



Term Two is flying by!

As we move into week six of Term two, students, and particularly senior students, need to improve focus and gain momentum with study to ensure that they are successful in their endeavours this year. In just four weeks we'll be halfway through the academic year. With this in mind, now would be a good time to check academic progress, reflect upon achievement made towards goals set during Team Up Conferences and have conversations with students and staff.

As many of you will be aware we have 'Pink Shirt' day coming up on Friday. It is a day where we can show our support for a national anti-bullying campaign. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to prevent or stop bullying by celebrating people's difference and promoting positive relationships. Our Stick'n'Stones team are leading the charge on this and are doing a fantastic job by asking the school to get behind this worthy cause. They are encouraging staff and students to buy pink cup cakes (all proceeds to the Mental Health Foundation) tomorrow. They will deliver them throughout the day. Each cup cake is in its own container that you can keep and contains a wee positive vibe card. On Pink Shirt Day - Friday 22 May 2015 - we ask New Zealanders to: Speak Up. Stand Together. Stop Bullying. You can find out more information at these websites <http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz> <http://www.bethechange.co.nz/default.html>

Obviously as we move into Term Two we move further into winter and with the cooler weather many of you will be doing morning drop offs and afternoon pick ups to and from school. Whilst we think this is a great idea we do ask that you refrain from using the Community Pool carpark as there have been a number of safety concerns raised about this practice. The carpark becomes very congested at these times and it is difficult for drivers to know where other vehicles are coming from. Ultimately this causes confusion for many of our younger students and therefore poses a significant safety issue. A reminder also that the official MAC drop-off zone for ALL STUDENTS is the footpath outside the school. Staff car parking areas and the entrance to the international Language Centre and Outdoor Pursuits shed have already been identified as high-risk hazard areas. Please be assured that this request is in the interests of student safety and we would appreciate your assistance in making our school a safer place by abiding by this rule.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Dean Sheppard

A Big Thank You to Real Journeys

STOP PRESS! - Amazing carrot up for grabs!

The 2015 'dux' of Mount Aspiring College will receive a cheque for \$2,500 to put towards further study. Real Journeys currently sponsors the Dux Award (the highest academic award given to a graduating student) at Fiordland College in Te Anau and Wakatipu High School in Queenstown. Following the purchase of Cardrona Alpine Resort from its Australian owners last year the sponsorship has been extended to Mount Aspiring College.

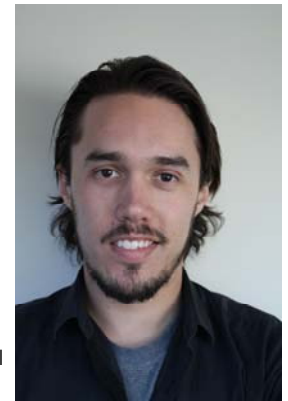
Real Journeys has a long history of helping young people including providing assistance to outdoor education programmes as well as offering 'Kids go Free' (school-aged children up to aged 18) on selected services during school holidays. The family owned tourism business was established over sixty years ago by tourism pioneers Les and Olive Hutchins. It operates the 102-year old steamship TSS Earnslaw and Walter Peak High Country Farm in Queenstown, world renowned cruises in Milford and Doubtful Sounds the Te Anau Glowworm Caves, day walks on the Milford Track and Stewart Island.

Mount Aspiring College is extremely grateful to Real Journeys for this generous sponsorship.

Introducing..

Mr Nick Steenson, BEng

"01001110 01101001 01100011 01101011.... Just kidding! I'm Nick, and I'll be taking over where Mr Kemp left off as Mt Aspiring's new ICT Technician. My background with computing has been predominantly concerned with Software Engineering which I studied at ANU in Canberra. Before coming here I worked on software and hardware for temperature control and automation of vineyards. In this job I picked up as much networking as I could, and will bring that experience and a lot more learning to my work here.



I'm into cars, bikes, snow-boarding, drones, VR (virtual reality) and just about everything else you might associate with a geek, and am really looking forward to getting along to as many outdoor activities as I can find in beautiful Otago - can't wait to start the ski season here :-)

If you've got an IT issue, please don't hesitate to email me, (steensonn@mtaspiring.school.nz) or drop by; if I can't fix it on the spot I'll keep trying until I do!"

ROTARY SPEECH SUCCESS

Well done to Kath Millis who recently competed at the Rotary District Conference which was held at Mount Cook last weekend which is held annually for Year 13 students from South Canterbury, Otago, and Southland.



