



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

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NEWSLETTER Panui

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Kia Ora and welcome to Week 4 at the college.

TEAM UP – Families, Students and Staff talking together

Since 2008 'Team Up' conferences have successfully provided an opportunity for honest dialogue between home and school with the student being the central figure in these learning conversations. I warmly invite you to join us for these valuable sessions on either Tuesday 26 February or Wednesday 6 March. These discussions are designed to set the scene for the academic year. Staff will outline their programmes and expectations and students and parents can discuss personal goals in that subject and possible barriers to learning. Together we can develop strategies and work together to support student success.

This year I invite you to meet the Whanau teacher as well as subject teachers. The Whanau teacher has an important role in pastoral support and as a mentor and advisor. I am very keen for all students to set personal goals with guidance from home and school. These goals should be **Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timebound (SMART Goals)**. Whanau staff can work with their students individually and advise them on setting goals and reviewing them throughout the year in order to maximize potential.

Team Up conferences are a valuable opportunity to meet and discuss the year ahead so I encourage all students and parents to join us. The online-booking information has already been advertised in the Messenger and emailed to every home (where possible) and is also detailed below for your information. I urge you to make your bookings as soon as possible. The college will remain open on these two days, but please note that there will be no class after lunch. Supervision will be provided for any students who cannot leave the campus until 3.15 pm.

Athletics Sports

Please come and join us for our Athletics sports on Wednesday 27 February. All students will be competing for house points and many will be after championship points. We start on the top field at 9:00 am and go right through the day. If you have a tent or a pop up canopy that you would be willing to lend us for the day to provide extra shade for students please contact Kellie Bailey by email (kellie.bailey@mtaspiring.school.nz).

Cyber Citizenship

This week Lee Chisholm from Netsafe NZ has spoken to staff, students and parents on the joys and responsibilities of being a respectful cyber citizen. There are challenges that we all face when working 'on-line' and Netsafe NZ's website offers some suggestions and hints for students, parents and teachers. I encourage you to have a look at the site (www.netsafe.org.nz) and discuss strategies that enable you to enjoy the on-line world safely.

Our Year 7 students are currently at Pounawea and reports thus far indicate that they are having a ball!

Enjoy your week and please join us for Team Up conferences over the next two weeks.



ACTION FROM LAST WEEK'S SWIM CHAMPS
MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 4

Wayne Bosley

TEAM UP CONFERENCES 2013

To book your interviews go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Enter the code: **YEM7B** and follow these guidelines:

Year 7 and 8:	Book an interview with your child's homeroom teacher using the homeroom name (eg. 7SC) Book an interview with your child's whanau teacher using the subject <i>Whanau</i> . Book an interview with the Maths, Science and PE teachers (if different from the homeroom teacher) and with any module teachers who are available.
Year 9	Core subjects (Maths, Science, English & Social Studies) are now being taught through Year 9 Integrated Studies. Book an interview with your child's teachers using the subject <i>Integrated Studies Year 9</i> , and an interview with their PE teacher. Book an interview with your child's whanau teacher using the subject <i>Whanau</i> and with any option teachers who are available.
Year 10	Book an interview with each subject teacher and your child's whanau teacher.
Year 11, 12 and 13	Book an interview with every subject teacher and your child's whanau teacher.

If you do not have internet access you can either call into the school office or ring us 443 0499 for a member of staff to make appointments for you. **Please note that on-line bookings will close at 9.00 am on the day of the interviews.**

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination

The information session regarding this vaccination programme for Year 8 girls is scheduled for **Monday 4 March, Period 2 (9.45 am)**. Parents are welcome to attend this session if they would like to do so.

After this session Year 8 girls will be given a consent form to take home to their parents /caregivers. Please read this form carefully and return it to school as soon as possible, even if you do not consent for your daughter to be vaccinated at school. Please note that no student will be vaccinated without their parent/ caregiver's consent.

