



Write Off Line Writing NZ Secondary School Competition Results

This week, we are delighted to acknowledge the success of Year 10 students Helena Crawford, Hannah Davey, Amber Makeham, Acacia Murray and Michaela Rogan who have had their work selected for the Write Off Line NZ Young Writers' anthology, to be released later in the year. Helena Crawford achieved an outstanding result, with her poem being selected as winner of the Junior Poetry section.

As part of the focus on Creative Writing in English, 10CD entered the Young NZ Writers' national writing competition, with the task of writing on the topic Teenagers Are An Alien Species. The short stories and poetry that sprang from this starter were dynamic and varied, with the students approaching the theme from interesting and innovative angles. We have included their poems along with some of the judges' comments on the front and back page of this issue for our school community to enjoy.

Helena Crawford

"Such a clever way of interpreting 'so called' maturity. It had me personally thinking about my own perspectives on emotions and how I react. Well done Helena!"

Acacia Murray

Judges' feedback was that "though your piece was not entirely speculative, it emphasised the foreignness of teenagers with good use of repetition and great vocabulary."

Amber Makeham

"A nicely done piece of speculative fiction, wonderful imagery through the use of rhyming couplets. A complete understanding through an 'alien' viewpoint."

Michaela Rogan

"Though using the words from the title as a scaffold for a poem is not unusual the poem does not struggle to convey its message. The integration of technological words adds to the sense of the speculative nature of teenagers and their evolving role in society."

Hannah Davey

"Love the humour, and alien language. The dialogue very believable and though very little characterisation it works. We all know little girls like this one."

Teenagers are an alien species
The world revolves around them
Every day
Every Night
Survival
In this modern age
Requires the bare essentials
Armed with
Cell phones

Social networking
Attitudes that need work
They set out on their Journey

A mission they must fulfill
Using any ways or means

Through life's obstacles they must struggle
Through daily ups and downs
In no one they can trust
Exceptions may exist
Not that they would care

Minds of their own they have these teenagers

I'm pretty sure they do
But then again I don't know
Perhaps their case is contagious
I've never seen anything quite like them
They're unlike any other
Teenagers are an alien species

Michaela Rogan



Teenagers are an alien species

A green beam scans the ground below,
The straw stands straight.
A worried howl of an old dog,
The ship searches for its freight.

The old barn sits there,
Alone in the field.
A single window is lit,
Inside a girl is kneeled.

Whispering a single prayer,
Before she goes to sleep.
It is late that night,
The wind blows against the huddled sheep.

The U.F.O. is moving,
Locating its target.
Flying closer and closer,
Until it spots it.

The old barn sits there,
Alone in the field.
A single window is unlit,
Inside the girl has keeled.

Fast asleep,
She is in bed.
Millions of dreams,
Flowing in her head.

The Captain stares,
Looking at his goal.
Then manoeuvres closer,
Towards the young foal.

The young girl is growing older,
Close to the point of change.
Though she is sleeping,
She is about to derange.

Quick as a flash,
The Captain sees his moment.
The Ship flies to position,
And the swap is fluent.

The old barn sits there,
Alone in the field.
A single window is broken,
Inside the girl is different

Amber Makeham



Alien

"Teenagers are an alien species"
you say, fingers dancing on
the stem of the wine glass
laughter erupts,

the conversation moves on

What if I told you we weren't that different
The same song that has you tapping your toes
under your desk
(and singing badly at karaoke parties)
has me dancing around my room
when no-one's looking

the same things make us cry
only you hold it back and stare at the ceiling

Times still conduct both our days
eight till three
nine till five

You scream and stomp out as much as I do
but thin apartment walls and expensive high heels
force a tantrum reconsideration

instead your frustration blows out in the wind

Perhaps adults should be renamed diluted teenagers.
(a species does not acknowledge another's shared experiences)

Helena Crawford



Option Forms

Important reminder that the
course selection forms are due
back to your Whanau teacher
by Friday 30 August.

