



### Thank you and all the best!

NZQA external examinations begin late next week and our Year 11-13 students are about to go on study leave as they begin their final preparation for these exams. On behalf of staff, board members, students and parents I wish you all the very best as you strive for that final academic success this year. I urge all of you to make the most of your study time, remembering that you are most welcome to use the college facilities to study and that the staff are available for advice and guidance during the examination period.

The decisions you make in the next few days and weeks may have a big impact on your future so make good choices, strive for personal excellence and make every effort to ensure that every door remains open to you.

It is now time for you to take responsibility for preparing for the examinations; it is up to **you** and the short term sacrifices you are willing to make for long term success (a bit like a savings scheme).

Enjoy success and I look forward to celebrating the 2015 college year with you on Friday 27 November at Prizegiving. **Wayne Bosley**





# Night Class

A showcase of Mount Aspiring College senior music students

\$15 a ticket with a free house drink included

Available from the MAC office and G+R

18+ unless accompanied by a legal guardian

7pm @ Gin And Raspberry

Tuesday 3rd November



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CENTRAL LAKES TRUST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Pictured with Mr Bosley and Year 13 Dean, Hamish Crosbie, Bronnie Ormandy, John Steven, Rick Sanders, Brynee Wilson, Ellis Meyer-Budge, Teegan Vink and Florence Collins-Caballero.

Free confidential medical service to all students at URSpace. every Monday lunchtime

### APPLY TO STUDYLINK NOW!

Any Year 13 students who are intending to apply for a student loan or allowance for their tertiary study next year are strongly encouraged to do so by **Tuesday 16 December**.

StudyLink expects around 180,000 applications for the 2016 academic year and applying by 16 December means that everything will be sorted so the student receives their funding from the start of their course.

Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their plans in order to apply. Their application can be updated as things become confirmed. It's much more important to allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed.

Students can find out more about applying for a student loan and allowance on the StudyLink website. Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better – go straight to [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz) to apply now.

### Information Evening for Parents of Incoming Year 7 Students

Wednesday 4 November, MAC East Common Room, 7.00 pm

### Year 6 Orientation Day at Mount Aspiring College

Tuesday 8 December, 9.00 am - 12 noon

ALL ENQUIRIES TO 443 0499

### 2016 Term Dates

**Term 1:** 1 February - 15 April

Waitangi Day: 8 February

Otago Anniversary: 21 March

Easter: 25 - 29 March

**Term 2:** 2 May - 8 July

Queen's Birthday : 6 June

**Term 3:** 25 July - 23 September

**Term 4:** 10 October - 13 December

Labour Day: 24 October



Did you know that you can find which books are issued to you / your child via the Parent portal?

Once logged in on the portal <http://kamar.mtaspiring.school.nz/>, just click the Library link.

Florence Micoud ~ Librarian

### 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.

## Important Dates

**Term 4 (12 October - 14 December 2015)**

<b>Week 3</b>	Friday 30 October	Mufti Day
<b>Week 4</b>	Tuesday 3 November	Year 13 students commence study leave
	Tuesday 3 November	Senior Art Folio Display
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 3 November	Jazz Concert, Gin & Raspberry
	Wednesday 4 November	Meeting for incoming (2016) Year 7's, ECR, 7.00 pm
<b>Week 6</b>	Wednesday 4 November	Year 10 English Exam (periods 3/4)
	Thursday 5 November	Year 10 Science Exam (periods 3/4)
<b>Week 7</b>	Thursday 5 November	Year 12 students commence study leave
	Friday 6 November	Year 10 Maths Exam (periods 3/4)
<b>Week 8</b>	Friday 6 November	NCEA exams begin (finish Friday 4 December)
	Tuesday 17 November	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday 27 November	Senior Prizegiving (Years 11-13)
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 30 November	Rutherford Tournament of Minds, Lake Wanaka Centre
	Thursday 3 December	Junior Prizegiving (Years 7-10)
<b>Week 11</b>	7-11 December	Year 10 Expedition Week
	Tuesday 8 December	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
	Tuesday 8 December	Orientation day for incoming 2016 Year 7 students



### MAC MAGAZINE

Extra copies of the MAC Magazine can be requested at the college office for a cost of \$10. Please place your order as soon as possible.

### ART DISPLAY

Students and parents are invited to view a selection of Senior Painting, Photography and Design Art Folios in the East Common Room on **Tuesday 3 November**.

The display will be on view from **2.00 - 4.30 pm**.

Everyone, including the general public is welcome to attend.

