



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

Enjoy Success!

NEWSLETTER Panui

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2012 NCEA SUCCESS

In assembly yesterday we recognized those students who are achieving at a high level academically, celebrating in their success at passing their NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3 2012 examinations with either a Merit or Excellence endorsement. We acknowledged their hard work and dedication in achieving these fine results and those who have performed at their best even if that is not at a recognised level. The students were challenged to perform at their best this year and show us how highly they can achieve.

The competition is intense for employment and/or in courses of choice out there and it makes a difference if you have excelled academically. An example of this is the emphasis placed on level 2 results by the halls of residence. An Excellence endorsement can open doors to valuable university scholarships (for example, the Victoria University Excellence scholarship which is worth \$5000). Work hard and reap the rewards!

Greg Thornton.

Congratulations to the following students who received 2012 Merit Endorsements:~

Level 1

Sam Andrews, Hugo Ayre, Natalie Charlton, Lilian Cotter, Violet Ellis, Anna Everest, Olivia Faid, Angus Ford, George Gilchrist, Kyran Gray, Sam Hadida, Fraser Hannon, Bronte Husband, Elliott Mason, Brendon May, Georgia McNeill, Caleb Nicol, Matthew Nixon, Michael Pearson, Raven Pittaway, Tia Plim, Samantha Poots, Jesse Reddington, Ben Robertson, Claudia Roger, Grace Rose, Stefan Schwarz, Hye Seo, Adelaide Shotwell, Hadon Smith, Max Stapper, Julia Sugrue, Danielle Sunderland, Hamish Thomson, Lachlan Woods.

Level 2

Jess Bailey, Laura Bell, Harri Benson, Connor Busse, Sheldon Coup, Tane Duncan, Angus Gray, Patrick de Groot, Ashley Feisst, Hannah Gerrard, Nick Hardie, Sam Hensley, Phoebe Holden-Thomas, Sophie Hollobon, India Hughes, Tessa Mackenzie, Bailey Masters, Ashleigh McLean, Isabella McNabb, Sophie Mercer, Nia O'Connor, Emilie O'Shea, Taine Phillips, Remy Rae, Jack Reaney, James Redai, Lydia Rowlandson, Conor Rutherford, Megan Sanders, Max Schikker, Lydia Sleeman-Bailey, Kate Sheehy, Elliot Steven, Jarrod Still, Best Suriyawanakul, Jonty Trombik, Marcus Williams, Loui Yarell-Kemp.

Level 3

Eachann Bruce, Mandy Cooper, Tennessee Davis, Georgina Gibbs, Casey Hemingway, Tessa Hogan, Taylor Jongsma, Robin Long, Elliott Meldrum, Natalie Pearce, Courtney Poole, Briar Prestidge, Kaitlin Saunders, Ben Sherson, Rosie Thomson, Cody Tucker, Anna Watson-Taylor, Mereana Wilkie, Emily Wilson.

Congratulations to the following students who received 2012 Excellence Endorsements:~

Level 1 (pictured below)

Holly Ansley, Eden Brown, Philippa Cross, Corey Fothergill, Tessa Henderson, Kasper Humphrey, Phoebe James, Emma Jay, Kirsten Jongsma, Grace Love, Caitlin Lumsden, Rachel Macpherson, Jeanie Pattison.



Level 2 (pictured below)

Henry Bird, Harriet Beattie, Molly Bennett, Katie Brennan, Jamie Bowley, Harry Gates, Ellie Greenwood, Ceilidh Johnston, Charlotte Jolly, Marissa Le Lec, Emily Moore, Finn Moore, Sean Nugent, Casey Pilkington, Quinn Thompson, Megan Topping.



Level 3 (pictured below)

Jessica Jay, Ruby Reddington, Finlay Woods.



Congratulations to the following students who achieved 2012 Scholarships :~

Robin Long
'Outstanding' in Biology

Ben Sherson
Mathematics with Statistics

Cody Tucker
Graphics

Finlay Woods
Photography and Graphics



SPECIAL MENTION

to **Emma Jay** and **Kasper Humphrey** who achieved 80% and 70% Excellence credits respectively.

This is a fantastic result!

GUITAR LESSONS WITH PETE STEVENSON

Please note that those timetabled for Mondays will now have their lessons on Wednesdays.

Same time, same place.

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.

Important information for NCEA students

We would like to highlight some important procedures regarding assessment in NCEA courses at the college. These procedures ensure that assessment practices are fair and consistent to all.

