



TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Families, Students and Staff Talking Together

Since 2008 'Team Up' Conferences have successfully provided an opportunity for honest dialogue between home and school with the student being the central figure in these learning conversations.

Once again I warmly invite you to join us in the college gymnasium on either Wednesday 9 March from 2.00 – 6.45 pm or Tuesday 15 March from 3.45 until 6.45 pm. On-line booking information has already been emailed to all families and a summary is outlined on page 4. If you require assistance please call the college office on 443 0499.

We are returning to our traditional format this year where you can book times with the subject teacher(s) and also with the whanau teacher if you wish. These Team Up discussions are designed to set the scene for the academic year. It is an opportunity for staff to outline their programmes and expectations. Students and parents will also be able to discuss any academic or personal goals in particular subjects and any barriers to learning that may exist. Together we can develop strategies and work together to support student success.

Whanau staff will liaise with subject teachers and their students individually and provide them with advice on setting goals. These will then be reviewed formally in the mid year reports in order to maximize potential.

Tuesday 15 March will be a normal school day, but the final class on Wednesday 9 March will be period 4 which finishes at 1.20 pm after which students are free to leave. Parents of students in Years 7 and 8 have been emailed to check whether their child can be released or needs to stay at school. There will be supervision available for all students who cannot leave the campus until 3.15 pm.

Team Up conferences are a valuable opportunity to meet and discuss the year ahead so I encourage all students and parents to join us.

Wayne Bosley

Ms Lara Kirk, BA

Ms Kirk is excited to join MAC teaching Year 7 Integrated Studies and Level 3 Tourism. She is enjoying the change of pace in Wanaka after a few years living back in her home town of Queenstown.

Ms Kirk's New Zealand teaching experience includes two years at Murrays Bay Intermediate on Auckland's North Shore and over five years at Queenstown Primary School teaching Year 7 and 8. She also spent over five years teaching in international schools in Thailand, Ethiopia and the U.A.E, spending long summer holidays travelling to other parts of the world seeing other cultures, trying delicious foods and exploring.

Outside of teaching Ms Kirk enjoys biking, diving, social sports, photography, cooking and spending time with family and friends.



Introducing New Members of Staff...

Mr Henry McLaughlin, BA, Dip Tch

Mr Henry McLaughlin has arrived from Auckland, where he taught at Auckland Girls' Grammar School. He is teaching English and Economics at MAC.

Prior to teaching, Mr McLaughlin studied History and English at the University of Auckland. His interests include fishing, surfing, hunting, tennis and rugby and he is very happy to be able to take advantage of all the outdoor activities Wanaka has to offer.



Ms Renee MacDonald, BA, Dip Tch

Ms MacDonald has recently graduated from the NZGSE in Christchurch and is excited about her first year of teaching. She studied English and Psychology at the University of Canterbury then completed her graduate diploma in Secondary Teaching.

Ms MacDonald has shifted down from Christchurch where she attended high school and has lived for the past ten years on a small farm. She has always enjoyed the outdoors and likes to go camping when she can squeeze it in. She is also a keen reader and enjoys cooking and baking.



Ms Megan Van, BCom, Dip Tch, CELTA

Ms Van is a Wanaka local through and through having attended both the Wanaka Area School and Mount Aspiring College. She also participated in an exchange program, attending a school in Nara, Japan and returned there after graduating from Otago University with a BCom to teach ESOL (English as a second language).

Her Japanese language skills and ESOL training have stood her in good stead enabling her to travel and work in London and Turkey, after which she returned to NZ and taught English, Social Studies and Japanese at Verdon College, Invercargill.

In more recent years she has moved back to Wanaka with her daughter Dilara to take advantage of all the wonderful community and outdoor opportunities available.

Ms Van has been a relief teacher at the college for the past three years and is very happy to now be teaching ESOL full time at the ILC. She enjoys kayaking, mountain biking, skiing and reading and, of course, learning languages!





www.poweroff.co.nz/schools

Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTED

Rotary Clubs are now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of this long established, successful educational and cultural exchange. Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2017.

- ◆ Best value of any long term exchange.
- ◆ Students receive monthly allowance.
- ◆ No family Rotary affiliation required.

Applications close 30 April 2016.
A life changing experience.

