



Kia ora and greetings from the college.

Thank you to parents, students and staff who made the most of the interviews. This year 71% of MAC families supported the interviews, up on 59% in 2014. As a staff we appreciate the opportunity to share our thoughts with you and discuss strategies for future success.

I warmly invite all current Year 8-12 students and families to our option evening in the gymnasium on Tuesday, 18 August which also features a 'Careers' presentation (see details on page 4).

Chunuk Bair – 100 Years On

Chunuk Bair was literally the high point of the New Zealand effort at Gallipoli. Two columns of the NZ Infantry Brigade carried out the attack, which began on 6 August 1914. They were to meet at Rhododendron Spur and then move up to the summit of Chunuk Bair. The Wellington Battalion occupied the summit before dawn on 8 August where a desperate battle to hold the summit ensued. The Otago Battalion and the Wellington mounted Rifles arrived to reinforce the 70 remaining (out of 760) Wellington Battalion men who were still holding the line. The New Zealanders were relieved on the night of 9 August but the summit was lost soon after.

Corporal Cyril Bassett won NZ's only Victoria Cross of the Gallipoli campaign for laying and repairing telephone lines under heavy fire. This week we continue to reflect on the brave men and women who went to war on our behalf a century ago.

Wayne Bosley

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Ten very brave MAC students shaved their heads for leukaemia and blood cancer on Monday lunchtime. The pony tail cuts and full head shaves were undertaken by friends and finished off professionally by Jacob from Ali Baba's. Students involved were Jordyn McDonald, Ben Harrington, Kenzi Robinson, Hannah McNabb, Amy Jolly, Nick Mercer, Olly Thomas, Kai Richards, Ben Fussell and Riley Christie.

The funds raised by students and proceeds from this Wednesday's mufti day will help fund core services such as patient support and research. Six Kiwis each day are diagnosed with blood cancer or a related condition. Anyone wishing to donate to Shave for Cure can go to the official website www.shaveforcure.co.nz and search for the shaver's name.

Cash donations can also be dropped off to the Mt Aspiring College Office.

Many thanks to those that have supported this cause and especially to Jacob from Ali Baba's (who came on his day off to shave) and Mr Sloan who took the photos. There are lots more photos on the PupilShare drive if you would like to see them.

Thanks, the Shave for a Cure Team



Revenge of the Amazons

A comic "Shakespearean" romp performed by Year 12 MAC Drama students - Laughs guaranteed!

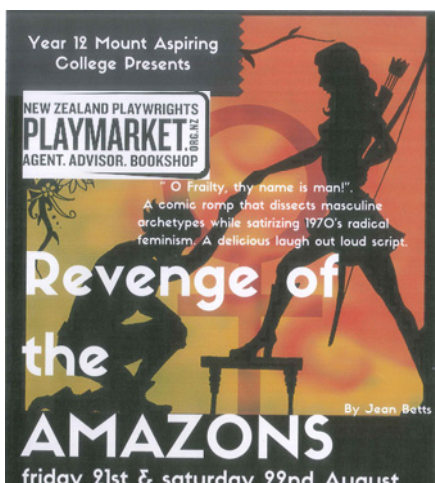
**Lake Wanaka Centre
Friday 21 and Saturday 22 August.**

Tickets on sale now at the college office: Adults \$10, Students \$5

Revenge of the Amazons was written for fun in 1983. Playwright Jean Betts was a bit fed up that many of Shakespeare's plays were rather "bloke-ridden". Her judicious script-editing takes a completely fresh look at 'A Midsummers Night Dream'. Some text is still original from Shakespeare's version. However, it is twisted to come from a more matriarchal female perspective. The subplot involving a feminist theatrical group from the seventies creates a show that is satiric, clever and a little bit naughty!

This group of students is always hungry for a challenge and the preparation for this has required great maturity and openness from the cast. They have risen to the challenge beautifully and we have had a fun filled journey bringing this show together.

