



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

Enjoy Success!

NEWSLETTER Panui

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Konnichiwa!

Mr Bosley is currently in Japan on a marketing trip. Earlier in his trip he visited Yokohama High School in Tokyo where he caught up with Ikari Shun who was here last term.

More recently he visited our sister school, Sosei High School where he tried out his Japanese at assembly.

Mr Bosley is now on his way to Korea.



FOOTLOOSE SELL OUT!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us by purchasing tickets to our musical.

We are amazed and delighted to have completely sold out two days before opening night, but are also extremely sad that some people have missed out on getting tickets. Perhaps "Wanaka timing" is something which will have to change.

Make a difference. Become a school trustee.

Nominate yourself or someone you know today.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our children's learning. Make a difference and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form available from your school.

Learn more at www.trustee-election.co.nz



Board of Trustee Elections 3 June 2016

Mount Aspiring College will hold elections for a three-year term for Parent Representatives on its Board of Trustees. Nominations close on 20 May 2016 and you will soon receive information on the nomination process via the post.

The current Board of Trustees (BOT) would like to encourage all parents to actively consider putting themselves forward for election. There are five parent representative positions to be filled.

A position on the BOT is an opportunity to be involved in shaping the future of the college, from a governance viewpoint. On behalf of the current trustees of MAC, I would like to share our collective experience, that we each find our work as trustees to be enjoyable, and personally rewarding. BOT discussions are typically quite different to other aspects of daily life, and so provide personal challenge, in the context of contributing to ensuring our kids are part of a continually evolving learning environment.

If you are considering putting yourself forward, but have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, and I'd be more than happy to talk with you.

Richard Hemingway, Chairperson
Phone: 021 774 497

If you can share your skills you can be a trustee



What is a school board of trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees.

School board membership includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. If the school has students above year 9, the board also includes a student representative.

What do trustees do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Here are some specific things the board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and monitors the board's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place. Check out www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee for more information regarding trusteeship.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Your school will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

How is a board elected?

The school staff and parents elect boards of trustees every three years.

All parents of students who are enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association, through a Ministry of Education contract, provides free employment and governance advice, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

NZSTA ELECTION ADVICE LINE
0800 ELECTION (0800 353 284)
www.trustee-election.co.nz
electionsadvic@nzsta.org.nz

To access a full version of the above Board of Trustees information please click here.

Mount Aspiring College Formal 2016

Saturday 28 May Lake Wanaka Centre

Tickets (\$85) on sale now!

- 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 arlidges@mtaspiring.school.nz or 443 0499

HIRING FORMAL SUITS MADE EASY

Ace Suit Hire and Structure for Men will be in the East Common Room 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!

AYM is a not for profit organisation which aims to provide fun, affordable group instrumental tuition, orchestra opportunities and instrument hire for young people.

Cello lessons:

Do you want to learn the cello? Group lessons now available. Instrument available for hire.

Orchestra:

Come and be part of a new exciting youth orchestra.

Group Lessons:

Available in violin, keyboard, ukulele, and guitar.

To book or find out more, please contact Naomi on 0211 965 570 or aspiringyoungmusicians@gmail.com



LIBRARY

FRAGILE Mount Aspiring College Library Information Centre

What have you read during the holidays? Talk about your finds with your friends! I've read "An Abundance of Katherines", by John Green and laughed my heart out. I can't help sharing this:

"Books are the ultimate dumpees: put them down and they'll wait for you forever; pay attention to them and they always love you back."

Anyway, all books borrowed before the holidays will have to be returned this week please. And come to the library to borrow up to four books to keep your reading going.

JOIN BOOK CLUB in term 2: reading, book talking, fun, crafts, games... Every Tuesday lunchtime in the library.

DID YOU KNOW?

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.

Take the sting out of paying school fees

We welcome part-payments throughout the year. Please contact the office to find out more about how to set this process up.

