



NEWSLETTER Panui

Early Winter Gift!

There's nothing more spectacular than the Upper Clutha area layered in snow. Monday was a great opportunity for us to test our 'Snow Procedures' and, apart from a slight website glitch the following day, our procedures worked very well.

Wanaka Future Schooling

As you know, Gabrielle Wall visited last week collecting data and ideas about the direction of schooling in Wanaka. Please take the opportunity to have some input into the Wanaka Future Schooling decision by completing the survey that was emailed to you earlier this week, or look for the survey here: <http://www.education.govt.nz/wanaka-consultation>

Parent / Student Portal <http://kamar.mtaspiring.school.nz/>

Just a reminder that you can find a large amount of information about student progress on this website including: Results, Reports, Attendance, Timetable and much more. This is where you will access the online / live reporting and also the Mid Year, End of Year reports; We are no longer issuing paper copies of reports so it's a good idea to familiarise yourself with this portal.

Keep warm and stay safe, **Dean Sheppard**

Karawhiau! - Bring it on!

Towards the end of this term we will witness one of the loudest, most impressive and passionate displays of house spirit and competition. In 2013 we had the inaugural MAC Haka competition and this year it will return .. with a new twist - the addition of a MAC Waiata.

House leaders are poised ready to start teaching their whanau this Friday. To help the learning process we are publishing the words to both the MAC Haka and Waiata and have also included English translations.

Practices will take place for the next four long whanau sessions and then Monday to Thursday during Week 10 in the locations detailed opposite.

The actual competition will take place on Friday 26 June. Karawhiau! Bring it on!

MAC WAIATA TRANSLATION

Should you pluck the heart from the flax where will the bellbird sing?
Ask me "What is the greatest thing in this world?"
I will tell you "It is people, it is people, it is people."
Indeed Mt Aspiring remains humble as we acknowledge your arrival.

	GYM	PER	STAGE	26/27
29/05/15	Barker	Roy	Iron	Pisa
05/06/15	Roy	Iron	Pisa	Barker
12/06/15	Iron	Pisa	Barker	Roy
19/06/15	Pisa	Barker	Roy	Iron
22/06/15	Barker	Roy	Iron	Pisa
23/06/15	Roy	Iron	Pisa	Barker
24/06/15	Iron	Pisa	Barker	Roy
25/06/15	Pisa	Barker	Roy	Iron

MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE HAKA

Pakipakia
Hii Pakipakia Hii!
Ko Tiitea te maunga tuu iho
Aoraki anake I a ha ha
Ka tuu taku ihi taku wehi taku mana
Ka tuu te mākahi ki te whenua hi aue hii!
Ko te awa Mataau e ngunguru nei
Hii au au aue haa
Ko te awa Mataau e ngunguru nei
Hii au au aue haa I a haha
Tuu te puehu **Hii aue eeeeeeeee hii!**
Tuu waewae takahia!
E te ope taua **Haere mai**
E te ope taua **Haere mai**
Teena wherahia teena turakina
Ara he taua he taua
He taua he taua
He taua he taua
He taua he taua
ara tuu ara tee ara taa Hii !

MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE WAIATA

Hūtia te rito o te harakēkē
Kei hea te kōmako e kō
Kī mai ki ahau he aha te mea nui o te a o
Māku e kī atu he tangata
He tangata hai aue
He tangata, he tangata
He tangata, he tangata
Ko Maunga Tititēa, tū whakaiti ana
Kei te mihi atu e

SNOW FACTS What if the snow falls during the school day?

In the event of heavy snow during the day a decision **may** be made to send students home. Please note that in some instances only a partial evacuation (students who drive) may be made (there is no reason why walking home in a snow blizzard is any better than walking home in snow once the blizzard has stopped!)

There are three phases to the evacuation, as follows:

PHASE 1

Students with cars go to the library where they are checked off before being released to drive their cars home before conditions worsen. "Business as usual" in the classroom for all other students.

PHASE 2

Remaining students are also released. Students go to their normal whanau classrooms where whanau teachers follow the snow evacuation release instructions which have been collated on our system.

PHASE 3

Students who are waiting for buses, or who need to be collected by parents, go to house areas (Barker-Gym, Iron-Library, Pisa-Performance Room, Roy-ECR) where teachers from their house will be on hand to assist them.

During both of the above stages the MAC voicemail, website and facebook will be updated with relevant information as well as Radio Wanaka.

This is an extremely busy time in the office and we ask for your co-operation in keeping phone calls to a minimum; hopefully the voicemail information will answer your queries.

The most disruptive thing for the office staff is parents responding to 'local' students' requests to leave school early once they realise that an evacuation has begun - please help us by re-iterating our "business as usual" message.