EXTENSIONS

An extension must be sought **before** the due date of the assessment in almost all cases. Request an extension from your subject teacher giving valid reasons, providing supporting letters from parents, doctors, etc. The teacher will fill out a form and apply for the extension to the NQF coordinator (Ms Ashton) This decision is final. **You will not automatically be granted an extension.**

LATE ASSESSMENTS

It is your responsibility to get your work in on the due date. If you are sick on that date, then your assessment must be dropped off at the office or to your teacher by someone else or emailed to your teacher. You will receive a 'Not Achieved' grade if your work arrives late (unless there are exceptional circumstances). You may still receive a future reassessment opportunity, if one is available for that standard, but only if you can show evidence that work has been attempted in the first place.

MISSED ASSESSMENTS

Planned absences / School Trips:

Extensions must be arranged before you leave. Note that if you take a holiday during the school term (even if permission has been granted) this may result in forfeiting some assessment because too much course work may have been missed or the assessment requires simultaneous timing of the class.

Short-term absence/illness:

A letter from parents /caregivers should be given to the teacher. A medical certificate may also be requested. No award or extension will be granted if there is insufficient explanation for absence.

Unexplained / wilful absence:

A 'not achieved' grade will be awarded.

In the case of illness or verified absence from a final assessment, an estimated grade can only be given if the teacher has seen or holds sufficient valid evidence from the student for that standard.

WANT TO BE MORE IN TOUCH WITH DATES OF NCEA ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER COLLEGE ACTIVITIES?

Check out:

www.mtaspiring.school.nz/mac-life/news-calendars

On this useful calendar NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 assessments are highlighted in red, Year 10 assessments are highlighted in yellow and school events (including staff meetings) are highlighted in blue.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination

Consent forms have been given to all Year 8 girls to take home to their parents /caregivers. Please read, complete and return this form to school as soon as possible. ALL FORMS need to be returned by Wednesday 13 March.

The scheduled vaccination dates are:

Wednesday 10 April, Friday 31 May, Friday 18 October

STUDENT ACCOUNTS / HOUSEKEEPING

Student accounts have now been posted home. Payments can be made in person by cash, cheque or Eft-Pos or you can 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.

ENROLMENT DETAILS

If an enrolment form is included with your account please complete and return it to the office as soon as possible. Not only is it a Ministry requirement to have this form on file but it is also likely that we have no cell phone / email contact details on file for you.

PROOF OF NEW ZEALAND CITIZENSHIP / RESIDENCY

It is also a Ministry requirement to have a copy of each student's eligibility for domestic status on file. This can be in the form of an NZ birth certificate, NZ citizenship document or an NZ residency stamp. If a letter is included with your invoice please bring one of these forms of identification to the college office as soon as possible so that we can copy it and keep it on file.

Business Growth Course

Wanaka, 24 weeks, Wednesdays, fully funded, starts March

Know more about your business - Accomplish those projects



This is a practical programme designed to assist you in moving your business forward. The Certificate in Applied Small Business Growth and Development (Level 5, offered through Te Wananga o Aotearoa) helps you reach the desired future position for your business.

Work 'on' not just 'in' your business.

During the course you:

- carry out a strategic analysis of your business and its current environment
- identify and implement 2 projects that will strengthen and grow your business
- gain current info on key areas of business management
- be part of a supportive environment, with some optional mentoring available.

Spaces are restricted – enrol now

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

Important Dates

Term 1 (31 January - 19 April)

Week 7	Monday 11 March 13/14 March	Level 3 OP Shotover trip Summer Quad Tournament, Cromwell
Week 8	Wednesday 20 March	Junior Maths Competition
Week 9	Monday 25 March Tuesday 26 March Friday 29 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed Teacher Only Day - college closed to students Good Friday - College Closed
Week 10	1/2 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday - college closed
Week 11	Tuesday 9 April Wednesday 10 April	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination
Week 12	Monday 15 April Friday 19 April	Level 3 Geography Field Trip Last day of Term 1

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



Introducing our Parent Portal

Gain access online to all of your children's reports (current and archived) and other information about their schooling including academic performance, attendance and more.

Visit <http://pp.mtaspiring.school.nz/>.

In order to access the portal the email address on your child's school record will need to be either gmail or hotmail or linked to your facebook account.

To set up a gmail account go to <https://accounts.google.com/signup> and follow the instructions. To set up a hotmail account go to www.hotmail.com and follow the instructions.

To update your email address with the school please send an email with your new email address to shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz.

MAC HEALTH CORNER

(Keeping you informed about what we are covering in class)

For the next 3 weeks in Health the students will be studying the following topics:

Years 7 and 9: Inter-personal Skills.
Years 8 and 10: Self Esteem and Identity.

MAC ATHLETICS RESULTS

Results will be announced at next week's assembly - just keeping the suspense up...