Maths Department Tutorials

Come along with any questions you have about maths or stats - have some prepared questions for the tutors to help you with. Students can attend any tutorial where they see their year level. We recommend that you attend Macademics regularly - especially on weeks dedicated to mathematics and statistics. Teachers will be in the specified rooms for the first 5-10 minutes of the tutorial and will cancel the tutorial if nobody shows up. Mr Flude is available by appointment for all year levels - contact him in person or via email.

WA
Years 10-13 (Calculus)
Room 7
Tuesday
lunchtime

OC
Years 7-11
Room 8
Wednesday
lunchtime

AR
Years 7-12
Room 19
Thursday
lunchtime

Important Dates

Term 1 (2 May - 8 July)

Week	Dates	Events
Week 1	Friday 6 May	Mufti Day
Week 2	9 May	Level 1 OP Tramp
	9-10 May	Otago Tertiary Trip
	Tuesday 10 May	MAC Talks, lunchtime, Room 21
	Friday 13 May	HPV Vaccinations
Week 3	15 - 20 May	Career Focus Week
	Friday 20 May	Mufti Day
Week 4	Tuesday 24 May	MAC Talks, lunchtime, Room 21
	24 - 27 May	Level 2 Winter OP Tramps
	25 - 27 May	Year 11 Business Challenge
	Saturday 28 May	MAC Formal - Starry Nights
Week 6	Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday - college closed
	Tuesday 7 June	MAC Talks, lunchtime, Room 21
	7 - 10 June	Level 3 OP Mount Cook trip
Week 7	Tuesday 14 June	Level 3 Enterprise Trip
Week 8	Thursday 23 June	Mufti Day
Week 10	3-4 July	Mt Hutt sporting exchange
	Friday 8 July	MACStock

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.



TERM DATES 2016

Queen's Birthday: 6 June
Term 3: 25 July - 23 September
Term 4: 10 October - 13 December
Labour Day: 24 October



SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING SUCCESS

Several MAC students have spent Term 1 training and racing overseas, resulting in some brilliant performances:

Year 12 student and freeskiier **Finn Bilous** has had a double success at the United States nationals in Colorado. Finn won the halfpipe and slopestyle competitions at the USA Snowboard and Freeski National Championships. Both finals came down to the wire, with Finn having to put everything on the line to secure his wins. This result adds to his outstanding season, after winning two medals at the Youth Winter Olympics earlier this year.

Zoi Sadowski Synnott (Year 11) won the open women's snowboard slopestyle at the USA national champs, a fantastic result after a season of hard training and competing in the USA.

Ben Richards has had a successful season ski racing in Europe and Canada. He competed in four FIS international children's races in Andorra, Italy, Canada and France. In the U16 category, Ben placed 1st, 8th, 3rd and 5th in the Giant Slalom, 2nd & 5th in Slalom, 2nd and 5th in Super G and 3rd in Alpine Combined. To achieve top 10 places in these races is an outstanding achievement never before done by an U16 boy in New Zealand in alpine ski racing. Therefore a most successful season for Ben showing he is competitive on the world stage.

MORE GREAT SPORTING RESULTS

Ty Sarginson and Emily Heath were the first male and female students in the Traverse 35 km MTB race, held as part of the Contact Epic in Hawea.

The Mount Aspiring College team of **Bella Fraser, Wilfred Spearing and Sam Coupland** won the teams' event at the Canterbury South Island orienteering champs. The event included two days of competing, over a long distance course and a sprint. As individuals, Bella won both of her events, Wilfred got a 1st and a 3rd and Sam two 2nd placings.

The equestrian season has finished with some great performances by MAC students. At the South Island 3-day eventing in Christchurch, competing against open men and women in the 80cm category, **Jessie Fraser** placed an impressive 4th overall. At the Central Otago Pony Club 2-day event, Jessie won the 80cm, **Monty Hewson** placed 3rd in the 65cm and **Molly Todd** 4th in the 95cm.