If you are still undecided about
your options please speak to
Charlotte Lucas or Marcus
Bate as soon as possible.

LONG WHANAU TREE PLANTING SCHEDULE

23 August: IRON (end of the field near Kings Drive walkway)
30 August: PISA (boundary of schools to the right of the nets)
6/13 September: ROY (long field bank)

MAC Team Green students and the caretaker will bring the plants, tools and buckets - Just turn up!

Medical Imaging Information Session

CPIT are holding this session at the Radiology Department, in Dunedin Hospital at 6.00 pm on Monday 26 August.

If you are interested in finding out about studying Medical Imaging at CPIT in Christchurch call 0800 24 24 76 or visit www.cpit.ac.nz.

ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Six week workshop, Tuesdays, 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Only \$30
First session TONIGHT!, Thursday 27 August

Contact Kahu Youth on 443 5880 to guarantee your spot
Kahu.youth@extra.co.nz / KahuYouth Upper Clutha F/B

Fashion Parade

**Fundraiser for
Lake Hawea
Community Centre**

7.00 pm, Thursday
12 September

Fashion and entertainment event not to be missed.
Tickets \$25 available from Sailz / Mitre 10.

Get a sneak preview of the Mons Royale summer range.

MAC 88FM

Your voice, your choice, your news, your views.
88FM, 24 hours

\$200,000 Youth Fund

Youth Affairs Minister Nikki Kaye has today opened the 2014 Youth Fund, with \$200,000 available for applications from young people for community projects.

The Youth Fund is unique in that it supports community projects designed and led by young people (aged 12-24), or by youth organisations in partnership with young people that develop active community participation.

Funding available for each project will be between \$2000 and \$7000 and applications close at midday on Tuesday 24 September. The projects need to start from 1 January 2014 and be completed by 30 June 2014.

More information can be found at: <http://www.myd.govt.nz/funding/youth-fund.html>.

Wanaka Library Survey.

Thank you to those who have completed the survey of Wanaka Public Libraries Association. If you haven't had time yet, you can still find it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WPLASurvey>. Hurry and get it in by Friday, 30/08/13. Need a paper copy? Need help? Want to do it by phone? Phone 443-6055 or email wanplassn@gmail.com

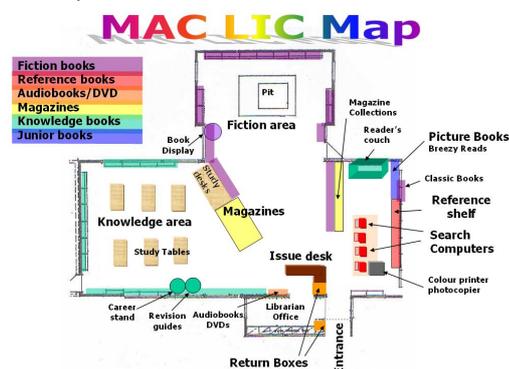
Your library lends fiction books,



knowledge books, audiobooksebooks (check out <http://macliv.wheelers.co/>) and also has a small collection of documentaries. You all know and make good use of these. It also holds reference books (dictionaries, atlas...) and magazines which are not for loan but may be read as much as you like in the library.

Did you know that in the library you can also find (but not borrow):

- Study guides for all subjects and levels,
- Career information,
- The Otago Daily Time newspaper,
- On the trolley, you can view a "Book lists" folder, the college's newsletters (in colour) gather in a folder and an Epic databases folder,
- Youthline information sheets.
- There is a scanner photocopier and 4 computers to search the library catalog and to do school work (internet access and printing, but no programs)
- On the library window, you'll see not only library stuff but also the college map, whanau rooms and daily notices.



Your library is your information hub. Tell the librarian what else you would need to have access to.