The scheduled vaccination dates are:
Wednesday 10 April, Friday 31 May, Friday 18 October

For further information please check out www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz or phone the public health nurse, Paula McHugh on 03 440 4309.

Are you under 18?

Did you know that you can receive FREE dental care every year until your 18th birthday!

What free dental care will I get?

- A yearly check-up
- X-rays if necessary
- Cleaning to remove plaque, staining and tartar
- Fillings for teeth that have tooth decay (holes)
- Extractions to remove teeth that have been badly affected by tooth decay

What to do?

- To find the dentists providing FREE care in your area, call **0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)** (select option #2)
- Phone or visit your chosen dentist to make an appointment for a check-up
- Turn up for your appointment.

It's so easy – and you can take a support person with you if you like.

Regular check-ups help you maintain healthy teeth for an attractive smile, so enrol today.

Please leave items of value at home unless absolutely necessary.

NZ Association for Gifted Children - Conference & Student Workshops

Saturday 16 March
Wakatipu High School Performance Suite

This is an invitation to the Queenstown gifted children mini conference. The three speakers (Rose Blackett, Dr Roger Moltzen and Dr Kate Niederer) are experts in the field of gifted education, focusing on their intellectual, social and emotional needs. The cost is \$20 or \$35 per family. For further information contact admin@giftedchildren.org.nz. To register go to www.giftedchildren.org.nz.

A Reminder from the Office

A reminder that no students are allowed to leave school without signing out at the office. In order to sign out an explanation from a caregiver is required in every case. If you know that your son / daughter has an appointment to attend during school time please ensure that you either send them to school with a note of explanation to be handed in to the office or telephone to leave a message to the same effect.

Please can you also encourage students to come to the office to make calls home if they are unwell as we always need the verbal OK from parents before releasing students. Thanks for your help with this.

University Information For Parents Evening

Wednesday 27th February 7:30 - 8:30pm

Parents of students in Year 12 and 13 are invited to attend this meeting in the MAC staffroom. Otago University Liaison, Sandra Spence will provide helpful information about Otago University and can any questions which you may have.

Year 7 - 10 Science Extension Opportunity

Why not get involved in the extra-curricular Science Badges which are organised through the Science Award Trust in Christchurch? This self-directed extension programme covers 24 topics / badges and can be viewed at www.sciencebadges.co.nz.

Existing students can continue on with the badges they selected last year and new students should check out the website, contact their Science teacher, or email ian.mcnabb@mtaspiring.school.nz for more details.

Ian McNabb, MAC Science Badge Co-ordinator



Short of MAC Uniform?

Check out the uniform rack at Wanaka Wastebusters..

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course will be held in Queenstown on 26, 28 February and 5, 7 March (inclusive) from 7.00-9.00 pm. For further information please contact Kaye Rowell, Lakes Driver Training on 03 4427073 / 027 623 3634 (txt) or email: krowell@xtra.co.nz



Come to the library to borrow up to four books for your studies and your pleasure. You can check the catalogue online on maclib.wordpress.com or come and browse the library at interval, lunchtime or after school until 4.00 pm.

Love to read



Love to learn

Reading is good for your brain, sleep, social skills, studies and to keep your parents happy!

Florence Micoud, Librarian

Important Dates

Term 1 (31 January - 19 April)

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	HPV Vaccination Info Session, Period 2
	Monday 4 March	Level 3 OP Shotover trip
	Tuesday 5 March	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm
	Wednesday 6 March	Team Up Conferences
Week 7	Monday 11 March	Level 3 OP Shotover trip
	13/14 March	Summer Quad Tournament, Cromwell
Week 8	Wednesday 20 March	Junior Maths Competition
Week 9	Monday 25 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
	Tuesday 26 March	Teacher Only Day - college closed to students
	Friday 29 March	Good Friday - College Closed
Week 10	1/2 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday - college closed
Week 11	10 April	Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination
Week 12	15 April	Level 3 Geography Field Trip

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NEW WORLD

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TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please note that the college will be closed to students on Tuesday 26 March. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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

ATHLETICS DAY TIMETABLE ~ Wednesday 27 February

Students must enter 3 events and can enter all events. The best 5 events will contribute to the individual championships. House points are awarded for each entry. NB The 100m heats have already taken place.

