



Year 9 Marae Experience

This week I am featuring our trip to Te Rau Aroha marae with Year nine students and staff. I was fortunate to join 9SP and 9CD at the marae and agree fully with Zhane's thoughts below. Bella and Zhane have expressed the thoughts of many of us and I thank them for writing on our behalf. I would also like to pass on my thanks to Matua Jeromy for hosting both groups at the marae and sharing so much wisdom with us. Enjoy the photos!

Last week Year 9 students travelled to Bluff where they were hosted by Te Runaka o Awarua at their marae Te Rau Aroha. This is the southern-most marae in New Zealand and was designed by prominent Maori artist Cliff Whiting, whose spectacular work can also be seen at Te Papa. Students enjoyed a trip to Oreti Beach, (where they were allowed to take a small amount of Toheroa), Maori history, beach walks, weaving, taiaha, haka, flute making and, most importantly, a powhiri. Special thanks to Matua Jeromy van Riel.

The children walked through the rain up the path to an enchanted building. A call cut through the air welcoming them onto the marae. They abandoned their shoes at the door and silently took their places in the rows of seats. Once inside, towering statues and flowing rivers of whakairo (artwork / carving) met the children and they gazed in wonder at the wharenui. This was going to be their new camp. Later the art was explained and a new meaning was given to it. Warriors, princesses, life, death and stories were scattered around the walls. The wharenui turned out to be a storybook that held all the stories of the tribe.

Down on the beach Matua Jeromy glided away from the shore carried by the outgoing tide. His hands grasped the rocks for balance as the water pulled him outwards. Lime green flippers trailed behind him contrasting with the blackish blue, misty water that encompassed him. Like a smooth sea creature he dived down to grip a green paua in his gloved hands. Then it was slipped into the dive bag and the teacher continued his underwater hunt for seafood for supper.

Bella Culshaw. 9TC

Last week my class, along with 9CD, attended a camp at the Bluff marae. To be completely honest this camp was such an amazing cultural experience. We had many activities laid out for us to experience such as: learning new haka, making flowers with harakeke and so many more Maori cultural activities that I will be able to take away with me and cherish. Although all activities were so amazing, my favourite was definitely learning the women's haka. One of the main reasons as to why this was my favourite was because everybody was trying really hard to get all the words and actions correct. Every girl was putting their all into this haka which was so great to see. The end result was awesome. We were so loud and proud and we looked fierce.

From now on I think that every upcoming Year Nine student should have the chance to experience this camp as it has changed the outlook of many people on Maori culture: socially, spiritually and emotionally.

Zhane Skipper 9SP

Thanks to the parents and students who have made bookings for our Team Up conferences. As a staff we appreciate the opportunity to introduce our portal, fortnightly reports and also discuss goals for the year. We have our first mufti day for the year this Friday and the theme is Friday the 13th or Black Friday.

Enjoy your weekend and we hope to see you at the college site at the A&P Show this weekend.

Wayne Bosley



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Warm, caring families, living close to town, needed to support our Homestay Programme for international students at the 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.



Holiday reading packs are back!

During the holidays, read for your pleasure and broaden your reading habits! Register on maclic.wordpress.com before Wednesday 25 March to receive a pack of 10 books especially selected by the librarian for you. Limited supply so be quick!

RACE WITH ROTARY

Cycle Race (or Ride) from Roxburgh Dam to Beaumont Tavern
Saturday 21 March, 10.00 am start

A great cycle ride and lots of spot prizes.
For more information and to enter:
www.racewithrotary.co.nz

MUFTI DAY

THIS FRIDAY - 13 March!

Come dressed in theme for **Black Friday**

Funds raised go towards student led initiatives.

