



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

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Celebrating Students in the Community

To volunteer, according to the dictionary, is to offer to do something and/or to work without being paid. Year 13 students at Mount Aspiring College know this all too well, though their participation with the Students in the Community programme, known as "SIC".

SIC is now in its twenty-first year, which means that tens of thousands of volunteer hours have been given to the community. Students undertake regular (ten-week) placements, which help to foster intergenerational understanding and community relationships. For some students, this is a chance to help with something they are particularly passionate about, for example coaching a sports team. For others, it is a chance to discover new interests, or to foster a new appreciation for the very young or very old.

They also take part in projects around town, such as community planting sessions, helping with sporting events like Challenge Wanaka or the Matariki celebrations.

The programme is a WIN WIN WIN.

- ◆ Students win because they build skills, confidence, self-esteem and they can show evidence of community involvement on their CVs.
- ◆ The community wins because we are only as strong as the connections we build. Many clubs rely on altruism to keep them going. And it's like Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."
- ◆ The school wins because people remember that teenagers are real people who can play a valuable role in society. It is fantastic that Mount Aspiring College supports the holistic development of our students through the continuation of the SIC programme.

Almost forty students received SIC certificates of credit today (pictured top right) and we look forward to awarding the distinction certificates at Prizegiving. Pictured bottom right are the students who have been volunteering at the Salvation Army shop who also received a special certificate for doing so.

Liz Breslin, SIC Coordinator



SENIOR ART DISPLAY

Members of the public, parents and students are invited to view a selection of Senior Painting, Photography and Design Art Ffolios. These will be displayed in the East Common Room on Tuesday 1 November from 2.00 pm until 4.30 pm. All welcome.

Grand Prior Award

Congratulations to Laetitia Telford and Sean Dickey pictured here with former student Abigail Swift, all from the St John Wanaka Youth Division, who were presented with their Grand Prior Award by the Governor General, Dame Patsy Reedy, in Christchurch last Saturday.



This is the ultimate St John Youth Award and is the result of many years of hard work and dedication. These young people are true asset to our community and to St John Wanaka, and have all attend since it first started over 8 years ago.

Information Evening for Parents of Incoming Year 7 Students

Wednesday 2 November,
MAC North Block Classrooms, 7.00 pm

Year 6 Orientation Day

Tuesday 6 December, 9.00 am - 12 noon

Neuroscientist and parenting expert Nathan Mikaere Wallis is returning to Wanaka.

Tuesday 8 November
(adolescent and teen focus)
Lake Wanaka Centre
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start
\$5 at the door

PRIZEGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Senior Prizegiving (Years 11-13) Friday 25 November
Junior Prizegiving (Years 7-10) Thursday 1 December

If you would like to donate money towards a prize, or group of prizes, please contact Maxine Bird on 443 0499.

Important Dates

Term 4 (10 October - 13 December)

Week 2	21 October	Mufti Day
Week 3	24 October 28 October	Labour Day - college closed Year 10 baby-sitting course
Week 4	2 November 2-4 November 3 November	Parent Meeting for 2017 Year 7 entrants Year 10 Exams Year 13 Leavers Dinner
Week 5	7 November 7 November 8 November 8 November 9 November	Year 12 /13 students commence study leave MAC Scholarship interviews Rotary Scholarship interviews Year 11 students commence study leave NCEA Exams begin (finish on 2 December)



Important Sporting Dates

1 November	Central Otago Athletics Champs
11 November	Otago Junior Volleyball Champs, Dunedin
21 November	Otago Primary Schools Athletics, Dunedin
21-25 November	SISS Volleyball Champs, Nelson
2-4 December	NZSS Athletics, Auckland

For more information, to register your interest, or to list an event, contact Jacky at the Sports Hub. Email: sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

St John's First Aid course for Years 12 and 13 Friday 11 November, 8:30 am - 5.00 pm

St John's Wanaka is offering this course to our local senior students free of charge. It covers US 6401 and 6402 (2 credits) - which are the basics that everyone needs. You will be provided a "Workplace First Aid" certificate following successful completion of the one day course. If you would also like to gain 6400 "Manage First Aid in an Emergency Situation" (this would give you a "Comprehensive First Aid" qualification) you would need to sign up for the **Saturday morning, 12 November** as well.

if you wish to attend, email lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz by 28 October including your name, year level, cell number and whether just interested in Saturday or both days.

MUFTI DAY

Friday 21 October
HALLOWEEN THEME

\$1 if dressed in theme, \$2 if not.
The money from this will be going towards a school scholarship in senior prizegiving. GET SPOOKY!!!!