Could any parents who would like to assist with time-keeping and marshalling during the day please contact Rob Bruce on 443 9901 / 0211 196 535 or email_bruce@mtaspiring.school.nz.

All parents are warmly invited to share this special day with us - come along and support your child(ren)!

Time	GIRLS	BOYS				
		Year 7	Year 8	U14	U16	Seniors (O16)
8.35 - 8.45	Whanau meet on the school field for a roll to be taken					
8.45 - 9.15	200m	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
9.15 - 9.45	400m	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
9.45 - 10.15	800m	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
10.15 - 10.45	200m Finals	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
10.45 - 11.30	100m Finals Girls, then Boys	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
11.35	This is the point at which field and track events swap over. The boys will start the track events with the 100 m championship finals					
Time	BOYS	BOYS				
		Year 7	Year 8	U14	U16	Seniors (O16)
11.30 - 12.15	200m	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
12.15 - 12.45	400m	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
12.45 - 1.15	800m	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
1.15 - 1.45	200m Finals	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
1.45 - 2.15		Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
2.15 - 3.10	HOUSE 4 x 100m Relays (Years 7 -13) A whanau roll check will be completed at the conclusion of the day.					

UPPER CLUTHA HOCKEY

Registration Starts Soon!

New and existing players are invited to register by email or at your first practice. Practices are at the Wanaka turf in Warren Street.

For further information regarding age groups and practice times please contact Val Burke 0211 828 499 or email_valburke@xtra.co.nz.

CRICKET NEWS

The Mount Aspiring Year 9 and 10 cricket team had their first victory of the season on Saturday against Cromwell. Sean Webber scored an amazing 141 and Luke Jarvie smashed 70 of Mount Aspiring's score of 269. We then restricted Cromwell to 214 off their 35 overs with Webber taking 3 for 28 off 7 overs.

What fabulous sporting events did you get up to over the holidays?
Let us know! Email:
baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz

On Target!



Ben Robertson and Lachlan Woods gained a well deserved win after a long shoot-off to decide the winners of the Lindsay Taylor Memorial Two Man Skeet Team on Saturday. This Clay Target open event was a North / South qualifier and there were a lot of skilled people vying for the title. Sick work!

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB Annual General Meeting

TONIGHT - Thursday 21 February 2013
Rugby clubrooms at 7.00pm

Please would all intending coaches (U7 up), committee members and helpers attend. Come along and support your local junior rugby. Apologies to Sue Weir, 443 8468

Attention: Parents of All OP Students

It is really important that the office receives your payment option and medical form by **Monday 21 February.**

GOOD LUCK

to the Senior Volleyball team who leave tomorrow for a tournament in Christchurch this weekend.

Important Sporting Dates

22-24 February	S. Island Secondary Schools Volleyball, Christchurch
27 February	MAC Athletics Champs
3 March	S. Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race, Gore
3 March	Otago / Southland Triathlon / Duathlon Champs, Oamaru
6 March	Central Otago Primary School Swim Champs, Cromwell
8/9 March	Otago Athletics, Dunedin
9 March	Sunburst Sailing Regatta, Dunedin
9/10 March	Otago Senior Volleyball Tournament, Dunedin
9/10 March	S. Island Secondary School Futsal Tournament, Christchurch
13/14 March	Summer Quadrangular Tournament, Cromwell
15 March	Intercollegiate Golf, Queenstown
15/16 March	Otago / Southland Athletics, Invercargill
27 March	Central Otago Primary Triathlon, Cromwell
25 - 28 March	NZ Secondary Schools Kayak Slalom Champs, Kawerau
5/6 April	Otago Primary and Secondary School Swim Champs, Dunedin
6/7 April	S. Island Secondary Schools Athletics, Christchurch
13 April	NZ Secondary Schools Adventure Race, Cromwell

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

NETBALL NEWS

Mount Aspiring Netball Club AGM will be held on Thursday 21 March at 7.00 pm in Room 20. All parents of netball players are warmly invited. We need new faces to bolster numbers.