Key Issues for Level 1, 2 and 3 Students

Term Two is a busy term for students with many internal assessments being completed. It is timely to remind students and parents about some key assessment issues. Our goal is to ensure assessment is fair and consistent to all students. Honest and regular communication with teachers is vital if issues arise.

Absences during assessments

It is vital that students communicate with teachers about planned absences and arrange extensions, where possible, **before** they are away. Any illness must be supported by a note from parents and preferably a doctor if more serious.

Students who are sick on the date an assignment is due are still expected to hand the work in on that date unless a prior extension has been granted. This can be done via email or by getting someone else to hand the work in on their behalf. Arrangements can be made by staff for students to catch up on tests missed due to illness.

Parents are encouraged not to arrange absences from school for travel and appointments during school hours if at all possible. Such absences disrupt student learning and make achieving to potential much more difficult.

Computer failures

It is vital that students who use computers for their assessments have adequate back-up systems in place. Using cloud storage, external hard drives, flash drives, emailing work to themselves, google documents are all ways to ensure important work is not lost. Accidents can and do happen and may have huge implications for students' assessment work.

The first port of call for any assessment issue is the subject teacher involved, followed by the Head of Department for that subject and finally Vicki Ashton, the NZQA coordinator.

COLDER DAYS... CLOTHING AMNESTY

There have been a number of reports of items of clothing going missing. It is quite possible that these have been taken inadvertently, but the owners would desperately like them back. Please check all your clothing, especially uniform items to make sure that you have not picked up someone else's by mistake. If you find something which isn't yours, hand it in to the office (no questions asked) so that we can get it back to its rightful owner.

If you have items of non uniform clothing which you value please try not to leave them unattended on hooks outside classrooms or on chairs in classrooms - have them securely out of sight in your bag. Better still, Leave them at home.

THANK YOU!

"I just wanted to say a huge thanks to MAC for the support they gave Hamish at his Fundraising Auction last Sunday. The musical entertainment provided by the students was really great and it was amazing to see the support for Hamish. You should be proud of the musicians - their talent and their ability to engage with the audience.

The Wanaka Swim Club also all turned up to contribute and ensure a successful fun evening. The swimmers all showed great team support, etiquette and commitment - many, many thanks to all.

The auction raised \$5,400 which is a huge contribution towards Hamish going to the IPC World Championships in Glasgow. The community and businesses of Wanaka have been amazing - it is HUGELY appreciated. Thank you!" Claire McLean

If you missed this event and would be interested in making a contribution to help Hamish McLean achieve his goal you can go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/profile/individual/hamishmcleanglasgow>

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!

MACLIC Corner

While school and its library work hard to support teens' reading habits, parents can also influence greatly in the following ways:

Role modelling: switch off the TV and your laptop and read yourself

Talking books: What are you reading? What is it about? I loved this book... I'd love you to read this book... Talk about what you are reading.

Keep reading aloud: a particularly interesting or relevant paragraph, a first chapter of a book, an article you want to share, a random page in an encyclopedia...

Have plenty of reading materials around: books, encyclopedias, magazines, rare books, strange books, newspapers, graphic novels...

Give books supporting their interests as presents: give book vouchers or, better still, take them to a bookshop, browse with them and let them choose for themselves.

Acknowledge their choice of book and interests: even if the subject matter seems too mature or violent to you - simply offer support and discussion.

Communicate: Ask about what they read on their screens.

Check in: Talk to the librarian or the teacher if they don't seem interested in reading, particularly if they do not read at all.

Florence Micoud, Kaitiakipukapuka ~ Librarian



Important Dates

YEAR 8 STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: James Parry (8AH), Kahu Griffin (8LB), Sophie Song (8SL) and Ben McNabb (8SD)

Term 2 (20 April - 3 July 2015)

Week 7	Monday 1 June 2-4 June	Queen's Birthday - college closed Level 3 Mount Cook Trip (FA)
Week 8	6-8 June 11-12 June	Level 3 Mount Cook Trip (CS) Level 3 Drama Performance
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 3 (20 July - 25 September 2015)

Week 1	Wednesday 22 July 23-24 July	MAC Champs Level 2 Urban Geography Trip, Dunedin
Week 2	Tuesday 28 July Wednesday 29 July Wednesday 29 July Thursday 30 July	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Boardroom Parent / Teacher Interviews ILC Meadow Hut Trip Australian Maths Competition
Week 3	Monday 3 August Tuesday 4 August	Level 1 Outdoor Pursuits Ski Tour Parent / Teacher Interviews



TERM DATES 2015

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



RUGBY NEWS:~

Rugby Results

Williams Hotel MAC 1st XV beat Kavanagh College 1st XV, 22 - 21.
Upper Clutha U15 beat OBHS U16, 37 - 7
Upper Clutha U14 lost to Dunstan U14, 55 - 5

Mount Aspiring College 1st XV Create History

The Williams Hotel Mount Aspiring College 1st XV completed their first back-to-back win in the premier Otago school's competition last Saturday. A hard fought encounter played in perfect conditions at the college saw MAC hold off a fast finishing Kavanagh College.