Kath's speech, questioned "freedom in society", and challenged the over 400 conference delegates to consider lack of freedoms around the world and at home. Citing issues such as gay rights and euthanasia,

Kath seamlessly wove into her speech the guiding principles of Rotarians in their service – the Four way test; truth, fairness, building better friendships, and benefits to all. Kath was very impressed with the speeches of the other contestants and was really surprised when she found out that she was the winner. She was presented with the Jensen trophy (pictured) and a voucher for \$1000 which she intends to put towards university expenses next year.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The Year 8 Junior Council this year has instigated "Student of the Week" for the 5 Year 8 Classes. One student out of each class is celebrated at the weekly Year Group meeting for a variety of reasons. The criteria teachers use for selecting students are linked to our SOAR values of Self, Others, Attitude and Respect. This also includes academic excellence, attitude in class, behaviour and effort. The student of the week has a different focus each week - Homeroom, followed by Physical Education and Maths. The cycle is then repeated.



This week's stars are: Estelle Norman (8LB), Tom Roberts (8SD), Michael Gealogo (8SL), Jack Findlay (8AH), Zelda Boyd (8WT).

Year 7-10 Snow Days 2015

The dates for the MAC Ski / Snowboard Week are now confirmed:

Monday 10 August - Year 9 / 10: Cardrona
 Tuesday 11 August - Year 7 / 8: Cardrona
 Wednesday 12 August - Year 7-10: Snow Farm
 Friday 14 August - Year 7-10: Treble Cone
 Students may choose up to 2 days. More details and letters will be sent home towards the end of Term 2.

ANZAC DAY Remembered at MAC

On Wednesday 22 April, Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students placed crosses and flax poppies in the quad. I talked to Dawn Bosley, Head of Social Science, to find out more



about the flax poppies. She said the reason the students made poppies out of flax was because poppies do not grow at this time of the year and flax gave it a New Zealand flavour. The crosses were made to remember the soldiers who died at Gallipoli.



I also interviewed Seb Meredith, a Year 8 student, to find out about his cross. The soldier Seb chose to commemorate was from up North.



His name was Alan Thomas. He was born in 1873 and he died in 1917 when he was 44 years old. He was from New Zealand and fought at Gallipoli.

Seb went to Mitre 10 and bought a long piece of wood. He bought some white paint too. Seb cut the wood to size then nailed it all together. Seb found it really interesting making the cross, finding out about the soldier and placing his cross in the Quad.

Avon Duke, School Reporter

NCEA STUDENT APP

This FREE APP has been developed to help students track their NCEA credit progress and set goals for their NCEA achievement. Although there are other apps available to students, the NCEA Student App provides an officially maintained database of standards and a goal-setting function. We encourage students to look at all the apps available and to use the one that suits them best.

The NCEA Student App functionality makes it possible for students, staff and parents to:

- ⇒ Create a record of the subjects and standards that they are studying
- ⇒ Select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets
- ⇒ See how they are tracking towards NCEA Levels one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance (UE)
- ⇒ Set reminders for each standard - such as when assignments are due
- ⇒ Capture results as they are achieved and cross check with the school or NZQA
- ⇒ Personalise with information such as their NSN number or details about a course or standard (such as the teacher's name or timetabled classroom)
- ⇒ Customise with different colour coding options and the ability to add photos
- ⇒ Use in English and Te Reo Māori.

The NCEA Student App is free to download from the Apple App store and the Google Play Store. For more information go to: www.nzqa.govt.nz/student-app

Other similar apps are available - the following list gives you some to research. However, the one from NZQA is the only one that provides an officially maintained database of standards and a goal-setting function.

- [NCEA Pa!](#)
- [NCEA Credit Tracker](#)
- [Credit Watcher](#)
- [Credit Counter](#)
- [NCEA Stats](#)
- [NCEA Credits](#)
- [NCEA Hub](#)

Spirit of Adventure Voyages for International students

If you would like the chance to experience a voyage on one of these ships please talk to the ILC for more information.



It is important for teens to read

Continuing the habit of reading – widely – into teenage years helps teens to:

- deal with their increasingly complex world, and understand some of the adult issues they will have to grapple with
- know they are not alone – that others may be thinking and feeling the way they do
- open lines of communication, particularly if parents, teachers, librarians provide opportunities to discuss what teens are reading
- share and see how others have found solutions to problems
- develop their vocabulary, broaden their imaginations, improve their writing and gain confidence when speaking.

[Source: <http://schools.natlib.govt.nz/>]

So come to the library to choose your next read!