For further information contact:
Merv Clearwater, 107 Gladstone Road, Mosgiel
03 489 4234 / 0274 339 689 / mervclearwater@xtra.co.nz



Important Dates

Term 1 (1 February - 15 April)

Week 5	Friday 4 March	MAC Athletics Finals
Week 6	Tuesday 8 March	Level 3 Shotover OP Trip
	Wednesday 9 March	Team Up Conferences
	Thursday 10 March	Level 3 Shotover OP Trip
	Friday 11 March	HPV Vaccination
	Friday 11 March	Mufti Day
	Sunday 13 March	FOOTLOOSE - whole cast rehearsal, 10am - 4pm
Week 7	Tuesday 15 March	Team Up Conferences
	Wednesday 16 March	Gateway Health and Safety Course
	17-18 March	Summer Quadrangular Tournament (Winton)
Week 8	Monday 21 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
	Tuesday 22 March	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm Board Room
	Friday 25 March	Good Friday - college closed
Week 9	28-29 March	Easter - college closed, Monday and Tuesday
	1 April	Mufti Day
Week 10	4 -8 April	Year 9 Camp Week
Week 11	11-15 April	Second Year 9 Camp Week
	Monday 11 April	L1 OP Canoe Trip
	Wednesday 13 April	MAC MTB Champs



The library is a busy place so we ask students who come at interval and lunchtime to be respectful of other users by being quiet. If you want to run, shout or wrestle please go somewhere else.

Also the library is a food-free area so please visit either before you eat or after you have eaten .

Thank you!

Florence Micoud
Kaitiaki-pukapuka ~ Librarian

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Brick / Blockwork

A fulltime job opportunity has come up with Central Masonry doing brickwork blockwork and landscaping work. This could develop into an apprenticeship for the right hardworking candidate.

Contact Marcus at URSPACE for more details.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course will be held in Wanaka on 10, 17, 24 and 31 March from 7.00 - 9.00pm.

For further information and an application form please txt **027 623 3534** or email kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz .

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES MEETING

Meeting with PACT to discuss development of disability services in Wanaka.

Mount Aspiring College Staffroom, Thursday 17 March, 6.00 pm

PACT- Pact is a well-known and respected provider of support services for people with a variety of needs including mental health and intellectual disabilities. We have our head office in Dunedin and have been operating in the Otago and Southland regions as a well-respected provider for a number of years. In the region we provide services in all main centres including Queenstown but not Central Otago. You can find more information about the organisation on our website www.pactgroup.co.nz

MAC Debating Group

This group (MACDB for short) will be meeting every Wednesday lunchtime in Room 24.

If you're interested in improving your public speaking skills, want help with a speech or want to get involved in debating, spoken word poetry, MUNA or speeches come along - we'd love to see you!

WARNING: NO CANTEEN FOOD ON FRIDAY

As advertised in this week's notices, the canteen is only supplying pre-ordered food on Friday 4 March.

HOWEVER

There will be a Sausage Sizzle outside the canteen selling sausages and other goodies so bring your \$\$\$ along.



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

YEAR 11 - PLEASE NOTE

All Level 1 students have a MATHS MCAT exam on Tuesday 13 September.

This is an external exam and the date is **not negotiable**.

Please diary this date and ensure that it does not clash with any family appointments or holidays.



SEEKING VOLLEYBALL COACH

The Mount Aspiring College senior boys have the drive and potential to go a long way. Now they just need someone who can take them to the next level. If this sounds like you, or you'd like more information, please contact Jacky at sports@mtaspiring.school.nz



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

Don't Miss Out on Playing Football

Wanaka Football Club registrations for the 2016 season close on **Friday 4 March**.

Players need to be registered and subs paid by **Friday 4 March** so they can be picked for a team.

Go to www.wanakafootball.org.nz for more information and to register.

YEAR 7/8 TRIATHLON

Can you: run 3km, cycle 9 km and/ or swim 150m? If so, you can enter as an individual or team in the COPSSA triathlon in Cromwell on 23 March. Sign up at the Sportshub by next Thursday.

SWIMMING UPDATE

Well done to Jack Findlay, Ben Silipo, Ryder van Lune and Sam Cottier who all swam personal best times at the NZ Junior swimming champs in Auckland. More PB's were set and medals won by the girls at the South Island Town and Country champs.