Ines & Michael Stephani played in three tennis tournaments over the holidays with fantastic results. Ines won 2 out of 3 tournament finals, and won the doubles in the 3rd tournament. Michael reached the final in the first tournament, the semis in the second and won the third. Both have now secured a spot for the Masters final tournament in their age category (during Labour Weekend), where the top 8 juniors in NZ will compete for the Masters title.

Under 17 Rep Netball

All players interested in trialing for the Central Lakes team please contact Vicki Wilson on [0274715121](tel:0274715121). Trials will be held in Cromwell/Alexandra this month. Tournaments are in the July school holidays. Please register your interest by Monday 9 May.

Important Sporting Dates

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
28-29 May	NZSS Rogaine Champs, Christchurch
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
27 July	MAC Ski / Snowboard Champs, Cardrona

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

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Mikayla Harvey had a successful weekend at the National Club Cycling championships in Alexandra.

In a close race, she won the U19 road race, and placed second in the individual time trial, proving that she is currently one of the top junior cyclists in New Zealand.

Holly Wigg competed at the NZ Karate Open in the holidays and placed first in the premier fighting and second in premier kata.

Congratulations!

Otago Sports Award Finalists

Well done to Finn Bilous and Holly Wigg who have been selected as finalists for the Otago junior sportsman and junior sportswoman of the year. The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Dunedin this month.

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

NETBALL NEWS

Year 7 and 8 netball gets under way this Friday after school.

There is a Year 7/8 tournament in Alexandra on Saturday 14 May for all of our Year 7/8 teams. Expect to hear information from your daughters about this. Contact coaches for information and transport arrangements.

Teams play on Thursday and Friday nights. Please make sure you read the draw and turn up on time for games and any duties you may have. A copy of the draw is on the sports hub noticeboard and on the window of Room 2.

MAC MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPS



About 75 students competed in the MAC MTB champs, which were held at Deans Bank on a stunning day at the end of last term. The senior girls record was broken by Phoebe Young in a time of 34:28 and there was some very close racing in all categories. A big thank you to MONS ROYALE for their generous prizes for place-getters and spot prizes. Top 3 in each category were:

Senior boys

1. Janus Staufenberg
2. Ty Sarginson
3. Julius Staufenberg

Senior girls:

1. Phoebe Young
2. Bella Fraser
3. Sammy Burke

Year 9/10 boys:

1. Ethan Kerr
2. Matthew Wilson
3. Jesse Robertson

Year 9/10 girls:

1. Meg Harraway
2. Maggie Stiven
3. Jordan Fox

Year 7/8 boys:

1. Zach Smith
2. Tom Colbourne
3. Hugo Cochrane

Year 7/8 girls:

1. Kalani Muirhead
2. Piper Cavanagh
3. Emily Prout

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ROY - 38 points
2nd: IRON - 36 points
3rd: BARKER - 27 points
4th: PISA - 23 points

Congratulations to Roy!

Year 9 / 10 Basketball

There will be a free coaching clinic for year 9 and 10 players registered with the club on Tuesday 17 May (week 3).

It will take place during periods 2 and 3, so you will need to get permission from your teachers to attend. Sign up at the Sportshub if you are interested.

NETBALL DRAW (5/6 May)

MAC A	bye		
MAC B	bye		
MAC 9A	v Yr 13	06/05	4.30 pm
Yr 9/10 Yellow	v MAC Marine	05/05	4.30 pm
Yr 11/12	v Yr 9/10B	05/05	5.25 pm
MAC Asp. Eng.	v MAC Lakeland	06/05	5.25 pm
Yr 13 Hostel	v Checketts McKay	06/05	6.20 pm
Yr 10A	v MAC C	05/05	9.05 pm

Six Year 11 students (Alex Nyika, Simone Johnson, Wilfred Spearing, Emilie Barnett, Bella Fraser and Hannah McNabb) undertook their Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award adventurous journey expedition on the Rouburn during the school holidays. They were working towards their silver and bronze certificates.

Let's hope that the weather is just as perfect for our Level 2 Outdoor Pursuits tramps in a couple of weeks' time.