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

SIC Shout-Outs for General Year 13 Awesomeness

Accolades go to (in no particular order):

- ◆ Poppy Jefferies and Bronnie Ormandy for putting their hands up to help out with an U6 footy team when it's not their first-choice sport.
- ◆ Mitchie Maluschig and Petra Shotwell for happily heaping on responsibilities at Wanaka Primary.
- ◆ Hana Evison for not showing up for her placement ... but keeping in touch with them and saying she'll be there when she can.
- ◆ Lili Peters for her enthusiasm and playfulness with the Oanaka Educare kids
- ◆ Everyone who has been to the Sally Army placements and done the hard work before the fun work.
- ◆ Harry Seagar, Sam Hayr, Jacinta Borer, Michelle Tomlinson, Isaac Bell and Poppy Jefferies for stepping up to help out HQ students.
- ◆ Daisy Thor-Poet, Mila Sumar and Christie Kirk for taking on volunteer roles behind the scenes at the Festival of Colour.
- ◆ Andrew Jopson for listening and chatting one-on-one with residents at Elmslie House – making their day!

Many, many other students who haven't been included in this list have still been out in the community strengthening links and doing great things as well. I wish there was space to acknowledge and thank you all.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course will be held in Room P1 at Dunstan High School, Alexandra from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and then 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March.

For further information please contact Kaye Rowell, Lakes Driver Training on 03 442 7073 / 027 623 3534 / krowell@xtra.co.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.

Important Dates

Term 1	(2 February- 2 April 2015)	
Week 6	Thursday 12 March	HPV Vaccination Round 1 - Year 8 Girls
	Friday 13 March	Mufti Day
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
	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
	Tuesday 24 March	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm
	24 - 28 March	Summer Tournament Week
Week 9	Tuesday 31 March	Mufti Day
	Wednesday 1 April	MAC MTB Champs
	Friday 3 April	Good Friday - college closed
Term 1	(20 April - 3 July 2015)	
Week 1	Monday 20 April	First day of Term 2

TERM DATES 2015

Otago Anniversary Day: 23 March
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

Parenting Through Separation

The next course in Wanaka will run on Wednesday 1 April, 10.00 am - 2.00pm. For more information or to register email: ptscentrallakes@gmail.com

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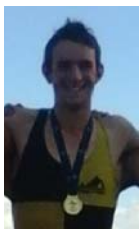
This event will take place on Wednesday 25 March (changed date) in Cromwell. To register your interest sign up now outside the Sports Hub. You can enter as an individual or as a team. See our website for race rules and information. Registrations close on Monday 16 March.

South Island Secondary Schools Rowing Champs

Well done to all the MAC students who competed at this event on Lake Ruataniwha last weekend. Unfortunately racing was shortened due to wind on Sunday so only 20 percent of the races took place.

Congratulations to Riley Bruce who won the U17 single sculls by a convincing two second lead, coming back from a poor start. Riley Homan teamed up with Bridie Hurley in the Girls U17 double to gain a place in the A final. B finals were also achieved by the Girls U17 quadruple sculls crew of Bridie, Olivia Pearce, Maddy Ball, Helena Crawford and Beth Gale as coxswain. Maddy and Helena also made the B final of the U18 doubles. The U15 rowers, Erica Ayres, Hannah Humphreys, Samantha Garrick, Erina Tamati and Sam Pearce experienced their first major secondary schools regatta and rowed well gaining valuable experience for the future.

Riley Bruce and Riley Homan are travelling to Karapiro to contest the Maadi Cup in two weeks' time where they will take on the country's best secondary school rowers in the National championship. Good luck!



MAC Cross Country Mountain Biking Champs

Wednesday 1 April, 2.00 pm

Sign up now for this fun, FREE event at Deans Bank. If you're in Years 7-9 and it's your first time, you'll go in the draw for one of several Black Peak ice cream vouchers. Registration forms outside the Sports Hub. Remember, this is a house event - your house needs you!

Otago Athletics Champs

If you placed in the top three in an event please come and collect your certificates from the Sports Hub.

NETBALL NEWS

Mt Aspiring Netball Club AGM will be held at 7.00 pm on **Tuesday 17 March** in Room 29. All parents welcome to get involved and come along. If you have any queries speak to Vicki Ashton at the college, or email Kellie Bailey (kjbwanaka@gmail.com).

Netball Trials Trials for Year 9/10 teams will take place on 16 / 18 March, 3.30 pm.

Coaching Please could anyone interested in coaching college netball teams or umpiring contact Kellie Bailey.

