

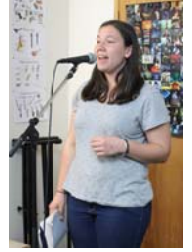


Lucy Hayes has been working on Footloose since day one of auditions as Director's Assistant. Her work is absolutely invaluable to ensure the co-ordination of rehearsals, meetings, actor's needs, and the director's requests (especially flat white coffee runs!).

Lucy's natural director's eye is also very important in ensuring that scenes work effectively. She makes many significant and valuable offers during the rehearsal process. If needs be she also runs rehearsals whilst the director is tied up in back stage or technical tasks. Lucy is an extremely competent

young woman who has a bright future ahead of her.

Her organisational skills and ability to solve a myriad of problems very quickly make her an absolutely essential member of the production team.



FOOTLOOSE - Let's hear it for the team!

The posters are up, the tickets are on sale and the countdown is on! A dedicated team of MAC staff and students have been working hard during lunchtimes, weekends and after school to bring what promises to be a cracker of a show to Wanaka!

Putting on a production is a huge collaborative undertaking. With an amazing live band, fantastic student-driven choreography and awesome actors, the classic 80's musical, "Footloose" promises to be a huge success. Impressive lifts are being perfected, dance moves are being fine tuned and the 100+ production team can't wait to share the fun with you.



Tickets are on sale now at the college, but can also be purchased from Pembroke Wines by adults if this is more convenient. The show has a 'PG' rating and will be an awesome family night out. Come and purchase your tickets soon so that you don't miss out.



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE PRESENTS

Footloose

THE MUSICAL

Wed 4th - Sat 7th May
Lake Wanaka Centre

Tickets available from Mount Aspiring College
and Pembroke Wines

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Flat seating: Adults \$20 / Students \$10
Tiered seating: Adults \$25 / Students \$20

FOOTLOOSE
Stage Adaptation by DEAN PITCHFORD and WALTER BOBBIE
Based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford
Music by TOM SNOW Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD
Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS and JIM STEINMAN
FOOTLOOSE is presented through special arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical on behalf of
R & H Theatricals: www.rnh.com

Wed night special: ALL flat seating \$10



Mount Aspiring College Formal 2016

Saturday 28 May Lake Wanaka Centre
 Tickets (\$90) on sale from Monday

- delicious dinner
- live music
- dancing
- formal photos
- photobox and fun!



Attention Parents of Year 12 /13 Students

Would you like to help out at the formal?

We rely on the assistance of parents to help the caterers and the Year 10 students to serve the meal, to secure entrance / exit doorways for part of the evening and to help clear up at the end of the evening. If you would like to assist please contact Sharon Arlidge on 443 0499 / arlidges@mtaspiring.school.nz

HIRING FORMAL SUITS MADE EASY

Ace Suit Hire and **Structure for Men** will be in the East Common at year level on **Wednesday 11 May** You will be able to get measured up and pre-order your suit for the college formal. You can hire jacket, trousers, shirt and tie for the bargain price of \$99.00.

Minimum stress, maximum convenience!

The Health and Wellbeing of Wanaka Secondary School Students

Your son or daughter is being invited to take part in a survey of the Health and Wellbeing of Wanaka Secondary School Students. All students from Years 9 -11 will be invited to take part in this survey. This notice is to inform you as a parent and/or whānau about the survey and you are encouraged to discuss it with your son or daughter. If you do not want your son or daughter to participate in the survey please contact the school office.

What is the survey for?

The aim of the survey is to get reliable and up-to-date information on the health and wellbeing of young people in Wanaka. Basically, we want to get a better understanding of our local young people and how well they are doing. This information will help to improve health services and programmes for young people.

Researchers: Dr Vanessa Hammond and Rachel Cassaidy (Counsellor)

WANAKA ROTARY SPEECH CLUB FINAL

On Tuesday student representatives from Mount Aspiring College presented at the Wanaka Rotary Speech Club Final in Albert Town. Each student was required to incorporate the "Four Way Test" throughout their presentation: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all mankind? All contestants chose thought-provoking topics which encouraged positive changes to be made in society across gender, age and race. Kerri Templeton (Year 12) won the Club Final with her speech on "Honouring those who served us in War" and she will now compete in the regional final in May. Congratulations go to the additional competitors: Alex Mitchell (Year 12), Bailey Monk and Acacia Murray (Year 13) for their very impressive entries.