Conceding a massive size difference, the plucky MAC boys led 7-0 at halftime through a spectacular broken field try by Toby Lee. A charge down by the visiting Dunedin school just after half time evened the score, but further tries to Toby Lee and Teegan Vink (x2), gave MAC a healthy 22-7 lead with just ten minutes to go. Two well taken tries from Kavanagh set up a tense final period with MAC prevailing 22-21.



Injuries to key MAC players forced Coach Hamish Crosbie to reshuffle the backs which caused a lack of fluency. Blair Underwood stood out for his incisive running and front-on defence. Cameron Arnerich made several massive tackles and ran hard on the wing. The forwards were a colossus against the biggest forward pack in the competition. MAC held their own in the scrums and completely dominated the lineout and breakdown.

Cinema Paradiso Player of the Day, Toby Lee, had an outstanding all round game. He was well supported by all the MAC forwards with Teegan Vink using his speed and strength to score two good tries.

The team will travel to Dunedin next week to play the highly rated John McGlashan College.

Rugby Draw

Williams Hotel MAC 1st XV	v	John McGlashan	JMC, 1.00 pm
Upper Clutha U15	v	Dunstan U15	Dunstan, 11.15 am
Upper Clutha U14		Bye	

SCHOOL RECORDS

Please let us know if your family has recently had a change of contact details (phone / cell / address) or if your child has developed a medical condition of which we should be aware. Phone 443 0499 or email: office@mtaspiring.school.nz.

Southland Ski Club - Ski Week Applications 2015

Applications are now being taken for Ski Week camps in the July school holidays staying at the Southland Ski Club Lodge on Coronet Peak, Queenstown. The Ski Week camp package includes a 5 day lift pass, lessons twice a day (Mon-Fri), accommodation and meals and is suitable for ages 11 - 18 years. To find out more visit www.southlandskiclub.org.nz, or contact Vicki Murphy (03 236 1059 / svmurphy@velocitynet.co.nz)

Important Sporting Dates

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, Wakatipu 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
22 July	MAC Ski / Snowboard Champs, Cardrona

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

1ST XI FOOTBALL TRAINING AND TRIALS

Trials for the Boys 1st XI will take place at lunchtime on Wednesday 2 June. Meet on the field at 1.20 pm. If there is a reason why you cannot attend the trial contact Derek Lilly (del@dreamdoors.co.nz / 027 2135133). You MUST attend the trial or make contact with Derek if you want to be considered for the winter tournament team (30 August - 4 September)

1ST XI Training Dates (Boys)

12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 26 July, 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 28 August
Sundays at 2 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 pm.

The first training session for the Girls 1st XI is Monday 8 June, 1.20 pm

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

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).

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

CO Basketball Tournament Monday 15 June

A reminder that if you have been selected for the basketball team your trip form and payment must be returned to the office by Wednesday 3 June.

CAN YOU COACH NETBALL?

Coaches are still required for U14 and Year 7 Upper Clutha Rep netball teams. For further information and tournament dates please contact Vicki Wilson on 027 471 5121.

MAC CHAMPS - 22 July

Book the date!

NETBALL DRAW (* = outside)

MAC A	v Arrowtown	29/05	8.15 pm
MAC B	v Lake Hawea Hotel	28/05	5.30 pm
MAC C	v The Finishers	28/05	6.25 pm
MAC 10A	v Lake Hawea Holiday Park	28/05	8.15 pm
MAC 9A	v Lake Bar	29/05	6.25 pm
MAC Gold	v MAC Aspiring Engineers	28/05	4.35 pm *
MAC Infinity	v Year 12 Social	29/05	4.35 pm
MAC Wellman	v Year 11 Social	28/05	4.35 pm
Senior Social	v Checketts	29/05	4.35 pm

MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook page

Check out the latest photos and news. Like us!

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.

Handing in Trip Forms / Weekly Draw

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 **Sam Coupland**.



Thanks to



for supporting the college formal

Last week's Outdoor Pursuits students had a mixed bag of weather on their winter tramps. Pictured above, students on the Kepler Track. Looks as though the warm clothing came in handy!