Emily Heath, Emily Findlay, Emma Palmer and Abby Fisher were all strong competitors, with Emily Heath also breaking 2 meet records - congratulations to all for giving it their best!

THANK YOU TO MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

The Special Needs Department are extremely grateful to the Mountain Film Festival for generously sponsoring the purchase of a trike. It is brilliant and the students love it!

Bike Helmet Request

Would any family have a spare bike helmet that they would like to donate to the Special Needs Department? Large or small would be fantastic — we have a variety of head sizes to fit!

ATHLETICS FINALS FRIDAY 4 MARCH

- 1.00 pm 1500m (Year 7-13), starting with the Year 7 group.
- 2.00 pm 100m finals
200m finals
House relays

KAHU YOUTH

Youth vs Wild

A six-week program based on 'Bear Grylls' outdoor survival skills and fun! Starts Thursday 10 March with a two day camp during the April holidays. \$100 for workshop and camp.

Florist Design

Interested in flower arranging and design? A four-week workshop starting on Monday 22 March in conjunction with 'Crimson Flowers' Tracey Morrow. Be quick to book - spaces are limited. For more information, or to book places please contact Angie or Rich at Kahu Youth: 443 5880 / kahu.youth@xtra.co.nz.

FUTSAL TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Senior team members travelling to the NZSS tournament in Wellington need to REGISTER NOW with Futsal NZ. The link has been emailed to your school email address. Any questions, see Jacky at the Sports Hub.

Football Girls Wanted!

The Football Club is looking for more U12 girls to play this season. Practices are at 4.30 pm on Wednesdays at Kelly's Flat. Registrations close this Friday. www.wanakafootball.org.nz

NETBALL OPPORTUNITY

The Southern Steel Players are holding a training hour for any girls from Year 7 - 10 on Friday 11 March from 4.00 - 5.00 pm at the Queenstown Events Centre. \$12 per player.

They are also holding two breakfasts (poster below): Queenstown - Saturday 12 March Cromwell Sunday 13 March. Register at sporty.co.nz/netballsouth



UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB OPEN DAY FOR U7 – OPEN GRADE PLAYERS

Sunday 6 March, 10.00 am - 12 noon, Rugby Grounds

Players will meet their coaches and teams. There will be a second-hand boot sale.

Late registrations welcome – cash/cheque only

All club hoodies (\$45) must be ordered and paid for on the day - cash/cheque only

Enquiries to:

Anne-Marie 027 4306548 / Dean 021441570

Mount Aspiring Netball Club Dates

- ♦ **SENIOR NETBALL TRIALS** - Year 10 and up. **Thursday 3 March and Monday 7 March**, 3:30 p.m. in the gym. For more information please text Tracey Gibson 027 2016177.
- ♦ **AGM** - **Tuesday 8 March**, 7.00 pm in Room 2. Please contact Kellie Bailey for more details: kjwanaka@gmail.com
- ♦ **REGISTRATION and payment of subs** (\$85) - **8 and 10 March** after school in the gym foyer. Queries to Ms Ashton or Tracey Gibson
- ♦ **YEAR 9 / 10 TRIALS** - **Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 March** after school. (Students need to put their names on lists at sports hub)
- ♦ **Year 7 and 8 MIXED TEAMS** will be announced later in the term. Students should put their names on the lists by the sports hub.

Important Sporting Dates

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
19 March	SISS Rowing Champs, Twizel
19 March	NZSS Whitewater Kayaking, Wanaka
23 March	COPSSA Triathlon, Cromwell
31 March	Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell
1-3 April	SISS Athletics, Timaru
2 April	SISS Adventure Race, Cromwell
4 - 8 April	SISS Sunburst Regatta, Dunedin
4 - 9 April	NZSS Rowing - Maadi Cup, Twizel
5 - 8 April	NZSS Futsal Tournament, Wellington
6 - 8 April	NZSS Triathlon / Duathlon / Open Water Swim, QT
8 April	NZSS Adventure Racing Champs, Kaiteriteri
8 - 9 April	Otago Primary and Secondary Swimming, Dunedin
13 April	MAC MTB Champs, Deans Bank, Wanaka

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

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Wednesday 9 March / Tuesday 15 March

Team Up Conferences are intended to be an opportunity for open dialogue between the parent, the student and the teacher so that everyone has a clearer understanding of personal goals, possible barriers to learning, and the expectations of the learning programme.