Florence Micoud
Kaitiakipukapuka ~ Librarian

Important Dates

Term 3 (29 July - 27 September)

Week	Dates	Events
Week 5	26-30 August	Level 2 OP Snow Caving
	Tuesday 27 August	CO Primary Cross Country, Arrowtown
	Wednesday 28 August	Parent Portal reporting updated
	26-30 August	8LB Camp
	Friday 30 August	Cross Country
Week 6	Friday 30 August	Last day to return course selection forms
	29 - 31 August	Victoria tertiary trip
	2-6 September	Winter Tournament Week
Week 7	2-6 September	Year 7-10 Snow Days
	2-6 September	8WT Camp
	2-6 September	7KT Tekapo Trip
	4-5 September	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm
Week 8	Tuesday 10 September	Assessment Week starts
	Thursday 12 September	Assessment Week starts
Week 9	16-20 September	8BW Camp
	Wed 18 September	Last day of Assessment Week
Week 10	Tuesday 24 September	MAC's Got Talent
	Wed 25 September	House Singing
	Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3

Term 3 (14 October - 13 December)

Week 1	Friday 18 October	HPV Vaccination
Week 3	Monday 28 October	Labour Day - college closed

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.

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.

There are forms available at the office if you wish to apply for **Financial Assistance** but you need to do this very soon because of the cut-off date at the end of this month



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Student representative election for the board of trustees 2013

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative on the board of trustees. Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 6 September 2013** and should be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during the hours the office is open.

There will also be a list of candidates' names for inspection as they come to hand, on the notice board in the student foyer and in daily notices.

Maxine Bird, Returning Officer

Merino Muster

Congratulations to the MAC cross country ski team (pictured) - Hannah McNabb, Ellesse Andrews and Josephine Schafer who placed third in the teams event (7km each). Josephine also placed first in her age group. Well done to Olivia Jones who placed 2nd in her age group and to Katerina Maluschnig who placed 1st in her age group in the 7km race. Ella Maluschnig (pictured) had a fantastic race competing as an under 16 in the womens 21 km event and placing not just first in her age group, but also in the whole race!



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

PLEASE NOTE:

The last day for returning ski forms was last week. If you have not yet returned yours it is now too late.

Congratulations to Finn Bilous and Olivia Jones who were selected to attend the Snow Sports New Zealand Winter Games Talent Camp which took place this week.

Christina Lamb is a Year 7 student. She is looking for old material or scraps to make a preschool costume for her sustainability project. If you can help please hand in any material to Christina, 7KT in Room 25.

Tutorials currently on offer

Visual Art Design Scholarship, Mr King, Monday lunchtimes, Room 30
Design and Visual Communication Scholarship, Mr King, Mondays after school, VC Room

Chemistry Level 2 and 3, Mr Bruce, Wednesday lunchtimes

English, Ms Logan, Wednesday lunchtimes

Media Studies Scholarship, Ms Wilson, Mondays 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Economics Scholarship, Ms Ashton, Wednesday lunchtimes

Music Theory, Mr Doyle, Thursdays, Music Room

Biology Level 2, Ms Whyte, Monday lunchtimes, Room 33

Biology Level 3, Ms Whyte, Friday lunchtimes, Room 33

Physics, Mr Judkins, Thursdays 10.45, Room 36

Te Reo Maori, Mr van Riel, Wednesday / Friday lunchtimes, Room 16

Maths Tutorials as per schedule below

MATHS TUTORIALS - Interval / Lunchtime, Term 2

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
	Room 7	Lunch	Year 12-13	Ms Watt

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

Who left their crutch in the library? Does it need to be returned to the Medical Centre?

The **Aspiring Athletes** pack runs on Wednesdays straight after school. Everyone is welcome to come along, whatever your ability. Meet outside the gym on the court at 3.30 pm.

Mount Aspiring Netball Club PRIZEGIVING

Friday 30 August 3.30pm East Common Room

All girls from Years 7-13 are expected to attend. Team awards will be given out and uniform bonds will be returned to girls who bring back their uniforms. The Upper Clutha Prizegiving will be held on the same date at 7.00 pm.

