



NEWSLETTER Panui

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Kia ora tatou

This week it is my pleasure to introduce our student leaders for 2015 as well as introducing some of our new staff members.

Our head students for 2015 are Ellis Meyer-Budge and Brynee Wilson, pictured right with Johnny Brebner (centre) who is the student representative on the Board of Trustees.

We are also profiling our Year 12 and 13 student committees who have specific responsibility for the areas of Service and Academics, Culture and Sport. These students and the eight House Leaders have a great deal to offer students of all ages and their goal is to ensure that there is a vehicle for for all MAC students to have a voice and opportunities. I welcome their input and wish them all the best with their personal endeavors as well as their leadership goals.

Three new staff members are profiled this week (two below and one on page 4) and we will continue to introduce them in future newsletters. It is wonderful to have such talented and passionate individuals join our college.

Enjoy your week and strive to be the best that you can be.

Wayne Bosley



Sports Committee (top right)

Back: Tish Telford, Holly Bailey, Ellis Meyer-Budge, Hank Bilous.
Front: Jayden Fisher, Teegan Vink, Craig Murray.
Absent: Billie Scurr, Nico Schikker, Bailey Nolet

Culture Committee (middle right)

Back: Florence Collins Caballero, Connor Moore, Petra Shotwell, Lucy Hayes, Madison Parslow, Alyssa Gibson. Front: John Steven, George Davenport, Jack Arbuckle, Brynee Wilson.
Absent: Riley Bruce

Service and Academic Committee (bottom right)

Back: Kath Millis, Kim Robertson, Nina Bowley, Bronnie Ormandy, Rosie Spearing, April Carter, Katie Thompson. Front: Helena Crawford, Rick Sanders, Noel Bisson, Lewis Brooks, Aoife Baker, Erin Greenwood.



Andrew Sloan, BEd, Dip Tchg

Mr Sloan has joined us to teach Year 8 Homeroom and Year 9 Rutherford. He comes to us with fifteen years of teaching experience, the last eight of which were spent at Balmacewen Intermediate in Dunedin. His teaching strengths are in the areas of enquiry learning and ICT and he also has a strong interest in health and outdoor education.

Coming to Wanaka with Mr Sloan are: "my wonderful wife, Cherie, and three little boys - Oscar (5), Charlie (3) and Harry (1)". In his leisure time Mr Sloan enjoys the outdoors, competing in triathlon, multisport and many endurance-based events. Spending time with his wife and children on healthy adventures is a big part of his family time.

Mr Sloan has "a desire to see all students I work with be the best they can whilst having fun and enjoying all challenges put before them.... I am thrilled to be part of the MAC team and am excited about all of the learning opportunities I can provide to students here as well as getting involved in the school community."



Brendon Robertson, BSc, DipTchg

Mr Robertson joins us from Greymouth, in the north of the West Coast, where he taught Social Sciences, Geography, Social Studies and Outdoor Education at Greymouth High School for the past eight years.

At MAC Mr Robertson is teaching Geography, Social Studies and Year 9 Collaborative Learning.

Judging by the broad grin which rarely leaves his face he is very happy to be in Wanaka. "I have felt warmly welcomed on to the MAC team and the Wanaka community" he says, "and I am looking forward to being more involved in both the school and the wider community".



Defence Careers Experience 2015

The first DCE of this year will be held from **13 - 17 April** and will target Officer, Intelligence Officer, Systems Engineers, Electronic Warfare Operator and Communication Systems Operators.

Students should have a high standard of academic excellence, be highly motivated and have some leadership and teamwork experience. If you think this could be you, pop into URSpace and see Charlotte or Marcus to find out more.

The second DCE will be held from 28 September – 2 October 2015 and will target technical and non technical trades. These applications will be requested at a later date.

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.

Friends of MAC Student Directory

The 2015 Student Directory will be available within the next few weeks. This publication contains the student names and home phone numbers of all students whose parents have consented to have this information released to other parents.

This useful document was initiated by Friends of MAC in order to help parents keep their children safe by making it easier for parents to communicate with parents of other students at the college. If you have not already consented (enrolment form or personal request) and would like your child(ren)'s name included please contact the office.

UNIFORM MATTERS

A reminder that all girls in Years 7-11 are expected to wear the **MAC uniform kilt** from the start of Term 2.