Florence Micoud
 Kaitiaki-pukapuka ~ Librarian

Important Dates

Term 2 (20 April - 3 July 2015)

Week 5	19-22 May	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 19 June	MACStock
Week 10	Friday 26 June	MAC Haka / Waiata House Competition
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

TERM DATES 2015

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



WANTED:~ Short term Hockey Coach

We are looking for a coach to take the MAC mixed team to tournament week in Greymouth this year.

The team consists of four senior boys in the men's team and a bunch of girls and boys from the Senior B teams. The lucky person would need to be available from Sunday 30 August to Friday 4 September, as well as for a couple of training sessions before then. There will be no costs involved, with accommodation, transport and food taken care of. Please contact Kim Baker on 443-7678 if you are interested, or know someone who might be.

MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook page

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

TARDY RETURN OF SPORTS UNIFORMS

Penalty fees apply:

\$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).

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 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 breslinl@mtaspiring.school.nz.

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

Attention: Student Sports Coaches

Please let Jacky know the sport and team you are / have been involved in coaching in 2015. Email your details to: sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

Want to play Basketball?

Come along to the gym, Tuesdays, 3:30-5 pm. All welcome!

TRAP SHOOTING SUCCESS

The MAC trap shooting team (Cody Sarginson, Ty Sarginson, Ruth Bennie, Tim Weir and Lachie Weir) recently competed in the first round of the 2015 Inter-Collegiate shooting events and were the proud winners of the Jenkinson Cup for the team event.

Individual results:

Cody: 1st junior single rise, 3rd junior point score, 3rd junior single barrel

Ruth: 2nd ladies point score

Lachie: 1st junior point score, 3rd junior single rise

RUGBY NEWS:~

Rugby Results

Upper Clutha U15 lost to Kings U15. 33 - 20

Upper Clutha U14 lost to Kings U14. 50 - 0

Mount Aspiring College 1st XV beat Taieri College 1st XV, 33 - 17.

Mount Aspiring College versus Taieri College

The team travelled to Mosgiel and deservedly beat Taieri College 33 - 17 after playing their best rugby of the season.

Ellis Meyer-Budge continued his fine form at first-five and Cinema Paradiso Player of the Day Oliver Jarvie and Blair Underwood combined very well in the midfield. Up front Zac Shields and Toby Lee had strong games while Teegan Vink and Bailey Nolet got through a lot of work in the loose.

Point Scorers: Tries: Ellis Meyer-Budge, Sam Richards, Matt Molloy, Liam McFall and Bailey Nolet. Blair Underwood kicked four conversions.

The team takes on Kavanagh College at MAC at 1pm this Saturday. The game promises to be a close and exciting encounter.

Rugby Draw

Mt Aspiring 1st XV	v	Kavanagh College 1st XV	MAC, 1.00 pm
Upper Clutha U15	v	OBHS U16	Kensington Oval, 1.00 pm
Upper Clutha U14	v	Dunstan U14	Dunstan, 11.15 am



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



GOOD SPORTS!

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the students, staff and parents who volunteer their time and talents to coach sports for us here at MAC and in the Upper Clutha. Volunteers are the backbone and the lifeblood of so many sporting organisations.

Participating in sports is always about more than learning physical skills. It's about making an effort, about working together. Coaches, team managers and referees deserve our best support. Here are some ideas to make sure they know you appreciate them:

- Show up for practice on time, every time.
- Let the coach do the coaching.
- Help with the gear.
- Say thanks.

We want to make sure that people continue to volunteer and have a positive experience doing so.

Thanks heaps to you all, Jacky Toepfer and Liz Breslin

NETBALL DRAW (*= outside)

MAC A	v	Cromwell A2	22/05	7.20 pm
MAC B	v	Cromwell B	21/05	8.15 pm
MAC C	v	Lake Hawea Holiday Park	21/05	7.20 pm
MAC 10A	v	The Finishers	21/05	5.30 pm
MAC 9A	v	Nulook	21/05	9.10 pm
Year 11 Social	v	MAC Aspiring Engineers	21/05	4.35 pm
MAC Infinity	v	MAC Gold	21/05	4.35 pm *
MAC Wellman	v	Year 12 Social	22/05	4.35 pm

Important Sporting Dates

27 May	Otago Southland Cross Country Running Relay, Milton
4 June	Otago SS Cross Country Running Champs, East Taieri
5 June	Top Bike (Years 7/8), Alexandra
7-8 June	Otago SS Netball Tournament, Dunedin
10 June	Rippa rugby tournament (Years 7/8), Arrowtown
12 June	Central Otago Senior Girls Football Tournament, Cromwell
14 June	Central Otago Trap Shooting Champs, Wanaka
15 June	Central Otago Basketball Tournament, Dunstan High School
20 June	NZSS Cross Country Running Champs, Dunedin
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, Timaru

