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Principals Message

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Greetings everyone

Featured this week is some wonderful poetry from Year 10 students Dara Beattie-Johnson and Max Hall. To have your writing published is a wonderful achievement and one that we as a college are immensely proud of. Thanks to Annabel Wilson for supporting these students and encouraging them to enter the competition.

Senior exams are over and our final Year 8 camp is nearly at an end. Year 11-13 progress reports will be posted on the portal next week.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Wayne Bosley

Winning Writing at Year 10

Dara Beattie-Johnson and Max Hall have had their poetry selected for publication in the NZ Secondary School's Write Off Line anthology. There were over 120 entries from over 20 schools across New Zealand.

Dara's poem 'Dying Star's' gained 1st place overall. Of the poem, Judge Emma Shi wrote "The simple structure of two columns... was aesthetically pleasing from the start and helped bring together the poem as a whole. There were so many highlights throughout this poem, with beautiful lines like "silent beneath dying stars" and amazing descriptions such as "pump of blood in their veins". The imagery of the whisper in the last stanza was simply perfect and made me think about how I definitely wasn't writing poetry this good in year 10! I wasn't sure about how effective the rhythm was towards the poem as a whole, since I found the upbeat tone of the rhyming a strange contrast to the raw imagery. But overall, I found myself wondering and thinking of this earth that Dara so effectively portrayed. It was an excellent piece of writing and, so, I'm awarding it first place".

Dying stars

We sit, silent beneath dying stars
gazing upon the landscapes scars
As dust and smog devour the air
the putrid stench of guilt and fear
crawls beneath the human skin
to fester and infect the next of kin
the burning flesh of long lost souls
is harvested, used for coals
the haunting wail of an infant's cry
echoes under a desolate sky
never to be cradled or held again
only destined for a life of pain
no screech of tires or city lights
only spirits roam in cold, dead nights
buildings crumble, burn, decay
humanities pride stands in dismay
abandoned, derelict, lone some and bare
riddled with horror, of disease and despair
tales of children smothered at birth
by mothers gone mad, eyes lit with mirth
ghosts of those whose memory wanes
who've lost the pump of blood in their veins
and those who do recall, spend their hours
dreaming of a long lost world, once ours

so, we sit, silent beneath dying stars
gazing upon the landscapes scars
and we ponder, we wonder, we reflect
we, torn a sunder by the pain of regret
yet a promise hangs, to start anew,
and, a whisper, just a whisper,
of the earth we knew.

Dara Beattie-Johnson Y10

Max's poem, 'Change' was also selected for publication and is the type of poem that leaps from the page, working effectively as a spoken word piece as well.

Change

A world in trouble for mistakes we made
no turning back or chance to save
a thought of change yet nothing is done
so we read and we write, we walk and we run
we stay in our boxes lonely with confusion
dream of a chance to make a revolution
but all this deep thought is simply disillusion
and the hope we once had is merely illusion
the earth we knew when life was first seeded
when the world lived in peace and only took what it needed
did we know of a time where life didn't cost?
sadly what was and once dreamed is lost
do we see the chances we didn't take?
we've got a life to live, decisions to make
will we finally know of this fate we have set?
when the end comes, nothing's worse than regret
so step out of this box and make this your day
there's a world of choice so get on your way
in fifty years' time when we finally know
we'll wish we started fifty years ago
now is the time, there's no better than here
let's make this right and call it square
we still have time to re-arrange:
to make the world better only starts with a
CHANGE.

Max Hall, Y10

Tarras Rogaine

Two of our Year 8 students Aden Cassaidy and James Suddaby teamed up with a couple of mates from Holy Family School and took on the massive challenge of the 6 hour race. Their stellar navigation skills saw them win the schools section of this event!! A stunning effort by these young guns!!

Mount Aspiring College Art Exhibition

The Yr 12 and 13 Mount Aspiring College Art Exhibition will be held at the college on **Sept 23rd from 5-6pm** (front office foyer). All prints are for sale showcasing our talent in photography, design and painting.

