



### Parent Portal Access

Hear what other parents have to say:~

*"I love it - I feel so much more in touch with what is going on at MAC"*

*"What a great tool for keeping on top of my son's overdue library books!"*

*"It is so great to be able to check on my daughter's attendance from afar"*

*"As a mother of a Year 11 student I found the NCEA information really helpful"*

*"I really like the new two-weekly reporting style - it means that I can act much more quickly to help my son achieve his goals if I see a slide in his marks - so much better than having to wait for the printed reports at the end of Term 2."*

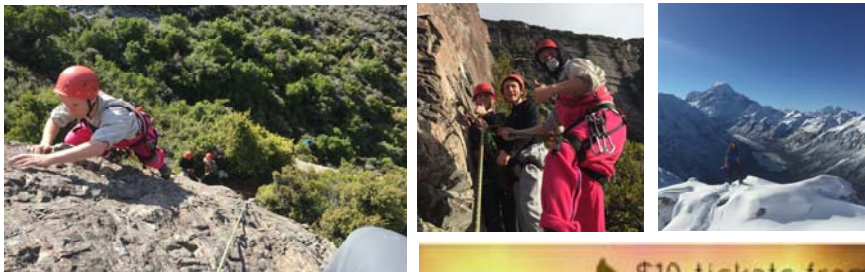
The message that is coming through is that many parents are finding the portal easy to use and extremely helpful, albeit for a variety of different reasons.

After carrying out some analysis on subscription to our portal we can see that we are only getting an uptake of about 15 percent of parents accessing the portal immediately after the fortnightly grades are updated. It would be encouraging to see this percentage increase across the year.

Whilst on the topic of the portal, parents are reminded that there will be no printed reports issued at the end of this term unless you have specifically requested that this be done for your child.

We urge all parents to get into the habit of checking the fortnightly report updates rather than waiting until the end of this term - the new style reporting is intended to help you feel more involved with your child's learning.

Dean Sheppard



Level 3 Outdoor Pursuits explored the Mount Cook Area over three days of last week visiting the Unwin and Mueller Huts. They learnt basic mountaineering skills including aspects of avalanche awareness. They also culminated the end of their rock climbing unit with a multi-pitch climbing day at Sebastopol bluffs.



\$10 tickets from MAC office

# MAC

## STOCK

19th June 6pm  
Lake Wanaka Centre

### NZQA Fees for 2015

A reminder that all NZQA fees need to be paid by Friday 14 August. Local students pay \$76.70 and an additional \$30 for each scholarship subject and 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](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz) has a lot of useful information for both students and parents alike.

MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE LEVEL 3 DRAMA PRESENTS

# SHUDDER

BY PIP HALL

"FROM THE DEPTH OF PAPATUANUKU CAME THE STAMPEDE OF HOOVES"

Mount Aspiring College Performance Room

\$5 on the door

Thursday 11th June 7pm  
Friday 12th June 7pm



## SOAR HIGHER!

Year 8 council students have organised a competition for all Year 8 classes to enter. They have asked the students to make a poster to represent RESPECT and how it looks for them in their classroom (under the umbrella of SOAR)

Here is 8LB's poster.



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**O**THERS  
**A**TTITUDE  
**R**ESPECT



## NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS OF SPORTING GROUPS USING THE MAC FIELDS

It would be greatly appreciated if all parents could avoid using the Outdoor Pursuits car park for after school / weekend sporting events.

This space is required for use EVERY DAY INCLUDING WEEKENDS by MAC staff who need to negotiate trailers and large vans. It is frustrating to arrive back from Outdoor Pursuits trips and find that vans cannot be easily parked without blocking other cars in and even more frustrating not to be able to return Outdoor Pursuits gear to the shed because of unhelpful parking.

Your help would be much appreciated.

### Local Student Cardrona Ski Passes

The cut-off date to buy is Friday 12 June.

## CAREERS CORNER

### JOBS!

There are currently two potential apprenticeships being offered to school leavers. Please contact Marcus or Charlotte.

