



All the best in your retirement Don

Don King has had a very long association with the college. It began when his own children were attending Wanaka Area School and he supported Bill Pullar in setting up and running our Pounaweia camp. Don became known as Camp Grandad after volunteering for many years. He also coached and umpired cricket and badminton at the college for many years, having had much success in these sports himself.

After selling his businesses he continued his association with the school by joining the staff as groundsman. For the last 17 years he has watched the college grow from 230 students to its present numbers and says he will miss the contact with the staff and students. Don retires from his position at the college at Easter and he will be sorely missed by us all.

Don, and he has always been Don to staff, students and parents alike, is a wonderful man, a true gentleman who sets everyone he speaks to at ease immediately. His love of gardening has seen him develop and maintain our grounds over many years. Often, when I have accompanied new families to the college around the campus, I have introduced them to Don and he has always greeted them with a warm smile and kind words.

Don leaves MAC on Thursday afternoon as he begins his retirement. On behalf of the current staff and students as well as those of you who have worked with Don in the past, I thank him whole heartedly for his wonderful service to the college and wish him well in his retirement. The college won't quite be the same next week without this lovely man on campus.

Thanks for everything Don. Come back and see us any time as you will always be welcome at Mount Aspiring College.

Wayne Bosley



TRAGIC NEWS

Our college community has been devastated by the tragic news of the death of Gena Bagley's daughter Scarlett.

Scarlett's funeral is at 2:00pm on Thursday afternoon and many staff and pupils close to Gena will be attending. To this end we will be adjusting our afternoon programme on Thursday. **The normal programme will end at 1:20 pm and students may go home at that point.**

However, an alternative programme will be offered by staff for any students who are unable to go home. The buses will run at the normal time.

We have received a number of messages from parents for which we are grateful. I also wish to thank you all for understanding our need to alter Thursday's programme and appreciate that most of you will make alternative arrangements for your children.

Our thoughts are with Gena, George and Noah as well as their families at this time.

Regards, Wayne



SCARLETT MAATAHI KONIA 02/09/08 - 18/03/16

"Tonight we lost my princess, our baby, my first born love. Words can't begin to describe the immense loss we feel in our hearts and souls. We will love you forever, dream of you constantly and look forward to meeting you again on the other side. Scarlett, thank you for being our daughter and your brother's sister. For choosing us as your family. We love you more than life itself xx"

Gena, George and Noah

FOOTLOOSE UPDATE

DON'T FORGET!

WHOLE CAST REHEARSAL

Easter Tuesday 29 March

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Bring food, drink, script and ENERGY



Pictured, students hard at work getting into character.

Six weeks until showtime!



"MACADEMICS"

An Academic Committee Initiative.

Turn up with all your study needs
Wednesday afternoons, 3.20 - 4.30 pm

Weekly supervised study programme
with specialized subject teachers and
student tutors on hand to help.

Years 7-10 Room 21

Years 11-13 Room 22

Refreshments provided !

30 March Social Sciences
Commerce

6 April Science

13 April Languages (Room 21)
P.E (Room 22)

Local Food Wanaka AUTUMN APPLE DRIVE & LOCAL FOOD WORKSHOPS Sunday 3 April 2016 Rippon Hall, Wanaka

Apple Drive

9:30am - 12:30pm

- Chutney making with Lorne from Pirate Pickles
- Pressing apples and pears
- Bring knife, chopping board & surplus fruit

Local Food Fair & Workshops

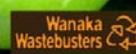
1pm - 4pm

- Sourdough bread, home brewing, fruit tree pruning, fruit syrups & kombucha, smoothie bike, herbal remedies, seed saving, seed swap & more

12:30pm - 1pm picnic lunch on the lawn

BVO lunch: beer, hot choc, wine & treats for sale (cash only)

Details on Local Food Wanaka FB page & in Messenger
All welcome! Free entry, hoha appreciated to help cover costs



Important Dates

Term 1 (1 February - 15 April)

Week 8	Friday 25 March	Good Friday - college closed
Week 9	28-29 March	Easter - college closed, Monday and Tuesday
	Tuesday 29 March	FOOTLOOSE - Full cast rehearsal
	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
	Friday 15 April	Last day of Term 1

Term 1 (2 May - 8 July)

Week 1	2-8 May	MAC Production Week
	Wednesday 4 May	Year 7 Vision Screening
	Wednesday 4 May	Junior Maths Competition
Week 2	9 May	Level 1 OP Tramp
	9-10 May	Otago Tertiary Trip
	Thursday 12 May	Mufti Day
	Friday 13 May	HPV Vaccinations
Week 3	15 - 20 May	Career Focus Week
Week 4	24 - 27 May	Level 2 Winter OP Tramps
	25 - 27 May	Year 11 Business Challenge
Week 6	Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday - college closed
	7 - 10 June	Level 3 OP Mount Cook trip

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

ARROWTOWN BUSKING COMPETITIONS

JUNIOR (15 and under) Friday 22 April
OPEN BUSKERS (16+ years) Sunday 24 April
Cash and prizes to be won

For more information and to register visit:

www.arrowtownautumnfestival.co.nz/events
or call 021 178 9109

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

As this week and next week are both short weeks there will be no newsletter published next Thursday. Look forward to a bumper issue on Thursday 7 April.