## YEAR 10 EXAMS

Year 10 students will be sitting exams during periods 3 and 4 next week on the following days:-

Wednesday 4 November - English  
Thursday 5 November - Science  
Friday 6 November - Mathematics

A reminder that absences can be emailed through to:  
[absences@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:absences@mtaspiring.school.nz)



20km/h past a stopped **SCHOOL BUS**

## 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.

To update please call us on 443 0499 or email: [shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz).

## Wanaka Preschool will be hosting the MUKA PRINT EXHIBITION

**Monday 9 November, 2.00 - 5.00 pm**  
Lake Wanaka Centre.

This is an opportunity for children (5-18 years) to choose and buy original lithograph prints by leading artists for \$70 print.

This a children only exhibition!

See [www.muka.co.nz](http://www.muka.co.nz) for more details.

## DANCING SUCCESS

Several MAC students sat their NZAMD Jazz Dance Exams earlier this week. Congratulations on the following results:

### Honours

Sonya Palmer, Neve Stalker and Max Hall

### High Honours

Pyper Turner, Ella Maluschnig and Leo Munro-Heward

### Distinction

Laura Erichsen and Thea Erichsen

### Excellence Medal Test in Jazz

Maye Hall

### Musical Theatre Award

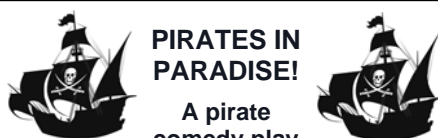
Thea Erichsen (Distinction)

## A Wilde Romp to finish the 2015 MAC Drama season



Although written approximately 120 years ago Year 11 Drama students proved that "The Importance of Being Earnest" still provides great comic pleasure for audiences of today.

The students executed some stunning and mature performances of scenes from Wilde's "Importance of Being Earnest" and "A Woman of No Importance" last Thursday and Friday night. Audiences left feeling totally entertained and very complimentary of the standard of work from such young adults. It was a fantastic end to a very busy year for the class. I congratulate them on their work and their very professional approach to the process and look forward to seeing them develop even further next year.



## PIRATES IN PARADISE!

A pirate comedy play for all the family

Written and directed by John Schwarz and Gilly Pugh. Sixty adults and children (including many MAC students) take to the stage in a rollicking, home-grown pirate adventure.

**Thursday 29 October / Friday 30 October / Saturday 31 October**  
Lake Wanaka Centre, 7.30 pm

**Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children** on sale at Black Peak Gelato and the door.

Spot prizes for the best dressed pirates in the audience on Halloween!

**"Come along or we'll slit yer gizzard!"**



## TRACK CYCLING

Representing New Zealand, Ellesse Andrews has proven that despite her age (only 16), she is difficult to beat. Competing in the U19 category, Ellesse won several medals at the recent 2016 Oceania track cycling champs. Her results were impressive:

- Gold in the U19 Women's Team Sprint with Emma Cumming from Southland beating a good Australian team by 0.1 second
- Gold in the U19 Women's 7.5km scratch race
- Bronze in the Open Women's 4km Team Pursuit with her New Zealand U19 team mates
- Bronze in the U19 Women's Omnium event with three firsts, a second, a third and a 7th in the six events

We wish Ellesse all the best for her future in track cycling.

## World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day is **Saturday 14 November.**

Emily Wilson, (the International Diabetes Federation Young Leader) will be holding an event at Treble Cone to raise awareness of Diabetes in NZ and to encourage further support and education for diabetics in the district.

Emily will be riding up and down Treble Cone until she matches the height of Everest (8848m). Come along for a lap on your bike or to support her at the bottom. Visit [everestingtcworlddiabetesday2015](http://everestingtcworlddiabetesday2015) on Facebook for updates.

## WANTED!

The International Language Centre is looking for warm caring families to host international students. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about cultures, customs and places far beyond New Zealand and can result in life-long friendships and opportunities to visit the other side of the world. It can be great fun to "show off" everything that our local area has to offer and often leads to a new appreciation of how lucky we all are to live where we do.

For providing a supportive, caring environment hosts are paid \$250.00 a week. However, many host families would agree that their lives are made richer by the presence of their homestay student than by the extra cash in hand. If you would be interested in finding out more, especially if you are a family with students at the college, please call 443 0466 or email [homestay@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:homestay@mtaspiring.school.nz).

