



## Welcome back to MAC

Kia ora koutou katoa  
No mai haere mai ki te Te Karetī o Maunga  
Tititea

It is wonderful to welcome everyone to the 2016 college year. Our student roll has increased to 855 students (including 31 fee paying students) compared with 772 at the same time last year and these figures will be confirmed next week.

Yesterday we welcomed our Year 7 and 13 students as well as students who are new to the college. We are fully staffed and look forward to the year ahead.

We have a major building programme happening at the moment and we will ensure that staff and students can move about the campus safely, but I would ask you to respect the signs and barriers if you are on campus during the school day or after hours.

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the term ahead and keep you informed of MAC events, as well as celebrating our student successes. The newsletter is published weekly on Thursdays and hard copies are available for students to share on Thursdays during whanau. All families will also be emailed a copy.

Please also check the college website or Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/mountaspiringcollege/>) for up to date information on students, their opportunities and their progress.

This week will be a mixture of class work and orientation activities aimed at ensuring that all students and staff feel part of the college as quickly as possible.

I look forward to the new year as we once again strive, with your assistance and support, to be the best possible learning community.

Wayne Bosley

## HOUSE DAY FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2016

9.15 am - 12.00 noon: House and Whanau activities at the House venue

12 noon - 12.30 pm: Lunch at the House venue

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm: Tug of War at Mount Aspiring College

### HOUSE LOCATIONS

**BARKER:** Bremner Bay (Aubrey Road end of Eely Point)

**IRON:** Eely Point (on the grass above the Scout Den)

**PISA:** Pembroke Park (opposite Showgrounds entrance)

**ROY:** Roy's Bay (by the new adventure playground near Wanaka Station Park)

Students should meet at the above venues at 9.15 am. Alternatively, students may arrive at school as normal and there will be two staff from each house to walk with the students to their venues. These students must be at school by **8.45 am**.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ All students need to bring lunch, togs, sunhat, sunscreen, plenty of water and wear house-coloured mufti appropriate for the day's weather. Please wear shoes which can get wet.
- ◆ Students in Barker, Pisa and Roy are to bring a lunch item for sharing with their whanau.
- ◆ *Remember: Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap!*
- ◆ If the weather looks bad listen out for cancellation on Radio Wanaka (92.2 FM) or check the MAC website or facebook page. It will be a normal school day if the event is cancelled.

### IMPORTANT

If not already completed, parents of students new to the school should complete the Parental Consent and Health Form which is being sent home with your child today and make sure that it is returned to their whanau teacher on or before House Day.

Parents of returning students who wish to update information given on last year's 'trip' forms should send this to their child's whanau teacher tomorrow or Friday morning in the form of a written note. Alternatively you can download a House Day Parental Consent Form from our website from the link on the home page of the MAC website.

### **WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!**

This year's house day will NOT be held in the gymnasium. Please ensure that all students have sun hats and sunproof layers to wear on Friday.

# MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE- HELPFUL GUIDELINES - PLEASE KEEP TO HAND

## PHONES

### Automated Phone System

We have an automated menu system which helps tremendously with the 'morning rush' of reported absences.

Dial:

- 0 to report an absence
- 1 to leave a message outside office hours
- 2 to speak to the office
- 3 to dial an extension

### Student calls to caregivers

We discourage the use of the office phone system for non-urgent student phone calls. However, if the office phone must be used we charge 20 cents for a call to a local landline and \$1.00 for cell phone calls. Please remind your child to carry the appropriate coins at all times so that they can pay for their call.

### Cell Phones

Please ensure that students are aware that it is school policy that cell phones are switched off during class. Failure to conform may result in confiscation of the cell phone for the remainder of the day.

## ABSENCES

*Please could all parents assist us by remembering to telephone the college to report absences from school first thing in the morning.*

*Alternatively you can report an absence via email: [absences@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:absences@mtaspiring.school.nz). Please state your child's surname as well as Christian name and also the reason for their absence.*

*This reduces the time-consuming and often difficult task of following up unexplained absences each day.*

## MEDICATION

The office holds medication for a number of students with critical medical conditions (for example, bee allergies, diabetes).

Please come and speak to the office staff if there is anything they should be aware of about your child (for example recent concussion).

## MONEY

### Office Payments

Please encourage children to order lunch and hand over other payments to the office as soon as they arrive at school. It is really helpful if payments are enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the student's name and an indication of the trip or activity. Cheques should be made payable to Mount Aspiring College.

We would like to encourage all students to AVOID carrying more money with them to school than is necessary.

The office is always happy to 'hold' larger sums of money for students if they feel uncomfortable taking care of it during the day.

### School Accounts

Accounts are emailed home monthly and prompt settlement is appreciated.

