



NEWSLETTER Panui

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Tena koutou katoa
Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kāreti o Maunga Tititea

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our weekly newsletter. This publication aims to:

- Celebrate and acknowledge student and staff success,
- Inform you of what has been happening and what is coming up in the next few weeks
- Share perspectives on education and youth affairs aimed at motivating the students to strive for personal success.

We have started the 2015 year with 772 students, which includes our international students. We are fully staffed and I will introduce new members of our team to you in future newsletters. Students and staff have settled into their academic programmes and the tone and level of engagement is very positive.

All new students and staff were welcomed to the college in a moving ceremony last Tuesday. We were then inspired by a wonderful guest speaker, Marcus Akuhata-Brown on Wednesday and the first week concluded with a fantastic House Day and Tug-o-War competition. All in all, it was a wonderful first week and one that we will aim to build on throughout the first term.

As I write this today the swimming sports are in full swing and the level of participation and competition is terrific. Next week the Year 7 students are off to Pounaweia and I am sure that they will return with memories which will last a lifetime.

Wayne Bosley



Our inspirational guest speaker last Wednesday was Marcus Akuhata-Brown who grew up on the East Coast of the North Island. His father is from Te Whanau o Tuwhakairiora of Te Araroa on the East Cape, also the tribes of Ngai Tahu and Kahungunu. His mother is a fifth generation New Zealander with European ancestry.



Marcus is an experienced educator and gifted communicator and has led a number of innovative programmes around the world. My thanks to staff member Katrina Fox who

recommended Marcus to us as a speaker who would be perfect to listen to and get us off to the ideal start to 2015. I have detailed below quotes from three students whose words reflect the thoughts of the majority.

“The decisions I make today will affect the rest of my life. Through life you always want to absorb wisdom from the people around you, and very recently I heard a speech from Marcus Akuhata-Brown. One of the big things that jumped out at me was when he passed on a quote – ‘Life is like a coin, like a coin it has value and it can be spent in many different places, but like a coin you can only spend it once’. This showed me how important it is to be grateful for every moment spent no matter how good or bad things are looking.” – Flynn Brown (Year 9)

“As Year 12 students we thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to listen to Marcus. It gave us an insight into how you determine your future and the goals you set. He inspired us to not underestimate ourselves and our abilities. No matter what your past holds, you can always strive to change it.” – Charlotte Wilson, Abbey Swift, Gina Lilly and Megan Bryan (Year 12)

“When Marcus came to speak to us, deep words were planted in our minds, words with meaning. It was his choice to come and speak to us so we can make better choices throughout life. Sometimes you can make the right choices and sometimes they are wrong. ‘The choices you make today will affect the rest of your life’ are true, wise words and I respect them. You might not know the future but stop looking at the past.” – Evie Simonsohn (Year 7)

TUG OF WAR 2015

The first house clash of the year got off to a nail-biting start with all houses very evenly matched on points. Congratulations to **BARKER** who took out the house shield (points below)

BARKER 27, IRON: 24, PISA: 23, ROY: 22.



DAILY NOTICES

It is no longer possible for students to enter notices on the computer at the student counter. Instead, please email these to draytons@mtaspiring.school.nz for copying and pasting into the notices. Please clearly detail as follows:

- 1) **Who is this notice for?** ie All, Seniors / Juniors or specific year level
- 2) **The subject** eg 8SD Trade Day, Swim Sports, or specific student names
- 3) **The actual message** - typed in full, clearly and concisely
- 4) **The date(s)** the message should be displayed

Please note that there is no guarantee that the notice will be included in the current day's notices unless it is emailed to Samantha by 8.00 am in the morning.

HPV Vaccination

All year 8 girls have received information today regarding the free HPV vaccination. No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent. Please complete and return the consent form as soon as possible - this needs to be returned even if the response is 'No'.

For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school

Pip Mclean 03 4404309 pip.mclean@southernhb.govt.nz or look up www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

OFFICIAL MAC DROP-OFF ZONE

A reminder that the official drop-off zone for ALL STUDENTS (including those with OP gear) is the footpaths on Plantation Road. We would appreciate your assistance in making our school a safer place by conforming to this request. Cars with disabled access rights may continue to use the designated disabled parking spots within the college grounds. Many thanks for your co-operation.

ITINERANT MUSIC LESSONS

A reminder that enrolment forms for music lessons must be returned to the office by Friday 20 February.

KYOKUSHIN KARATE WANAKA

Come along and give Karate a try!

Senior students (Years 11-13) are invited to attend the Adult Karate classes at the Eely Point Scout Den on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm.

For more info check out Kyokushin Karate Wanaka on Facebook.

Is anyone from West Meadows / Stone Street area interested in **car pooling**? Call Lynette on 443 4069 / 027 635 1690.

Prizegiving DVDs

If you would like a copy of either 2014 prizegiving ceremony please contact the office to leave your name, stating whether you would like a copy of the junior or the senior ceremony. Copies will cost \$10 each.