Trials for the A and B netball teams will be held at 3.30 pm on the following dates:
Thursday 7 March
Monday 11 March
Wednesday 13 March
Players from Years 11-13 who wish to be considered should attend all trials and see Ms Ashton or Kellie Bailey for more information.

A **pre-trial / pre-season training session** will be held in the college gym on Monday 25 February. Year 9 /10 - 3.30 pm, Years 11, 12, 13 - 4.30 pm. There will be sessions on skills, fitness, agility, core strength and netball court craft. Come along to get your brain thinking netball again and give coaches an opportunity to spot your early talent!

Trials for the year 9 and 10 teams will start on Thursday 14 March at lunch time.

START YOUR FITNESS ROUTINE NOW - BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!!

ITINERANT MUSIC LESSONS

The following students have all been selected for guitar (or bass guitar) lessons which take place on Mondays or Tuesdays. All students are asked to check the lists at the music room to find out their time slot:

Blake Alty, Reilly Annesson, Anneke Bangma, Lucas Baird, Jessica Bennett, Phoenix Brownlie, Georgia Budd, Jette Cavanagh, Charlie Chisholm, Oscar Cochrane, Helena Crawford, Simon Dalley, Jack East, Emily Edwards, Laura Erichsen, Mitchell Evans, Gregor Findlay, Samantha Fiveash, Jack Goodsell, Samantha Haines, Henry Hardaker, Millie Heine, James Hey, Michael Hey, Sam Howard, Monique Husband, Jack Jury, Ella Maluschnig, Cole Mason, Jordyn McDonald, Lucas McTavish, Nicholas Mercer, Finn Meuller, Sarah Millis, Jessie Mulqueen, Leo Munro-Heward, Paige Murdoch, Alice Murphy, Jake Nicholson, Sam Pearce, Maia Poilvert, Greer Porter, Alyssa Pryde, Olivia Ray, Breagha Rennie, Ben Roberts, Jesse Robertson, Joshua Rogan, Niamh Schmack, Tom Scott, Casey Scurr, Nicolas Sinnott, Lucan Smith, Dougal Stalker, Maggie Stiven, Grace Thomson, Molly Todd, Jamie Toepfer, Daniel Toomey, Jamie Toomey, Jessie Watkinson, Max Watt, Lachlan Weir.

WEDNESDAY FLUTE LESSONS

9.45 am: Breagha Rennie, Melanie Telford
10.15 am: Jessica Curtis, Jessie Fraser, Caitlin Gibson, Elena McFadgen, Freya Moore, Jasmine Murray

THURSDAY BRASS LESSONS

8.45 am: Hamish Elliott, Ellesse Andrews, Hamish McLean
9.15 am: Kobi Stevens
9.45 am: Oban Hansen, Bella Culshaw
10.45 am: Andrew Hay

THURSDAY CLARINET LESSONS

11.00 am: Max Hall, Ngaio MacLeod
11.20 am: Bailey Masters, Mia Heath-Dyer
12.45 pm: Anna Edwards
1.35 pm: Wind Ensemble

THURSDAY SAX LESSONS

11.50 am: Kimmi McArthur, Ellise Price, Alyssa Horning
12.20 pm: Emily Simpkin, Christy Facer, Cole McIntyre