NATHAN MIKAERE-WALLIS TEENAGE DRUG & ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION SEMINAR

Tuesday 7 June 7.00 - 9.00 pm
City Impact Church, Frankton

For more information, or to enrol, phone
Louise or Amanda on
0800 111 117 / 03 236 6008

Trapeze, silk and rope classes taught by Abigail Rose

Build strength,
co-ordination,
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information contact
Abigail Rose on 022
017 2046
or email
abigail@gmail.com

ANZAC DAY 2016

Well done to
the students
involved in
the Anzac
day service
during the
school
holidays -
we are
proud of
you!

CODE CLUB Info Night in the Cell (28 Helwick Street, Wanaka)

Wednesday 11 May 2016 at 5.30 pm.

Code Club Aotearoa offers nation-wide free 'learn to code' courses which teach children the basics of programming and computer science. Come and learn more about how to set up a Code Club - join us for drinks and nibbles. Please RSVP:

alpinetechjuniorincubator@gmail.com

MAC KILT WANTED

Size: suitable
for a Year 8
girl.

If you can help
please call
Donna on
0211 326 166.

202F YOUNG SPEECHMAKER COMPETITION

SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2016

James Cumming Wing, Fairfield Street Gore

**For further information please contact one of
the following:**

Pam Fiveash, 03 208 9021/ 027 543 9094
Dorothy Walker, 03 208 7307 / 027 688 3802

SPEECH SUCCESS

Well done to Kerri Templeton (Year 12) who gained second place in the District Rotary Club Speech Final last night. Her speech was on "Honouring those who served in War" and she was an excellent example of the high level of speechmaking taking place at MAC.

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.

YEAR 7 / SWIMMING PROGRAMME: 2 May - 3 June

Don't forget your togs!

	1	2	3	4	5
MONDAY	8SL	8LB	7WN	8LV	8SD
TUESDAY	7WN	7ST	7BW	8LB	7KI
WEDNESDAY	7ST	7SC	8LV		
THURSDAY	8SD	8SL	7KI	7BW	7SC

WANAKA SKI & SNOWSPORTS CLUB

WINTER TO WINTER

An event to celebrate the snow sports success of all under 18 SSNZ athletes and their stories of travelling the northern hemisphere in search of summer snow.

22nd May 5pm - 7pm @ Lake Wanaka Centre - Free Entry

Presentations and footage

Grassroots Awards

Silent Auction
Skis, Board, Passes & More

\$3 Sausage Sizzle - Juice and water supplied

Highlighting stand out performances from WSSC members:
Finn Bilous, Craig Murray
&
Ben Richards

Two Team Green students, Johnny Brebner and Emily Knoesen (pictured), thoroughly enjoyed the free tickets to attend the Aspiring Conversation "Cool it" session with Tim Flannery. See below for a brief report.



There's hope

Climate change is not a destination. It is a process. We decide on the tempo of the change.

December 2015, February 2016 and March 2016 were the hottest months in 150 years. 0.3°C warmer than ever recorded. Two consequences were observed this year; the Arctic ice formation did not replenish as it usually does in winter and sadly, 93% of the great Barrier Reef has been hit by bleaching. This is way beyond anything we've seen before.

By now, we've released enough CO2 in the atmosphere to add 1.5°C to the earth's temperatures by 2050. Lots of ecosystems are and will be in strife. Every year, we add 50 gigatons of CO2 to the atmosphere. However, in the last two years, emissions stalled which is very good news. The agreement signed in New York will limit / enable a 2.7°C to 3.3°C warming by 2100. Again it is very good news as if we were to continue as we are, temperatures would rise by 4 / 5 °C by then.

The hope is: we understand clearly now that there is a problem and we know what tools and what paths we can take. We are at the peak of emissions. Half of energy investments last year were in solar and wind energy. Existing coal plants need to stop. And this will only happen through regulations.