Please note that these need to be ordered from Apparel Studio by the **end of February**. Apparel Studio have samples for you to try on to make sure that you get the correct size. A reminder that kilts should be worn at knee length, or slightly below the knee.

OUTSPOKEN

Congratulations to those students and staff who took part in last Friday's performance.

Tonight, Thursday 19 February, there is a free workshop with the South Auckland Poets Collective at Kahu Youth's Crib at 6.00 pm. Come along if you can!

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Tuesday 10 March / Tuesday 17 March

HPV Vaccination Forms

Please hand these in to the office NOW!

MACLIC - Help from the library

The library holds an extensive selection of books to help teens through tough times. From depression (Dewey number 616.85) and every health problem (in 61 onwards) to bullying (302.5), family issues (306.8) and everything to deal with stress, coming of age, knowing oneself, becoming the best you can be (158.1) and more... There are also resources available for parents. You are not alone and there are books to help with any situation, so just ask the librarian.



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.

SCHOOL FEES

The fees system on our new student database, Kamar is now up and running. Some things have changed - the look of your invoices and the information generated. Very soon you will be able to see your school fees via the Parent Portal which we are sure you will find a huge improvement.

However, one point of difference from our previous system is that Kamar does not allow us to invoice option costs (Y7-10) during the year as has been done in the past. All option classes are now invoiced at the beginning of the year. Please note that you may choose to pay this at a later time when your child is actually taking that option class.

The first invoice round will be emailed out to you in the next few days. If you have any queries, please contact Kathy or Thelma at the office.

Important Dates

Term 1 (2 February- 2 April 2015)

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| Week 3 | Thursday 19 February | Level 3 Enterprise trip to Invercargill |
| Week 4 | 4-5 March | Level 3 Makarora trip (CS) |
| Week 5 | 2-6 March | Year 9 Marae visits |
| | Wednesday 4 March | Level 3 Shotover trip (CS) |
| | 5-6 March | Level 3 Makarora trip (FA) |
| Week 6 | 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 7 | Monday 16 March | Level 3 Geography trip to Queenstown |
| | Monday 16 March | Level 1 OP Canoe Trip |
| | Tuesday 17 March | Team Up Conferences |
| | Tuesday 17 March | Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm |
| | Wednesday 18 March | Junior Maths Competition |
| | Wednesday 18 March | Level 3 Shotover trip (FA) |
| | 19-20 March | Summer Quad |
| Week 8 | Monday 23 March | Otago Anniversary Day - college closed |
| | 24 - 28 March | Summer Tournament Week |

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

Wanaka Library is now open for longer hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9.00 - 5:30 pm
Thursday: 9 - 7 pm
Friday: 9.00 - 5:30 pm
Saturday: 10.00 - 5.00 pm

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Paddles Up Kayak Competition

This weekend (February 21/22), MAC is hosting the Otago Paddles Up Slalom competition. It is a fun competition for novice kayakers. The format for the weekend is:
Saturday: Registration from 10.00 am, then practice and river trips from 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm.
Sunday: (fun) slalom competition, starting 10.00 am, prizegiving 2.00 pm.
Any students interested in participating, please see Mr Cassaidy for more details.
Equipment can be provided.

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

Sovereign Triathlon Series

Well done to Janus Staufenberg who placed second in the U17 Boys at the Takapuna race in this series.

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

NZ Mountain Bike Cup

This event is comprised of a series of events which take place over the summer. Congratulations on the following overall results from the four races:

Paul Wright: 1st (U19 Boy)
Julius Staufenberg: 2nd (U15 Boy)
Phoebe Young: 2nd (U17 Girl)

CHALLENGE WANAKA WEEKEND

All the best to students and teachers involved in Challenge Wanaka- we have more than 30 students volunteering their time for this event.

East Southland Pony Club event

Congratulations to Alex Thomson who placed first in this one day event.

MAC Athletics Champs:

Monday 9 March (all day) and
Wednesday 11 March (afternoon).
Spectators and supporters very welcome to attend

BASKETBALL: Want to Play?

