



### Class Act Awards 2015

It was my privilege to accompany our 31st and 32nd Otago Daily Times recognition of 'excellence' awards in Dunedin last Thursday. Congratulations to Year 13 students Katherine (Kath) Millis and Noel Bisson who received their certificates from the Prime Minister, Mr Key.

**Noel** is a multi talented young man who follows his own path. He excels in the classroom, in the swimming pool and in his contribution to service, sport and academic opportunities. Currently he is studying NCEA Level Three English, History, Mathematics with Calculus, Chemistry and Physics and will sit scholarship exams in Chemistry and Physics. Noel was awarded NCEA Levels One and Two with an excellence endorsement gaining 121 excellence credits at Level One and 129 at Level Two. Noel has plans to continue studying at Victoria or Canterbury University in 2016.

Noel is a national Division Two swimming medalist and fully involved in MAC Debating, Kapa Haka, Chess Club and the Service and Academic Committee. Noel's true passion is the environment and I thank him for his contribution to Team Green. He wishes to make a difference to the way people think about the environment and I am sure he will succeed in this quest. Noel is a very deserving recipient of an Otago Daily Times Class Act award and I wish him well for the future.

**Kath** has been acknowledged for her academic excellence and her service to the college community. She is currently studying NCEA Level Three Biology, Mathematics with Statistics, Chemistry, Physics and English. Kath achieved NCEA Levels One and Two with an excellence endorsement, gaining 136 excellence credits at Level One and 112 at Level Two and she will sit scholarship examinations in English and Mathematics with Statistics. Kath is looking to do a double degree in Law and Science at Otago University in 2016.

Kath has always been fully involved in service activities both at the college and within the wider community. Many of us can attest to her skills of persuasion as we were asked to step out of our comfort zones for a good cause. Kath is part of the MAC Service and Academic Committee, Team Green, 40-hour Famine, Senior Debating, ACT Theatre Group and she has been involved with the local cubs since 2012. She spoke on behalf of the college at the Wanaka ANZAC service and she has wide involvement and success in regional debating and speech competitions.

Kathryn Millis has a wonderful sense of community and is passionate about helping people. She is a very worthy recipient of an Otago Class Act award and I thank her very much for her contribution to Mount Aspiring College over a number of years and wish her well for the future.



### Important Dates

#### Term 3 (20 July - 25 September 2015)

<b>Week 7</b>	31 August - 4 September	8SL Camp Berwick
	31 August - 4 September	Winter Tournament Week
<b>Week 8</b>	7-11 September	8WT Camp Berwick
	Tuesday 8 September	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Boardroom
	10-11 September	Assessment Week
<b>Week 9</b>	14-18 September	8LB Camp Berwick
	14-16 September	Assessment Week
<b>Week 10</b>	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)



## ASSESSMENT WEEK ~ 10 - 16 SEPTEMBER ~ EXAM TIMETABLE

- All students must remain in their exam for the first hour and may not leave in the final 15 minutes.
- All students are on full study leave when they are not involved in an assessment or scheduled class.
- Subjects without exams have time slots for assessment catch-up, re-sits and practical sessions which students **MUST** attend.
- There will be no Outdoor Pursuits sessions during this exam period.
- Correspondence Students will have exams during Thursday and Friday of the first week - please see Ms Watt.
- Students receiving Special Assessment Conditions should meet outside the Performance Room before each exam session.
- Students with EXAM CLASHES must see their teachers before exam week to arrange a suitable time to complete exams.