Please join us at the Lake Wanaka Centre for a night of magic, trickery and comic confusion. Laughter is, after all, life's best medicine.



Warning: Mature content
Recommended viewing for 15+ audience.



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR MAC MAGAZINE 2015

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: breslinl@mtaspiring.school.nz

We hope to be able to publish all national and international achievements, depending on the space available. It is wonderful that we have so many students recognised in so many areas that space should even be an issue!

SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST UPDATE

National People's Choice Voting

MAC band **NEAR ARMAGEDDON** narrowly missed out on being selected for the 2015 RockQuest finals.

HOWEVER, all is not lost! The National People's Choice voting has just opened. One of the 21 acts which made the top 30 but missed out on the top nine finalist places will get the chance to compete at the finals!

You can get behind Near Armageddon and help them get to the finals by texting **neararmageddon (no spaces) to 422**. Texts cost 20 cents per vote and you can only vote once from any mobile phone. Don't delay, text today!



Come to the library at interval and lunchtime with your tokens (or your books in good condition - with your parent's approval) to get tokens to spend on other people's books. Fantastic selection! Renew your book shelves, for FREE!

Florence Micoud, Kaitiakipukapuka ~ Librarian

MAC OPTION EVENING

Tuesday 18 August, 5 – 7 pm

Gymnasium, 5.00-7.00 pm
Information on subjects

PED Classroom, 5.30-6.00 pm
Information re Trade Academy and the Gateway Programme.

Performance Room, 6.00 pm
NCEA information for current Year 10 students, how to make the best option choices.

PED Classroom, 6.30-7.00 pm
Aimed at current Year 11's going into Year 12.

Performance Room, 6.30 pm
Aimed at current Year 12's going into Year 13.

Performance Room, 7.00 pm
See page 4. Personality and Careers Choice seminar. Open to all MAC students and parents.

BOOK THIS DATE NOW!

MAC SPORTS website:
sports.mtaspiring.school.nz

Your one-stop-spot for:~

- Letters and forms home
- Event information
- Sports results

AFS INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

If any MAC students are keen on going on an exchange (or just interested in finding out more), they can contact Hedi (hedi.mueller@afs.org) or text / call [022 639 0560](tel:0226390560).

Students can also find out more information by checking out the AFS website www.afsnz.org.

Dr Vicky Jones visits the college every Monday lunchtime to provide **free confidential medical service** to all students. Drop into URSpace any time during Monday lunchtime.

Work Opportunities

Mechanical Apprenticeship with CLAAS Harvest Centre. Interested? Phone Steven on [021 558885](tel:021558885) or have a chat to the URSpace team.

Local roofing company looking for a senior student who is good with heights. This could develop into full-time work for the right person. Catch up with URSpace to find out more.

NATIONAL SCOUT "Scarf Day"

Mount Aspiring College supports this day which will take place on Friday 7 August. All scouts are encouraged to wear their scarves to school for the day to promote the nationwide scout movement.

'New Frontiers' Otago University Scholarship

This scholarship is new and is based on academic merit. It will be automatically awarded to students who have gained NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence (\$2,500) and/or NCEA Level 3 endorsed with Excellence (\$5,000).

Students can apply for these scholarships until 4 March 2016 and they are also available to international students who have completed Year 12 and 13 at a New Zealand secondary school.

However, they are **not** available for students enrolling in Health Sciences First Year, or Bachelors of Radiation Therapy, Oral Health, Dental Technology or Biomedical Sciences.

WANAKA ART AUCTION

Friday 14 August, from 6pm at The Venue

Tickets: \$25 on sale at the Wonder Room, Wanaka Preschool, or at the door.