NETBALL SEMI-FINALS

MAC Engineers	v	Year 8 Reps	22/08	6.00 pm
NES MAC A	v	Arrowtown	22/08	8.00 pm
MAC 9A	v	MAC 10A	23/08	6.00 pm
MAC Gold	v	Hawea Hotel	23/08	8.00 pm

RUGBY NEWS Mount Aspiring College 1st XV win!

The Mount Aspiring College 1st XV rugby team created their own slice of history with their first win in the prestigious Highlanders competition against James Hargest High School in Invercargill on Saturday.

MAC played their best rugby of the season to lead 22-5 at half time. Two tries to flanker Elliot Mason, a try to Rube Peina and excellent goal kicking by Josh Roberts gave the MAC team their half time lead.

A committed James Hargest team pressured the visitors and cut the lead to 2 points with minutes to play. A late try to the Edgewater player of the day, Ellis Myer-Budge sealed the win 29 - 22. The MAC forwards all played well with the driving maul a feature of their play. The wet and cold conditions made attacking back play difficult but both sets of backs defended strongly. This result gives the MAC team a much needed confidence boost going into the playoff round this Saturday.



PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SKI AND SNOWBOARD RACE

Tuesday 24 September 2013, Cardrona Alpine Resort

Open to students in Years 3-8 of intermediate skiing ability. No racing experience is required. Get a team of 3 or 4 together; all boys, all girls, or mixed and compete for the brand new trophy! The best three combined times will count towards medal placings.

Race entry is \$5,

one Giant Slalom and one Gravity Cross run. **Lift pass** is discounted to **\$24** for the event.

Entries: forms are available from the college office and the sports hub and must be returned by **Thursday 19 September**.

All enquiries to the Race Secretary, Kris Vollebregt, 443 5240 / 021 298 1068

kris@st-arnaud.net

National Youth Ski Racing Series Race

Julius Staufenberg, Max Watt and Phoebe Young competed in the second race in this series which was held at Mount Hutt Ski Field last weekend. Congratulations to Julius who placed third in the Boys U14 Super G. The final race will be at Cardrona in September.

GOOD LUCK to Janus Staufenberg who is competing in the NZ Secondary Schools Duathlon Championships this weekend.

TEENAGERS ACCORDING TO STEREOTYPES

Tech masters

With skills that surpass normal human beings.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Their own language of grunts and nods

That is barely comprehensible, let alone English.

They either talk back or not at all.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Complete lack of neatness,

Messy, untidy and scruffy.

Hoodie wearing and label obsessed.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Constant social lives:

Txing, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr,

Snapchat.

Obsessed.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Female teenagers are:

Continuously preening and perfecting,

Checking reflections discreetly in windows

(Or so they think)

Adjusting this, correcting that,

Reapplying products countless times.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Gossiping about others,

Backstabbing and griping wannabes.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Shallow:

Beauty is only skin deep (according to them)

What's the point in a personality if you're pretty?

Pure vanity.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Temper tantrums and mood swings.

Sulky, erratic, volatile.

Mercurial and irritable.

Teenagers are an alien species.

All in all, just plain CATTY!

Male teenagers are:

Egotistical.

Look at me; I am the centre of the universe.

Watch me I'm showing off,

I'm the best at everything.

I need to be the centre of attention;

I am arrogant and obnoxious.

Teenagers are an alien species.

No sense of personal hygiene,

Sweaty and smelly.

Disgusting.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Loud:

Music, voices opinions,

Rebellious streaks as wide as rivers.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Couch potatoes,

Gaming addicts

Wasting time and space.

Teenagers are an alien species.

Violent:

Gang members, crime

Drugs, alcohol

Up to no good.

Out of control rebellion.

Teenagers are an alien species.

All in all, just plain COCKY!

But these are only stereotypes,

Aren't they?

~Acacia Murray~



Teenagers are an Alien Species

"Mum! What do you mean I can't go to Nick's party on Thursday, this is soooooo unfair!"

"You are only 14 Maddie, and I have already given you my reasons for not letting you go,"

Mum replies, her voice beginning to quaver.

"I HATE you, you're so mean!"

"Madison Julie Barret, do NOT speak to your mother like that."

