



Winter Games Mock Press Conference

Last Friday, as a part of our series of guest speakers, the Level 3 Media Studies class was privileged enough to hold a mock press conference, with athletes Stefi Luxton, Possum Torr, Bex Sinclair, Anna Wilcox and Carl Murphy present. During this conference the media students were given the opportunity to ask the athletes about their lives, and most importantly, their passion: snow sports.

During the media lunch the students got to practice their journalistic skills. One student asked the Winter Games competitors how they managed to balance their schooling and work commitments with their zeal to be up the mountain shredding snow. The overwhelming response from the athletes was that if you have a passion for something, or a dream, you make it happen, no matter where your geographic location, or how limited your funds are.

Another student questioned the athletes on how they felt about the limited media coverage of their sport, particularly in comparison with mainstream media sports in New Zealand, such as rugby and netball. The athletes said that although it was frustrating, it was understandable, as sports such as rugby and netball have been part of New Zealand culture for much longer than skiing and snowboarding and that slowly, snow sports are starting to make significant gains. For example, in this year's Winter Games, there will be around 30 minutes of coverage on TVNZ every day for the duration of the competition.

Getting to meet with such committed athletes was a real score, and Level 3 wishes them all the best for their events this Winter Games! **Erin Hurley**



Winter Games Poster Competition

The **2013 Winter Games NZ** are being held in Wanaka and Queenstown from 15-25 August. There will be lots of action in the town during this time and a schedule will be published in next week's newsletter. Meanwhile, the search for a poster for the **2015 Winter Games NZ** has begun! We are looking for bright, colourful and imaginative posters capturing your interpretation of the Games. The closing date is **Monday 12 August** and you can find out more at www.wintergamesnz.com/festival/schools-poster-competition/.

OTAGO / SOUTHLAND SKI / SNOWBOARD CHAMPS

This year's champs were held at Cardrona on Monday. Congratulations to our girls snowboard team who placed first overall and also to our boys and girls ski teams and our boys snowboard team who each placed second overall. There were also some outstanding individual results:

Girls Snowboard Team: Corrah Phillips (1st SbX / 2nd Slopestyle), Bronnie Ormandy (3rd SbX), Lucy Hayes (2nd SbX / 9th Slopestyle) and Brynee Wilson (6th SbX). (See picture)

Boys Snowboard Team: Angus Gray (3rd SbX / 1st Slopestyle), Lodovico Guichardez (8th SbX / 5th Slopestyle), Conor Hayes (13th SbX) and Connor Cloughley (6th SbX).

Girls Ski Team: Anna-Lena Schaal (3rd GS / 8th SX), Casey Pilkington (9th GS / 7th SX), Sam Poots (8th GS / 10th SX) and Alexia Becroft (10th GS / 9th SX)

Boys Ski Team: Emile Coote (1st GS and 1st SX), Max Schikker (16th GS / 3rd SX), Nico Schikker (19th GS / 5th SX) and Elliott Mason (12th GS)



Option Evening - Monday 12 August, 5 - 7 pm

All students in Years 8-12 have been given a copy of the Curriculum Handbook to enable them to make option choices for 2014. The Option Evening is an opportunity to seek information about subjects and assessments from the college staff. We hope to see as many students and parents at this evening as possible.

The programme for the evening is as follows:

5:00 – 7:00 pm Gymnasium

MAC staff will be available to discuss and present information on their subject areas. Otago Polytechnic will also have representatives present. Please be aware that the stands will close at 7.00 pm.

6:00 pm Performance Room

NCEA – Information aimed at current Year 10 students and parents. What is NCEA all about? (Ms Ashton) followed by ... How to make the best option choices? (Mr Nyhof)

6:00 pm PE Classroom

The Gateway Programme – Information aimed at current Year 11 and 12 students and parents (Mr Bate)

6:30 pm Performance Room

Going into Year 12 – Aimed at current Year 11 students and parents (Ms Watt)

6:30 pm PE Classroom

Going into Year 13 – Aimed at current Year 12 students and parents (Mrs Walker)

Making subject choices can be daunting, but you can help your teenager. Check out <http://www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/helping-young-people-make-decisions/> for things parents can help young people consider when making their decisions.