This link has all the nitty gritty about employment rights, pay, contracts for parents and kids;  
<http://dol.govt.nz/infozone/myfirstjob/>

### University Open Days

These are on during the next school holidays. Please register for these open days on their respective websites or see Charlotte

Canterbury University Open Day Thursday 9 July  
[www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday)

Lincoln Open Day Wednesday 15 July  
[www.lincoln.ac.nz/openday](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/openday)

### Other Open Days:

Victoria and Massey Friday 28 August (Wellington Campus)

Auckland University Saturday 29th August

AUT University - Contact to arrange visit

### Pending Visits to MAC:

NZ Defence Force Wednesday 10 June, MAC Library, Period 6

AUT University presentation Wednesday 24 June at 1:20 pm in the MAC Library

Lastly, a big thanks to the parents and students who supported school visits to both the Cromwell Polytech campus and the Alexandra Agri-Business talk.

## NEWS FROM THE ILC...

### SISTER SCHOOL - SOSEI HIGH SCHOOL, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

**Want to visit our sister school?**  
**Want to learn about Japanese culture and language?**

We have space for two (Year 11-13) students to visit our sister school in December 2015/January 2016. Last year Florence Collins Caballero, Amy Jolly and Callum Carbon visited Japan and loved it.

Our sister school sends three students to MAC for Term 1 every year, as well as a group who come for a shorter time. The teachers 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.

All MAC students and their families have to do is pay for the airfare plus homestay fees if your family does not host a student. Families can offset the costs of homestay by hosting a student in February when the Japanese exchange students come to us. Of course, you would also need some spending money.

To prepare for this kind of experience we would recommend having Japanese lessons with Megan Van at the ILC.

If you are interested in going to Sosei High School please come to the ILC and get an Information Pack to take home and read.

Claire Easterbrook

## 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.

## Important Dates

### Term 2 (20 April - 3 July 2015)

<b>Week 8</b>	11-12 June	Level 3 Drama Performance
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday 19 June	MACStock
<b>Week 10</b>	Tuesday 23 June Friday 26 June	Board Meeting, 6.00 pm, Boardroom MAC Haka / Waiata House Competition
<b>Week 11</b>	1-3 July Thursday 2 July Thursday 2 July Friday 3 July	Year 11 Business Challenge Mufti Day Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final Reports issued
<b>Term 3 (20 July - 25 September 2015)</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	Wednesday 22 July 23-24 July	MAC Champs Level 2 Urban Geography Trip, Dunedin
<b>Week 2</b>	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
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 3 August	Level 1 Outdoor Pursuits Ski Tour

## LOST PROPERTY BIN

The bin in the student foyer is once again full to bursting! Please get students to come and look for lost items as soon as possible.

All non-uniform and un-named items will be taken to the Recycling Centre during the next holidays.

## TERM DATES 2015

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



**MAC Ski and Snowboard Champs** This year the MAC champs will be open to ALL students. Year 7 and 8's can join in the fun at Cardrona on Wednesday 22 July. More details will follow very soon but put the date in your diary now.

**Cross Country Skiing / Biathlon Training**  
 This programme which runs on Wednesday afternoons during Term 3 will once again be offered by MAC in conjunction with the Snow Farm. If you are interested, please pick up a form from the Sportshub or speak to Mr McNabb.

**RUGBY NEWS:-**  
**Rugby Results**  
*Williams Hotel MAC 1st XV lost to St Kevins 1st XV, 45 - 15.*  
*Upper Clutha U15 beat St Kevins U15, 59 - 0*

**Mount Aspiring College versus St Kevins College**  
 Played in perfect conditions the Williams Hotels Mount Aspiring College 1st XV team dominated the early exchanges but a combination of poor defense and superior size culminated in 3 converted tries to the home team within the first 20 minutes. The MAC team responded with 3 well taken tries of their own to Blair Underwood, Cameron Arnerich and Edward Trombik. Unfortunately that was the last of the scoring from the MAC team missing out on the important 4 try bonus point.

With the ball in hand the MAC backs looked sharp and were always threatening. Tim Weir cleared the ball efficiently from halfback and Ellis Meyer-Budge again showed his class. Teegan Vink was courageous in the forwards and was well supported by Sam Richards and Ben Weatherby when he came off the bench.

The St Kevins side shutdown the MAC team's attack throughout the second half and ran out deserved winners 45-15.