## Important Sporting Dates

29 October	Year 9/10 Central Otago Touch Tournament, Cromwell
1 November	Gore Pony Club Secondary Schools Show Jumping, Gore
3 November	Year 7/8 COPSSA Athletics, Cromwell
13-14 November	Otago Junior Volleyball Champs, Dunedin
17 November	Otago Primary Schools Athletics, Dunedin
28 November	SISS Track Cycling Champs, Invercargill
5 December	NZSS Athletics Champs, Timaru
6-11 December	Get 2 Go Final (Great Barrier Island)

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)



## Keeping the Senior Students and Families up to date with Exams and End of Year Procedures

### The Last Day of School

**Monday 2 November** - This will be the last day before study leave for the Year 13 students

**Wednesday 4 November** – This will be the last day before study leave for the Year 12 students.

**Friday 6 November** – This will be the last day before study leave for the Year 11 students.

### End of Year Clearance Procedures (Years 11-13)

The clearance system this year will be as follows:

- All students should return **non-subject-related library books NOW!**
- **Year 13 students** were handed a leavers' form yesterday. This needs to be completed and returned to the office by **Monday 2 November**. NB Text books can be kept and returned after each exam.
- **Year 11 and 12 students** will be issued with a clearance form next week. This form needs to be completed and returned by 3.00 pm on **Tuesday 24 November**. This procedure is **compulsory for all students in Years 11,12 and 13**.
- Students can get 'cleared' at the office any day from now on, from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm. Doing this sooner rather than later would help the office!
- When the final invoice is sent home anyone who has not completed the clearance procedure will also be sent another copy of our college clearance / leaving form for completion and urgent return.
- During the exam period students should return text books to the library or office as soon as they have finished with them. If this is done students have a much better chance of receiving the end of year magazine on Prizegiving day.

### **REQUEST A COPY OF YOUR RESULTS**

Did you know that you need to make a request on the NCEA website in order to get a free copy of your results posted to you?

This document is VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL STUDENTS in later life and it is highly recommended that you do the following as soon as possible:

Access the NZQA website, log on using your personal logon and password, click on the 'order document' link on the left-hand side.

This year's current NZQA timetable may be accessed from the newsletter page of the website and copies are also available from the college office.

### **ID NEEDED FOR SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS**

Students sitting **scholarship exams** need to bring **photo ID** with them to their exams.

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING SCHOOL EMAIL ACCOUNTS FOR ALL LEAVERS**

All school leavers will lose their school gmail account when they leave. If the school email account (ie [surnameinitial@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:surnameinitial@mtaspiring.school.nz)) has been used as the student's main email address and contains important emails regarding future courses, NCEA, etc please make sure that these emails are forwarded to their future personal email address before the end of term. Otherwise these emails will be lost FOREVER. Also remember to let contacts know of your change of email.

### Helpful Hints for the Exams

- Don't be late! Morning exams start at 9.30am and students should be at school by **9.10 am**. Afternoon exams start at 2.00 pm and students should be at school by **1.40 pm**. If you are late you can enter the exam room in the first 30 minutes only.
- If you get sick, injured or there is a family tragedy and you think you cannot do an exam try to contact Ms Ashton BEFORE the exam so that she can advise you of the best course of action. Go to the doctor and get a Medical Certificate. Aim to try and complete the exam anyway. Remember that very few Derived Grade applications are given each year and you must be genuinely sick with proof from a doctor.
- Bring to the exam – calculators, admission slip, pens, rulers, etc – in a clear plastic bag. A clear water bottle is also fine. Car keys and a cell phone (switched off) may be in a separate clear plastic bag under your seat - this is the only acceptable way to bring a cell phone into an exam. **If you don't need your cell phone don't bring it at all.**
- Do not bring notes or books of any kind.
- Don't plan to use the toilet heaps whilst in an exam – that causes disruption to the exam and may bring suspicion upon you. It is OK to go if you have to, but a maximum of two visits are permitted per exam session.
- If there is a standard listed on your admission slip that you do not want to answer – DO NOT TOUCH OR MARK THE PAPER IN ANY WAY. It will be graded as a "Standard Not Attempted", which is much better than a "Not Achieved". See Ms Ashton **before** the exams if you have any major problems.

### Using past NCEA papers in your study

To access the exam papers go to:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/>

Choose the relevant subject, then scroll down the page to the heading which says "Examination papers and exemplars" and select the appropriate year level. This gives examples of recent exam papers.

Further practice exam papers can be accessed from the heading "Exam documents for Expired standards"

### Exam Admission Slips

Examination admission slips have already been handed out to the seniors.

**It is vital that the exam admission slip is taken to each exam. DO NOT LOSE IT!** If you do lose your exam slip please see Ms Ashton or the office as soon as possible.

### Senior Prizegiving Preparation - Friday 27 November

9:00 am Rehearsals for all musical items (including Kapa Haka party)

1:00 pm Rehearsal - Year 10-13 students meet on hard courts

7:00 pm Prizegiving begins

(A timetable for musical and haka rehearsals will be published on the music room door once these items are finalised)