Year 11 Interviews

It is important that students (with the support of their families) consider these choices carefully to ensure that their pathways both at the college and beyond are kept open to them. With this in mind all Year 11 students and their parents are invited to make a careers interview time with the team at school prior to completing their option form. This is intended to start you thinking more about the future and where the different subjects can take you - as well as giving you suggestions on how to make the best choices for you. Year 11 students will receive a letter with details on how to make a careers interview booking.

All option forms need to be returned to the college by Friday 30 August

JAZZ QUEST

Last Friday afternoon the Mount Aspiring College Big Band consisting of 10 students from Years 8 to 11 travelled to



Christchurch to compete in the CPIT Jazz Quest. We were the only non-Christchurch school in the competition which included 29 Jazz Combos and Big Bands. Aside from performing, one of the main objectives was for our band to hear other students and be inspired by their performances.

On Saturday the MAC musicians watched some great bands before exploring the new container city on Colombo St. It was then time for us to perform and the months of practise and rehearsal certainly paid off. The band played with confidence and a great jazz feel to an appreciative audience. We finished off a great weekend of jazz with a meal at the Red Elephant.

Thanks to the parents, Mat Doyle and our fantastic band mentor Bruce Paulson for their support.



Invitation to advertise in the 2013 MAC MAGAZINE

If you would like the opportunity to support the college by placing an advertisement in the magazine which is issued to all families at the end of the year please contact Mandy on 443 0499 or email shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz

Important Dates

Term 3 (29 July - 27 September)

Week 2	8 - 9 August Friday 9 August	Canterbury tertiary trip "Attitude" presentations
Week 3	Monday 12 August Tuesday 13 August Thursday 15 August	Options Evening Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm Mufti Day: Onesies
Week 4	Tuesday 20 August Wednesday 21 August 21-23 August	Level 1 Ski Touring trip ILC Ski Tour Level 3 Franz Joseph Geography Trip
Week 5	26-30 August Wednesday 28 August 26-30 August Friday 30 August Friday 30 August 29 - 31 August	Level 2 OP Snow Caving Parent Portal reporting updated 8LB Camp Cross Country Last day to return course selection forms Victoria tertiary trip
Week 6	2-6 September 2-6 September 2-6 September 4-5 September	Winter Tournament Week Year 7-10 Snow Days 8WT Camp 7KT Tekapo Trip
Week 7	Tuesday 10 September Thursday 12 September	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm Assessment Week starts
Week 8	16-20 September Wed 18 September	8BW Camp Last day of Assessment Week
Week 9	Tuesday 24 September Wed 25 September Friday 27 September	MAC's Got Talent House Singing Last day of Term 3

'Study Smarter' Seminar - TONIGHT!

Don't forget that there is a parents' session with Rakesh Pandey in **Room 7 at 7.00 pm tonight.** Come along and learn how you can help your son / daughter with NCEA preparation in a supportive and motivational way.

PRIZEGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Senior Prizegiving will take place on Friday 29 November.

Junior Prizegiving will be one week later on Friday 6 December.

If you would like to donate money towards a prize, or group of prizes, please contact Maxine Bird on 443 0499.



WORLD CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

Pinecones, peastraw and sheep manure!!

Cones / manure: \$5 per bag,

Peastraw: \$10 per bail

Fundraiser for MAC trip to Vietnam.

Contact Dave on 0274413041 to place an order.