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

FUTSAL SUCCESS

Four MAC teams travelled to Dunedin for the Otago Secondary Schools Futsal Champs. All four teams performed brilliantly and the results show that we are up there with the city schools:

Senior girls: 1st Junior girls: 2nd
Senior boys: 3rd Junior boys: 4th

"It was an early start (4.00 am) to get to the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. Our first game was against Cromwell and we lost 4-3 but after that we beat all of the other teams which gave us a place in the finals which was against Cromwell again!! The game was competitive and challenging and we were up 1-0 at half time but Cromwell got away with 2 goals leaving us in a well deserved second place. Overall it was a great experience and we all had an awesome time. We're looking forward to winning next year!"

Mel and Bella (Girls junior team)

SNOW FACTS

In the event of overnight snow a decision may be made to **delay** the start of school (or, in fact close) in conjunction with Wanaka Primary, Holy Family and Hawea Flat schools. The phone calls begin at around 6:30 am and, if a decision is made to delay the start of the school day, the first announcement will be announced over Radio Wanaka (92.2) at 7:00 am.

With the help of the Radio station, updates will be announced every fifteen minutes and by 7:15 am the college website, facebook page, and the office answer phone will also have the latest information. Don't forget that if you don't have a radio you can google wanakalive.com and click on the radio icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen and the radio programme will then play via your computer.

Later in the morning, once conditions can be assessed in the light of day, a decision may be made to **close** the school for the day. Please keep listening to Radio Wanaka, the college answerphone message, or looking at the college website / facebook page for this notification.

Depending on conditions, these are the likely options which will be announced:

- 1) Buses delayed by one hour but school starting at the normal time.
- 2) Buses delayed for one hour and school starting one hour late at 9:30 am with whanau.
- 3) All buses cancelled but school starting at 10:00 am with whanau for those able to get to school.
- 4) MAC is closed for the day.

The above is the procedure for days where snow occurs overnight. We have a completely different procedure for those days where snow necessitates an early closure of school. Thank you to all the families who have returned their snow day evacuation information. This has now all been entered onto our database and we will use this to ensure that our procedures are ready to use by the end of this week. Please note that if your child is one of the sixty odd students who has still not managed to return their form to the office they will be treated as the lowest priority in the event of an evacuation.

FREE Programme for Coaches

Sport Otago is offering a free programme which is available to:

- current coaches
- people wanting to get involved in coaching
- parents / relatives
- students
- teachers/ staff

Contact Jacky at the Sports Hub for more information.

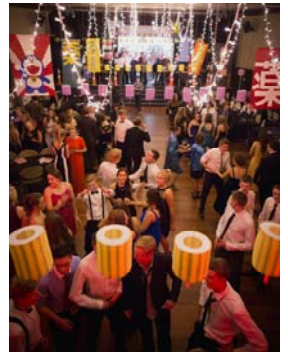
PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST

29 May, 2.00 - 5.00 pm
\$25 per person
Warbirds and Wheels Diner

Come to a traditional afternoon high tea. Dress in pink to show your support. Call 443 7010 to book.



MAC FORMAL 2015 "Tokyo Nights"



Thanks to the following for their support:



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The Warehouse Pop Up Store will be operating from 40 Reece Crescent, from 25 May through to 28 June. Applications are now being taken from groups who would like to be considered for running fund raising BBQ's outside the store. Expressions of interest can be emailed to: gail.kilkelly@thewarehouse.co.nz.

Pictured below, some of the MAC students involved in the YAMI (Youth and Adults in the Music Industry) workshop which took place over the weekend. Everyone involved had an awesome time and can't wait to attend the next one!



SHAVE FOR A CURE

If you would like to be a part of this really worthwhile fundraiser sign up at the office today! We will be having a meeting very soon - watch for notification in the notices. Aoife Baker.

PLEASE return any school text books, library books and class reading books. It costs the college thousands of dollars to replace ...we would love to get them back :)

WANAKA LOCAL SELECTED FOR "WORLDS"

Please Help Hamish McLean to IPC World Championships in Glasgow in July 2015 as part of the NZ Para Swim Team

Join us at our great fundraising auction
 Listen to some music and share a fun time.
MAY 24th 3pm,
Wanaka Districts Club, 45 Plantation Rd