



Happy Easter Everyone

The first term has literally flown by and I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their input and support. The students have successfully and enthusiastically engaged in their classroom programme as well as a number of House events. During the holidays I would encourage all students to reflect on their progress in the classroom during Term One and be willing to make changes in order to reach the academic goals that they have set themselves.

Thank you for responding to our Team Up Conferences where 75% of all MAC families met with Whanau teachers. Many of you have already revisited the Parent Portal and I encourage you all to do so regularly. If any family has not yet logged on, or if you are having problems doing so, please contact the office and we will help you.

Our fortnightly reports are still in their infancy but students have responded very positively to the concept. In my role as a Whanau teacher I have found that it has generated some wonderful conversations with parents and students. Next term under the 'Information' section on the portal we will post a criteria sheet outlining the behaviours or expectations for each grade.

After reflection we have modified aspects of the grading system. From now on Grade 3 will read Consistent rather than Inconsistent and Grade 4 will read Very Good rather than Good. These descriptors more appropriately describe the level of behaviour and engagement for most students at the college and will provide the data to promote and acknowledge personal excellence.

Mount Aspiring College Formal 2015

Saturday 9 May Lake Wanaka Centre

Tickets (\$90) on sale at the office

- delicious dinner
- live music
- dancing
- formal photos
- photobox and fun!

TOKYO NIGHTS
東京の夜

The Social Studies department has been studying various aspects of The Great War and are going to make a display of crosses and flax flowers for the front of the school so that anyone coming or going from school will pass through our "Field of Remembrance." The students are also going to talk about the war at assembly in week one next term as we commemorate the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign. Please feel free to come and view the students' tribute to the Great War.

Finally, on a personal note, I will be on sabbatical next term and Dean Sheppard will be Acting Principal. I will be visiting schools and involving myself in research on Professional Development and look forward to sharing these strategies on my return in Term 3. I wish Mr Sheppard, the staff and the students all the best for the next term in my absence.

I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break. **Wayne Bosley**

Important Dates

Term 2 (20 April - 3 July 2015)

Week 1	Monday 20 April Wednesday 22 April	First day of Term 2 Year 7 Vision Screening
Week 2	Monday 27 April Tuesday 28 April	Anzac Day - college closed Otago University Open Day
Week 3	4-5 May Thursday 7 May Saturday 9 May	Level 1 Outdoor Pursuits Tramp HPV Vaccination Round 2 MAC Formal
Week 4	Wednesday 13 May Thursday 14 May	Level 2/3 Tourism Trip, Queenstown Mufti Day
Week 5	Monday 18 May 19-22 May	Level 3 Enterprise Trip Level 2 Winter Outdoor Pursuits Tramp
Week 7	Monday 1 June 2-4 June	Queen's Birthday - college closed Level 3 Mount Cook Trip (FA)
Week 8	6-8 June	Level 3 Mount Cook Trip (CS)
Week 9	Friday 6 -19 June	MACStock
Week 11	1-3 July Thursday 2 July Friday 3 July	Year 11 Business Challenge Mufti Day Reports issued

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TERM DATES 2015

Term 3: 20 July - 25 September
Term 4: 12 October - 14 December
Labour Day: 26 October

Local Food Wanaka presents

THE AUTUMN APPLE DRIVE
Sunday 19 April 2015, 10 am - 4 pm
Rippon Hall, Wanaka

Help with chutney making & apple pressing.
Everyone takes juice & chutney home.
Please bring a chopping board and knife.
We also need apples, jars, lids & bottles.
\$5 entry, kids free

RIPPON
246 Mt Aspiring Rd
Wanaka

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NCEA STUDENTS

We would like to highlight some important procedures regarding assessment in NCEA courses at the college. These procedures ensure that assessment practices are fair and consistent to all.

EXTENSIONS

An extension must be sought **before** the due date of the assessment in almost all cases. Request an extension from your subject teacher giving valid reasons, providing supporting letters from parents, doctors, etc. The teacher will fill out a form and apply for the extension to the NQF coordinator (Ms Ashton) This decision is final.

You will not automatically be granted an extension.

LATE ASSESSMENTS

It is your responsibility to get your work in on the due date. If you are sick on that date, then your assessment must be dropped off at the office or to your teacher by someone else or emailed to your teacher. You will receive a 'Not Achieved' grade if your work arrives late (unless there are exceptional circumstances). You may still receive a future reassessment opportunity, if one is available for that standard, but only if you can show evidence that work has been attempted in the first place.

MISSED ASSESSMENTS

Planned absences / School Trips:

Extensions must be arranged before you leave. Note that if you take a holiday during the school term (even if permission has been granted) this may result in forfeiting some assessments because too much course work may have been missed or the assessment requires simultaneous timing of the class.

