



A shaky end to Monday!

It was hard to miss the shakeup we all received during period 6 on Monday. I'm pleased to say that there were no injuries to students or staff and no damage to the school buildings. Interestingly, just as the earthquake started, the Ministry of Education's Earthquake Resilience assessor walked into reception. I politely told him he wasn't welcome back! Jokes aside he contacted me after carrying out his assessment and said he was very confident that our buildings were at or above the recommended specifications.

The school's earthquake emergency procedure is for students and staff to take shelter under desks until the shaking has stopped. If the emergency response co-ordinator determines that the earthquake is significant enough, the evacuation signal will be given after the shaking has stopped and at this stage all students and staff will meet up on the field and await further instructions.

You may have noticed that we have rebranded what was known as PB4L into SOAR (Self, Others, Attitude and Respect) these are MACs core values. It is important that you all understand why these are important and how you can become the young people we know you can be. Please take some time to look and understand these here;

https://prezi.com/dypu8usne0y5/whaai-te-iti-kahurangi/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

As part of this we are having a blitz on uniform at the moment. We expect that students adhere to uniform code at all times. The most common issues appear to be shoes (non-regulation - not entirely black) or jerseys other than our regulation blue jerseys. If students have a legitimate reason they need to see either Ms Ashton, Mr Nyhof or myself to get an exemption card.

Lastly, we are now into week three and I thought it would be timely to put out a reminder that the first of our fortnightly reports for Term Two are accessible on the Student/Parent Portal (<http://kamar.mtaspiring.school.nz>). You will need your username and password to access the portal and have a look at the 'Reports' page. Also, if you would like to monitor academic progress for 2015 have a look at 'This Year's Results' page and you will find academic results with comments. This page is continually updated by teachers as we move through the year.

Dean Sheppard



Mount Aspiring College Formal 2015 Saturday 9 May, Lake Wanaka Centre

We warmly invite **parents and caregivers** of Year 12 and 13 students to witness the "formal presentation of students" at the college formal on Saturday evening. Parents are to enter the Lake Wanaka Centre via the front entrance by 7.30 pm. Once the announcements have finished please exit via the front doors so that our 'formal' can commence.

Students are to arrive between 7.00 and 7.30 pm, entering via the Armstrong Room (drop-off place is Francesca's car park). Please pose for a photo when you come in. During the evening Alpine Images will be taking couples, groups and roaming photos. There will also be a photo booth.

Thank you to all the parents who are helping on the night - it is greatly appreciated.



Introducing.. Mrs Brenda King

Ms King moved from Cambridge last December when her husband Steve transferred to ANZ Bank Agri Alexandra Branch. Having worked in Hautapu Primary School for thirteen years as the Office and Finance Manager, Mount Aspiring College are delighted that Brenda has now joined the ILC team as their administrator.



Prior to her move to Central Otago, Brenda lived on a lifestyle block in Kaipaki in rural Cambridge with her two children, Georgia (who is a second year Ag Science Student at Lincoln University) and Campbell (who is a first year student doing a Bachelor of Commerce at Otago University).

Having been a busy mum supporting a wide range of her children's activities, Brenda is enjoying all that Wanaka and its surroundings have to offer. Mountain biking, skiing, boating and fishing, landscape photography and horse riding are now filling her leisure. She has enjoyed the warm Wanaka community welcome and has enjoyed getting involved with local activities and events. This year she was a volunteer at Challenge and the BMW Golf Open and she also entered her first Mountain bike event - Tour De Wakatipu - after completing a Mission WOW MTB course. She is also a self-confessed forager and may be seen parked on the side of the road gathering a basket of wild apples, rosehips etc to make into preserves to accompany the baking she loves to do.

SLOW DOWN NEAR SCHOOL 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.

News from the ILC (International Language Centre)

We currently have 27 international students at the college. They are from South Korea, Japan, New Caledonia, Germany, Finland, Brazil, Thailand and USA. All of these students are being looked after by our lovely warm caring homestays, who provide a home away from home for them.

So far this year we have had two visiting groups from Japan - one from Nihon Gauken High School and one from our sister school Sosei High School which is based in Hokkaido. Thanks to the host families and to the dedicated team (lead by Ashlea King) who took them out on activities in and around Wanaka, Queenstown and Dunedin both groups really enjoyed their Kiwi experience. Thanks to all of the MAC students who made an effort to get to know these students and make their time here memorable. Some of the students went home asking to come back to school at MAC!!!

SISTER SCHOOL - SOSEI HIGH SCHOOL

It is hoped that some of our MAC students will be so impressed with the idea of learning some Japanese culture and having a Japanese experience, that they will go to Hokkaido in December and January (or at a different time if that works better for you). The teacher's of Sosei High School are really keen to receive Mount Aspiring College students. Students are not required to have any Japanese at all but, of course, the more you know the better it will be. Last year, Megan Van gave our successful exchange students a crash course before they visited Japan and we can do the same for you! If you are interested come to the ILC and get a Information Pack to take home and read.