	Thurs 10 Sept	Fri 11 Sept	Mon 14 Sept	Tues 15 Sept	Wed 16 Sept
	<i>Correspondence exams</i>	<i>Correspondence exams</i>			
<b>AM Exams 8.45 - 11.45am (or earlier for shorter exams)</b>	L1 English, 3 hrs L2 Geography, 3 hrs L2 Maori L3 Biology, 2.5 hrs L3 Spanish, 3 hrs	L2 English, 3 hrs L3 Economics, 3 hrs	L2 Maths, 2 hrs L3 Geography, 3 hrs	L1 Maths (MCAT) 1 hr L1 Graphing (BI) 1 hr L2 History 3 hrs L3 Chemistry, 3 hrs L3 Media, 3 hrs	L1 Economics, 3 hrs L1 Maori, 3 hrs L2 Business, 3 hrs L2 Spanish, 3hrs L3 Statistics, 2 hrs
<b>Other Classes 8.45 - 11.45 am</b>		L1 Woodwork L1 Art L3 Design L3 Drama	L1 Drama	L2 Spatial Product Design	L2 Woodwork
<b>PM Exams 1.20 - 4.20 pm (or earlier for shorter exams)</b>	L1 PE, 1.5 hrs L3 English, 3 hrs	L1 Geography, 3 hrs L1 History, 3 hrs L2 Economics, 3 hrs L3 Enterprise, 2 hrs	L1 Science, 3 hrs L2 Chemistry, 3hrs L3 Physics 3 hrs	L1 Spanish, 3 hrs L2 Biology, 3 hrs L3 Calculus, 2 hrs	L1 Music, 3 hrs L2 Physics, 3 hrs L3 History, 3 hrs
<b>Other Classes 1.20 - 4.20 pm (or 3.15 - teachers to confirm)</b>	L2 Computing L2 Drama, 3 hrs L2 Food/Nutrition, 3 hrs	L2 Art L2 Mechanical Eng. L3 Computing	L3 Food/Nutrition, 2 hrs	L1 Spatial Product Design L1 Computing L3 Photography	L1 Food/Nutrition, 2 hrs L1 Mechanical Eng L2 Design L3 Painting L3 Spatial Product Design

### Treble Cone Work Experience Week

Last week five lucky students got to spend the week at Treble Cone ski field. Year 10 students were invited by Work Experience Coordinator, Amanda Taylor, to apply for the spots under MAC's Work Experience programme. Millie Heine, Stirling Deaton, Alyx Nyika, Cole McIntyre and Frazer Limmer were selected. The week involved a rotation of jobs and duties at the ski field including ticketing, café work, 'liftie' duties, rentals, product testing and dressing up as TC Cat.

On completion of the week the students smiles said it all, favourite jobs being TC Cat and dancing with the lifties!!!

All in all a valuable introduction to working in the ski industry.



### Tertiary Visits Term 3 and 4 2015

Friday 11 September – Victoria Uni course planning 3.00 - 4.00 pm  
Friday 18 September - Canterbury Uni course planning at 2:15 pm  
Thursday 24 September – Otago Uni course planning from 8:45 am  
(All in the Library unless otherwise informed)

### Other Career Events

Recently we have had Year 10 students on work experience at Treble Cone (see left), students on a chainsaw course, and a visit from Harrington Vaughn Hairdressing Academy will take place tomorrow. There will be work experience for some Year 11 students next week.

### “Project Rockit”

Last Wednesday MAC Sticks 'N' Stones travelled to Cromwell for the national launch of Facebook's new guides: “Hit Pause then Post”, and “Help a Friend in Need”. These are aimed at social media users to show them that online is real life and can have a massive effect on people if it is misused.

It is also promoting cyber safety and about how to stand up to people online using positive actions. “Project Rockit” creators, Lucy and Rosie, came from their base in Australia to Cromwell to partner up with Facebook representative, Mia Garlick, and the Sticks 'N' Stones crew to launch the new Facebook safety guides.

During their time in Cromwell, they learned many valuable lessons whilst relating common cyber bullying problems to everyday situations and solving them in a positive way which can be used throughout the school and the wider community.



**T** = Is it True?  
**H** = Is it Helpful?  
**I** = Is it Inspiring?  
**N** = Is it Necessary?  
**K** = Is it Kind?

The New Zealand University Guide is a must read for any New Zealand secondary school student looking to study at a New Zealand university in the near future. It provides a comprehensive overview of each university in New Zealand and a clear pathway for individuals to be able to choose a compatible subject, find the right programme and apply to the most suitable university.