Short-term absence/illness:

A letter from parents / caregivers should be given to the teacher. A medical certificate may also be requested. No award or extension will be granted if there is insufficient explanation for absence.

Unexplained / wilful absence:

A 'not achieved' grade will be awarded.

In the case of illness or verified absence from a final assessment, an estimated grade can only be given if the teacher has seen or holds sufficient valid evidence from the student for that standard.

Keeping in Touch with NZQA

It is very important that students learn how to log in to NZQA. Once logged in they can access their official results, check entries and contact details and also order important documents.

NZQA no longer posts exam results out to students so logging in is the only way to access their results information. To log in they should:

Go to www.nzqa.govt.nz and click the log in tab on the top right side of the screen
Choose the learners login and either:
Log in using their NSN number and password or
Register as a learner (this also requires their NSN)

Some helpful hints:

Record your NSN and password on your phone or computer or email it to yourself.

Use an email address that you are likely to have for some time. It is best not to use your school email as you lose this when you leave school. You could also write this information down on a piece of paper which could be filed with your other important documents (eg your passport). It is really frustrating not to be able to access this information easily later in life so please heed this advice.

If you forget your password you can enter your NSN number and have a new one emailed to you. If you forget everything use the free phone number provided (0800 697 296).

NZQA Fees for 2015

A reminder that all NZQA fees need to be paid by Wednesday 12 August. Local students pay \$76.70. Scholarship subjects are being charged out at a rate of \$30 per subject. 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, but you need to make your application as soon as possible.

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 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.

YEAR 7 / SWIMMING PROGRAMME—20 April - 22 May

8SD, 7BW, 8AH, 8LB - Don't forget your togs Day 1, Term 2!

All Year 7 and 8 students will be taking part in the fully funded Central Lakes Sealord Swim of Life programme which will commence at the start of Term 2. Lessons will take place during scheduled Physical Education lessons (see timetable below).

Each student will have ten lessons over the first five weeks of term.

The college understands that parents / caregivers may like to discuss issues associated with this programme. If so, please contact Mr Alastair Hose in the PE department. Mount Aspiring College would like to thank Sealord and the QLDC for their continued support.

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MONDAY	8SD	7BW	8AH	8LB	
TUESDAY	8SL	7SC	7ST	8WT	
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY	8LB	8WT	7FX	8AH	8SL
FRIDAY	7ST	8SD	7FX	7BW	7SC

Wanaka Arts Society Easter Art Exhibition

3-5 April, 10.00 - 6.00 pm
4 April, 10.00 - 3.30 pm
Wanaka Primary School Gym

YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Public Health South will be visiting the college on Wednesday 22 April to screen all Year 7 students for distance vision and, boys only, for colour vision.

If you do not wish your child to be screened please complete an 'opt-out' slip which is available at the college office.

HIRING FORMAL SUITS MADE EASY

Ace Suit Hire and Structure for Men will be in the East Common Room at Year level on Wednesday 22 April. You will be able to get measured up and pre-order your suit for the college formal. You can hire jacket, trousers, shirt and tie for the bargain price of \$99.00. **Minimum stress, maximum convenience!**

LOST PROPERTY UPDATE

TOWELS, SLEEPING BAGS, HOODIES, HATS, T-SHIRTS, TRAINERS, POLO SHIRTS, GOOD QUALITY JACKETS, LARGE CAKE CONTAINERS

Does any of the above sound like stuff that you haven't seen around for a while? Our lost property bin contains all of the above, and more! Much of this is probably left over from Year 9 camps.

Please get students to come and look for lost items as soon as possible as all non-uniform and un-named items will be taken to the Recycling Centre during the Easter holidays.

CHECK UNIFORM ITEMS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

We have had reports of named items going missing. Please could everyone check all uniform over the holidays to make sure that other people's items have not come home by mistake.

LOST PE GEAR

MAC PE Top named "Hadida", Black Shorts size 12, White and Red Nike Futsal Shoes in a boot bag. Call Liz on 021 0224 1057 if found.

New: Weekly, local MTB event

Fun MTB series held in and around Wanaka - a different location each week. First race: Thursday 9 April at Deans Bank, 6:30 pm. Prize money for first female, first male and more. \$5 entry.

Mountain Bike Race

Saturday 18 April

Do you want to discover some more trails around Wanaka? Come and ride the Traverse, a 35km MTB race around Hawea and the Clutha and Hawea rivers. Visit www.contactpic.co.nz for more information.

OTAGO SCHOOLS SWIM CHAMPS

Fourteen swimmers from MAC competed in this event in Dunedin last weekend, gaining some great results.

The junior teams (Years 7/8) swam strongly in the relays winning one race and coming second in three others.