Important Sporting Dates

17 September	Otago SS Duathlon, Taieri
19 September	NZSS Cross Country Ski Champs, Snow Farm
19 September	Festival of Sport & Recreation Family Day, Wanaka
22 September	UC Primary Ski / Snowboard Champs, Cardrona
23 September	CO Volleyball Tournament, Queenstown
26-28 September	NZSS Trapshooting Champs, Waikato
5-9 October	Cardrona NZ Freeski & Snowboard Junior Nationals
14-16 October	South Island Orienteering Champs
3 November	COPSSA Athletics (years7&8)

Important Dates

Term 3 (20 July - 25 September 2015)

Week 9 14-18 September 8LB Camp Berwick
14-16 September Assessment Week

Week 10 Wednesday 23 September MAC Art Exhibition
24 September Mufti Day
25 September Year 11-13 NCEA reports online

Term 4 (12 October - 14 December 2015)

Monday 26 October Labour Day

Festival of Sport and Recreation 'Have a Go' Expo

Saturday 19 September, 10 am – 2 pm
Mount Aspiring College
Free Entry Wet or Fine

This one stop 'Have a Go' expo is here to answer all the questions you have about local sports and recreation for young and old. Have a go and experience the activities. Collect the stamps at each booth and go into the many prize draws.

22 Clubs, 6 Businesses, 3 Food outlets, 1 Bouncy Castle, Bring a bike, a friend, sports gear AND.....a 'Have A Go' attitude!

MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook Page

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

MAC SPORTS website: sports.mtaspiring.school.nz

Your one-stop-spot for:~

- Letters and forms home
- Event information
- Sports results

Boys Uniform for Sale

Shorts, polo tops and jersey
Contact 0274544229

Sports Uniforms – Tournament Week

Sports jackets and football tops used for winter tournament are now overdue - please return asap. Overdue fees: \$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).



Southland Piano Competitions

Congratulations to Estelle Norman and Kahu Nepia for successfully performing at the Southland Piano Competitions. Estelle and Kahu are taught by Ann-Marie Lake at Classically Music and both received a first and a third for their respective categories. Estelle received first prize in the Light popular category and 3rd prize in the Open selection (13 and 14 years). Kahu received first prize in the Light popular category and 3rd prize in the Baroque/Classical category (11 and 12 years).

Sports Results

Cross country

Sammy Burke was part of the NZ Secondary Schools team in the Australian Cross Country Champs. She was the top NZ girl and placed 10th overall amongst 90 runners. Her time of 16.09 over 4.5 kms earned her a spot in the top team in the relays competition, where the team placed 4th. Well done Sammy!

Winter tournament week

Welcome back to the teams who attended the South Island Secondary Schools tournament. The tournaments were held all around the South Island and by all accounts were a big success. Special thanks to the teachers, coaches and managers involved - your time and effort enabled the students to concentrate on their games. Both the hockey mixed XI and the football girls first XI finished 3rd in their tournaments - the highest placing achieved by Mount Aspiring College teams in those sports in many years.

The School of Design at Otago Polytechnic "Open Day" Saturday 19 September 2015 from 11 am to 4 pm

Offering programmes at certificate, undergraduate and post-graduate levels in Fashion, Communication, Interiors and Product Design. Staff will be available to discuss the application process, study and portfolios.