Wanaka Preschool will be hosting the MUKA PRINT EXHIBITION

Monday 31 October 2.00 - 6.00 pm
Lake Wanaka Centre.

This is an opportunity for children (5-18 years) to choose and buy original lithograph prints by leading artists for \$70 print.

See: www.muka.co.nz

Attention Years 11-13

The last day to borrow MAC library books for 2016 is Friday 21 October (Friday 11 November for juniors).

Student Car Parking

The official agreed parking slot on Lismore Park is between the rocks at either end of the mound. All other vehicles need to be parked on the edge of the road.

Students need to be aware that vehicles parked on Lismore Park in undesignated areas are likely to be issued with a fine. **Be warned!**

Level 3 Spatial and Product Design Exhibition

Friday 21 October, Room 30

Parents and Students are welcome to come and view the exhibition at their leisure throughout the day and after school until 4.15pm.



Book readers live longer!

After surveying 3,635 people aged 60 and older about their health, Yale University School of Public Health researchers discovered that people who read books for thirty minutes or more per day live two years longer than non-readers! See: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0277953616303689>

Reading books works better than magazines and newspapers. Findings suggest that the benefits of reading books include a longer life in which to read them!

Florence Micoud, Kaitiakiupakapuka ~ Librarian

Visit the MAC website for a full sporting events calendar.



2016 Examination Timetable

	Day	Date/Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Day 1	Wed 9 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm				Drama
Day 2	Thurs 10 Nov	9.30am	English	Spanish		English
		2.00pm		Earth and Space Science	Biology	
Canterbury Anniversary Day Weekend						
Day 3	Mon 14 Nov	9.30am	Science	Classical Studies	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	History
		2.00pm	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Agricultural and Horticultural Science	Making Music	Chemistry
Day 4	Tues 15 Nov	9.30am	Economics	Physics	Latin	Economics
		2.00pm	Physics	Economics	Physics	French
Day 5	Wed 16 Nov	9.30am	Geography	Dance	Geography	Japanese
		2.00pm	Dance	Geography	Dance	Physics
Day 6	Thurs 17 Nov	9.30am	Mathematics		Spanish	Statistics
		2.00pm		English	Biology	Biology
Day 7	Fri 18 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm	History	Biology	History	Spanish Accounting Music
Weekend						
Day 8	Mon 21 Nov	9.30am	Home Economics	Chemistry	Home Economics	Geography
		2.00pm	Chemistry	Home Economics	Chemistry	Te Reo Maori
Day 9	Tues 22 Nov	9.30am	Accounting	Art History	Classical Studies	Chinese
		2.00pm	Te Reo Māori	Accounting	English	
Day 10	Wed 23 Nov	9.30am	Biology	History	Art History / Calculus	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
		2.00pm	Chinese / German	Latin	Music Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangitira
Day 11	Thurs 24 Nov	9.30am		Mathematics		Art History
		2.00pm	Spanish		Statistics	
Day 12	Fri 25 Nov	9.30am	Business Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangitira	Business Studies	Calculus
		2.00pm	Music	Business Studies	Economics	Earth and Space Science
Weekend						
Day 13	Mon 28 Nov	9.30am	Health	French	Health	Latin
		2.00pm	French	Health	French	
Day 14	Tues 29 Nov	9.30am	Latin	Media Studies	Chinese / German	Classical Studies
		2.00pm	Media Studies	Chinese / German	Media Studies	
Day 15	Wed 30 Nov	9.30am	Samoan / Te Reo Rangitira	Social Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangitira	Accounting
		2.00pm	Social Studies	Music	Earth and Space Science	German
Day 16	Thurs 1 Dec	9.30am	Japanese	Te Reo Maori	Japanese	Media Studies
		2.00pm	Classical Studies	Japanese	Te Reo Maori	
Day 17	Fri 2 Dec	9.30am	Drama	Education for Sustainability	Drama	
		2.00pm	Art History	Drama	Social Studies	
Weekend						

STUDYLINK APPLICATIONS

Students planning to go to tertiary study after they leave school should apply for their Student Allowance or Loan by 16 December.

StudyLink expects around 180,000 students to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan for the 2017 academic year.

Applying by 16 December means StudyLink can get everything sorted so that the student receives their funding from the start of their course. Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their plans in order to apply.

Their application can be updated as things are confirmed. It's more important to allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed.

Students can find out more about applying for a Student Allowance or Loan on the StudyLink website. Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better – go straight to studylink.govt.nz to apply now.