The senior team won both the freestyle and medley relays. Individual age group placings as follows:

Zach Smith: 2nd freestyle

Jack Findlay: 3rd freestyle, 2nd backstroke, 2nd breaststroke

Wilfred Spearing: 3rd backstroke

Noel Bisson: 2nd freestyle

Thanks to Mark Sanders for managing the team.

ROWING SUCCESS

The Maadi Cup was held at Lake Karapiro this year and two MAC students travelled north to compete.

Riley Bruce rowed an 8 second PB to finish 2nd in the U17 single sculls and went on to row in the final in the U18's, placing eighth.

Riley Homan won the U17 C final in the singles, as well as the U18 D final.

Well done to both students!

Netball South Development Camp

To register, visit: www.netballsouth.co.nz

South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Race

8 teams from MAC competed at this 12-hour event in Cromwell on Saturday. The race tested teamwork and skills in orienteering, mountain biking, abseiling, kayaking and a rogaine.

Despite a forgotten lifejacket on the kayak leg, a few missed checkpoints, and some mechanicals, all students showed great teamwork and support for each other.

Five of our teams finished in the top eight, including the overall winners: **Jayden Fisher, Craig Murray, Teegan Vink and Paul Wright.** Congratulations!

Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon

Well done to all the MAC students who took part in this event. Congratulations to **Campbell Wright** and **Red Simpson** who took out 2nd and 3rd individual placings in the Year 7/8 boys category. Also to the boys team (Sam Knight, Ryan Schmack, Fergus Read) and the girls team (Ella Landreth, Alice Howard, Piper Cavanagh) who both placed third in the Year 7/8 team category.



Facebook photos did highlight that some competitors were not wearing their MAC PE uniforms. Please remember that you are expected to wear school uniform when representing your school at sporting events. It is also important to remember to respect other competitors by staying for the whole of prize-giving.

Wanaka Swimming Pool Community Meeting

Tuesday 7 April
7.00 pm
Armstrong Room,
LWC

Come along to find out more / get involved with the design and fundraising for our new proposed community pool.

NZ Secondary Schools Triathlon Champs

Six triathletes travelled to Taupo for this event and all performed well in a tough field. Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the top three in their age groups:

Janus Staufenberg and Phoebe Young (2nd U16)

Gregor Findlay and Matthew Prince (2nd U16 team)

Leo Staufenberg (3rd U12).

ORIENTEERING SUCCESS

Bella Fraser represented MAC at the Otago schools champs in Dunedin, winning the standard grade. She then went on to win the series race the next day. Well done Bella!

The next event is the Southland SS Orienteering Champs near Invercargill on 3 May. Come and see me this week if you'd like to join the MAC team at this event.

WORLD SKIING SUCCESS

Finn Bilous represented New Zealand at the recent Freestyle Skiing Junior World Championships in Italy and placed ninth in the Slopestyle finals. Since then he has competed at the International Ski Federation (FIS) Freestyle Skiing Junior World Championships in Italy and placed seventh in the Halfpipe. Well done Finn!

MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook page & website

check out the latest photos from the COPSSA triathlon, athletics and adventure race.

ATHLETICS NEWS

Sammy Burke and Courtney Leith travelled to Nelson to compete at the South Island Secondary Schools champs. In the 3000m, Sammy ran an 18 second Personal Best, placing third in her age group. Well done to both girls for qualifying for this event.

Important Sporting Dates

14-17 April	NZSS Sailing Champs, Taupo
14-17 April	NZ Open Swim Champs, Hamilton
18 April	Contact EPIC Mountain Bike Race, Hawea
18-19 April	SISS Orienteering Champs, Christchurch
25-27 April	Otago Orienteering Champs, Dunedin
3 May	Southland Orienteering Champs, Invercargill
6 May	Otago SS Futsal, Dunedin
27 May	Otago Southland Cross Country Running Relay, Milton
31 May	NZSS Multisport Race, Rotorua
4 June	Otago SS Cross Country Running Champs, Dunedin
7-8 June	Otago SS Netball Tournament, Dunedin
12 June	Central Otago Senior Girls Football Tournament, Cromwell
20 June	NZSS Cross Country Running Champs, Dunedin
25 June	Central Otago Year 9/10 Basketball Tournament, Alexandra
26 June	Central Otago Senior Girls Football Tournament, Cromwell
3 July	SISS Swimming Champs, Greymouth
4 July	SISS Cycling Champs, Christchurch
4 July	SISS Clay Target Shooting, Dunedin

SAILING NEWS

Well done to our MAC team (Rick Sanders, Breagha Rennie, Nicola Sanders, Dougal Stalker, Sean Dickey and Amber Makeham) who placed fifth overall with some very close sailing and tight races at the SISS Teams Racing in Picton. The goal for the MAC team was to get into Silver Fleet at Nationals and this is still to be decided. Great effort on the part of the sailors and parents who made the big trip. Well done team!

