
4	100m IM Open Championships	Boys
5	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
6	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
7	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
8	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
9	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
10	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
11	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
12	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
13	Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
14	Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
15	Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
16	Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
17	Backstroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Girls
18	Backstroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Boys
19	Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs	Girls
20	Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs	Boys
21	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
22	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
23	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
24	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
25	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Girls
26	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Boys
27	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
28	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
29	Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
30	Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
31	Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
32	Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
33	Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Girls
34	Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Boys
35	Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs	Girls
36	Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs	Boys
37	14 Man House Relay LUNCH TIME	Girls
38	100m Freestyle Open Championship	Boys
39	100m Freestyle Open Championship	Girls
40	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Boys
41	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Girls
42	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
43	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
44	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
45	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
46	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
47	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
48	Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
49	Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
50	Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
51	Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
52	Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Boys
53	Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Girls
54	Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs	Boys
55	Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs	Girls
56	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Boys
57	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Girls
58	House Relay 13 yrs	Boys
59	House Relay 13 yrs	Girls
60	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Boys
61	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Girls
62	House Relay O16 yrs	Boys
63	House Relay O16 yrs	Girls

The Mount Aspiring Netball Club is seeking applicants for the position of coach or co-coach of the college 'A' netball team for the 2013 season. An information package is available at the college office (443 0499) or by contacting Vicki Ashton (ashtonv@mtaspiring.school.nz)

CALLING ALL PARENTS

If you would like to assist with time-keeping at the MAC Swim Champs please contact Carol Bradley at the college as soon as possible (443 0499 x 819 / bradleyc@mtaspiring.school.nz).

2013 Football Registration

FOOTBALL registration and first practice session will take place on the MAC field on Wednesday 13 February. 3:30 pm for U12 and 5.00 pm for U14 and U17. Please bring your completed registration form and money with you. If you have not received a registration form already please ask at the school office or contact Clare on 443 6041.

Aspiring Athletes Club had great success at the 3 day annual South Island Colgate Games in January. Eight junior Wanaka athletes joined 800 athletes from all over NZ and Australia in the event which was held at Surrey Park in Invercargill.

Oliver Jarvie (pictured) took a bronze medal in the 14 year old boys 100 m hurdles, with Ned Williams-Holloway taking the bronze in the 13 year old boys 100 m hurdles. Layne Opetaita (pictured) claimed silver in the boys age 13 high jump. Rosie Spearing, Adam Hewson, Ollie Williams-Holloway, Sam Thompson all qualified for semi finals or finals in their events. These are excellent results, given the high level of competition, and are testament to the talent and hard work of these athletes. It also indicates the quality of their coaching from Oska Inkster-Baynes, Bronwyn Coers and others within the community who have supported their development



Aspiring Athletes is a new club which follows the Athletics NZ framework to encourage fun and participation in athletics as well as competition for those who want to compete regionally and nationally. For more information you can contact Bronwyn on 0274 733 141.

GO MORGAN!

Congratulations to ex-MAC student Morgan James who has just snowboarded her way to a gold medal at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Korea. Fantastic!



MAC UNIFORM FOR SALE

Shorts, sizes 80 and 84 cm
MAC Pants, size 14
MAC Jacket, size M
Boy's Socks

All in good condition.
Call Claire on 443 1236



CONGRATULATIONS

to Daisy and Ming Thor-Poet and Kath Millis whose movie "Forever Emily" was the winner at the regional finals which were held in Vietnam during the holidays. The finals will be held in Singapore very soon.

Full set of medals for Wanaka Rowing Club

The South Island Club Rowing Championships were held last weekend at Lake Ruataniwha and members of the Wanaka Rowing Club were thrilled to come away with a full set of gold, silver and bronze medals!

Congratulations to the following South Island titles winners:
U16 single - Riley Bruce

Men's U19 coxed four - James Redai, Jamie Bowley, cox Hamish Roulston and ex-MAC students Nicholas Jackson and Jarrod Wellman.

Silver medals were won in the Men's U15 Double (Nathan Redai and Riley Bruce) and the Men's U19 pair (Jarrod and Nic)

Bronze medals were won in the U19 Woman's single (ex-MAC student Anna Watson-Taylor) and in the Men's U15 quad (Nathan Redai, Riley Bruce, Jack Porter, Cameron Arnerich, cox Hamish Roulston).

The squad of 23 rowers had a very successful regatta and there were many personal bests and strong preparation for the members who are attending the National Club Championships later this month.

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. 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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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 label all uniform items.

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.

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. Year 7 and 8 students have lockers / storage space in their homeroom area.

Important Dates

Term 1 (31 January - 19 April)

Week 2	Wednesday 6 February	Waitangi Day - college closed
	Friday 8 February	House Day
Week 3	Tuesday 12 February	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm
	Thursday 14 February	MAC Swim Champs
	Thursday 14 February	MAC Pot Luck Picnic, 6.00 pm
Week 4	18 - 22 February	Pounawea Camp (all Year 7's)
Week 5	Tuesday 26 February	Team Up Conferences
	Wednesday 27 February	MAC Athletics Champs
	Wednesday 27 February	Otago University parents' evening
	Thursday 28 February	Otago University Lecture (Year 13)
Week 6	Monday 4 March	Level 3 OP Shotover trip
	Wednesday 6 March	Team Up Conferences

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TERM DATES 2013

Term 2: 6 May - 12 July
Anzac Day: 25 April
Queen's Birthday: 3 June
Term 3: 29 July - 27 September
Term 4: 14 October - 13 December
Labour Day: 28 October