Once again, thanks to all of the MAC students who have made an effort to make our visitors and international students feel welcome here. It is a great thing to reach out and make a new friend, especially when they are new to everything including the language. I think that they are really brave. Keep up the good work.

Claire Easterbrook

ROTARY SPEECH SUCCESS

Well done to Kath Millis who is the regional winner of the Rotary District Speech Contest which was held on Tuesday 5 May.



The judges, said she "wove the Rotary 4 way test into her "Freedom in Society?" speech, seamlessly and evoked a great empathy with the audience". Kath will now go forward to the final and compete for the Jensen Trophy at the Hermitage, Mt Cook on Saturday 16 May.

Congratulations Kath and best of luck for the final!

LOST from the Albert Town bus, a bright green **Milo sports bag** with soccer and rugby gear inside. Gear includes a team shirt with a number 9. If found please contact 027 229 5942.



Winter is a great time to snuggle and read so come to the library to choose up to four books.

The library is a warm and safe place to read or play chess **calmly** at interval and lunchtime, after you've eaten.

Florence Micoud, Librarian

MACADEMICS

After-School Homework Club

Every Tuesday and Wednesday
Room 24, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

This is a great opportunity for students at all stages of motivation and ability to complete homework in a pleasant, supportive environment. Senior mentors are there to help you with any questions you might have. Hot chocolate and cookies provided. See you there!

NEPAL MUFTI DAY

A HUGE thank you for the fantastic support shown for our last mufti day. We raised a massive \$2830 which has been donated to the Himalayan Trust to assist with relief aid in Nepal. Well done everyone!

SUIT HIRE FOR THE FORMAL

Suits may be collected from the college visitor foyer at 3.15 pm next Thursday 7 May. Remember to take your payment with you when you collect yours.

Suits will need to be returned to the college office foyer on Sunday 10 May between 1.00 and 2.00 pm. Any suits not returned on this day will need to be returned to Dunedin at the students' own expense.

A HANDY TIP: - Put a slip of paper with your name in the pocket of the jacket and trousers. That way you can easily identify your suit if it gets muddled with someone else's.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Due to short-staffing in the office next week the next newsletter will be published on **Thursday 21 May.**

Handing in Trip Forms / Weekly Draw

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 **Bridget O'Brien.**

TEAM GREEN RECYCLED ART COMPETITION

Make a picture of model from rubbish or recycled material. The closing date for entries is Thursday 21 May. Prizes for individuals and for whanau. This is a house competition so get behind it!

Important Dates

Term 2 (20 April - 3 July 2015)

Week 3	Saturday 9 May	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
Tramps		
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 Thursday 2 July Friday 3 July	Year 11 Business Challenge Mufti Day Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final Reports issued

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Are you interested in exploring a new culture overseas? 'Your Education' specialises in short term exchanges, to over 14 different countries over the summer holidays. If you are interested in trying something different come to the information meeting in the library at lunchtime on Friday 8 May. We look forward to sharing some exciting opportunities. For more information go to www.youreducation.co.nz

TERM DATES 2015

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



NETBALL DRAW

MAC A	v Dream Doors	08/05	9.10 pm
MAC B	v The Finishers	07/05	7.20 pm
MAC C	v Lake Hawea Hotel	07/05	8.15 pm
MAC 10A	v Cromwell B	07/05	6.25 pm
MAC 9A	v New World	08/05	8.15 pm
MAC Gold	v Year 12 Social	07/05	4.35 pm
MAC Infinity	v Year 11 Social	08/05	4.35 pm
MAC Marine	v MAC Wellman	07/04	4.35 pm, outside
Senior Social	v Silver Threads	07/05	5.30 pm

RUGBY NEWS:~

Rugby Results

Mount Aspiring College 1st XV lost to Dunstan 1st XV. 44 - 33.
Upper Clutha U15 beat Toko U15. 80 - 0
Upper Clutha U14 beat Taieri College U14. 42 - 24

Mount Aspiring College versus Dunstan High School

Four tries in the last twenty minutes by the Williams Hotels Mountain Aspiring College 1st XV, was not enough to peg back a rampant Dunstan High School team on Saturday who won 40-33.

Toby Lee had a strong game in broken play to score two tries, Blair Underwood was solid in mid field and Hank Bilous added spark off the bench. The Cinema Paradiso Player of the Day award went to Ellis Meyer-Budge who was outstanding in attack and defence.

Rugby Draw

Mt Aspiring 1st XV	v OBHS 2nd XV	MAC, 1.00 pm
Upper Clutha U15	v Kings U15	Kings, 1.00 pm
Upper Clutha U14	v Kings U14	Kings, 1.00 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING RETURN OF SPORTS UNIFORMS

With so many sports teams travelling to events, it is important that sports uniforms are handed in on time.