Important Dates

Term 3 (20 July - 25 September 2015)

Week 4 10-14 August
12-14 August
Friday 14 August

Week 5 17-21 August
17-20 August
18 August
21 August
21-22 August

Week 6 24-28 August
24-25 August
Tuesday 25 August
Wednesday 26 August
Thursday 27 August
Friday 28 August
Friday 28 August

Week 7 31 August - 4 September
31 August - 4 September

Week 8 7-11 September
10-11 September

Ski Week (Years 7 - 10)
Level 3 Franz Josef Trip
Last day for NZQA payments

8SD Camp Berwick
Level 2 Snow Caving Trips
Option Evening
MAC Cross Country
Level 2 Drama Performance

8AH Camp Berwick
Year 7/8 Kavanagh Sporting Exchange
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Boardroom
Magazine Sports Photos
MAC's Got Talent
Auckland Grammar Big Band Performance
Final day to hand in Option Choices

8SL Camp Berwick
Winter Tournament Week

8WT Camp Berwick
Assessment Week

CHESS CLUB

In the library,
Monday lunchtimes.

MAC SPORTS HUB Facebook Page

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

TERM DATES 2015

Term 4: 12 October - 14 December
Labour Day: 26 October

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.

SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS FOR MAC MAGAZINE 2015

These will be taken on 26 August.
Full timetable to follow shortly.....



NETBALL DRAW (* = outside)

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| MAC A | v Pioneer A | 06/08 | 7.20 pm |
| MAC B | v Lake Hawea Hotel | 07/08 | 5.30 pm |
| MAC C | v Finishers | 07/08 | 8.15 pm |
| MAC 10A | v Lake Bar Rebels | 07/08 | 7.20 pm |
| Year 9A | v New World Gals | 06/08 | 5.30 pm |
| MAC Wellman | v Aspiring Engineers | 07/08 | 4.35 pm |
| Year 12 Social | v UC Year 8 Reps | 06/08 | 4.35 pm |
| Year 11 Social | v MAC Infinity | 06/08 | 4.35 pm * |

MAC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

Friday 21 August

Years 11, 12 & 13
10.45 am

Years 9 & 10
12.20 pm

Years 7 & 8
2.15 pm

Spectators are welcome to attend - book the date in your diary now.

STOP PRESS!

Lots of awesome student achievements to publish next week after they have been announced at our next assembly.

Rugby Results

Williams Hotel MAC 1st XV beat West Otago, 31-7
Upper Clutha U15 beat Kings, 25-22
Upper Clutha U14 lost to South Otago, 48-26

Rugby Draw

Williams Hotel MAC 1st XV v St Kevins, MAC, 1.00 pm
Upper Clutha U15 v South Otago, Balclutha, 1.00 pm
Upper Clutha U14 v Dunstan, Showgrounds, 11.15 am

Football Notice- Sunday 9 August

MAC First XI v Wakatipu High, Events Centre Frankton, 1.00 pm.

Freeskiers Manu Barnard, Ben Harrington, Maggie Little and Anton Cousins recently took part in a Snow Sports NZ Talent Identification Camp as part of the selection process for the Park and Pipe Talent Development Squad. The camp focused on skill development and assessment of on and off snow capabilities. All four students found this camp extremely helpful.

Next Week is Year 7-10 Snow Week

Monday - Cardrona, Years 9/10 6.30 am - Be at school
Tuesday - Cardrona, Years 7/8 6.45 am - Depart.
Friday - Treble Cone, Years 7-10 Return around 4.30 pm

Wednesday - Snow Farm, Years 7-10
8.00 am - Be at school, 8.15- Depart, 4.30 pm - Return

An information sheet has been handed out to students today and are also available from the college office and the sports hub.

If the field is open the trip will go ahead. Listen to Radio Wanaka (92.2FM) for cancellations. Please phone the school if you will be unable to attend on the day.