World Environment Week
29 May—6 June
For schedule of events visit www.coreap.org.nz

Cheerleading Classes in Wanaka!

Competitive style cheerleading is a fun new sport for girls and boys of all ages. It is a mix of gymnastics, dancing, jumps and stunts all packed into an exciting routine. Come along for a free trial class by emailing info@summitcheer.co.nz or call 021 02952011 for more information

10 STUDENTS ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR SHAVE FOR A CURE

GOOD ON YOU! 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.

CHESS COMPETITION

Sungyoon Park, Neco Richter, Josh Orton and Harry Gillespie recently travelled to Tarras to compete in the Intermediate Chess Championships. After their success in games held at the MAC chess club they were quietly confident and paid little attention to their coach's advice to play at half the speed they usually play and not assume anything on the board.

Tarras school was packed, with nearly 20 schools in attendance from as far away as Roxburgh. There was a great variety of chess sets, creating an extra challenge of piece recognition for the players. The format was a round-robin of 6 rounds.

To begin with the coach's advice fell on deaf ears, resulting in some rather rash moves but, by round four against Roxburgh Primary we were holding our own. Sungyoon and Josh were playing soundly and then the team crushed Arrowtown in the fifth round 3.5 / 0.5. In the end MAC finished in the lower half of the table, with Queenstown Primary, Tarras 1 and 2 taking out the top three spots.

It was a great experience for the team and they learnt much about touch-move, chess clocks, the wisdom of early castling and, most of all, to take their time and look closely at the board. These new skills will definitely be applied in our busy Monday chess club and in our future competitions.

Mr Waddington



The tallest snowman? "8 foot snowman on snow day"

Made by Marcus Hetherington - Year 8, BWE and Rhys Hughes - Year 8 PWD



Karma Clothing Mount Aspiring College Enterprise Fundraiser

PINE CONES

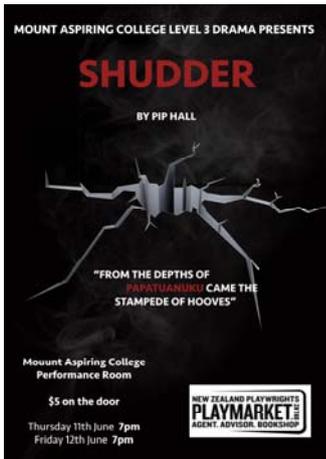
\$5 for one bag, \$12 for three bags
Pick up from school at arranged time or we can deliver (extra \$2 for in town \$5 for out of town)
Please text or email your order – cash only, must pay at time of delivery
Sean Webber - 0204 0115895,
karmaclothingwanaka@gmail.com



FUNDRAISER FOR NEPAL

Lonestar is running a fundraiser for Nepal on Sat 30 May at the Dinosaur park with a huge focus on fun stuff for kids to do. Face-painting, bouncy castles and loads more. Get behind it!

CAR BOOT SALE/ Register your car for \$25 a car or \$45 for a business and sell all your pre loved goods or businesses get rid of all your end of season stock. You pay for the space, you take the profit. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/853011451451433/>



MAC PERFORMANCE

Year 13 Drama students are in full production mode as they prepare for their final class show at Mount Aspiring College. At 7.00 pm on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June they will be performing SHUDDER by Pip Hall in the Performance Room.

This one act play is a challenging piece of physical theatre exploring 24 hours in Wellington leading up to an earthquake. Wellington stereotypes in the late 90's are exposed as Hall makes us question what really is important in life when chaos hits?

Please join them for their final public performance. \$5 entry



PINK SHIRT DAY AT MAC.... Sharing a little sweetness

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event which is celebrated in many countries around the world. It encourages people to talk about bullying and take action against it. Pink Shirt Day began in Nova Scotia, Canada in 2007. A group of students decided to defend a kid who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In a show of solidarity, many of his peers turned up to school the next day wearing pink shirts, and Pink Shirt Day was born. By wearing a pink shirt, people identify themselves as an ally. The pink shirt is a way of showing those being bullied that there are many people around who care.

Mount Aspiring College did this in style with many staff and students donning pink shirts to show their support. The MAC Sticks 'n' Stones anti-cyber bullying group took this a stage further by giving staff and students the opportunity to order delicious cupcakes, each of which was accompanied by a message of positive affirmation. Students and staff were invited to place orders earlier in the week and the group delivered them to the lucky recipients last Friday.

The day was a huge success with a great positive vibe. The combined sales of T-shirts and over 200 cupcakes, beautifully made by Cakes by Kim, raised \$730 for Mental Health NZ.



I wish you all good things. But most of all I wish you Courage. Whatever happens believe in yourself and go on.