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

For All Players From U5 - U16

**Wednesday 13 March Rugby Clubrooms
3:30 – 6:00 pm**

\$45 for 1 player, \$80 for 2 players,
\$100 for 3+ players

Eftpos or Cash payment on the day.
Any enquiries to: Sue Weir (443 8468)

Phoebe James was the lucky winner of last week's free golf tournament tickets.

NETBALL SHOE DEAL FROM SHOE CLINIC, QUEENSTOWN

Shoe Clinic are offering 10% off any Asics netball shoes and will also give \$10.00 to the Mt Aspiring College Netball Club for every pair sold. The purchaser can still get the Advantage Club points as well. How the Advantage Club works is spend over \$500.00 in store and receive a \$50.00 voucher for your next purchase. The points do not expire. Take your student ID card with you when you make your purchase.

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.

Trials for the year 9 and 10 teams will be held on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March after school (NB: changed time and day).

A second **pre-trial / pre-season training session** will be held in the college gym on Monday 11 March.

What fabulous sporting events have you been up to recently? Let us know!
Email: baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz

GOOD LUCK to all the students who are competing in the A&P Show this weekend.

We also look forward to reporting on the results of the Central Otago Swim Champs which were held in Cromwell yesterday.

ROWING NEWS

Congratulations to Riley Bruce who won the Under 16 single sculls silver medal at the South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Regatta which was held in Twizel. In the final 200m of the race Riley overtook eventual third place-getter to close to less than 2 seconds behind the winner.

In addition, Jamie Bowley and James Redai (U18 double skulls) and Riley and Nathan Redai (U15 double skulls) performed well to finish fourth place in their respective "A Final" races.

Other crews which made the B finals were the U15 girls four, placing eighth and the U15 boys quad, placing second.

GOOD LUCK

to Lachlan Woods and Ben Robertson who are shooting in the **New Zealand Clay Target Open Nationals** in Hamilton this week.

FREE ENTRY FOR CONTACT EPIC RACE

Hunter Valley owners, Taff and Penni Cochranne have offered to sponsor the entry of any Mount Aspiring College student who wishes to enter the Classic (95km) ride of the Contact Epic to be held on April 20. Yes, that means a FREE entry! Riders need to be experienced and able to change a tyre / fix a chain etc. Entries close at the end of March so all requests for sponsorship need to be made in writing to info@contactepic.co.nz before Sunday 24 March. For those who enjoy a shorter ride the new 35km Traverse leg is available as well. Entries and payments can be made on line at www.contactepic.co.nz.

Important Sporting Dates

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
17 April	MAC Mountain Bike Champs

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

VOLLEYBALL REPORT by Finn Moore

The Senior Boys' volleyball squad recently competed in the South Island Secondary Schools volleyball tournament in Christchurch. This was their first tournament so the boys had no idea what to expect.

Game one was against Aranui College, Christchurch and, although Aranui came out victors, coach and inspirational mentor, Mr Rose was very happy with MAC's performance. Realising the level of play and the toughness of the tournament, the boys began to ready themselves for the second game against Shirley Boys, Christchurch. The game was very tough on the MAC lads with Shirley boys finishing the game off in two sets.

After a good nights sleep and some quality recovery time the boys felt ready for whatever challenge was laid up against them. St Andrews, Christchurch became a very realistic feat to overcome and the MAC team did just that after a nail biting three set match, coming out on top. In the next two games the boys faced Waimea A, Nelson (who had come third at nationals the previous year), and Riccarton A (the top seeded Christchurch team). In an unlucky fashion the MAC boys went down in both games, "but not in an embarrassing manner" (quote of the day).

The third day proved a great ask of character from the boys. They were beaten by Waimea B in the morning and ended up in twelfth place after a long, hard fought game against Ellesmere, Christchurch.

All in all there was a definite positive outlook at the end of the tournament with the majority of the team saying "it is the most fun I have had on a sports trip". The boys are now looking forward to future tournaments and trips and training hard!

"I had an awesome time and I could not have asked for a more mature and well behaved bunch of boys to share in the experience with" - high praise from Mr Hose (HOD P.E.)



SHAVE FOR A CURE

Check out these fine heads of hair because all of the above students will be sporting number zero haircuts very soon! Pictured left to right are hostel students Marcus Williams, Jack Burgess, Max Bradfield-Watson, Mitchell Scott, Magnus Whyte, Matheson Hill, Dylan Walsh-Munro, Nick Hardie and Sam Hensley who, along with Duncan Miles (hostel manager), will be losing their locks on Sunday to raise money for Leukemia and blood cancer.

If you would like to pledge a donation to this worthy cause please access: http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/view_group_event_profile/1386

ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY!