From now on there will be a penalty fee for sports uniforms handed in late:

\$20 if handed in more than a week after the team returns.

\$65 replacement fee if not handed in by end of term (\$20 late fee deducted from this if already paid).

MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook page

LIKE our page and check out the latest photos and news.

HOCKEY TRAINING is on Tuesdays, 6.00-7.30 pm at the Wanaka Primary School turf. www.sportsground.co.nz/uchc.

Important Sporting Dates

6 May	Otago SS Futsal, Dunedin
14 May	Country Rugby Coaching Clinics, MAC
27 May	Otago Southland Cross Country Running Relay, Milton
31 May	NZSS Multisport Race, Rotorua
3 June	Top Bike, Alexandra
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
14 June	Central Otago Trap Shooting Champs, Wanaka
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

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

Southland Orienteering Champs

Three Year 10 girls represented MAC at this event in Invercargill last weekend. Competing over roughly 3 kms, Bella Fraser won the Experienced category and Hannah McNabb won the Novice category. Simone Johnson managed an impressive third in the novices, despite having an incorrectly labelled map! Great results - well done girls!

Aspiring Athletes May Madness Run

17 May, Lismore Park
Time Trial and Fun Run.
Registration: 8.30am.
\$5 per runner or \$10 per family. Categories include: Junior (1.7 km), Youth (3.4 km) and Adults (6.8 km).

CLIMBING NEWS

Well done to Zeldi Boyd, Jessa Bennett, Mila Arnerich, Charlotte Coupland, Rosie Smith, Josephine Schaffer, Teresa Happ, Joel Suddaby, Oliver Rowe, Josh Rogan and Matthew Schweizer who all competed at Round 2 of the NZ Cup Climbing competition at Basecamp last weekend.

Congratulations to Jessa Bennett who placed second in both bouldering and lead climbing, and to Mila Arnerich who placed 3rd in bouldering.

We wish the team all the best for the remainder of the NZ cup series.

THANK YOU FROM THE MAC SAILING TEAM



During the past six months, the MAC sailing team (Laura Erichsen, Amber Makeham, Oliver Jarvie, Dougal Stalker, Sean Dickey, Captain Rick Sanders, Nicola Sanders and Breagha Rennie) have been training and fundraising in preparation for the national championships which took place in April in Taupo this year.

We won our regional trophy in Timaru, and also placed fifth in the South Island championships in Picton. The Nationals were a very tough competition with over 210 students competing from 30 different schools. We were pleased to finish second in our fleet after Queen Charlotte College of Picton, improving two places on our placing last year.

The Mount Aspiring College Sailing Team would like to thank all of the people who helped make this season our most successful yet as the sailing season winds down. Special thanks go to the Wanaka Freemasons for a substantial donation which paid for our entry fee of \$2,000.00 for the Nationals. We would also like to thank the Upper Clutha A&P Society, the Wanaka Jet-sprints and the Wanaka Yacht Club for providing us with fundraising opportunities. A big thanks also to our young coach, Hayden Dickey for his continued input. There is no way we could have made these trips without all this support.

If you would like to join the MAC sailing team or are interested in sailing, look out for the notices in Term 3 to sign up.



Sean Dickey
(photos: Susana Buxton and Rudi Sanders)

GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL TRIALS

MAC Fields, Monday lunchtimes, 11 / 18 / 25 May
Bring shoes / shin pads (futsal shoes as backup).

HEALTH AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Last week we detailed The Sexuality Road programme content for Years 9 and 10. Here is the week by week content of the Year 7 and 8 programme.

Year 8

- Week 1: Setting the Scene
- Week 2: Physical changes
- Week 3: Emotional changes
- Week 4: Relationships
- Week 5: Communication & Decision Making
- Week 6: Stereotypes & Diversity
- Week 7: Reproduction & Contraception
- Week 8: Where to go for help?

Year 7

- Week 3: Boys, Girls both.
- Week 4: Reproductive parts and functions
- Week 5: Body and media
- Week 6: Relationships and intimacy
- Week 7: Communication, assertive / aggressive / passive
- Week 8: Conception / support services

For any clarification please email:
Year 8: Zeestratenj@mtaspiring.school.nz
Year 7: Bruцер@mtaspiring.school.nz

SPORTS PHOTOS FOR THE MAC MAGAZINE

Attention: all students who have represented MAC at sport this year (there are lists at the Sports Hub if you are unsure).