**Rugby Draw**  
*Williams Hotel MAC 1st XV v Kings, MAC, 1.00 pm*  
*Upper Clutha U15 v Kings U15, Showgrounds, 1.00 pm*  
*Upper Clutha U14 v South Otago U14, Showgrounds, 1.00 pm*


**FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING MAC Girls 1st XI Football team**  
**Mid-winter Christmas**  
 3-Course Buffet / Quiz / Raffles / Live entertainment  
 Hawea Hotel, Saturday 4 July, 6.00 pm onwards. Tickets (\$50) on sale from the MAC office

**MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook page**  
 Check out the latest photos and news. Like us!

**May Madness Fun Run - Lismore Park, Sunday 14 June**  
 For local walkers, runners and canines looking for exercise, a social outing and for some, valuable time trials for the upcoming cross country season. Choose your preferred course, pace and companion (dogs must be on leads). Either one, two or four laps of Lismore Park with following categories: U13 / U16 / Adults / the Canine Classic.

The delicious selection of home baking at the finish line is a good incentive along with bragging rights and spot prizes. Join the Aspiring Athletes Club and Peak Endurance, 9 am race start, \$5 entry fee or \$10 per family.

**Top Bike**



The recent Top Bike Competition was held recently at Alexandra with a total of 39 teams representing schools from throughout the Central Otago region taking part. The annual competition, an initiative of Cycling Southland and Sport Otago, again proved popular with the six member teams displaying great skills and abilities in the various disciplines throughout the day.

Cycling Southland spokesperson, Danielle Ralph said she was impressed with the way the young riders competed and the skills that they displayed. "The team aspect is a great format and to see approximately 220 children all together on bikes at the one venue was an amazing sight," Ralph said.

The teams took part in four disciplines, a road and mountain bike teams time trial, a skills test and grass track racing. The emphasis was on team riding with the lowest aggregate score overall deciding the winners in both the years 5 / 6 and the years 7 / 8 divisions. In the latter, an extremely close competition was witnessed with the Mount Aspiring College Elephants Team (pictured) narrowly prevailing over the Pedal or Die Team also from Mount Aspiring College. Only one point in arrears were three teams, the Holy Family Windbreakers, Mount Aspiring Rookies and the Queenstown Primary School Whippets with the final results only determined in the final discipline – the grass track races. Congratulations to our winning team: Emma Smith, Estelle Norman, Maude Rogers, Aden Cassaidy, Quinn Curtis and James Suddaby who have won a trip to the Invercargill velodrome.

For full results follow the link: <http://www.cyclingsouth.org.nz/index.php?>

**Tennis Success**  
 Over Queens' Birthday weekend, Ines Stephani won the Tawa-Lyndhurst Tennis Tournament in the G14 and under, beating two higher-ranked opponents. In July, she will be joining a group of juniors selected from around NZ, travelling to Brisbane where they will play in two tournaments against players from all over the world. We wish her all the best.

**Black Peak voucher winner**  
 Congratulations Flynn Rosie, for winning this week's ice cream voucher. Return your sports forms and payments on time and you'll be in the draw to win!

**ProActive Health and Fitness TribeKIDS™**  
 The next season of TribeKIDS™ starts next week. This a fun fitness program designed specifically for kids aged between 7 and 15. Enrolments are being taken now - why not give it a try?

**Important Sporting Dates**

10 June	Rippa Rugby Tournament Years 7/8), Arrowtown
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
28-29 June	Inter-schools Tournament (v Mount Hutt), Wanaka
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
3 August	Otago SS Ski / Snowboard Champs, Cardrona
10-15 August	MAC Snow Week (Years 7-10), Wanaka

**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](mailto:sports@mtaspiring.school.nz)**

**Wanaka to host Volts Generator**  
 Otago Cricket coaching staff are coming to Wanaka to deliver a two-day Volts Generator programme during the upcoming school holidays (9 / 10 July).

This programme will be run by qualified Otago Cricket coaches and will be aimed at improving the skill base of those who attend. All aspects of the game will be covered during these professionally run sessions.

Primary students (Years 2-6) 9.00 am - 12 noon  
 MAC students (Years 7-13) 1.00 - 4.00 pm  
 Sessions on both days will be held at the MAC Gym. and the cost for the two days is \$60.

For more information please email Will Deerness on [will@otagocricket.co.nz](mailto:will@otagocricket.co.nz) or phone the office (03 477-9056).

## Aspiring Young Musicians Holiday Band!

Do you play a musical instrument? Come and be a part of a new junior community band!