YEAR 7 / SWIMMING PROGRAMME: 2 May - 3 June

Attention: 7WN, 8SL, 8LB, 8LV and 8SD
Don't forget your togs Day 1, Term 2!

All Year 7 and 8 students will be taking part in the fully funded Central Lakes Sealord Swim of Life programme which will commence at the start of Term 2. Lessons will take place during scheduled Physical Education lessons (see timetable right).

Each student will have ten lessons over the first five weeks of term.

The college understands that parents / caregivers may like to discuss issues associated with this programme. If so, please contact Mr Alistair Hose in the PE department. Mount Aspiring College would like to thank Sealord and the QLDC for their continued support.

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MONDAY	8SL	8LB	7WN	8LV	8SD
TUESDAY	7WN	7ST	7BW	8LB	7KI
WEDNESDAY	7ST	7SC	8LV		
THURSDAY	8SD	8SL	7KI	7BW	7SC

Important Dates

Term 1 (1 February - 15 April)

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
Week 8	Thursday 23 June	Mufti Day

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.

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Congratulations to the five students who are finalists in the **CENTRAL OTAGO SPORTS AWARDS** (junior category):

Holly Wigg, Hamish McLean, Mikayla Harvey, Finn Bilous and Phoebe Young.

MOUNTAIN BIKING SUCCESS

Students have been fortunate to be able to compete in two big MTB events in the district recently. At the NZ cross country MTB champs, held at Cardrona, Phoebe Young won the girls U17 race, while Julius Staufenberg came 3rd in his age group. Last weekend, the Oceania champs were held at Skyline in Queenstown, attracting competitors from New Zealand and Australia. Phoebe finished 3rd in the U17 girls' cross country. Racing in the downhill category, Anton Cousins, who is fairly new to the sport, finished 3rd in the U17's, an impressive results against some very experienced competitors.

GOLF NEWS

Congratulations to George McDonald, who has been named in the under 16 Otago Golf team to play in the Under 16 South Island Golf champs at Tinwald later this month.

MAC MTB Champs

Wednesday 13 April

All entries must be in by Friday 7 April.

Any parents keen to bring their bike and be a track marshal please contact Lincoln Bruce (brucel@mtaspiring.school.nz) or Jacky Toepfer (sports@mtaspiring.school.nz)

THE CROMWELL HUNTING COMPETITION

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

www.cromwellhunting.wordpress.com

WATERSKIING NATIONALS

Meg Harraway had a successful Nationals last week, winning the U14 slalom and setting a new South Island U14 slalom record. She also finished 2nd in the jump, and 2nd overall in her age group.

Meg's results secured her a place in the New Zealand U17 junior world training squad, which will train over the winter in the hopes to qualify for the World champs in Chile in 2017. We wish her all the best with this.

KAYAKING SUCCESS

The NZ Secondary Schools Kayak Championships were recently held over four days at the Hawea River. MAC was represented by a young and keen group of paddlers which included Madi Gainsford, Fiona Murray, Stellar Nepia, Sam Bastion, Kahu Nepia, James Suddaby and Joel Suddaby.

Notable results were:

3rd Intermediate K1W Team: Madi, Fiona, Stellar

3rd Junior K1M Team: Kahu, James, Joel

3rd U14 Girls spring race: Madi Gainsford

3rd U14 Girls Classic downriver race: Madi Gainsford

2nd U14 Boys Freestyle Kayak: James Suddaby

CENTRAL OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Sixty Year 7 and 8 students from MAC (pictured right) competed in the recent Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, which included a 3 km run, 9 km road cycle and 150m swim. With over 700 competitors, MAC students punched well above their weight. Top places went to:

Year 8 individual girls: Zoe Smith 1st, Emily Prout 2nd, Abby East 3rd

Year 8 individual boys: Zach Smith 2nd

Year 7 individual girls: Scarlett Norman 1st

Year 7 boys teams: Sam Cottier, Hugo Smith & Ben Silipo 3rd

Year 7 mixed teams: Olivia Jones, Archie McRae, Jack Timu 3rd

Sixteen competitors qualified for the Otago Primary School champs which were held the following week with top results once again:

Scarlett Norman and Zoe Smith both won their individual races, and Zach Smith came a very close 2nd. The boys team of Sam, Ben and Hugo came 2nd, while the mixed team of Olivia, Jack and Archie finished in 3rd place.