FRIDAY FLUTE LESSONS

9.45 am: Hannah McNabb, Sonya Palmer

FRIDAY SAX LESSONS

10.15 am: Daisy Thor-Poet, Ming Thor-Poet, Mitchie Maluschnig, Valentina Merget

Any students who expressed an interest and are not listed above have been placed on a wait list. Parents will be contacted if spaces become available. There will be a second round of

MAC FUNDRAISER Help at A & P Show

Friends of MAC need about 40-50 people to do 2.5 hour slots manning the A & P Showground gates on either Friday 9 or Saturday 10 March. All that is required is to take money from people entering the showgrounds - it is a very sociable thing to do! After your stint you are welcome to go in and enjoy the show.

This year all money raised by this venture will be put towards extra curricular sporting activities.

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!

The Rutherford Programme

Rutherford is MAC's gifted and talented programme for years 7 to 10. For two periods a week very able students undertake challenges and follow interests in greater depth or breadth as befits their learning style. It is also a time where students of like minds have an opportunity to spend time together.

Our programme for 2013 will involve student driven centre of interest topics, as well as specific activities such as "Open Minds". Students are also encouraged to pursue their talents with interschool / regional / on-line programmes / publishing opportunities / national competitions where suitable. The aim is for students to become autonomous learners, accepting and seeking out challenge, and also ethical learners, aware of their social responsibility. For more information please visit the MAC website. You will find Rutherford under the "academic" tab.

Rutherford will begin in week 5 of Term 1. Year 7 and 8 will be taught by Jilly O'Brien, Year 9 by Rachel O'Connell and Year 10 by Simon King. All of these teachers bring a raft of interests, skills and experiences to the programme and are excited to be part of gifted and talented education at MAC.

Selection for Rutherford is based on a wide range of factors, and current best practice uses "identification through provision". Teachers are a valuable resource to identify students in intellectual, creative and cultural areas. Data from previous schools as well as whanau and peer suggestion is also used to build up a picture.

It is important that identification is dynamic and ongoing and doesn't just occur in year 7. We therefore welcome students (for example students new to the college) who may fit the gifted profile in Years 8 to 10 to contact Jilly, Rachel or Simon to see if Rutherford will work for them.

Winter Growing Workshop

Learn how to grow hardy winter greens and veggies from the one and only Dr Compost. Techniques to beat Jack Frost and tips on prepping your garden for spring. Bring a gold coin donation and all your gardening questions.

**Thursday 14 March
6.00pm - 8.30pm**

Aspiring Beginnings,
Funded by QLDC and
brought to you by Wanaka
Wastebusters.

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.

Otago Southland Schools Water-ski Champs

Congratulations to the following students on the following great results:

Boys 18 & Under Novice:

2nd: Patrick de Groot,
3rd: Keegan Limmer,
4th: Max Schikker

Boys 16 & Under Novice

3rd: Toby Lee,
4th: Nico Schikker

MAC Swim Champs 2013

Well done to all those students who competed last week. Congratulations to our champions:

Champions	Boys	Girls
11 Years Old	Kobi Stevens	Annabel Fairbairn
12 Years Old	Gregor Findlay	Caitlin Saunders
13 Years Old	Campbell Russell	Sophie Fairbairn
14 / 15 Years Old	Noel Bisson	Kenzie Findlay
Over 16 Years Old	Callum Campbell	Hailee Humphrey

Swim Champ Records Broken in 2013

- Boys (O16) 50m Freestyle, **Callum Campbell** 26.91 (previously Liam Vincent 2009)
- Boys (O16) 25m Freestyle, **Callum Campbell** 13.22 (previously Liam Vincent 2009)
- Boys (12 Years) 50m Backstroke, **Gregor Findlay** 34.15 (previously Matt Adair 1996)

Congratulations to **Roy House** who won the house shield by a narrow margin.

House points as follows:

1st: Roy (973), **2nd: Pisa** (953), **3rd: Iron** (915), **4th: Barker** (621)