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Tuesday 3 March / Tuesday 10 March

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

NEWSLETTER

Please let us know if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically by emailing your preferred email address and student's name to shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz.

MACLIC

(MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTRE)



Welcome to the college library!

Students can come to the library from 8.30 until 4.00 pm every week day.

The rules are:

- **No food in the library**
- **Borrow up to 4 books for 3 weeks (then return or renew)**
- **Always record your book loan at the issue desk**

There is a new display to celebrate the Cricket World Cup and encourage reading books about sport.

Get into the habit of reading!

The Librarian

Aspiring Children's Theatre School

After school drama classes begin next week for college and primary students. Learn skills and confidence, have fun and perform with other young people.

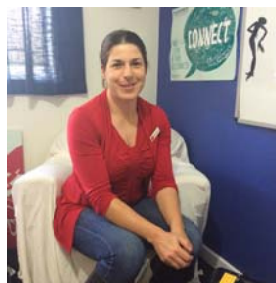
For more information or to enroll, txt 027 4439226 or email: stagepresents01@gmail.com

UNIFORM FOR SALE

MAC Jerseys, size 92 cm and 97 cm.
MAC trousers, size 12+ years.
Call 443 6110.



Introducing Dr Vicky Jones, Wanaka Medical Centre



Every Monday lunchtime Dr Jones is available for students to visit in URSpace for a free, confidential medical consultation. The college clinics are operated on a "Drop In" basis - no appointments are necessary. Dr Jones is available to see students on any health issue including sickness, injuries, mental health, sexual health and preventative health care.

If you have any queries, please contact Karyn Munro, Guidance Counsellor on 443 0496 or email munrok@mtaspiring.school.nz

Important Dates

Term 1 (2 February- 2 April 2015)

Week 3	Thursday 12 February	HPV Vaccination Information Meeting
Week 4	16 - 20 February	Pounawea Camp
	16 - 20 February	Level 2 Canyoning Trips
	Thursday 19 February	Level 3 Enterprise trip to Invercargill
Week 5	4-5 March	Level 3 Makarora trip
Week 6	Tuesday 3 March	Team Up Conferences
Week 7	Monday 9 March	MAC Athletics Champs
	Tuesday 10 March	Team Up Conferences
	Wednesday 11 March	MAC Athletics Finals
	Thursday 12 March	HPV Vaccination Round 1 - Year 8 Girls
Week 8	Monday 16 March	Level 3 Geography trip to Queenstown
	Monday 16 March	Level 1 OP Canoe Trip
	Tuesday 17 March	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm

TERM DATES 2015

Otago Anniversary Day: 23 March
Term 2: 20 April - 3 July
Anzac Day: 27 April
Queen's Birthday: 1 June
Term 3: 20 July - 25 September
Term 4: 12 October - 14 December
Labour Day: 26 October



PARENT PORTAL

We will be emailing you next week with details of how to access the Kamar Parent Portal.

Your email will contain the required user name for your child and your password for accessing the portal as well as instructions on how to do so. Our new system is more flexible in terms of accessing the portal, but you will need to make a note of your logon and password.

Your child will also have their own password.

World Vision Presentation - Syria and the Search for Hope

With the conflict in Syria entering its fifth year it is impossible to overstate the devastating impact this crisis has had on a generation of Syrian children. The number of children affected exceeds New Zealand's population. They have lost homes, friends, family members and witnessed or experienced extreme violence. Chris Clarke has recently returned from Lebanon and Iraqi Kurdistan, visiting Syrian refugees that World Vision is supporting. You are invited to a lunch where Chris will share his first-hand experience with you and explore what can be done to respond to the largest humanitarian crisis of our time.

Date: Thursday 19 February, Time: 12 noon - 2.00 pm, Venue: Lake Hawea Community Centre \$25 per head. Bookings (by noon 17 February), email: amanda.murray@worldvision.org.nz

WANAKA BASKETBALL CLUB MEETING

Monday 16 February, 7.30 pm

Calling all keen basketballers, young and older... Due to several retirements and personnel moving away from the area, the Wanaka Basketball Club is looking for some fresh blood! Are you keen to play / volunteer? Come along to this meeting which will take place in the Mount Aspiring College Gymnasium next week.

WANAKA YOUTH VOCAL GROUP

Every Wednesday afternoon
4.00 pm - 4.45 pm
Wanaka Primary School Hall

For anyone who wants to sing in a group. \$10 each week, heaps of fun, awesome songs, sweet harmonies and a performance at the end of term!

GREEN SUPERCAMP FOR 14-18 YEAR OLDS

The world's leading academic acceleration and personal development camp has places for this coming April.

Hear more about the experiences of past MAC students and how to get your child enrolled. An information evening is being held at the Wanaka Primary School office, on Thursday 12 February at 7.00 pm.

For more information contact Danielle Nicholson on 4436090 or dna@slingshot.co.nz.

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL THIS YEAR?