If you have a discrepancy with an item on an account please contact the office at the time so that this can be investigated.

Payments can be made in person by cash, cheque or Eft-Pos. You can also pay by Internet Banking (**Account Number 031739 0027820 - 00**) Please ensure that your child's surname and initial are detailed in the reference field and indicate that the payment is for school fees in the code field. You may also pay by credit card but a fee may apply.

### Financial Difficulties

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are struggling to meet the payments please contact Kathy Tweedie to discuss the possibility of making time payments or obtaining financial assistance.

## CONFISCATED ITEMS

*Items which are confiscated will be held at the office until the end of school on Friday when they may be collected from the office.*

*Confiscated items will only be held for one term following the term in which the item was confiscated.*

*Please help eliminate the handling of confiscated items by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed at college.*

## LUNCHES

### Canteen

Lunch can be ordered from the school canteen. Orders may be made at the office before Whanau or at the canteen at morning interval. It is possible to pay for lunches using Eft-Pos.

### Late Lunches

If forgotten lunches are brought into school by parents we will ask you to personally deliver these to your child in their class.

Alternatively, please arrange in advance for your child to check with the office to see if lunches have been delivered.

## LOST PROPERTY

*There is a large lost property bin in the student foyer of the office. Parents are welcome to come and 'search' if items of clothing go missing (mums are often more thorough than students!).*

**Please label all uniform items.**

## MESSAGES

We do not operate a 'runner' system at the college and it is often difficult to relay messages to students, particularly if these are received after midday.

If at all possible, make arrangements with students prior to the start of school.

## LOCKERS

*Students may have the use of a locker for the year. Please bring \$10 to the office and the office staff will allocate one to you. Students will need to supply their own padlocks. Year 7 and 8 students have lockers / storage space in their homeroom area.*

## Important Dates

### Term 1 (1 February - 15 April)

<b>Week 1</b>	Friday 5 February	House Day
<b>Week 2</b>	Monday 8 February	Waitangi Day (observed) - college closed
	Tuesday 9 February	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
	Wednesday 10 February	MAC Swim Champs
	Thursday 11 February	HPV Info Session
<b>Week 3</b>	15 - 19 February	Pounawea Camp (7ST, 7KI and 7SC)
	18 February	Level 3 Enterprise Trip
	18 February	Year 8-11 - Health Speaker
	18 - 19 February	Level 2 OP Canyoning Trips
<b>Week 4</b>	22 - 26 February	Pounawea Camp (7WN and 7BW)
	23 - 26 February	Level 3 OP Makarora Trip
<b>Week 5</b>	Wednesday 2 March	MAC Athletics
	Friday 4 March	MAC Athletics Finals



### TERM DATES 2016

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

## MAC Swim Champs - Wed 12 February

Event	Event Name	Gender
1	<b>25m Butterfly Championship Open</b>	Girls
2	<b>25m Butterfly Championship Open</b>	Boys
3	<b>100m IM Open Championships</b>	Girls
4	<b>100m IM Open Championships</b>	Boys
5	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
6	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
7	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
8	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
9	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
10	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
11	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
12	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
13	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs</b>	Girls
14	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs</b>	Boys
15	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs</b>	Girls
16	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs</b>	Boys
17	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m 14 -15 yrs</b>	Girls
18	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m 14 -15 yrs</b>	Boys
19	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs</b>	Girls
20	<b>Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs</b>	Boys
21	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
22	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
23	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
24	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
25	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Girls
26	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Boys
27	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
28	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
29	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs</b>	Girls
30	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs</b>	Boys
31	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs</b>	Girls
32	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs</b>	Boys
33	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs</b>	Girls
34	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs</b>	Boys
35	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs</b>	Girls
36	<b>Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs</b>	Boys
37	14 Man House Relay LUNCH TIME	
38	<b>100m Freestyle Open Championship</b>	Girls
39	<b>100m Freestyle Open Championship</b>	Boys
40	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Girls
41	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Boys
42	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
43	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
44	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
45	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
46	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
47	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
48	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs</b>	Girls
49	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs</b>	Boys
50	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs</b>	Girls
51	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs</b>	Boys
52	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs</b>	Girls
53	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs</b>	Boys
54	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs</b>	Girls
55	<b>Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs</b>	Boys
56	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Girls
57	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Boys
58	House Relay 13 yrs	Girls
59	House Relay 13 yrs	Boys
60	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Girls
61	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Boys
62	House Relay O16 yrs	Girls
63	House Relay O16 yrs	Boys

### Youth Olympics Selection

Congratulations to Finn Bilous on his selection to represent New Zealand at the Youth Olympics in Norway in February. Finn will compete in the halfpipe and slopestyle events. His selection follows a successful "summer" competing overseas, where he won gold medals in the USASA halfpipe in Breckenridge and the USASA slopestyle at Copper Mountain. You can follow Finn's progress at the Youth Olympics on SKY Sport from 12 to 21 February.