We need committee members to keep MAC basketball going. If you can help in any way, please contact Carrie with your details:
carrieberkey@gmail.com

AUCKLAND UNI RESEARCH PROJECT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The research aims to compare the effects of different types of nutrition labels on household food shopping choices. Volunteers living anywhere in New Zealand and who own a smartphone can take part. Study participants will receive up to \$90: a \$10 voucher at week 1 and \$80 voucher on completion of the 5-week study and questionnaire. For more information check out: <https://diet.auckland.ac.nz/content/starlight>

GOOD LUCK to MAC students who are competing in regional events for tennis, waterskiing and triathlon this week. Also to Jack Findlay, competing in the NZ Junior swimming champs.

KYOKUSHIN KARATE WANAKA

Come along and give Karate a try! For more info check out Kyokushin Karate Wanaka on Facebook.

NZ Mountain Bike Championships

Phoebe Young, Julius Staufenberg, Nick Toepfer, Paul Wright and Campbell Wright all competed at this event in Rotorua last weekend. Congratulations to Phoebe who placed second in the U17 Girls.

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

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

CENTRAL OTAGO SPORTS AWARD
nomination forms are now available from the Sportshub.

Important Sporting Dates

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| 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 |
| 6/7/8 March | SISS rowing regatta, Twizel |
| 6/7/8/ March | SISS tennis, Timaru |
| 8 March | Orienteering Summer Series, Dunedin |
| 9 March | MAC Athletics Champs |
| 19 March | Sports prefects workshop |
| 19/20 March | MAC Summer Quadrangular Tournament |
| 20/21 March | Otago / Southland Athletics, Invercargill |
| 24 March | Otago / Southland Road Cycling Champs, Invercargill |
| 24-26 March | SISS Golf Champs, Methven |
| 25 March | NZSS Triathlon champs, Taupo |
| 25-27 March | NZSS Futsal Competition, Wellington |
| 26 March | Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell |
| 27 March | SISS Sunburst Sailing Champs, Dunedin |
| 28 March | Otago Primary Schools Swim Champs, Dunedin |
| 28 March | SISS Adventure Race, Cromwell |
| 28-29 March | SISS Athletics, Nelson |

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

Wetsuits Needed

Do you have any wetsuits in good usable condition that you would like to donate or sell? The Outdoor Pursuits Department are in need of spring suits or steamers for our kayak programme. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Call Andrea 4430499 ext 820.

FREE TribeKIDS™ sessions at ProActive Health and Fitness!

TribeKIDS™ is a fun fitness program designed specifically for kids aged between 7 and 15. TribeKIDS™ helps our kids develop a healthy attitude towards exercise and involves exercises that are fundamental to all things that kids need to do as their bodies grow – pull, push, run, jump, throw, climb and lift.

TribeKIDS™ workouts incorporate athletic drills for coordination and agility, strength and stamina exercises as well as teamwork games and challenges. Dedicated TribeKIDS™ Coaches will motivate and coach our kids every step of the way encouraging our kids to new levels of fitness, strength and confidence season after season.

ProActive Health and Fitness is offering this amazing program for kids to try absolutely free during their trial week which runs between 2 –7 March. Places are limited so please call now to secure your spot early! Email info@proactivewanaka.com or call 443 6500. Let's help our kids become fit, strong, healthy and confident!

"Like There's No Tomorrow" by The PlayGround Collective

Twenty-seven privileged students spent the past weekend in an invigorating and inspiring workshop as the start of their rehearsals toward the community show in our biannual April Festival of Colour. Under the expert guidance of Eli Kent, Robin Kerr and the renowned Sara Brodie they explored the parameters of the show, turning it inside out and upside down. It was an incredibly proud moment for our Drama Department to hear some of our country's top practitioners speak so highly of the skill and maturity of our students. This show is inviting conversation around the complex and delicate issues facing our young people today. These students are embarking on a very special journey and we hope all our senior students and wider school community will be able to take the opportunity to see them perform their most challenging roles yet in a five night season. Check out the Festival of Colour web page (festivalofcolour.co.nz) to find out details. Book early to avoid disappointment!



Emily McRae, H.O.D Drama

CAST MEMBERS: Holly Mercer, Jack Ar buckle, Tully Stevens, Madison Parslow, Lewis Brooks, Petra Shotwell, Callum Rennie, George Davenport, Johnny Brebner, Fergus Brebner, Erin Greenwood, Ella Malushnig, Ella Moore, Ava Hughes, Alex Johnson, Brynnee Wilson, Luis Munro, Brooke Harwood, Samantha Haines, Sarah Cooper-Slee, Georgia Prince, Luke Burke, John Steven.
BAND MEMBERS: Connor Moore, Isaac Bell, Tom Reaney, Lucan Smith



Introducing... Maryanne Ahern, Bed, Dip Tchg

Originally from the Wakatipu and Wanaka area, Ms Ahern is delighted to join the great teaching team at MAC.