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

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

Important Sporting Dates

4 - 8 April	SISS Sunburst Regatta, Dunedin
4 - 9 April	NZSS Rowing - Maadi Cup, Twizel
7 - 8 April	NZSS Triathlon Champs, Queenstown
7 - 9 April	SISS Sailing Regatta, Nelson
5 - 8 April	NZSS Futsal Tournament, Wellington
8 - 9 April	Otago Primary and Secondary Swimming, Dunedin
13 April	MAC MTB Champs, Deans Bank, Wanaka
13 May	Otago SS Futsal Champs, Dunedin
15 May	Southland Schools Orienteering
19 May	Top Bike (Year 7/8), Alexandra
26 May	Milton Relay
26 May	COPSSA Orienteering, Wanaka
1 June	7/8 Rippa 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

SISS ADVENTURE RACE

MAC was represented by nine four-person teams at the annual SISS Adventure Racing champs last Saturday.

The day began at 6.00 am with an arduous 21km trek on the Carrick Range, ascending to 1000m. On return to the Bannockburn Inlet, teams abseiled down a river cliff face then were divided into pairs for the kayak and orienteering stages of the race. These were loop circuits from HQ allowing teams time to refuel with their support crews. Next came a challenging 28km mountain bike on the Cairnmuir side of Bannockburn, returning via a hilly winding track to the finish at the inlet. Teams had checkpoints on all stages of the race so navigating accurately was just another challenge they faced.

The overall winning team was MAC Year 12 students Campbell Russell, Luke Wright, Joseph Wilson and Harrison Brown (photo provided by The Wanaka App). Sam Coupland, Bella Fraser, Wilfred Spearing and Mel Telford also made the podium, finishing 2nd in the mixed category. Well done to all teams for finishing this challenging event.



ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Athletics is a growing sport at MAC. This year we sent nine students to the South Island Secondary Schools Champs (compared to one student last year), two of whom returned as South Island champions!

- ♦ Jack East won both the 400m and the 200m and finished 2nd in the 100m.
- ♦ Sammy Burke won the 3000m in a new PB (10:08), and placed 4th in the 1500m.
- ♦ Gregor Findlay was 2nd in the 3000 m (PB of 9:02). Gregor followed that race up by out-sprinting Otago's current Otago 1500 m record holder and taking 2nd place in the 1500m.
- ♦ Ryan Schmack placed 2nd in the triple jump and 6th in the long jump.

Other athletes from Mount Aspiring to compete & hold their own at the South Island Champs were:

- ♦ Matt Molloy: 4th in the 200m and 100m
- ♦ Courtney Leith: 4th in javelin, 10th in discus
- ♦ Mia Treadwell-Burke: 4th in the 400m
- ♦ Laura MacCulloch: 6th in the Senior Girls 400m
- ♦ Ruby Burke: 10th in the 800m

Three MAC athletes (Jack East, Zoe Smith and Zach Smith) represented Otago at the National Interprovincial Athletic Champs last week, where the best grade 12 and 13 athletes from around the country compete for their province. All three students did very well with top three places as follows:

- ♦ Zoe: 2nd in the 800m and 1500m, 3rd in the Distance medley relay
- ♦ Jack: 1st in the 400m and an Otago Record, 3rd in the 100m and 200m and 2nd in the 4 x 100 relay and another Otago Record.

Congratulations to all these athletes on these great results.

NETBALL DRAW

MAC A	v Pioneer B	08/04	6.20 pm
MAC B	v Pioneer D	07/04	7.15 pm
MAC C	v Cromwell C	07/04	9.05 pm
MAC 10A	v Dream Doors	07/04	8.10 pm
MAC 9A	v Nu Look Hawea	07/04	6.20 pm
Yr 9/10B	v MAC Asp. Eng.	07/04	4.30 pm
Yr 13	v Silverthreads	07/04	5.25 pm
Yr 9/10 Yellow	v Yr 11/12	08/04	4.30 pm
MAC Lakeland	v MAC Marine	08/04	5.25 pm
Yr 13 Hostel			Bye

NETBALL NEWS

Netball gets under way this Thursday and Friday for Years 9 - 13 and next term for Years 7 and 8. We are thinking of organising a mini-tournament for Years 7 and 8 next Friday after school - the last Friday of term. Watch the notices for confirmation.