MISTORY
Philip Temple

a novel

WANAKA LIBRARY
Saturday 14th May, 11am

Sign up for MISTORY at www.wanakalibrary.co.nz

Join us to hear prize-winning author Philip Temple read and talk about his latest novel *MISTORY*. It takes a look at what the future may hold for us if we carry on with business as usual in a world increasingly affected by climate change conflict and a deepening surveillance society. Philip will also talk about the biography of Maurice Shadbolt he has been working on while he has been the Henderson House artist in residence in Alexandra over the past year.

**CELEBRATING
NZ MUSIC
MONTH**
AT WANAKA LIBRARY

HOME-GROWN MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Saturday 7th May, 11.30am - Treble Tones

Saturday 21st May, 11.00am - Waiata Takiana



Join us at Wanaka library to celebrate New Zealand music performed by local talent.

All welcome to these free Wanaka library events.

Play Your Part in a PLASTIC FREE WANAKA!

Greetings from the "Plastic Free Wanaka" team. Our aim is to raise awareness around the amount of single-use disposable plastic in our lives, and to challenge our community to do something about it. Within the next two years we want to make Wanaka the first 100% plastic bag free town in Otago. Our mission statement is to 'Get rid of plastic bags in Wanaka for a cleaner future'. We'd love to have your support.

What you can do for now:

- ◆ Think before you take a bag, do you actually need one?
- ◆ Ask for alternatives to plastic bags in your local shops
- ◆ Encourage your family and whānau to bring reusable bags when they're shopping
- ◆ Use a reusable cup rather than a takeaway coffee cup (some local cafes will give you a discount)
- ◆ Pack your own drink bottle
- ◆ If you're buying sushi, ask yourself, "Do I need this box?" It will take 500 years to break down in a landfill for 5 minutes of use
- ◆ Find PLASTIC FREE WANAKA on Facebook and join our group
- ◆ Enter our reusable bag design competition and win great prizes, plus the prestige of having your design for the campaign! See the details on the right.

PLASTIC BAG FREE WANAKA

DESIGN COMPETITION

WIN AN AWESOME LOCAL PRIZE PACK WORTH OVER \$300

Are you an artist or designer?

Plastic Bag Free Wanaka (PBFW) has a goal for Wanaka to become Otago's first single-use plastic free town by 2019.

We are looking for a design for our local reusable bag that represents Wanaka, the environment and our future.

ENTRIES DUE 10 MAY 2016

Guidelines and Criteria:

*Design must be Wanaka specific to appeal to locals, tourists and store owners.
Design must have great aesthetics & be effective in conveying a plastic bag free town
Your winning design will be used for our Plastic Bag Free Wanaka campaign.*

Please email your design in high resolution pdf to plasticbagfreewanaka@gmail.com



Congratulations to the following students who competed in the **Australasian Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition** and were awarded credits and distinctions for their performance.

CREDIT:

Declan Lambert, Ocean Allemann, Logan Lambert, Joe Strawson, Luke Burke, James Hey, Michael Hey, Samuel Sandri, Nicholas Smith, Helena Crawford.

DISTINCTION:

Georgia Prince (scored in the 96th percentile!)
Tristin Weastell (scored in the 91st percentile)
Gero Lemke (scored in the 85th percentile)

These are very good results and show that these students have an aptitude for problem solving and programming.

Careers

In addition to the wonderful MAC TALKS that our academic committee are arranging we have a **CAREER FOCUS WEEK** here for the whole school in Week 3. Some of the activities will involve a careers speaker coming in to chat to each Whanau, a Whanau quiz, classroom activities, displays and a mini expo for Year 11 and 12.

Otago Tertiary trip: Sunday – Monday 8 - 9 May
Tertiary visits this term so far include Victoria Uni, Otago Uni, Massey Uni, AUT Uni and SIT Polytechnic. Please email Charlotte with any queries/concerns or to make a time to catch up. lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NCEA STUDENTS

We would like to highlight some important procedures regarding assessment in NCEA courses at the college. These procedures ensure that assessment practices are fair and consistent to all.