Wanaka Associated Football 2015 registrations are open - please go to: www.wanakafootball.org.nz

Training days start Wed 11 February

The 2015 sports calendar can be found on the MAC website: <http://www.mtaspiring.school.nz/mac-life/student-life/sports-hub>

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 18 February 2015
Rugby Club Rooms, 7.00 pm**

Please would all intending coaches from U7 up, committee members and helpers attend. Come along and support your local junior rugby.

APOLOGIES TO:

Anne-Marie Love - 027 4306548
Dean Millar 021 441570

Alexandra Challenge Cup Swim Meet

Well done to Kobi Stevens, Jaime Toepfer, Tom Heather, Abby Fisher and Jack Findlay who competed against students from the Otago region in this event last weekend, collectively gaining 14 individual golds, 12 individual silvers, a second in the junior relay and third in the senior relay. The junior team also placed third overall.



Not only were their results impressive, but their courteous poolside behaviour was, as usual, a credit to the school.

RUGBY BOOTS FOR SALE

Boot length 260 mm, probably a size 7 / 7.5, will suit 11-14 year old, good condition. Also spare sprigs and tighteners. \$15. Call 443 6766 or 021 2939 207.

LIKE the MAC Sportshub facebook page to keep up-to-date on sports events.

Important Sporting Dates

14 February	NZ mountain bike champs, Rotorua
15 February	East Southland Pony club teams competition, Tapanui
18 February	Otago Tennis qualifying tournament, Dunedin
19 February	Otago triathlon (year 9+), Dunedin
20 February	Otago touch tournament, Dunedin
21 February	Otago / Southland waterski champs, Millers Flat
27 February	SISS volleyball, Christchurch
28 February	Otago athletics, Dunedin
1 March	SISS Triathlon, Oamaru
3 March	CO Primary Swim Champs, Cromwell
4 March	MAC Athletics Champs
6/7/8 March	SISS Rowing Regatta, Twizel
6/7/8/ March	SISS Tennis, Timaru
8 March	Orienteering Summer Series, Dunedin
19 March	Sports prefects workshop
19/20 March	MAC Summer Quadrangular Tournament
20/21 March	Otago / Southland Athletics

See Jacky at the Sports Hub for more details about all of the above

ATTENTION PARENTS AND COACHES

If you would like sports results included in the current newsletter please email them to me (sports@mtaspiring.school.nz) by the end of the day on Monday. Thank you, Jacky Toepfer

NZ MTB Cup Series

Well done to Paul Wright, Janus Staufenberg, Phoebe Young, Julius Staufenberg and Alex Young who all competed in this event in Taupo last Saturday. This was the final race of the series and, putting some skills picked up at a recent clinic with Anton Cooper to good use, MAC gained some great results:

U19 Boys: Paul - 1st (pictured)
U17 Boys: Janus - 2nd
U15 Boys: Julius - 2nd
U17 Girls: Phoebe - 2nd

Good luck to students competing at the upcoming Nationals in Rotorua.



WANAKA LEOS



Leos working in the community

The revised date for the first meeting of the Wanaka Leo Club will be **Wednesday 18 February, Room 20, 1.20 pm sharp.**

Agenda

- Election of Club officers for 2015
- Odd Shoe Day for 2015
- Relay for Life in March.

Any students wishing to join the Wanaka Leo Club are welcome to attend this meeting.

Ann Saunders
Wanaka Leo club Liaison Officer

Email: leosinwanaka@gmail.com
Phone: 4437576

MAC 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.

In years 7 to 9 our 2015 programme 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 / national competitions / online programmes / publishing opportunities 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.

A new programme for Year 10 is being developed for 2015 and separate information will be sent out later.

Rutherford for Year 8, 9 and 10 will begin next week. Year 7 will start part way through Term 1. Years 7, 8 and 10 will be taught by Carol Brooks and Year 9 will be taught by Andrew Sloan, both of whom 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 are also used to build up a picture.

OUTSPOKEN
FESTIVAL OF WORDS & STORYTELLING
13 FEBRUARY - 8 MARCH 2015
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

POETRY
Storytelling
COMEDY

OPENING WEEK
Legends of the South: local & national talents
Valentine's Date with Gary McCormick
Set Your Compass South with Brian Turner
Writing workshop with Owen Marshall
BOX OFFICE www.outspokenfestival.co.nz

Students (Acacia Murray, Helena Crawford, Dylan Rimmer) and teachers (Annabel Wilson, Laura Williamson, Simon King, Jeromy van Riel) will perform alongside Brian Turner and Owen Marshall in a show compered by Gary McCormick.

Tickets can be purchased from: www.outspokenfestival.co.nz. Come along and support these students and teachers!

There will also be a free youth workshop from the legendary South Auckland Poets Collective at the Kahu Youth crib on Thursday 19 February.

BUSES:

Parents please remember that **the maximum speed when passing a stationary school bus stopped to pick up or drop off children is 20km/h** regardless of which side the bus is on. Please take extra care around school bus stops and provide supervision for children needing to cross.



HOUSE DAY FUN