Uniforms: - We have some missing uniforms from last year. Could you please look around home to see if any netball tops, dresses or skirts are lying around from last year and hand them in to the office. Many thanks.

Subs: - We hope that all girls who intend to play have paid subs for this year by now. If not, pick up a form from the office and get this done as soon as possible.

Netball Committee 2016

The following people are members of the Mt Aspiring Netball Club Committee - please feel free to contact any of them if you have questions:

Vicki Ashton, Tracey Gibson, Hayley Lee, Jodie Robertson, Deborah Stiven and Natalie Norman.

If you have a formal complaint about anything related to netball at the college - please put it in writing and send it to mtaspiringnc@gmail.com.

The club is on the lookout for a person to take on the role of **Secretary** as our long serving secretary, Kellie Bailey, has resigned. We sincerely thank Kellie for all that she has done for college netball over many years.

Visit the MAC website for a calendar of sporting events. If you are interested in any sporting events on the calendar, please let Jacky at the Sports Hub know.

KAPAHAKA

Kapahaka students meet at interval on Mondays and Lunchtime and Period 6 on Wednesdays
All welcome!

SKIING NEWS

In ski racing, Ben Richards made a good start at the Whistler Cup, finishing with a second in the U16 boys' Super-G on day one!

IMPORTANT ACCESS NOTICE

The access way from Domini Park (off Trevathan Lane) to Reece Crescent will no longer be open to students. This is due to concerns over the safety of the general public. Thanks for your understanding.

MAC DEBATING

Every Wednesday lunchtime in Room 24. Look forward to seeing you there.

BASKETBALL

Years 9 - 13 pre-season training and information.

Monday 11 April,
3:15 to 4:30
MAC Gymnasium



Reading changes lives

Research demonstrates that reading for pleasure hugely impacts wellbeing, increases empathy and emotional intelligence, and builds self-esteem.

A fifteen minute read after you've switch off your phone or laptop will also help you get a better sleep.

So come to the library or log on the ebook platform (<https://maclib.wheelers.co/>) to borrow books to read for **your** pleasure, not just for the teachers or for that assignment. **Reading is good for you!**

Florence Micoud,
Kaitiakipukapuka ~ Librarian

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Public Health South will be visiting the college on Wednesday 4 May to screen all Year 7 students for distance vision and colour vision (boys only).

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (not required if child already wears glasses)

Colour Vision (Boys only)

This is to detect children with the most common inherited colour vision defects. (Using the Ishihara colour vision book). (still available to those wearing glasses).

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office.

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Hamish McLean has returned from the NZ Open Swimming Championships in Auckland, having met three qualifying times for the Paralympics in Rio. He also broke four NZ records in the 50m fly, 100m free, 400m free and 200m IM!

Hamish will hear early in May whether he has been selected for the NZ team to compete at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. We hope he is!

ICE HOCKEY

The ice hockey season starts soon. The Alexandra Rink will open on Friday 13 May. If anyone is interested in playing ice hockey, the Flames club caters to all levels with training twice weekly. The club plays games with students from around the region. The club has also sent teams to travel on friendship games to Canada, Australia, USA and Korea.

If a full game schedule is not for you, then just come along for the practice sessions. The club has skates for hire and to buy as well as pads and helmets for purchase and hire.

For more information, contact Sam Neale (year 13 MAC student), Matthew Elliot on 03-448-8012 or Angie Neale on 027-524-6173 or go online to www.alexicerink.co.nz for practice times and club fees.

LUNCHTIME YOGA - TERM 2

We are trying to organise for a small group of senior students to attend lunchtime yoga at the Yoga Ground once a week next term. If you are interested, please see Sammy Burke or email burkes@mtaspiring.school.nz

SNOW EVACUATION!