Sean Dickey, Rick and Nicola Sanders will head to New Plymouth for the Starling Nationals after Easter. They will then go on to join the rest of the MAC team at the Nationals in Taupo immediately afterwards. Good luck to you all.

Hockey for All Ages

Hockey training is on Tuesdays, 6.00-7.30 pm at the Wanaka Primary School turf. Sign up at the Sports Hub and register on the Upper Clutha hockey website: www.sportsground.co.nz/uchc.

For more information, to register your interest, or to list an event, please contact Jacky at the Sports Hub, or email: sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

FOCUS ON GATEWAY AND PATHWAYS

"Many of the Gateway and Pathways students completed their First Aid Training with Work Place First Aid in week 7. Congratulations to all who attended. You all passed and, as well as your credits, you have gained valuable life and work skills."



"These boots are made for working"

Pictured above are a group of this year's Gateway students trying on their new work boots, as they complete final preparations before starting work in an industry of their choice for one day a week during Terms 2 and 3.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME

There is lots of fun stuff to do with School Holiday Club during the holidays. There is a programme for Tuesday - Friday in week one and Monday to Friday in Week 2. Go to www.communitynetworks.co.nz and click on School Holiday Club then click on the link for the April Holiday Programme. Look forward to seeing you there!

Girls 1st XI & Girls Junior / Senior Futsal Trials

Trials will take place on Monday 20 April at 1.20 pm. Please email jessica.zeestraten@mtaspiring.school.nz if you cannot attend. Students in years 9-13 may trial.

Kahu Youth Holiday Programme

See the schedule at the office on the student noticeboard for more details, or contact Kahu Youth directly: kahu.youth@xtra.co.nz / 443 5880
Angie: 022 694 7334 / Rich: 0275 709 268

Canoe Polo

MAC is entering teams in the Canoe Polo league which is played in Alexandra next term. There is a B-grade competition on Tuesday nights, and an A-Grade competition on Thursday nights. There will be access to the learners pool for kayak rolling tuition on the Tuesday night.

Please contact Mr Cassaidy or Mr Robertson if you are interested in joining a team or would like to find out more information. The cost is \$55 for the term (plus share of transport costs). This includes pool entry and use of equipment. Registrations close this week so catch up with us TODAY!

Mufti Day - Funds for Vanuatu

What a fantastic effort from everyone - well done! \$1320.50 has already been banked and there are still 5 whanau who have yet to return their money. Thank you so much to everyone for contributing.

STOP PRESS!

Rimu Roode on the Golden Boot award for the most goals scored by any player at the NZSS futsal tournament in Wellington last week!

Nihan Gakuen High School Visit to Wanaka

Pictured below are MAC international students enjoying a trip to Ruby Island with the group of students visiting from Nihan Gakuen High School. This is the third year running that we have hosted a group from this Japanese high school and it seems as though they love coming to Wanaka! They have been learning English in the morning and getting out and about sight-seeing each afternoon. Wanaka has certainly turned on the good weather for the group!



OFFICE OPENING HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The college office will be closed until Thursday in the first week of the school holidays. In the second week we will be open from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm every day except Wednesday when we will open at midday due to office training. Please phone first if you are visiting over the lunchtime period.

Attention Parents of Year 12 /13 Students

Would you like to help out at the formal?

We rely on the assistance of parents to help the caterers and the Year 10 students to serve the meal, to secure entrance / exit doorways for part of the evening and to help clear up at the end of the evening.

If you would like to assist please contact Karyn Munro on 443 0496 / 027 464 0334 or karyn.munro@mtaspiring.school.nz

STUDENTS ATTENDING FESTIVAL OF COLOUR PERFORMANCES :~

Please remember to pay for your tickets before the end of term. Remember that you can do this via inter-banking as well: Bank Account: 03 1739 0027820 00
Please reference your child's name and 'Fees - Festival'

TREBLE CONE SKI PASSES

Special rates apply for students doing Level 2 / 3 Outdoor Pursuits. Passes can be purchased by these students after the cut-off date - see Mr Cassaidy if you want to know more.

DUNEDIN FUTSAL TOURNAMENT - Term 2

Forms are due in week 1 of Term 2. They will be emailed home shortly.

FUTSAL NEWS

Well done to our MAC boys and girls teams (pictured) who competed at the NZSS futsal tournament in Wellington last week. Both teams played well and the organiser commented on what a pleasure it was to host the MAC students. Many thanks to Derek and Vicki Lilly, Peter Waters and Clare Thomas-Moore for all the hours and enthusiasm they have put into coaching and managing the teams.



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Saturday 11 April

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Email Carla@lakewanaka.co.nz for more information.