### SIGN UP FOR MAC SWIM CHAMPS

Anyone wishing to take part in the MAC Swim Champs needs to sign up with their whanau teacher on **Thursday morning**. Remember that ALL students competing in non-championship events earn points for their house. Students who are strong swimmers may choose to enter the championship events (our overall champions are decided from first, second and third placings in these events). Championship swimmers are welcome to enter open events. However, only the top 3 placings will go towards the overall champions. Swimmers will have to think tactically here.

### CALLING ALL PARENTS

If you would like to assist with time-keeping at the MAC Swim Champs please contact Rebecca Scully at the college as soon as possible (443 0499 x 819 / [scullyr@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:scullyr@mtaspiring.school.nz)).

### HPV Vaccination Information Session

All year 8 girls will attend an information session regarding the free HPV Vaccination on Thursday 11 February. Consent forms will be issued at this session and parents are more than welcome to attend the session as well. No student will be vaccinated without their parent / caregiver's consent. For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school:

Pip Mclean 03 4404309 [pip.mclean@southernhb.govt.nz](mailto:pip.mclean@southernhb.govt.nz)  
or look up [www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz](http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz)

### Road and Mountain Biking

Mikayla Harvey has had a successful build up to the Nationals in April. She competed in the elite criterium nationals, placing 2nd, an amazing result for such a young rider. At the Taupo Challenge, Mikayla finished 2nd in the 100km road race and 3rd in the criterium. Already a member of the Black Magic Women junior cycling team, Mikayla is aiming to be selected to represent NZ at the World Championships in Qatar this year.

Meanwhile in mountain biking, Phoebe Young travelled to Cambridge for the NZ Cup series MTB race, winning the U17 category.

### Colgate Games Success

About 15 students travelled to Nelson to compete in athletics at the Colgate Games. Most achieved PB's and many placed in the top four. Notable performances included:

Abby East: 1st 400m, 4th long jump, 4th 800m

Molly Barham: 3rd high jump

Jack East: 1st 200m, 1st 400m, 2nd 100m, 3rd long jump

Ryan Schmack: 2nd long jump, 3rd discus, 4th shotput

Jack Findlay: 4th 800m

Zach Smith: 4th 1500m

Jack, Ryan and Jack then teamed up with Ryan Young to finish 2nd in the 4 x 100m relay and Abby and Molly teamed up with Isla Gellatly and Georgie Bruce to finish 2nd in the 4 x 100m relay.

### Triathlon round-up

The MAC triathletes have had a busy summer competing in events all over the country. The season started with the Taupo triathlon festival, where Janus Staufenberg placed 2nd overall and 2nd in the U19 triathlon, and Julius Staufenberg placed 2nd overall and 1st in the U15 triathlon.

Closer to home, about 10 students participated in the Contact triathlon in Wanaka. As part of the National series, there was some stiff competition, but the 2-day training camp leading up to the event proved to be a success with some very tactical and fast racing. Janus won the U19, Julius came 2nd in the U15 and Phoebe Young 3rd in the U19. Gregor Findlay, Matthew Prince and Jack Findlay also competed extremely well against athletes much older than them.

Finally, at the Wellington National triathlon championships, Janus placed 6th in the U19's.

### Important College Sporting Dates

**MAC Swim Champs** Wednesday 10 February  
**MAC Athletics Champs** Wednesday 2 March

## INTRODUCING THE MAC PORTAL

In the next few days we will be emailing you with instructions for accessing the Kamar Parent / Student Portal. Each student has a unique logon and there are passwords for students and also for parents.

The portal enables students and parents to have up-to-date information at their fingertips with regard to:

- REPORTING - full reports twice a year with interim updates as often as ever fortnight.
- ABSENCES
- TIMETABLE
- INTERNAL RESULTS AND NCEA RESULTS
- FEES
- LIBRARY LOANS

Parents can also check that all the personal details logged against their contact details are correct including medical information. It is our intention that we will be able to use the portal before too long as an alternative to all the repetitive form filling which takes place whenever students need to complete a form for an EOTC trip. We will update you with instructions once the final forms have been received and entered onto the system.

The **Allemande Joy Contra Dance** group is visiting Wanaka on **Thursday 18 February. MAC Performance Room, 7.00 - 10.00 pm**

Live Band! No partner needed, all dances will be taught. Come Contra Dance with Us!  
Adults \$5, Students gold coin donation

## OFFICIAL MAC DROP-OFF ZONE

A reminder that the official drop-off zone for ALL STUDENTS (including those with OP gear) is the footpaths on Plantation Road. We would appreciate your assistance in making our school a safer place by conforming to this request. This is particularly important at present due to the increased amount of traffic caused by the North Block building project.