NETBALL DRAW

NES MAC A	v	Nu Look Hawea	08/08	8.10 pm
MAC Locations	v	Maxim Pioneer	08/08	6.20 pm
MAC Gold	v	Year 8 Reps	08/08	4.30 pm
Black MAC	v	New World	09/08	6.20 pm
MAC Marine	v	MAC Wellman	09/08	4.30 pm
MAC Blue	v	MAC 10A	09/08	5.25 pm
MAC Lakeland	v	Hawea Hotel	09/08	7.15 pm
MAC 9A	v	McGregors Pioneer	09/08	8.10 pm

Aspiring Athletes Club are offering run training leading up to the cross country events. Join this fun training group for years 7 - 13 on Mondays, 4.30 pm at the Wanaka Primary School Hall and / or Wednesday, 3.30 pm outside the MAC Sports Hub. For more information call 0274 733 141.

SAFER DRIVING FOR TEENAGERS

Greg Murphy, the V8 Supercar racing driver extraordinaire, visited Mount Aspiring College yesterday and spoke at length to senior students about the risks we all take behind the steering wheel.

Highlighting the high percentages of serious accidents and fatalities of younger, inexperienced drivers in New Zealand with some hard hitting statistics, facts and personal accounts, 'Murph' is trying to make a difference. "It is way more dangerous driving on the normal roads than it is behind the wheel of a V8 on a race track any day of the week!". Slowing down, paying more attention, not taking risks or showing off, being wary of others drivers, among other things, will all help to make New Zealand's roads safer for all of us.

Check out <http://www.mta.org.nz/murphinschools>



URSpace Update

Important Reminders:

8-10 August	Canterbury tertiary trip
Thursday 15 August	Closing date for applications to Otago PE School
Thursday 15 August	Closing Date for some 2014 Otago scholarships
Monday 26 August	Closing date for Teaching applications
29 - 31 August	Victoria tertiary trip
Wednesday 31 August	3rd Year Medical students' visit to MAC

Course Planning Sessions at MAC:

Monday 5 August	Telford/Lincoln Talk
Monday 12 August	Otago Polytechnic
Tuesday 20 August	Yoobee School of Design
Friday 23 August	Auckland University
Wednesday 11 September	Canterbury University
Wednesday 11 September	Victoria University
Thursday 26 September	Otago University

Halls of Residence Applications

Applications are now open and it is well worth submitting your application early in case there are any hold-ups. Make sure that Mrs Walker knows as soon as possible if you require an accompanying confidential school reference.

Find out more about the Otago Polytechnic

Otago Polytechnic will be attending our Options Evening on Monday 12 August and will be available to chat to students (and parents) from all year levels. This will be a good chance to investigate the broad range of courses running in Cromwell and Dunedin and the style of learning offered by the Polytechnic as well as checking out what you need to take at school to best prepare you.

Apprenticeships

We are fortunate that several local business owners have contacted the school with offers of apprenticeships. This is fantastic and really strengthens the community-school relationship. When you consider the cost of tertiary study and the current instability of the job market, an apprenticeship is an attractive alternative for an excellent career path which could suit many of our young people.

Beware: as one young person found out, there are English, Maths / Science requirements for most apprenticeships.

Please contact Marcus Bate or Charlotte Lucas for the details.

marcus.bate@mtaspiring.school.nz / charlotte.lucas@mtaspiring.school.nz

TEEN YOGA

Build strength, endurance and foster peace of mind. Learn breathing techniques, meditation and more. Learn to feel grounded, relaxed and strong. Call Shannon 0210-297-2705.

MAC SNOW DAYS FOR YEARS 7-10

Monday 2 September - Year 9/10's - Cardrona
Tuesday 3 September - Year 7/8's Cardrona
Wednesday 4 September - Snow Farm
Friday 6 September - Treble Cone
Forms have now been issued to students. Spare copies are available at the Sports Hub and at the office. All forms MUST be returned by Wednesday 14 August

ROCK CLIMBING NEWS

Well done to Stefan Schwarz, Josh Rogan, Alex Hardaker, Jessa Bennett and Charlotte Coupland who all competed in the second round of the National Cup which was held in Christchurch last weekend. Top three placings as follows:
Stefan: 2nd - U18 bouldering and 3rd - U18 lead climbing,
Josh: 2nd U14 lead climbing,
Jessa: 2nd - Youth D top rope.