By New Zealand University Guide Group

Publication: 20 July 2015, **FREE**, eBook

Download today: <http://www.nzuniguide.com/ebook>



### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course will be held on 12 / 13 September from 10.00 am -12.00 noon and 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Dunstan High School. Please contact Lakes Driver Training, [krowell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:krowell@xtra.co.nz) or txt 027 623 3534.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the MAC students who performed at the closing ceremony of the Winter Games - both the MAC kapa haka group and Rosie Spearing (who sang the National Anthem unaccompanied!) did us proud!

### PRIZEGIVING CELEBRATIONS

**Senior Prizegiving**  
(Years 11-13)

Friday 27 November.

**Junior Prizegiving**  
(Years 7-10)

Thursday 3 December.

If you would like to donate money towards a prize, or group of prizes, please contact Maxine Bird on 443 0499.

### U. C. Primary Schools Ski and Snowboard Race

This fun Cardrona event which will take place on Tuesday 22 September is open to all year 7 and 8 students. Parents will need to provide transport for students on the day.

To enter:

- \* Make up a team of 3-4 students; boys/ girls/ mixed
- \* Register your team (collect a form from the Sportshub)
- \* Enter and pay direct online
- \* Return your signed permission slip to school

Entries close Thursday 10 September

### HOCKEY REPS

Congratulations to the MAC students who have been selected to play in teams representing Central Otago Hockey:

**U15 Girls:** Mel Telford, Madi Gainsford, Georgia Prince

**U13 Hatch Boys:** Ocean Allemann, Tom Heather, Owen Lea

**U13 Collier Girls:** Lily King

**U13 Development Boys:** Thomas Gibson

### CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Sixteen Year 7 and 8 athletes took part in the COPSSA Cross Country Champs in Arrowtown last week. It was a stunning day and a great success, with the year 7 boys and girls teams placing 2nd and the year 8's 3rd. Special mention to Zach Smith, who placed 3rd overall in the Year 7 boys. This Friday, a team of 16 runners from MAC will travel to Dunedin for the Otago Primary School Champs. Good luck!



### DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE!

The **deadline** for receiving achievements up to the end of August is **Monday 14 September**.

Don't delay - email us **TODAY!**

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE MAC MAGAZINE 2015

The school magazine committee are now collating a list of all 2015 sporting, cultural and academic achievements up to the end of August.

For **sporting** achievements the criteria for inclusion are as follows:

- \* NZ championship placings (1st, 2nd or 3rd)
- \* NZ cup series or equivalent - overall placings (1st, 2nd or 3rd) for the whole series, not one event.
- \* International events - must be a national, international or world championship event, not an event held in another country.

Please email: [sports@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:sports@mtaspiring.school.nz) with concise details of the sporting event, podium place and age category.

For **cultural and academic** achievements detailed information should be emailed to: [breslinl@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto: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!

### CROSS COUNTRY

**Sammy Burke** was in Melbourne last weekend running with the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team in the Australian Cross Country Champs. She had a spectacular race on Sunday - she was the top New Zealand girl and placed 10th overall amongst 90 runners.

She was running in the top 20 throughout the race and had a strong finish running herself from 15th to 10th in the final 400 m. 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!



Thank you all for your participation in the library festival. There are so many posters that the judging has not happened yet! Posters will be displayed on the library windows and winners acknowledged soon. Watch this space!