Visit www.op.ac.nz/design or FB Otago Polytechnic School of Design

Spring School Holiday Programme dates:

Monday 28th September - Friday 9th October

Have you booked your space? Bookings are now open online.

www.communitynetworks.co.nz

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Activities include:

Mural Artwork, Bake n Skate day, Lego Challenge day, Build a Go-Kart, Cardrona Ski day, Queenstown Laser Tag day, Airshed and Movie

The Holiday Programme will run from Classrooms 7&8 at Mount Aspiring College

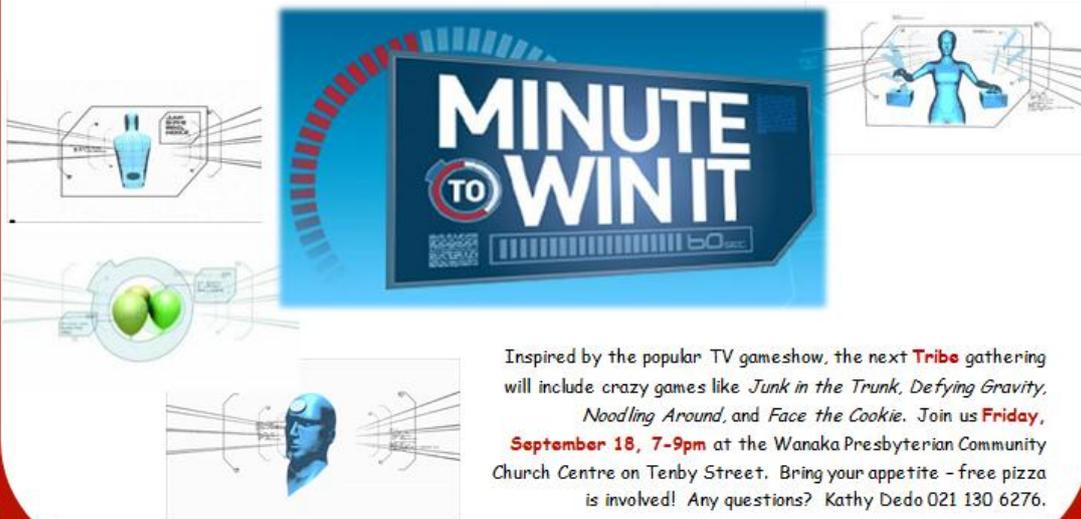
HEY TRIBE!

(year 9-13 youth group hosted by Combined Churches of Wanaka)

Multiple challenges using household items.

60 seconds on the clock.

Prizes on the line. Think you can do it??



Inspired by the popular TV gameshow, the next **Tribe** gathering will include crazy games like *Junk in the Trunk*, *Defying Gravity*, *Noodling Around*, and *Face the Cookie*. Join us **Friday, September 18, 7-9pm** at the Wanaka Presbyterian Community Church Centre on Tenby Street. Bring your appetite - free pizza is involved! Any questions? Kathy Dedo 021 130 6276.

What's on for children at Thyme Festival?

31st October - 8th November 2016

Once again we have an amazing number of things for the students to see and do when they visit Thyme Festival this year.

Most activities will be centred at Alexandra Community House and surrounds.

- ❖ Enviroschools and the Garden Group will have interactive displays and activities. With some of our Enviroschools hosting again. Watch out for information to book a visit.
- ❖ Lunchtime Concerts – These are always very entertaining and a wonderful opportunity for children to perform. Monday 2nd - Early Childhood Kapahaka, Tuesday 3rd – Dunstan High Performing Arts, Wednesday 4th – Local Primary Schools Performing, Thursday 5th - Clyde Singing for Fun and Ukes in Thyme, and Friday 6th – Matt LaHood and the Songwriters from the week.
- ❖ Working Artists – Watch out for information on booking places for your students. An interesting range this year. Kathi McLean –Pottery, Mat LaHood – Song writing, Jacqui van Dam – Photographer- Photos on your electronic device, Bruce Potter – Cartoons, Children's Book Illustrator, Artist. Booking details to follow.
- ❖ Central Otago Arts Trail with Maxine Williams – visit artists on the trail and see first-hand how they work. Booking details to follow.
- ❖ Exhibitions; *Schools Thyme Festival Photographic Competition* – It's not too late for schools to enter and individuals are welcome. *Arts Gold Exhibition* at Central Stories Museum. *Scavenger Hunt* at Central Stories Museum. *Enviroschools Logo Competition* for re-usable bags.