Beach Volleyball Report by Lydia Fookes (hosteller)

"A beach volleyball squad of 32 girls and boys in U19 and U21 categories recently travelled to California. We spent our first 5 days in San Diego playing in the San Diego Beach Volleyball Open and the Junior Mission Beach CBVA Tournament. We trained for the next four days and then travelled to Huntington Beach for the next Junior CBVA Tournament. Two more training days were spent at Hermosa and we had our final Junior CBVA Tournament at Manhattan Beach. The purpose of the trip was to find two U19 and two U21 players suitable for the 2016 Beach Volleyball World Championships. The selection process continues through the summer where we are expected to play in the NZ Open series." We wish you all the best Lydia!



Important Sporting Dates

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| 10-14 August | MAC Snow Week (Years 7-10), Wanaka |
| 15 August | Merino Muster, Snow Farm |
| 16 August | Highland Events Rogaine, Lowburn |
| 21 August | MAC Cross Country Champs, Lismore Park |
| 24-25 August | Kavanagh College Sporting Exchange (Years 7/8) |
| 25 August | COPSA Cross Country Champs |
| 28 August | MAC Sports team photos (at school) |
| 29 August | Wanaka Intercollegiate Trapshooting Champs, Wanaka |
| 30 August | Winter Tournament Week |
| - 4 September | Netball, Timaru; U15 Rugby, Nelson; Hockey, Greymouth; Football (Girls), Invercargill; Football (Boys), Christchurch |
| 4 September | Otago PS Cross Country Champs, Dunedin |
| 5-6 September | SISS Climbing Champs, Christchurch |
| 10 September | Otago SS Duathlon, Taieri |

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



MAC SKI / SNOWBOARD CHAMPS

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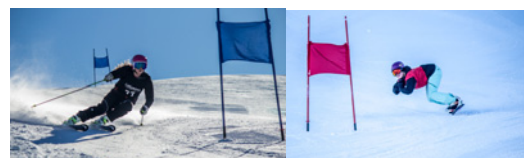
Year 7/8 Champion Boy: Jin Wook Hong
Year 9/10 Champion Boy: Blake Hartley
Year 9/10 Champion Girl: Kate Richards
Senior Champion Boys: Ben Richards
Senior Champion Girl: Emily-Rose James

SNOWBOARDERS

Year 9/10 Champion Boy: Ronan Thompson
Year 9/10 Champion Girl: Briar Hight
Senior Champion Boy: Cory O'Regan
Senior Champion Girl: Lucy Hayes

HOUSE POINTS

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| ROY | 84 points |
| BARKER | 65 points |
| IRON | 43 points |
| PISA | 27 points |



TRIP PAYMENTS

Please make sure you have not only handed your forms in on time for trips and events, but also PAID in full by the due date. Thanks for your help.

NETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the MAC Year 8 Netball team who were the overall winner at the Millers Flat Tournament last Saturday. They won all three of their first games, then won a hard fought semifinal against Alexandra A and went on to beat Roxburgh 11-2 in the final.

Back: Anika Fouchee, Margo Beattie (coach), Kirsten Blackley, Charlotte Reveley, Josie Plimmer, Jodie Chisholm, Krystal McCutcheon, Sophie Hodgkiss-Blyth. Front: Rata Horan, Shanae Sanders, Annie Timu, Meg Breen.



Sports Exchange

Last Friday, Mount Aspiring College hosted two teams from St Phillips College in Alice Springs. Our Year 10A netball team played in the school gym, with plenty of support from schoolmates. The U15 boys' football team played the visiting team at Pembroke Park. Both games were fairly evenly matched, with Mount Aspiring winning by one point in netball and 5-1 in football. The players enjoyed a shared afternoon tea and learned a little about the geography of Australia (and the fact that Alice Springs has a "big rock"!). Many thanks to Derek Lilly and Caroline for refereeing and to Jayden Fisher, Adam Hewson, Kellie Bailey and Katrina Fox for coaching the teams.



URSpace at Mount Aspiring College
are pleased to announce...

PERSONALITY & CAREER CHOICE

WHAT'S THE LINK?