EXTENSIONS

An extension must be sought **before** the due date of the assessment in almost all cases. Request an extension from your subject teacher giving valid reasons, providing supporting letters from parents, doctors, etc. The teacher will fill out a form and apply for the extension to the NQF coordinator (Ms Ashton). This decision is final.

You will not automatically be granted an extension.

LATE ASSESSMENTS

It is your responsibility to get your work in on the due date. If you are sick on that date, then your assessment must be dropped off at the office or to your teacher by someone else or emailed to your teacher. You will receive a 'Not Achieved' grade if your work arrives late (unless there are exceptional circumstances). You may still receive a future reassessment opportunity, if one is available for that standard, but only if you can show evidence that work has been attempted in the first place.

MISSED ASSESSMENTS

Planned absences / School trips:

Extensions must be arranged before you leave. Note that if you take a holiday during the school term (even if permission has been granted) this may result in forfeiting some assessments because too much course work may have been missed or the assessment requires simultaneous timing of the class.

Short-term absence/illness:

A letter from parents / caregivers should be given to the teacher. A medical certificate may also be requested. No award or extension will be granted if there is insufficient explanation for absence.

Unexplained / wilful absence:

A 'not achieved' grade will be awarded.

In the case of illness or verified absence from a final assessment, an estimated grade can only be given if the teacher has seen or holds sufficient valid evidence from the student for that standard.

Keeping in Touch with NZQA

It is very important that students learn how to log in to NZQA. Once logged in they can access their official results, check entries and contact details and also order important documents.

NZQA no longer posts exam results out to students so logging in is the only way to access their results information. To log in they should:

Go to www.nzqa.govt.nz and click the log in tab on the top right side of the screen.

Choose the learners login and either:
Log in using their NSN number and password or
Register as a learner (this also requires their NSN).

Some helpful hints:

Record your NSN and password on your phone or computer or email it to yourself.

Use an email address that you are likely to have for some time. It is best not to use your school email as you lose this when you leave school. You could also write this information down on a piece of paper which could be filed with your other important documents (eg your passport). It is really frustrating not to be able to access this information easily later in life so please heed this advice.

If you forget your password you can enter your NSN number and have a new one emailed to you. If you forget everything use the free phone number provided (0800 697 296).

NZQA Fees for 2016

A reminder that all NZQA fees need to be paid by Wednesday 26 August. Local students pay \$76.70. Scholarship subjects are being charged out at a rate of \$30 per subject. The rate for internationals is \$383.30 plus an additional \$102.20 per scholarship subject.

Applications for Financial Assistance

Forms are available at the college office, but you need to make your application as soon as possible.

These can be done through the school office if you meet one of the following criteria:

- ◆ receive a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- ◆ have a Community Services Card or have a joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card.
- ◆ have two or more children who are candidates in the same year and their total fees would amount to more than \$200.00.

Please note that financial assistance is only applicable to domestic students; international fee-paying students are not eligible. In addition, families applying for income-related financial assistance will have to pay a processing fee of \$20 (one candidate) or \$30 (two or more candidates)

The NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz has a lot of useful information for both students and parents alike.

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 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

What's going on in our town ... teens & alcohol

Friends of MAC and the Wanaka Alcohol Group are hosting an evening to inform and discuss issues related to our youth, legal obligations and upcoming events.

Tuesday 17 May, 7.30 pm
Armstrong Room, Lake Wanaka Centre

SURVEY RESULTS – YOUR TEEN & THE RESEARCH

Hear about the initial findings from our first survey on the health and wellbeing of our teenagers, including aspects on alcohol and associated behaviour, conducted on 150 of our Wanaka teenagers. This is the first of its kind and may become a prototype for other communities in NZ.

It may also become an annual survey by WAG to establish behaviour trends amongst our youth. The aim of the series of surveys is to get a clearer picture of what is happening in our town and help to inform strategies to make a healthy community.

SPORTS FACILITY - ALCOHOL FREE

Rachel Brown from our community board will also present on our new sports facility and the opportunity we have to make this alcohol free.