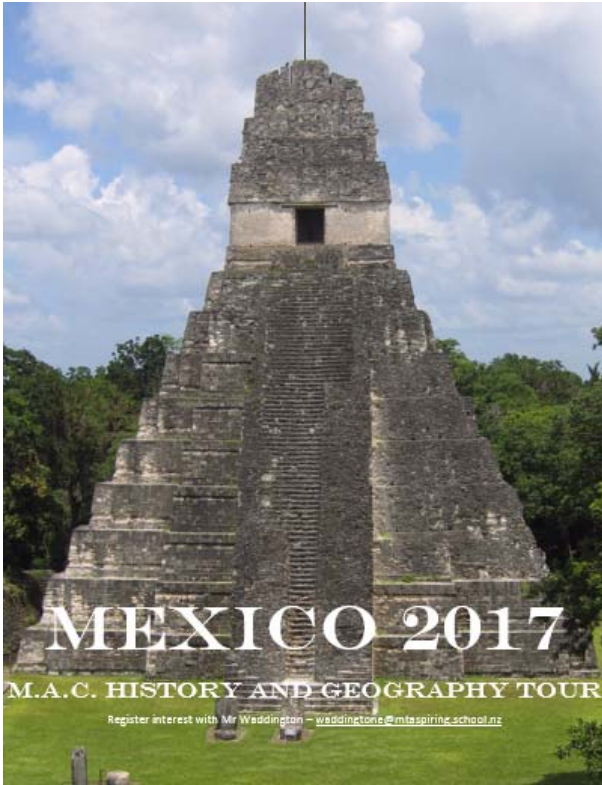
Next week we will be emailing all parents and caregivers regarding the need to evacuate the college due to heavy snow.

Apart from about 40 students we already have information which was entered last year held on our Kamar database. Next week we will be publishing this information on the Kamar portal and will be asking all parents and caregivers to check that the information held is still current and correct. It is important to do so as this will be the information which we will action in the event of a closure of the college due to snow.

Our goal is to have all the data collated ready for use by the start of Term 2. Term 2 will start later than last year and it is entirely possible that we could have an early snowfall in Term 2.

Of particular concern are senior students who may now be able to drive. They will not be allowed to do so unless we have this authorised by their parents.

A reminder that any student for whom we have had no instruction will be treated as a lower priority than those for which we have clear instructions. This is simply because these students will take more time to process. If you have been recently emailed a form regarding snow evacuation and have not yet responded get it done today!



OFFICE OPENING HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The college office will be closed on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 April in the first week and on Monday 25 April (Anzac Day) in the second week.

The office will be open from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm on all other weekdays, but please call first if you are visiting over the lunchtime period.

Remember that anyone aged 18 or older can purchase tickets for Footloose from Pembroke Wines and Sprits if it is inconvenient to come to the college during the holidays.

To view the school notices from home access <http://notices.mtaspiring.school.nz/view.asp>

Wedderburn Woolshed Photo Exhibition

23 March - 1 May 2016

This is a group photography show of work by Central Otago photographers with Grahame Sydney featuring. It is being held in the big tin woolshed across the road from the Wedderburn Tavern. Entry is free to this exciting exhibition and all work is for sale. Open daily from 9am to 4pm and everyone is welcome.

This is an Arts on the Rail Trail project which is proudly supported by the Maniototo Community Board.

LOST PROPERTY

The bin in the student foyer is once again full to bursting! Please come and look for lost items as soon as possible. All non-uniform / un-named items will be taken to the Recycling Centre during the next holidays.

Upper Clutha Rugby Jerseys Missing.

Please can you check to see if you have forgotten to return last year's rugby jersey? Any jerseys found can be returned to your coach or dropped in at

LEAVING THE COLLEGE?

If you are leaving the college at the end of next week please make sure that you have returned your library books, settled your account, and completed and handed in your leavers form to the college office.

UNIFORM MATTERS

All students are expected to wear winter uniform from the start of Term 2.

If you need to purchase a kilt for your daughter and have not already ordered one please contact Apparel Studio on 443 1882 immediately to arrange this.

FOOTLOOSE...



ONLY FOUR WEEKS TO GO UNTIL SHOWTIME!

Dr Vicky Jones visits the college every Monday lunchtime to provide a **FREE confidential medical service** to all students. Drop into URSpace any time during Monday lunchtime.



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

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!



Term 1	Subject Focus
13 April	Languages (Room 21) P.E (Room 22)
Term 2	Subject Focus
4 May	General
11 May	English
18 May	Mathematics
25 May	Social Sciences Commerce
1 June	Science
8 June	Languages (Room 21) P.E (Room 22)
15 June	English
22 June	Mathematics
29 June	Social Sciences Commerce
6 July	Science

RELAY FOR LIFE

Last Saturday twenty-five Year 13 Mount Aspiring College students traveled down to Cromwell to participate in the Central Otago Relay for life 2016. For those of you that aren't aware of what the Relay for Life is about.... it is run by the New Zealand Cancer society where a group of adults, students and kids spend a total of 20 hours walking around a track to raise money and awareness for all types of cancer.