Discounted Kayak Hire

If you are training for the SISS Adventure Race, you have two weeks left to get your team out practicing in two-person kayaks. Wanaka Kayaks on the lake-front are kindly offering a 50% discount to hire these - just mention you are part of a MAC adventure racing team.

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Craig Murray** for completing the **Godzone multi-day adventure race**, and being the youngest competitor to ever complete a Godzone event.

With only 14 teams out of 52 completing the full distance, Craig's team placing of eighth is impressive!

Handing in Trip Forms

Please hand in all trip forms by the due date, so that we can make sure that entries are submitted on time and accommodation can be booked. If forms are handed in late it may mean that you will miss out on an event. Don't forget, uniforms and sports forms back by the due date qualify for the weekly draw for the Black Peak voucher. This week's winner was Nick Toepfer (and this was not rigged!)

Congratulations to Paul Wright for:

- ◆ qualifying to race at the World junior cross country mountain biking cup race in Andorra.
- ◆ Winning the Junior Elite category of the Motatapu mountain bike race in terrible conditions on Saturday.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Have a Go Days for Year 9-13 boys / girls
Fri 20 / Mon 23 March, MAC Gym, 3:30 - 5:15 pm

Try Outs for Year 9-13 boys and girls teams
Monday 30 March, MAC Gym, 3:30 - 5:15 pm

For more information email: carrieberkey@gmail.com

CRICKET NEWS

Dunstan 2 were all out for 75 runs in 24 overs, and in reply Albion (Wanaka) made 77 runs in 13 overs for a convincing win last Saturday. Nic Fluit top scored with 42 and Finn Hasler and Gregor Findlay both bowled well.

MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook page & website sports.mtaspiring.school.nz

"Like" and "Share" the Sports Hub facebook page to see all the latest news, notices and photos. Check out the MAC sports website (above) for the latest entry forms, letters home and sports events calendar.

Important Sporting Dates

sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

18-21 March	NZ Division 2 Swimming Champs, Dunedin
19 March	Sports Prefects Workshop
19/20 March	MAC Summer Quadrangular Tournament
20/21 March	Otago / Southland Athletics, Invercargill
23 March	Summer Tournament Week: Maadi Cup, Karapiro SS Team Sailing, Picton NZSS Futsal, Wellington
24 March	Otago / Southland Road Cycling Champs, Invercargill
24-26 March	SISS Golf Champs, Methven
25 March	NZSS Triathlon champs, Taupo
25 March	CO Primary Schools triathlon, Cromwell
26-28 March	NZSS Futsal Competition, Wellington
26 March	Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell
27-29 March	SISS Sunburst Sailing Champs, Dunedin
27 March	Otago SS Swim Champs, Dunedin
28 March	Otago Primary Schools Swim Champs, Dunedin
28 March	SISS Adventure Race, Cromwell
28 March	National Climbing Series - round 1, Hamilton
1 April	MAC Mountain Biking Champs, Deans Bank

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

ARE YOU KEEN TO PLAY HOCKEY?

Training for the season has already started. Any students in Years 9-13 who would like to play hockey should register on the Upper Clutha hockey website: www.sportsground.co.nz/uchc

Training is on Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Wanaka Primary School turf.

Call 0275 356 651 for more information.

Central Otago Primary Schools Swimming Champs

Nineteen Year 7 and 8 students competed at this event last week, achieving personal best times and breaking records. Mount Aspiring College won every boys' and girls' relay event that they had entered, breaking records in the boys' 11 and boys' 12 year old relays.

Special congratulations to Jack Findlay who placed second overall in the boys individual events, Fergus Read who broke the 25m freestyle record for O12 boys and Sam Knight who equaled the 25m backstroke record.