Ms Ahern was born on the West Coast and lived in Glenorchy as a child, but has been Wellington-based for much of the last 11 years, most recently teaching at Queen Margaret College and Samuel Marsden Collegiate. She has taught both Secondary and Primary level students across a number of subjects. Her teaching specialities include Performance, English and Social Sciences and

she also studied post graduate directing and scriptwriting for film and theatre at Victoria University in 2007.

Ms Ahern has travelled extensively and taught internationally in Japan, Africa and the UK. She is particularly passionate about the NZ Sub Antarctic islands after a trip there a few years ago. She recently did a pilgrimage trek in Nepal to find the hospital her late father Brian Ahern built with Sir Edmund Hillary in 1964. In her spare time she enjoys music, walking, mountain biking, skiing, writing and the creative arts.

Ms Ahern is really looking forward to getting involved in our school and community events.

SLD / Dyslexia Assessment

Registered Psychologist Anne Sercq will be in Wanaka during the week of **2-5 March** to conduct full SLD / (dyslexic) assessments. Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Please call The Seabrook Mackenzie Centre on 03 3815383 to make an appointment.

"Self Esteem of SLD Children". During this information evening the video "Last one picked, first one picked on" will be screened. This discusses the social difficulties that children with SLD may encounter. This will be followed by discussion and questions and answers.

Tuesday 3rd March @ 6.30
The Wanaka Hotel Meeting Room
Gold coin donation.

MAC FREE MEDICAL SERVICE

Monday lunchtimes:
Dr Jones, Wanaka Medical Centre.
Drop in @ URSpace

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2015 Swim Champions:

11 Year Boys: **Jack Findlay**
11 Year Girls: **Piper Cavanagh**
12 Year Boys: **Fergus Read**
12 Year Girls: **Jasmine Murray**
13 Year Boys: **Kobi Stevens**
13 Year Girls: **Jamie Toepfer**
U16 Boys: **Gregor Findlay**
U16 Girls: **Samantha Garrick**
O16 Boys: **Noel Bisson**
O16 Girls: **Ellie Russell**

CONGRATULATIONS to Iron for taking out the House Shield.

IRON
1026 points.

PISA
923 points,

ROY
774 points,

BARKER
575 points



UPPER CLUTHA RUGBY REGISTRATION DAY

For all players from Under 5's to U16

25 February
Rugby Clubrooms
3.30 - 6.00 pm

SUBS

1 player \$45
2 players \$80
3+ players \$100
must be paid on the day

Enquiries to Sue Weir (443 8468)

PARENT PORTAL

We will be emailing you later today 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, together with 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.

KAHU YOUTH UPDATE

Happy 2015 everybody!

We've got a lot on during Term 1, both after school and at the weekends. Our Boys and Girls Adventure Clubs are both full for this term, but place your child's name on our waiting list and we'll be sure to call you when a space opens up for them. Adventure Clubs are mainly aimed at years 7 and 8.

As well as the Drop In sessions at the Crib on Friday and Saturday evenings, we have Youth vs Wild on Tuesday afternoon and we have our own 'Outspoken' event here tonight at 6.00 pm. For more information find us on Facebook (Kahuyouth Upper Clutha) email us (kahu.youth@xtra.co.nz) or give us a call on 443 5880.



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

We are looking for warm, caring families, close to town, to support our Homestay Programme for international students at Mount Aspiring College.

This opportunity will make you friends from all around the world and assist your local high school at the same time. Not only that, you will be paid \$250 a week!

If you would like to find out more, please call 03 443 0466 to speak to our Homestay Coordinator, or email homestay@mtaspiring.school.nz.

Here is a shortened URL to the Homestay page on the MAC website: <http://goo.gl/IPFUdQ>. We look forward to hearing from you!



Swim Records Broken in 2015

BACK STROKE 50M U16 BOYS: Wilfred Spearing 31.97

FREESTYLE 50M O16 BOYS: Noel Bisson 26.12

OPEN BUTTERFLY 25M: Noel Bisson 12.97

OPEN FREESTYLE 100M: Noel Bisson 58.08