At the Cromwell Relay for Life there were over 400 participants and a total of 35 teams who came together for the same agenda. MAC entered two teams called 'MAC Team' and 'Still Runnin'. We had a busy fun-filled night with lots of walking and running along with lots of dancing at around 12am keeping things alive. The night was very long but well worth all the effort and, as team captains, Beth and I are extremely proud of the effort put in by both our teams.

Whilst we were down there we participated in the interschools competition which involved Wakatipu, Cromwell, Dunstan and MAC. We had an hour of playing little relay races like sack race, egg and spoon, three legged race and leap frog. At the same time there was a volleyball tournament running. Hosey -you'll be happy to know we actually won the volleyball - through our hard work and the whole team perseverance we managed to take out top school and were awarded a trophy.

The two teams completed a total of 549 laps and raised a total of \$834 which is all put back into our local community towards cancer research and assistance to those living with cancer.

We would like to say a massive congratulations to the following, who stood out during the night and made a massive contribution to the teams:

- Firstly, we would just like to thank our sponsors, Wanaka New World, Placemakers, Olsen Welding, and Lyn Craig.
- A massive well done to the following students who did a fantastic effort on the night: Jack Porter for completing 96 laps, Tomas Winder for walking a total of 115 laps, Cate Barrett who walked non stop almost all night, Nick Bowker-Napp who walked the whole night in bare feet and to the Junior Sound System a year 8/9 band who were absolutely fantastic and got everyone up and dancing.
- Thanks also to all the teachers in the background who made this possible for us - a big thank you to Karyn and Charlotte who supported us with all the organisation.
- We would also like to thank the parents who drove car loads to and from the event - without them it wouldn't have been possible.
- Lastly to the teachers who supported us throughout the night: Charlotte and Joss the dancing queens from 3pm till 1am, who kept us going when we hit that brick wall and to Ms O'Connell and Ms Fox who were superheros and drove down at 12am to be there from 1am to 10am on Sunday morning

The Relay for Life is an amazing experience and I encourage each and everyone of you to get involved. One in three New Zealanders are effected by cancer one way or another. Relay for Life is about celebrating cancer survivors, remembering loved ones lost to cancer and fighting back by raising awareness and funds to support work of the cancer society. Relay for Life is something that everyone should get involved with and it would be fantastic to see many many more of you down at the 2018 Relay for Life in Cromwell donating your time and effort. It's a very social and fun event that I would highly recommend, and it would be great to see that trophy for top school back here in 2018!

Abigael Swift

Students in the Community Term One Round Up

This year marks the 21st year of the Students in the Community programme here at MAC and it's a sort of coming of age. We seem to be busier and busier these days and Year 13 students have so much to think about for themselves and their decisions for the future, so it is great that the school continues to support this programme. Students get to consider their place in their community and the positive impacts they can make.

As you can see from these photos, so many stories and connections are created through this scheme. Achievements like helping an old person be confident in using technology so they can Skype their grandchildren in another country. Keeping plants alive by a bit of love, attention and water. Gaining a new respect for little kids and their parents and how they manage their time. Realising that playing a sport well and coaching it well are two slightly different skill sets. Learning how to motivate self and others. Providing heavy-lifting ability at the Salvation Army and being a reliable source of youth-power at events and projects around town. More than 2000 hours of this youth-power will be given by Year 13s this year. I hope that makes you all proud of their efforts in our community.



Year 7 - 10 Science Extension Opportunity

The MAC Science Department would like to offer all Year 7-10 students the opportunity to become involved in an out of class science badge extension programme run by the Science Award Trust in Christchurch.

Visit www.sciencebadges.co.nz, see your science teacher or email ian.mcnabb@mtaspiring.school.nz for more details.

Ian McNabb
MAC Science Badge Co-ordinator

Te Kakano AGM

Monday 18 April, 7.30 pm
St John Rooms, 4 Link Way
All welcome.

Te Kakano Planting Session

Saturday 9 April,
10am - 12 noon

Butterlands Wetland,
Newcastle Track
Queries to Shaun on
027 637 0319

A popular mufti day theme last week - seems like everyone has animal onesies these days!