"I'll do what I WANT, and I AM GOING TO THAT PARTY!" I shriek, not about to back down.

"Go to your room this minute!" Mum screams, finally losing control and very angry.

Grudgingly I stomp up to my room, knowing that I'll have to wait for her to calm down before trying another tactic, maybe bribery or something.

"Teenagers are SUCH an alien species" I hear her telling dad as I slam my door.

She is wrong anyway, about everything- my friends, the party and especially that last

comment, I am so not an alien. I flop onto my bed, thinking this over when suddenly an idea

hits me. I'm going to show her that if she thinks I'm an alien, then I will be an alien. With that I begin my ploy.

I rummage through my wardrobe searching for the perfect outfit. I find my olive green pants and the lime green tank top I wore to last year's social. I add a green hair tie to match. At the bottom of my wardrobe I'm sure I have some old Santa hat, and after scrimmaging through the mess for at least 5 minutes I find something better. Bunny ears! With my new look I walk downstairs.

In the living room mum is the first to notice.

"Madison, what on earth are you wearing?"

I take my time carefully thinking out a reply, making sure to stick with the alien theme.

"No English" I say pleased with myself for thinking up such a good answer.

Mum looks annoyed but continues talking to me.

"I expect an apology young lady, and a good one at that."

"No English"

She turns back to the book she was reading, not bothering to answer. I spin around looking for someone else to annoy, and find the perfect person - my big sister.

"Falgilbug!" I greet her, pulling away her magazine.

"Get off! That's mine!" She says in her ridiculously high girly voice. I keep pulling.

"Gingargle marle brug"

"Are you deaf?! Get off. You are leaving dirty marks!"

"No English" I tell her, keeping a very straight face.

"MUUUUUM!" She screams and I burst out laughing.

"MUM make Maddie give that back and tell her to stop being so stupid"

"Give it back to Mia now" Mum says over her shoulder.

"horki laabrun nikoiy zreep" I reply in refusal but funnily enough no one seems to understand.

"Shut up!" snaps my sister but I just steer blankly at her.

"No English"

"Ahhh GO AWAY!!!! You are SO stupid and annoying."

Mum walks over.

"Be quiet both of you! Now Maddie, what on earth are you trying to do?"

"Alien" I say pointing at myself. "No English"

"And why are you an alien?"

"hfkutu yftf cbnic wehistren nablah hukoe. No no no no English," is all I can reply.

Mum just stares at me.

"Alright well, no aliens are allowed to have cake. Come on Mia, let's go have afternoon tea."

"Ha, no cake for you!" Mia snarks.

"mirclog" I sigh. This alien thing is getting kinda tough but I won't give up yet. I still may be able to go to my party. I walk over to the fridge and pull off the invitation.

"lumkar shwerk?"

"Aliens can't go to parties" gloats Mia.

I look to Mum.

"She is right" Mum sighs, "aliens can't go to parties"

"Humans?" I question, saying it in an alien accent.

She nods her head.

I rush upstairs.

I take off my alien outfit.

I put on my normal clothes.

I head back downstairs.

"Humans." I say as I enter the kitchen.

Mum sighs "just this once."

"Yay!"



Hannah Davey

Congratulations to our former MAC students who have recently graduated from Massey University:

- Bachelor of Arts: Louise Jull
 - Bachelor of Nursing: Alice Manning
 - Bachelor of Nursing (Student Nurses): Briar Peters
 - Bachelor of Design: Harry Luxton
 - Bachelor of Design: Callum Conroy, with Second Class Honours
 - Bachelor of Design: Pam Ward, with First Class Honours
 - Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies: Rosemarie Powell
 - Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration: Jessica van Slooten
 - Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration: Amelia Vercoe
- and graduated from Waikato University:
- Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary): Sandy Roe

MAC CROSS COUNTRY 2013

Friday 30 August - NB: AMENDED

Years 11-13: Period 3 (11.20pm - 12.20pm)

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

Years 7-8: Period 6 (2.15 - 3.15 pm)

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