Presented by Sue Blair

Tuesday 18th August

7.00pm – 9.00pm

(Following on from the Options Evening)

Performance Room at Mount Aspiring College

STUDENTS (Year 9 - 13) AND THEIR FAMILIES WELCOME.

Light Refreshments Provided. Gold Coin 'Donation' appreciated.

Pre-register by emailing Charlotte: lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz or visit the school office.

(We will admit non registered people until the maximum room capacity is reached)

**It's a mind blowing maze out there.
So many options, how can I decide?**

Perhaps it's time to take some time out to work out who you are,
what are your natural skills, and where can you put these into action.

This informative, informal and eye-opening workshop will give you some vital information
that will be important to you as you make some life changing decisions about your future.

There is no right or wrong personality for any career choice.
However, your natural personality preferences play a significant role.

Please join us to learn more. The evening will be interactive and thought provoking.

**You will learn,
laugh and
leave enlightened!**



PERSONALITY DYNAMICS

www.personalitydynamics.co.nz

Central Otago St John Youth Competitions

MAC students represented St John Wanaka Youth Division and excelled at the Central Otago Youth Competitions in Alexandra last Sunday. Competitions included first aid / accident scenarios, drill and communication. Teams and individuals competed against divisions from Roxburgh, Ranfurly, Alexandra, Cromwell and Queenstown.

Maddison Frazer and Helene Price, received some placing in the Junior Section. Kate Goodsell was team leader for another junior team which placed 3rd overall. Congratulations to Max Swift (team leader), Eva Wilson and Ned Hudson and Isobel Smith (Holy Family) who won the Intermediate Section of the competition and will represent Central Otago at the South Island Competition at the end of September.

Tish Telford led the Senior Team of Mel Telford, Alyx Nyika, and Nicole Price and placed second at the event. Sean Dickey won the senior individual section and will also represent Central Otago at the South Island Competitions.

Well done to you all.

NZQA Fees

A reminder that the 14 August deadline for paying NZQA fees is fast approaching. If your child is sitting any scholarship papers the fee is more than the standard \$76.70.

Please check your account via the parent portal or refer to the invoice which was emailed to you last week to check whether this fee is still outstanding.

Anyone who requires financial assistance for their NZQA fee and fits within the set criteria can email fees@mtaspiring.school.nz requesting a form and we will email that to you.

These need to be completed, paid and processed by the deadline above.

NEXT WEEK'S YEAR 7-10 SNOW DAYS

Next week we will have groups of students from Years 7-10 visiting our three ski fields. Living in Wanaka with the opportunity to ski for two days each weekend of the ski season some people might ask why we need to have a ski programme at all.

The answer is that this is a valuable 'Education Outside the Classroom' experience:

- ◆ All students receive a ski / snowboard lesson so there is a chance to upskill.
- ◆ For some students whose family don't ski / snowboard this introduction is invaluable.
- ◆ Friends who normally ski/board at different ski fields get the opportunity to ski together.
- ◆ Students are expected to act as ambassadors of the college.

The 2015 Snow Days were advertised in our newsletter from half way through Term 2. The end of Term 2 was the deadline for returning permission forms and all payments had to be received by the end of last week. There is a lot of organisation required to make the trips run smoothly and cost effectively; hence the early deadlines.

Despite ample opportunity to sign up we are still getting phone calls from parents asking for their children to participate in these trips. On being told that it is now too late to do so, a number of parents have indicated that they will just take their children out of school for a day's skiing anyway. Unless students are part of a pre-arranged ski programme, any school days taken off to go skiing are 'unjustified absences' in the eyes of the Ministry of Education and will be treated as such by the college even if the absence is explained by the parent.

Invitation to advertise in the 2015 MAC MAGAZINE

If you would like the opportunity to support the college by placing an advertisement in the magazine which is issued to all families at the end of the year please contact Mandy on 443 0499 or email shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz

WANAKA YOUTH VOCAL GROUP

Wednesday afternoons at Wanaka Primary School. To find out more email : jenn.shelton@gmail.com.