SUMMER QUAD

As Mount Aspiring College does annually, teams from Years 9 - 13 of ten sporty species (five guys and five girls) attended Cromwell College on Thursday and Friday last week for this year's Quad tournament. We competed against Central Southland and Cromwell teams, with Cromwell supplying two teams at each year level (this is the host's honour), although MAC brought along two champion teams at Year 13 as Cromwell seemed to be lacking in numbers.

This year's Quad tournament presented an interesting variety of sports. Cromwell's strategy to try and throw off the Mount Aspiring teams by choosing some sports they believed we were less talented was very clear. The sports played this year were: Touch, Softball, Dodgeball, Athletics, and Clash (which was hosted at Highlands Motorsports Park - very, very cool). Clash this year, as a brief description, was a combo of biking, running, swimming a 700m erg machine leg and a claybird shoot.

The competition was as fierce as ever and it was satisfying for MAC to come out with a win in each age group. I'd like to make a shout out to Caitlin Gibson who I am jealous of, as she won a ride in a Porsche along with two Central Southland and a Cromwell student around the Highlands Motorsport track. I think it is fair to say Highlands was a great facility to compete at and was a personal highlight over the two days.



Thanks to all those who helped organise this event. Quad is a highlight of my year so far, so I definitely recommend that if you enjoy sport you should be sure to trial for Quad next year when MAC will be competing in Central Southland.

Tish Telford

NETBALL CAMPS

Netball South is offering 2 camps in the April holidays:

Development camp for Year 9 - 11 players: 26 - 29 April, Oamaru#

One day programme for Year 4 - 8 students: 18 April 9 am- 3:30 pm, MAC gymnasium#

For more information, or to register, contact paula.kay-rogers@netballsouth.co.nz

THE CROMWELL HUNTING COMPETITION

22-24 April ~ \$9500+ in prizes!

For more information and to register: www.cromwellhunting.wordpress.com

Important Sporting Dates

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
7 - 9 April	SISS Sailing Regatta, Nelson
5 - 8 April	NZSS Futsal Tournament, Wellington
7 - 8 April	NZSS Triathlon Champs, Queenstown
8 - 9 April	Otago Primary and Secondary Swimming, Dunedin
13 April	MAC MTB Champs, Deans Bank, Wanaka
15 May	Southland Schools Orienteering
19 May	Top Bike (Year 7/8), Alexandra
26 May	Milton Relay
26 May	COPSSA Orienteering, Wanaka
28 - 29 May	NZSS Rogaine Champs, Christchurch
1 June	7/8 Ripa Rugby, Queenstown
2 June	Otago SS Cross Country, Dunedin
12 - 13 June	Otago SS Netball Champs, Dunedin
27 June	CO Basketball Tournament, Queenstown

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

SKI PASSES

TREBLE CONE

A reminder that the Early Bird season passes for local children need to be purchased (\$209) by next **Thursday 31 March**. NOTE: Information will be sent out soon to senior students doing Outdoor Pursuits. Special rates apply for Treble Cone passes for students doing Level 2 and 3 Outdoor Pursuits and passes for these students may be purchased after the cut-off date.

CARDRONA

The cut-off date for local student passes (\$99/\$159) is **Tuesday 31 May**.

SNOW FARM

There are several options available (see website for details). The cut-off date for locals is **Saturday 30 April**

STUDENT ID

When purchasing passes you will need to take your student ID as proof that you are a local student. The Cardrona office would also prefer the form to have the college stamp on it.

For the latest sports news and photos, LIKE the Mount Aspiring College Facebook page. Visit the MAC website for a calendar of sporting events.

WARM TOP FOR P.E. CLASSES

A reminder to students to bring a long-sleeved top (no hoods) for P.E. now that the weather is getting cooler

Hockey Registrations Are Open



Who can play? Year 1 to adults

Where? Wanaka Primary School
Hawea Tennis Courts (Seniors)

When will I start? March for Kiwi, Kwik and Seniors.
Term 2 for Fun and Mini Sticks.
Exact days and times to be confirmed.

Registrations: www.sportsground.co.nz/uchc/96052/

Deadline: 31 March

Further information: uppercluthahockey@gmail.com

COACHES NEEDED

Mount Aspiring College relies heavily on volunteers from the community to assist with coaching and managing sports teams. We are fortunate to benefit from some extremely passionate and experienced people in a range of sports.

This year we are seeking coaches for basketball and volleyball. If you have an interest in either of these sports and would like to become involved in a fun and rewarding environment, please email sports@mtaspiring.school.nz or phone Jacky on 443-0499 ext. 831.

RUGBY BOOTS FOR SALE

Size: US 11 / Euro 45. Asics brand, one black, one white pair. Both in very good condition.

Contact Anne: [0212939207](tel:0212939207) a.steven@xtra.co.nz

Interested in netball umpiring this year?