RUGBY NEWS

Congratulations on the following selections:

U65kg Otago rugby team
Sam Howard

U48kg Otago rugby team
Sam Pearce
Gregor Findlay

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB U14-U16 PRIZEGIVING

Friday 30 August, 6.30 pm.
at the rugby clubrooms.

Enquiries to:
Dean Millar - 021 441570
Sue Weir - 443 8468

Central Otago Schools XC Mountain Bike Champs Saturday 28 September Hawley Road Alexandra

XC Linger and Die MTB Race Sunday 29 September Alexandra

More information and entry forms available from the Sports Hub

MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY 2013

Friday 30 August

Years 7/8: Period 3 (11.20pm - 12.20pm)

Years 9/10: Period 4 (12.20 pm - 1.20 pm)

Years 11-13: Period 6 (2.15 - 3.15 pm)

Races will start about 10 minutes after the start of the period.

SPECTATORS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS GREAT ANNUAL EVENT!

RUGBY REPORT

The Mount Aspiring College 1st XV hosted St Peters from Gore at the Queenstown Recreation ground on Saturday. The game, played in perfect conditions, had flashes of quality rugby but was marred by many errors and poor execution from both sides.

The MAC team started strongly and were up 8-5 early in the game from a Rube Peina penalty and a classic wingers try from Chris Drummond. Instead of lifting the intensity, the MAC team played within themselves and allowed the St Peters team to dominate.

The St Peters team featuring Fijian imports at 1st five and No 8 continually tested the smaller MAC forward pack to force mistakes and run out winners 33-15. A late Hamish Thompson try concluded the scoring.

The Edgewater player of the day Keegan Limmer had a fine game at fullback, frequently spitting the St Peters defence. A solo 60m burst nearly resulted in a spectacular try. George Gilchrist and Rube Peina also had good games.

The MAC team have two more away games against Gore High and James Hargest to complete their regular season.

FANTASTIC SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to Hamish McLean who attended the National Paralympics Development Camp in Hamilton during the holidays and also competed in the Hamilton Winter Meet where he beat three of his own NZ Para Records for U19 male for his S6 classification. In addition, he gained another record in 200m Backstroke So, he now holds the Para NZ male U19 S6 records for:

- IM 200m
- Breast 100m
- Butterfly 100m
- Backstroke 200m

Well done Hamish on these fantastic results and good luck for the National Secondary School Champs in September.



Pictured above, students attending a nutrition seminar, aimed to improve the diet of sporting athletes, which was held at lunchtime yesterday.

Pictured left, our new house-coloured pennants flying well in the breeze. The order of these will be change after each house event to reflect the house placing of the most recent challenge.

View MAC Notices at <http://notices.mtaspiring.school.nz/view.asp>



Heard about our new eBook collection?

You can borrow online 24/7 - <http://macliv.wheelers.co/>

Important Information about Boarding Bursaries

The Ministry of Education are reorganising the way in which these are handled. Apart from changing the name to 'Boarding Allowance' the most important change is that there will only be a once-yearly application process which will take place in **July of the year preceding receipt of the allowance.**

We have heard from the Ministry that the current July selection round has been extended to include August as the timeline for getting applications in on time was very tight. We therefore urge all students / parents of students who will potentially be eligible for a boarding allowance next year to make their application as soon as possible.

For more information please refer to:

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents/YourTeen/BoardingAllowances.aspx>.

To email the Ministry directly to ask questions: boarding.allowances@minedu.govt.nz

MUFTI DAY

Thursday 15 August

Theme: Onesies

\$1 if dressed in theme, \$2 if not.

MAC 88FM

Your voice,
your choice,
your news,
your views.

ATTITUDE SEMINARS

A reminder that Attitude presenter, Christian is working with all year levels tomorrow.

Period 1 - Year 7 and 8

Period 2 - Year 9,

Period 3 - Year 10,

Period 4 - Year 11.