Wanaka Swim Club welcomes new fitness, development and competitive swimmers of all ages. Contact swimwithfi@gmail.com

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CERTIFICATE IN MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE 2015

Only join the Certificate in Money Management Course if you are aged 17 to 107 and want to be savvy and smart about all things money. Starts March 2015, 20 week course, one session per week on Wednesday evenings

Contact Course tutor Mylrea Bell to enrol or find out more information: 443 1738, 027 443 9942, myl@xtra.co.nz

SUMMER QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Thursday 19 / Friday 20 March

An email is being sent home this week confirming MAC quad team members. Please note that if your son / daughter is selected as a member of a quad team it is an expectation that they will billet a visiting student on the Thursday evening. The Year 13 dean, Hamish Crosbie is co-ordinating billets for this event and all offers of beds are greatly appreciated. If you can help out, or wish to know more, please email Hamish: crosbieh@mtaspiring.school.nz

Year 7 - 10 Science Badges

The MAC Science Department would like to offer all Year 7-10 students the opportunity to become involved in the out of class science badge extension activities offered by the Science Award Trust based in Christchurch.

If you would like more information about this self-directed programme check out the website: www.sciencebadges.co.nz, email ian.mcnabb@mtaspiring.school.nz or ask your science teacher .

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Early Bird season passes are available to local children to purchase at \$199 until **Tuesday 31 March**. Anyone wishing to purchase a TC pass needs to visit their premises on Dungarvon Street NOTE: Special rates may apply for students doing Outdoor Pursuits - please check with Dave Cassaidy before purchasing a pass.

CARDRONA

Local student passes will be \$99 for students in Years 7 and 8 and \$150 for students in Years 9-13 and the cut-off for purchasing these is **Friday 12 June**.

SNOW FARM

Local student passes will be \$100 or \$150 for pass and gear hire. A local family pass (2 adults and 2 children) is \$750 or \$1175 for pass and gear. The cut-off for both of the above is **Wednesday 30 April** but, if passes are purchased by **Monday 31 March** you will be given one free day pass and gear hire to be used by a friend or family member.

STUDENT ID

When purchasing passes you will need to take your student ID as proof that you are a local student. MAC student ID cards are due to be printed within the next few days. We are just waiting for a few more student photos to be taken.

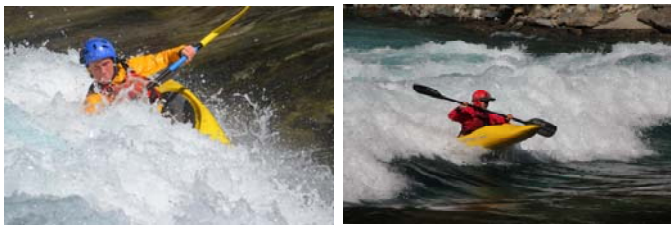
FOCUS ON JUNIOR ART

Young Guns

The New Zealand Freestyle Kayak Nationals were held last weekend at the Hawea Whitewater Park. Freestyle kayaking is a whitewater sport where the paddler performs a range of acrobatic tricks and manoeuvres on a river feature such as a wave or hole. Well done to Hank Bilous who placed 4th in the junior men and Aden Cassaidy who placed second in the cadets (pictured left and right).

Also competing was Kim Dodd, who was a MAC student in 2008. Her podium finish saw her selected to represent New Zealand at the World Champs in Canada later this year!

Anyone who would like to know how to get involved in kayaking should make contact with Mr Cassaidy.



Year 8 students have been learning about "Pop Art". Pictured right are portraits by Alfie Baker and Hannah Barham. The students worked from actual photos to trace the outlines of their faces. They then stylized the tracings and painted them to reflect the style of well-known super-heroes.



Year 7 classes each had a cup cake to decorate and were then given the challenge of studying these with the aim of getting the cup cake down on paper, first in a drawn form and later painting. As you can see, some students are not doing this from the normal angle!



Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination

A reminder that the first round of HPV vaccinations will take place on Thursday 12 March.

Girls in 8SL, 8LB, 8AH should come to the office at 9.45 am and 8WT and 8SD at 11.20 am.

Please have a good breakfast on the morning of your vaccination.

Calling all aspiring artists and craftspeople!

Are you in years 9 to 13? Are you good at arts and crafts? Wanaka Arts Society invites you to enter our Easter Exhibition, 2 - 6 April 2015. A cash prize will be awarded to the winning youth entry. Give it a go!

For information and entry form go to www.wanakartsociety.co.nz, or the Wanaka library, or email: wanaka.arts.society@gmail.com Entries close on Thursday 19 March.