Netball Upper Clutha have a full umpire mentor / coaching / facilitating team this year to help support you through your learning and help you become a more confident, proficient umpire.

Anyone interested in umpiring please come and register your interest and attend a brief rules update session on the new rules which have been changed and brought into the game this season.

Taieri Distric Secondary Schools Teams Riding Competition

Lauren Rimmer, Ava Plimmer, Johanna Boege, Niamh Schmack and Molly Todd all did well at this event. Congratulations on the following great results:

Johanna Boege:
1st overall in 75cm category

Niamh Schmack:
3rd overall in 85cm category

The MAC team came 3rd overall in a field including schools from Queenstown, Dunedin and Gore.



"The wonders of chemistry" – family friendly fun night out with the University of Otago

30 March / 1 April, 7.30 - 8.30 pm, Alexandra Memorial Theatre

Otago's Chemistry Outreach team brings you an **hour long chemistry magic show with explosions, curious facts and amazing science!** There will be exciting, fun filled science demonstrations and a unique view of the role that chemistry plays in our lives. Suitable for kids of all ages, there'll be a few loud noises and some great experiments so come with open minds!

MAC FORMAL 2016

Saturday 28 May
Theme: Starry Nights

If you are in Year 13 and would like to bring an outside partner to the formal you will need to complete an application form by Friday 6 May. Forms are available from the student counter. Please see Ms Arlidge if you have any questions.

Otago Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Champs

Twelve students qualified for and competed at this athletics meet last weekend, gaining several podiums and PB's.

Special mention to Ryan Schmack, for breaking the Otago Southland record in the triple jump, a discipline he is fairly new to.

The team's next event is the South Island Secondary Schools champs in Timaru in two weeks' time.

KAPAHAKA

Kapahaka students meet at interval on Mondays and lunchtime and Period 6 on Wednesdays

Nau mai, haere mai. All welcome!

"The Wonders of the Otago Night Sky" with Otago Museum director, Dr Ian Griffin

31 March, 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Alexandra Memorial Hall

Join Dr Griffin and take a **look at the amazing sights that can be seen in Otago's night sky**, and outline how the new planetarium at the Otago Museum is using astronomy to inspire the next generation of Kiwi scientists.

The talk will be illustrated with my own pictures of stars, planets, comets, galaxies and, of course, the aurora australis.

MAC DEBATING

Every Wednesday lunchtime Room 24. Come along if you would like to improve your skills, participate in events, or just have fun.

MAC MTB Champs

Wednesday 13 April

Book the date and listen out for details in the notices regarding entry forms.

BASKETBALL, BASKETBALL, BASKETBALL

PRESEASON TRAINING

Register your interest, have a go and find out more about the upcoming season. You can sign up outside the Sportshub now, or see Jacky for more information.

MAC gymnasium, 3.15 - 4.15 pm

Year 9 - 10: Monday 4 April

Year 11—13: Monday 11 April

COACHING CLINIC

If you're in Dunedin on 10 April and want to learn more about coaching youth basketball, join Basketball Otago at this coaching clinic from 11 am. To register, email development@basketballotago.co.nz

HOLIDAY STAR COURSES

These courses are run by polytechnics and some other PTE's. If you are in Years 10 -13 and find a course that you would like to attend then we can enrol you for free! Speak to Charlotte at URSpace.



Here is an example of some holiday courses being run by YOOBEE, School of Design in Christchurch:

3D Animation, 3 days, 18 - 20 April, \$210.

Web Kickstart, 2 days, 21 - 22 April, \$140.

Digital Graphic Design, 2 days, 23 - 24 April, \$140.

Film Workshop, 2 days, 26 - 27 April, \$140.

ROWING NEWS

MAC students had a very successful weekend of rowing at the South Island Secondary Schools champs, qualifying for 9 A finals and 7 B finals, making this the most successful SISS regatta to date:

- ♦ Riley Bruce had a very strong weekend with silver in the boys U18 single scull and bronze with Lucas Toovey in the boys U18 double.
- ♦ Sam Pearce rowed strongly to finish second in the boys U16 single scull in a personal best time of 8:08.67
- ♦ Senior girls, Riley Homan and Bridie Hurley rowed very well to make the A final in the girls U18 single scull.
- ♦ Junior girls (Samantha Garrick, Greer Porter, Hannah Humphreys and Kilita Fouchee, coxed by Flynn Brown) rowed in a very strong field to finish sixth in the A final of the girls U15 coxed quad sculls.
- ♦ Novice girls (Peta McKay, Laura Neale, Emma Smith and Maggie Stiven, coxed by Josie Plimmer) also competed in the girls U15 coxed quad sculls finishing fifth in the B final and Peta McKay and Laura Neale in their first year of rowing making the A final in the girls U15 girls double sculls. #

MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE PRESENTS

Footloose

THE MUSICAL

SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to our fabulous sponsors below - we are very grateful.

There are still sponsorship options available!

If your business would like to get in behind and support this event, please contact Jools Hall - Arts Co-Ordinator
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or Wayne Bosley bosleyw@mtaspiring.school.nz