Magazine photos will be taken of the following sporting groups (including MAC swimming and athletics champs) at Te Atea at lunch time tomorrow **Thursday 7 May and Tuesday 12 May (postponed from this week) NEXT WEEK:**

Tuesday 12 May photos:

Futsal
Golf
Tennis
Waterskiing
Swimming
Sailing
Year 7/8 triathlon
Year 7/8 swimming
MAC athletics champs
MAC swimming champs

Thursday 7 May photos:

Senior athletics
Triathlon
Adventure racing
Rowing
Kayak/ canoe
Volleyball (senior girls)
Cricket (1st XI)
Cycling (road / track)
Mountain biking

Wear: your sports uniform (or PE uniform if you don't have one) and best smile! Futsal uniforms will be available on site.

COACHES: we'd love it if you are able to join your teams for the photos.

These dates will be your only chance to have the photos taken, so please turn up if you

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

The school magazine committee are now collating a list of 2015 sporting, cultural and academic achievements. As well as taking results from the newsletter, we rely on you to keep us informed of the achievements of the students.

For sporting achievements please email sports@mtaspiring.school.nz with concise details of the sporting event, podium place and age category. Detailed information about cultural and academic achievements should be emailed to breslini@mtaspiring.school.nz.

We hope to be able to publish all national and international achievements, depending on the space available.

A Plea from the College Office

A reminder that no students are allowed to leave school without signing out at the office. In order to sign out an explanation from a caregiver is required in every case. If you know that your son / daughter has an appointment to attend during school time please ensure that you either send them to school with a note of explanation to be handed in to the office or telephone to leave a message to the same effect.

Please can you also encourage students to come to the office to make calls home if they are unwell. We still need to have the verbal OK from the parent / caregiver that it is OK for the student to sign out - we cannot accept a 'Mum has texted me to say that it is OK' message so it is much easier to just call from the office.

Thanks for your help with this.

40 HOUR FAMINE MUFTI DAY

Friday 8 May

Theme: PJ's

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

OR

as much as you can afford for this worthy cause.

This year's 40 Hour Famine is raising funds for Bangladesh. Famine weekend is 22-24 May. Famine booklets are being handed out during whanau time this week and all students are encouraged to get on board.

Even if students do not want to collect sponsors using the famine booklet they can still help the cause by making a donation, or by sponsoring other students. Apart from the usual incentives, the whanau who raises the most money will be treated to breakfast by members of the famine committee!

King and Queen of Sticky Forest MTB Race

Our mountain-bikers were put to the test in this challenging multi-lap race around Sticky Forest. Both the boys and girls were up against Commonwealth Games medallists and top NZ mountain bikers.

Congratulations to Paul Wright who placed 2nd male and to Phoebe Young who placed 3rd female in the Open event.

STUDENT PARKING - BE WARNED!

All students need to be aware that the only area of Lismore Park which can be used for parking cars is the area in front of the mound between the big boulders.

If your car is parked on the park outside this area you are in danger of getting a parking ticket .

YEAR 7 / 8 RIPPA RUGBY

Wednesdays at lunchtime on the field. All year 7 & 8's welcome (boys and girls).

Cross Country Skiing / Biathlon

International skier, Andy Pohl, is back in Wanaka and keen to help local students. If you are interested in joining a regular team of MAC students at Snow Farm, please contact Ian McNabb: mcnabbi@mtaspiring.school.nz.

MAC Uniform for Sale

2 jerseys, 87cm and 107 cm
Girl's MAC jacket, small.
Excellent condition.
Text 021 384 079.

Year 7/ 8 Netball

Don't forget that this weekend's games will be held in Alexandra on Saturday.

DID YOU KNOW?

MAC has a couple of new clubs:

- CHESS CLUB - Monday lunchtime, library
 - PHILOSOPHY CLUB - Tuesday lunchtimes, Room 22
- Come along and give them a try!

SNOW DAY PROCEDURES

Snow Evacuation Parental Instruction Form

Thank you to those families who have already discussed snow procedures with their children and outlined their wishes on the snow evacuation forms. All completed forms handed in have now been entered onto Kamar but there are still about 300 students for whom we have no information. These students have been issued with a printed copy of the form and the relevant parents have been emailed. If you are one of the parents who has been emailed this week please read on:

Picture the scenario:~

* Snow settling fast and all five college phone lines blocked by calls from concerned parents panicking because they have not yet returned 'that' bit of paper.

* * Students with cars needing to drive home before snow conditions worsen and not being allowed to because we have no record of written consent from parents.

* * * Students in Years 9-13 frustrated that they cannot be released because the first priority of every whanau teacher will be to make contact with parents of Year 7/8 students.

It really is simple:

Help us to make the snow evacuation straightforward by returning **your** children's forms to the office **today**. It will take several days, if not weeks, to enter the responses and produce the necessary instructions for the evacuation - this needs to be done before the snow comes!

It is particularly important for those students who drive to school to return their form as they will not be allowed to drive home in the event of snow unless they have written parental permission. Thanks for your help with this procedure - your children's safety is our primary concern.