We have a massive list of adult mentors in the community who want to work alongside you and help you in whatever field or area you need - academic, sporting, cultural, or possible career paths...

Students: ask your teacher for a recommendation form and drop it in our pigeon hole, or come and see us face to face. We're in URSpace, beside Marcus Bate between 9:00 and 11:30 am Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Parents: This service is open to all year 10's for any reason. For more information, please contact us on 03 443 5880, email kahu.youth@xtra.co.nz, Facebook Kahuyouth Upper Clutha or check out our website at www.kahuyouth.org.

MACLIC Corner

Read a book by a New Zealand author to celebrate New Zealand Book Month. Look for the Kiwi on the spine.

Remember that you can borrow up to four books from the library at any one time - Read more books!

Florence Micoud, Librarian



Cromwell Model Railway Exhibition

Cromwell Memorial Hall

23 March, 9.30 am, 4.30 pm / 7.00 - 8.30 pm
24 March, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm

Adults \$4, Children \$2,
Family \$10

Tune in to: **MAC 88 FM**

UNIFORM FOR SALE

Near new MAC jersey and boy's polo. Call 443 5443.

Please leave items of value at home unless absolutely necessary.

LOTS OF LOST PROPERTY IN THE BIN. COME AND CHECK IT OUT!

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.

MATHS TUTORIALS - Interval / Lunchtime, Term 1

MONDAY	Room 9	Lunch	All levels	Ms Ellwood
TUESDAY	Room 7	Lunch	All levels	Ms Watt
WEDNESDAY	Room 9	Lunch	All levels	Ms Ellwood
THURSDAY	Room 36	Interval	Year 10- 13	Mr Judkins
	Room 8	Lunch	Year 7-12	Ms O'Connell
FRIDAY	Room 14	Lunch	Year 9-11	Mr Nyhof

Note: All staff will be in the tutorial rooms for the first ten minutes. If no students arrive, the tutorial will be cancelled.

Festival of Colour tickets are on sale now

Music, theatre, art, dance and Aspiring Conversations in Wanaka, Hawea, Luggate and touring. Pick up a programme from the college office (or around town) or visit www.festivalofcolour.co.nz.

Daytime shows from only \$10 and there's even an opera for babies 6-18 months old. Check it out now! Festival of Colour, 16-21 April 2013.

Young People's Advisory Group (YPAG)

I read somewhere that the Children's Commissioner was seeking volunteers to help advise him on children's issues and to help shape policy. Therefore, I applied to be considered for the Young People's Advisory Group (YPAG).

I was stoked to be contacted in December to say that I was amongst the 11 successful members chosen from a field of 123 candidates.

Last Friday I flew to Wellington for my first weekend as a member of the YPAG. We all arrived on the Friday night and were welcomed into the Children's Commission with a Powhiri. After some "speed dating" (a way of getting to know everyone) we relaxed over a meal.

On Saturday we started at 8.00 am and the day was spent familiarizing ourselves with the United Nations articles on Children's rights getting to grips with our role. Our agenda is to improve the Government's understanding of children's rights and what is important to us. Domestic violence, poverty and health are all important topics that we will be focussing on.

On Sunday we were assigned our first task and, since returning, I have been busy meeting Queenstown and Lakes District Council and also been canvassing local pre schools to see what plans they had in place for Children's Day which was last Sunday 3 March. I was very disappointed with the lack of understanding and response from those contacted - I believe I have my work cut out over the next few years!

I would like to acknowledge Mount Aspiring College for allowing me to be released to travel to Wellington and supporting me in my duties as a member of YPAG. During my visit to Wellington I met an amazingly diverse and intelligent group of people from all over New Zealand. I feel very humble to be part of this group and to be considered their friend.

If anyone has any issues or ideas for National consideration please do not hesitate to contact me. You can also see the Children's Commissioner's website at www.occ.org.nz.

Thank you. Christopher Wood, 9CD

PICTURED RIGHT, CHRISTOPHER WITH DR RUSSELL WILLS, CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER



Did you know that Mount Aspiring College is on Facebook? "Like" us to keep up with what's going on at MAC, and to get photos, news and information about school events, snow days and important dates. Just added this week: Athletics Day photos, a virtual gallery of senior art work and a full-colour PDF of last year's school magazine!

Find us at www.facebook.com/mountaspiringcollege.



Like us on Facebook

Winter Growing Workshop with Dr Compost

Aspiring Beginnings, 14 March, 6.00 - 8.30pm

Tips and techniques for growing hardy winter veggies and prepping your garden for spring. Bring a gold coin donation and all your gardening questions.

MAZDA 323 FOR SALE

Rego / WOF until August.

Ideal first car. Txt 027 600 1477.