VIEW FROM THE POLICE

Phil Vink will talk about the legalities around alcohol provision to minors, and police perspective on what currently happens in our town.

PARTIES - PARENT DISCUSSION

At the end of the session there will be a chance for parents of senior kids to stay back to discuss and ask questions about upcoming parties.

It will also be a chance to network with other parents and get support in making decisions around your kids.

MAC TALKS

Inspire. Educate. Celebrate

Tuesday, 10 May
Room 21, 1.30-2.10pm
Open to all Year 7-13 students

Joe Waide is very passionate about getting "more people moving". Through his successful training programmes and seminars he has trained and influenced over 12,000 personal trainers and group fitness instructors in NZ, Australia, Asia and USA as well as through presentations at leading health and fitness conferences in USA, Australia and New Zealand.



After leaving Dunedin in 1997 following his final year at Otago University he followed his passion for "getting more people moving" to Brisbane as his base. Joe's expertise and passion was recognised in Australia when he was the first Kiwi and Maori to be awarded Queensland Exercise Professional of the Year 2004, 2005 and 2009 and is an Australian Personal Trainer of the Year Award Winner and a Multi-Award Winner of the Queensland Fitness Professional of the Year.

Whilst personal training a number of youth clients at Les Mills World of Fitness in Dunedin, Joe developed an aerobic training module for high school kids that was rapidly taken up by high schools in both Dunedin and Brisbane. This provided the foundations for the successful **Core Camp@ 4 KIDS program in Australia.**

The focus points of Joe's MACtalk will be:
Set the Standard; Pursue your Passion;
Exercise to Entrepreneur

NZSki: Local Schools Season's Pass

If you would like to purchase a seasons pass which covers Coronet Peak, Mt Hutt and The Remarkables, you must complete the application form and return it to the college office by **Tuesday 10 May.**

It costs \$100.00 for students in Years 7/8 and \$165.00 for students in Years 9 - 13. For any enquiries, please contact lauren@nzski.com or call [03 450 1980](tel:034501980) during normal office hours.

To download the application form click here.

Southland Ski Club - Ski Week applications 2016

Applications are now being taken for Ski Week camps in the July school holidays staying at the Southland Ski Club Lodge at Coronet Peak, Queenstown. Ski Week camp package includes a 5 day lift pass, lessons twice a day (Monday - Friday), accommodation and meals, suitable for ages 10 - 18 years. Choose to ski or snow board - awesome opportunity to learn or upskill.

Week 1: Sunday 10 - Saturday 16 July or

Week 2: Sunday 17 - Friday 22 July

Applications are taken on a first in first served basis so apply now to avoid disappointment, applications close 31 May. Please go to our website to submit your application - www.southlandskiclub.org.nz

For further information contact Vicki Murphy 03 2361059

A reminder that absences can be emailed through to:
absences@mtaspiring.school.nz

SNOW EVACUATION UPDATE

Thanks to all those parents and caregivers who have already 'checked' their child's snow evacuation summary under the reports section of the portal and emailed any necessary updates.



All changes emailed to the college have now been updated in Kamar and the summaries on the portal will be updated to reflect these changes by the end of this week.

If you have not already done so, 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 Thursday of next week so a speedy check and response would be much appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this.

A couple of points to note:

1) Your previous responses are the ones with a Yes or No against them; there is no need to tell us 'No' to other numbered options which are not applicable to you.

2) Many of you have children in Years 7 or 8 who regularly walk home and we have noted that you have expressed that you are happy for them to do so without us phoning you. However, legally, because they are under 14, we are obligated to do so. For this reason we will do our very best to call you (but have noted that your child should be released if no contact can be made)..

3) Should a snow evacuation occur the office is extremely busy and we need to keep our phone lines as free as possible. You can help us with this by responding with a 'school as usual' message to any texts you receive from your child; this will enable us to work through the procedure more efficiently.

Rippa Rugby for Year 7 / 8

Register your interest now for a tournament in Queenstown on 1 June. Sign up outside the Sportshub.

Training and trial dates TBC