Florence Micoud,  
Kaitiikipukapuka Librarian

### 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!



### ROWING — COME AND TRY IT

**Age 14 and over 1st Jan 2016?**  
Come and try it and see what its all about

**SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**  
**9.00AM AT THE ROWING SHED, UPPER CLUTHA RUGBY GROUND**

For more info contact:  
Rob Bruce, Sports co-ordinator Jacky Toepfer  
or club captain Shane Gibson

**Main rowing season 1 October to 31 March.**  
**Six week trial membership coming soon.**  
*Must be able to swim 50m in light clothing.*

### Important Sporting Dates

4 September	Otago Primary Schools Cross Country Champs, Dunedin
5-6 September	SISS Climbing Champs, Christchurch
5-6 September	Wanaka Intercollegiate Trapshooting Champs, Wanaka
12 September	Highland Events Rogaine, Bendigo
12-13 September	SISS Ski / Snowboard Champs, Cardrona
16 September	Get-2-Go Challenge, Dunedin
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

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)

**Eastern Hutt School**, Lower Hutt, Wellington is celebrating 100 years! Come and join the celebrations on **Labour Weekend 23 and 24 October 2015**.

For further information visit [www.easternhutt.school.nz](http://www.easternhutt.school.nz) and registrations or phone **04 566 0167** or email [centenary@easternhutt.school.nz](mailto:centenary@easternhutt.school.nz).



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION 2015 Candidate Statements

### Isabella Berry

My name is Bella Berry and I would like to run for BoT rep this year. I feel I would be suitable for BoT rep for many reasons. Firstly because I have been given the opportunity to attend more than 9 schools all over the world as my mother travels a lot. This gives me the advantage to be able to improve Mac through my knowledge of how other schools are run. Secondly because I am a very responsible and reliable person. I will take this role very seriously and always ensure I am completing the task to the best of my ability. In 2014 I competed in BERMUN. The Berlin model United Nations. More than 3000 students were there from over 20 nationalities. This gave me the opportunity to experience what it's like to work in a formal environment and communicate with many different people which I think is a great prior experience to have for BoT rep. Before I moved to Berlin last year I was eligible to become a prefect at Burnside High School.



I am a social person and I feel as though this is an important attribute to the job as in order to represent the student body, one must be able to relate to them and understand what they need changed.

I am very excited for this opportunity and I hope I am seriously considered.

Thank you, Isabella Berry

### Johnny Brebner

Hello my dearest constituents, As the current BoT Rep I will be standing for re-election. Having nearly completed my first year I am already comfortable with the responsibilities and requirements that come with the position. The 'first-term-itis' that every candidate experiences has worn off and I'm ready to get into my next 12 months on the Board.



Last year I promoted my communication skills, as well as the deep seated interest and sense of responsibility I have for MAC. These already developed factors have only grown with my time in the position.

Last year I also said that I would push for a uniform review and that I would work on encouragement and recognition for all student success. These issues are in the works and will hopefully be ready to be implemented by next year. However, they do take time and there is no guarantee that they will be carried on by another student.

These two issues are my priorities. But, as I have demonstrated, the issues you bring to me are also taken seriously and presented to the appropriate people. These too, take time to work out but I am happy that they are well on their way to be resolved.

Carparks? IDs? The Parent Portal? Uniform? Student Achievement? Llamas? It's all possible with Johnny Brebner, BoT Rep 2015-6.

### Acacia Murray

Hello, I'm Acacia and I am running for B.O.T rep this year.

While I can't promise llamas or escalators, I can say that I will listen to you, the students. The previous B.O.T reps have done amazing work supporting the students and I want to continue their work representing the student community.



If I were voted in I would focus on making it easier for students to voice their ideas. I know it can sometimes be hard to talk to the B.O.T rep so I aim to make it anonymous, easy and quick to get your opinions across.

If you want your voice to be heard, vote Acacia!

### Carlin Richter

A vote for Carlin is a Vote for progress



### Election Timeline:

Thursday 3 September:	Read the candidate statements and start thinking about your vote
Monday 7 September:	Listen to the candidates at assembly
Tuesday 8 September:	Voting papers issued during whanau for voting
Friday 11 September :	Voting closes at noon
Wednesday 16 September:	Votes counted
Wednesday 16 September:	New trustee presented at assembly