**When:** Wednesday 15th July 10 am – 4 pm

**Where:** Mount Aspiring College Music Room.

**Who:** Years 5-8 Open to students who are currently having music lessons and who are not beginners.

**How much:** \$25

**What:** This is a one day camp during the school holidays ending in a showcase performance at the end of the day. There will be instrument workshops throughout the day as well as full band rehearsals. We are also hoping to perform prior to the Stars In Your Eyes in September.

Aspiring Young Musicians is a not for profit organisation. The day will be run by Helen Carter and Pete Stevenson and other musical tutors will be brought in as required.

For further enquiries and registration contact Helen Carter on 021 292 1485 or wanakamusic@gmail.com.

## Introducing...

### Mrs Jools Hall

Mount Aspiring College has appointed Jools Hall as the new Arts Co-ordinator to join the team at MAC. This varied role exists to encourage and support the teaching staff in the Arts Department at the college and to maintain the profile of the Arts throughout the wider community. Mount Aspiring College has lively Drama, Music and Art departments, consistently delivering national excellence. Jools has lived in Wanaka for over 20 years. Her extensive range of skills, enthusiasm and a passion for the Arts



## MACADEMICS

### After-School Homework Club

Every 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!

## LATE 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).

Well done to Ngaio MacLeod who has just sat her Trinity College London Grade IV piano exam and passed with Merit.



## TEACHERS CROSS COUNTRY

For the second year running teachers were persuaded to participate in their own cross country race to raise funds for the 40 Hour Famine.

Many wore creative costumes



and those that didn't wore school uniform! The day was balmy and sunny which made the padded ski suits and the onesies just a little bit warm! Well done to Mr Sloan and Ms Zeestraten who finished first and second respectively, setting a cracking pace for the other competitors.

Once again the event was well supported by the students, especially the junior years, many of whom followed the competitors somewhat akin to the Pied Piper. Pictured below are the "stragglers" finishing the course with their enthusiastic help crew. If your whanau teacher ran and you have not yet donated money make sure you bring your sponsor money in as soon as possible!



## Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

Mount Aspiring College was represented by the Senior A, Year 10A and Year 9A netball teams at this tournament in Dunedin last weekend.

The Crowe Horwath MAC A team (pictured) improved their ranking from 10th to 6th place overall in the senior competition. Six tough games in two days was challenging but the girls had the energy, skill and determination to notch up two great wins (including a nail-biting one goal victory over Dunstan High School) and put out good performances against some of the traditionally stronger schools.

Players to impress were the senior quartet of Billie Scurr, Brittany Smith, Brynee Wilson and Holly Bailey but all the players made telling contributions at important times. The tournament serves as valuable experience, particularly for the younger members, as the team begins its build up to the South Island Secondary Schools tournament in late August.



The Year 10 team (pictured) performed extremely well in the four games played on Sunday, finishing 2nd in their pool which placed them in the top 8 for Monday's games. On Monday they played 3 games, their last one gaining them a one goal win against Waitaki Girls, which placed them 7th in the intermediate grade. The girls all played well both individually and as a team, striving right to the last goal.



The Year 9 team finished 11th at their first Secondary Schools tournament. On day one they had a well-deserved draw against Kavanagh and then a good win against Bayfield. However due to mixed results in the pool, they finished 9th on the Sunday just outside the top eight. The girls all gained in confidence during the two day tournament and the future looks bright for Mt Aspiring College Netball.

## MACLIC Corner



So you don't like books? Or do you have the attention span of a sparrow? Well, it's still no excuse not to read. Just take a magazine from the rearranged magazines shelves. Select one of our well used Spoke, Manual, Skier and Snowboarder mags, Girlfriend and of course National Geographic and New Zealand Geographic. Or why not try one of our new subscriptions which include Popular Science, Art News, Top Gear, NZ Rugby and NZ Horses and Pony...

Remember, these magazines are not for loan so come and enjoy them in the library.

**Florence Micoud,**  
**Kaitiakipukapuka,**  
**Librarian**



## School Holiday Club: Monday 6 - Friday 17 July

Details of activities and online bookings open on Monday 15 June. Visit: [www.communitynetworks.co.nz](http://www.communitynetworks.co.nz) to book online..

Last Friday Team Green ran an Earth Hour during period six in which all unnecessary electronic devices were (supposedly) turned off. This is part of the attempt to hold an earth hour on the last Friday of every month to conserve energy and cut down the schools power use. During this hour the average electricity consumption fell from 4.8 KW to 2.38 KW.

**MAC Team Green**