Period 6 - Years 12 and 13

If you have any queries about 'Attitude' please contact Karyn Munro, Guidance Counselor, on 443 0496.

NZQA Fees for 2013

NZQA fees have been invoiced and need to be paid by Friday 30 August. Local students pay \$76.70 which covers 3 scholarship subjects in addition to their NQF standards and the rate for internationals is \$383.30 plus an additional \$102.20 per scholarship subject.

Applications for Financial Assistance Forms are available at the college office.

These can be done through the school office if you meet one of the following criteria:

- ◆ receive a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- ◆ have a Community Services Card or have a joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card.
- ◆ have two or more children who are candidates in the same year and their total fees would amount to more than \$200.00.

Please note that financial assistance is only applicable to domestic students; international fee-paying students are not eligible. In addition, families applying for an income-related financial assistance will have to pay a processing fee of \$20 (one candidate) or \$30 (two or more candidates)

The NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz has a lot of useful information for both students and parents alike.

Check out the **Year 7 and 8 Rutherford blog** at <http://rutherfordgiftedandtalented.wordpress.com/>, or follow the latest news clicking on the Rutherford link under the "Academic" tab on the school website.

ASSESSMENT WEEK ~ 12 - 18 SEPTEMBER ~ EXAM TIMETABLE

- All students must remain in their exam for the **first 1 hour** and may not leave in the final 15 minutes.
- All students are on full study leave when they are not involved in an assessment or scheduled classes.
- Subjects without exams have time slots for assessment catch-up, re-sits and practical sessions which students **MUST** attend.
- There will be no Outdoor Pursuits sessions during this exam period.
- Correspondence exams will also be run during this period wherever they fit in - please see Ms Watt.
- Students receiving Special Assessment Conditions should meet outside the Performance Room before each exam session.
- Students with EXAM CLASHES must see their teachers before exam week to arrange a suitable time to complete exams.

	Thurs 12 Sept	Fri 13 Sept	Mon 16 Sept	Tues 17 Sept	Wed 18 Sept
AM Exams 8.45 - 11.45am	L1 Eng (Per / R 20) 3 hrs L3 Geo (R 21 / 22) 3 hrs	L1 Spn (R 21) 2.5 hrs L2 Eng (Per / R 22) 3 hrs L3 Calc (R 20) 3 hrs	L1 Sci (Per) 3 hrs L2 His (R21) 3 hrs L3 Eco (R20) 2.5 hrs	L1 Maths (Per) 2.5 hrs L2 Bio (R 22) 2 hrs L3 Chem (R 21) 3 hrs L3 Media (R 20) 2 hrs	L2 Bus (Per) 3 hrs L3 Hist (Per) 3 hrs L1 Mao (R20) 1 hr
Other Classes 8.45 - 11.45 am	L2 SPD L2 / 3 Comp	L3 SPD (R30) L1 Art	L3 Photography L3 Drama L2 Design	L2 Art	L1 Art
PM Exams 1.20 - 4.20 pm (or earlier for shorter exams)	L1 His (Per) 2.5 hrs L2 Eco (R 20) 3 hrs L2 Spn (R 21) 2.5 hrs L3 Eng (Per) 3 hrs	L2 Maths (Per) 2.5 hrs L2 Mod (R 20) L3 Ent (R 21) 1 hr L3 Spn (R 22) 2.5 hrs	L1 Geo (Per) 3 hrs L2 Geo (Per) 3 hrs L3 MAS (Per) 2 hrs	L1 Eco (Per) 3 hrs L2 Phys (R 20) 2.5 hrs L3 Phys (Per) 2.5 hrs	L1 PE (Per) 1.5 hrs L2 Chem (Per) 2 hrs L3 Bio (R 20) 2 hrs
Other Classes 1.20 - 4.20 pm (or 3.15 - teachers to confirm)	L1 / 2 Drama	L1-3 Computing L1 SPD	L2 Art	L3 Design	L3 Photography