Cars with disabled access rights may continue to use the designated disabled parking spots within the college grounds.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Girls Futsal Trials

Tuesday 9 and Thursday 11 February at lunchtime in the gym. Come along if you're interested in joining the team for tournaments in Wellington and / or Dunedin.

## Important Sporting Dates

- 10 February MAC Swim Champs
- 17 February Otago Tennis Qualifying tournament, Dunedin
- 17 February SS Triathlon, Cromwell
- 20 February Junior Tennis Champs, Dunedin
- 21 February Otago Southland Waterskiing Champs, Dunedin
- 2 March MAC Athletics Champs
- 3 March COPSSA Swimming, Cromwell
- 4 March MAC Athletics Finals
- 6 March SISS Triathlon / Duathlon, Oamaru
- 11-12 March Otago SS Athletics Champs, Dunedin
- 18/19 March Otago / Southland Athletics Champs, Invercargill

See **Jacky at the Sports Hub** for more details ([sports@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:sports@mtaspiring.school.nz))

## TEAM UP CONFERENCES

**Wednesday 9 March and  
Tuesday 15 March**

This is a chance to meet the teacher and help your child to set their individual goals for the year. More information will follow shortly, but note these dates in your diary now.

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course will be held in Cromwell on 23 and 25 February and 1 and 3 March 7.00 - 9.00pm.  
For further information please contact:  
[krowell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:krowell@xtra.co.nz)

## 2015 Prizegiving DVDs

If you would like a copy of either prizegiving ceremony please contact the office to leave your name, stating whether you would like a copy of the junior or the senior ceremony.  
Copies will cost \$10 each.



## Friends of MAC Student Directory

The 2016 Student Directory will be available within the next few weeks. This publication contains the student names and home phone numbers of all students whose parents have consented to have this information released to other parents.

This useful document was initiated by Friends of MAC in order to help parents keep their children safe by making it easier for parents to communicate with parents of other students at the college. If you have not already consented (enrolment form or personal request) and would like your child(ren)'s name included please contact the office.

## Triathlon for year 9-13 students

The Secondary Schools triathlon in Cromwell is now on **TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY**. It includes a 300m lake swim, 20km road cycle and 6 km run, teams and individuals. Sign up at the Sportshub by Tuesday 10 February if you're interested.

## Wanaka A&P Show - 11/12 March

Are you good at baking / sewing / photography? Do you like creating things? Then why not make an entry at the A&P show? Loads of prizes up for grabs. Come and check out the brochure at the college office.

## YEAR 7 POUNAWEA CAMP MEETING

**East Common Room, 5.30 pm  
Tuesday 9 February**

Please could all parents attend this meeting, particularly those who are attending one of the camps. It is not necessary for the students to attend.

## CANTEEN MENU

**Please order at the office before school starts or at the canteen at interval**

### DAILY OPTIONS - Please order

NB: Some of these options may not be available on Wellbeing Wednesdays

Salad Wrap (chicken or salad)	\$5.00
Pizza (vegetarian, ham or chicken)	Large: \$3.50 Small: \$2.50
Chicken Panini	\$4.00
Toasted Chicken Wrap	\$5.00
Salad Bowl - order please	\$5.00
Chicken burger	\$5.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Chocolate scroll	\$2.50
Cookie	\$1.50
Chocolate brownie	Large: \$3.00
Chocolate brownie	Small: \$2.00

### DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.00
Veggie Smoothie - order please	\$4.00
Yoghurt / Berry Smoothie	\$4.00
Iced Tea	\$3.50
Cup of Chilled Milk	\$1.00
E2	\$3.50
Slushie (not syrup, just juice)	\$3.00

### FRIDAY ONLY

Hot chips	\$3.00
Fish 'n' Chips	\$5.00

### COLD TREATS

Cool Sips (orange, berry, passionfruit)	\$2.50
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### WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS

Wholegrain / Wheat Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Turkish Chicken Wrap	\$5.00
Sushi - 6 pieces - order please (vegetarian or teriyaki chicken)	\$5.00
Gluten Free Dairy Free Nut Bread	
Salad Sandwiches	\$3.00
Crumbed Chicken Breast Burger	\$5.00
Wholegrain Pizza	Large: \$3.50 Small: \$2.50
Chocolate Blissball (sugar free)	\$1.00
Chickpea Brownie (GF / sugar free)	\$3.00

*If you order your lunch at the office before school or at the canteen at interval we will have it put aside for you so that you won't miss out.*

For full details of ingredients see the menu at the student counter in the office