To book your interviews go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code: **tfywu**

HELPFUL TIP:~

To check the subjects and teacher names for making bookings we suggest that you first access the **parent portal** and print a copy of your **child's timetable**.

The **teacher code** is the two-letter code displayed under the **subject heading**. Typically teacher codes take the first two letters of the surname, unless there is a duplication amongst the staff, in which case the first initial of the Christian name or a different initial from the surname is typically used as the second letter.

Identifying the teacher codes associated with the subjects will be really helpful when booking your interview slots.

SECOND HELPFUL TIP FOR YEAR 9 PARENTS:~

Please go straight to the **BOTTOM** of the list of subjects to find the **Year 9 Collaborative Learning** heading which covers English, Maths, Science and Social Studies.

EQUESTRIAN RESULTS

Here is a very brief round-up of how our riders have been doing since the start of 2016.

Johanna Boege:

*Central Otago A&P Show Pony Club Reserve Champion Hack
Maniototo A&P Show Pony Club Champion Hack, 1st 65cm
showjumping, 4th 80cm showjumping
Mt Bengier A&P Show, Reserve Champion Open Hack*

Jessie Fraser:

*Central Otago A&P Show Champion Pony Club Hack
North Otago O.D.E 3rd pretraining
Passed Pony Club C+ certificate.*

Carter Hewson:

*Central Otago A&P Show, Reserve Novice Champion
Mt Bengier A&P Show 4th 65 cm jumping*

Monty Hewson:

*Central Otago A&P Show 4th Novice Round the Ring, 4th Open Round
the Ring
Tapanui O.D.E. 4th intro*

Danielle Molloy:

*Central Otago A&P Show Reserve Champion Novice Section A Pony
Maniototo A&P Show Champion Novice Saddle Hunter, Reserve
Champion Saddle Hunter*

Ava Plimmer:

Central Otago A&P Show Champion Novice Section A Pony

Lauren Rimmer :

*Lake Hayes A&P Show 1st Utility Pony
Central Otago A&P Show 1st Pony Hunter (No Jumping)
Passed Pony Club D+ certificate.*

Milly Robinson:

*NZ National Showjumping & Showhunter Champs 1st Hi points
Showhunter Ppony 90cm, 2nd Open Showhunter Pony 90cm
Canterbury Showjumping & Showhunter Champs 1st Champion
Showhunter Pony Category C
Southland/Otago Showjumping & Showhunter Champs 1st Champion
Showhunter Pony Category C*

Niamh Schmack:

*Lake Hayes A&P Show Reserve Champion Hack
Central Otago and Maniototo A&P Shows Champion Novice Hack*

Molly Todd:

*Central Otago A&P Show 3rd 90cm showjumping
Tapanui O.D.E. 4th pretraining*

Good luck at the Wanaka Show, everyone!

YEAR 7 CAMP POUNAWEA

Purakanui Falls

The time I felt excited on camp was when we went to Purakanui Falls. I heard the sound of wintery drops on a summers afternoon. I saw an amazing sight of almost perfectly cut stone and completely clear blue water. I smelt the forest surrounding us and the fresh air made from the falls. I tasted the ice cold water in the air. I felt the refreshing water and the moss on and all over the rocks. I wondered why I was so warm when I got out.

Seth Carleton



Camp Concert

A time I felt nervous was the time of the camp concert. The act before me had just finished and the sound of the applause was dying down as if the audience was saying, "it's your turn." I stretched my legs, hands shaking, and slowly walked to the piano. As I walked, I saw fifty pairs of eyes following my steps. I sat down on the piano seat and took a deep breath. As soon as I laid my fingers out on the smooth, cool, sleek keys of the piano, doubt sprouted in my mind like a flower blooming. *What if I mess up? What if I forget the music? What if they don't like me?* I was breathing heavily now. *Actually, I don't care, I said to myself silently, I'm going to play my piece and they are going to like it.* I straightened my back, took a deep breath and played the first chord.

Abby McArthur



Construction Update

- 1) The Demolition (above)
- 2) The Digging (above right)
- 3) First glimpse of new classrooms! (bottom right)

