



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

Enjoy Success!

NEWSLETTER Panui

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Thank you and all the best!

NZQA external examinations begin next week and our Year 11-13 students are about to go on study leave as they begin their final preparation for these exams. On behalf of staff, board members, students and parents I wish you all the very best as you strive for that final academic success this year. I urge all of you to make the most of your study time, remembering that you are most welcome to use the college facilities to study and that the staff are available for advice and guidance during the examination period. The decisions you make in the next few days and weeks may have a big impact on your future so make good choices, strive for personal excellence and make every effort to ensure that all doors remain open to you.

It is now time for you to take responsibility for preparing for the examinations; it is up to **you** and the short term sacrifices you are willing to make for long term success (a bit like a savings scheme).

Enjoy success and I look forward to celebrating the 2016 college year with you on Friday 25 November at Prizegiving.

Wayne Bosley



YEAR 11



YEAR 12

MANA POUNAMU AWARDS

Briar Hight (Year 11) and Anna Edwards (Year 12) were recognised at an award evening last Friday in Dunedin.

As well as the award Anna received a three year scholarship to Otago Polytechnic.

The pair were supported by members of the college Kapa Haka group.

Congratulations to everyone who represented the college so ably on the night.

Tino pai rawa!



YEAR 13

Entertaining neuroscientist and parenting expert
Nathan Mikaere Wallis
 will be here in Wanaka to share his expertise NEXT WEEK!
Monday 7 November
 (preschool to primary aged focus)
Tuesday 8 November
 (adolescent and teen focus)
 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start,
 Lake Wanaka Centre
 \$5 at the door (students free)

UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS
 Please let us know if your family has recently had a change of contact details (phone / cell / address) or if your child has developed a medical condition of which we should be aware.
 To update please call us on 443 0499 or email: shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz.

MAC MAGAZINE
 Extra copies of the MAC Magazine can be requested at the college office for a cost of \$10. Please place your order as soon as possible.

2017 Term Dates
Term 1: 30 January - 13 April
 Waitangi Day: 6 February
 Otago Anniversary: 20 March
Term 2: 1 May - 7 July
 Queen's Birthday : 5 June
Term 3: 24 July - 29 September
Term 4: 16 October - 8 December
 Labour Day: 23 October

Important Dates

Term 4	(10 October - 13 December)	
Week 4	2-4 November 3 November	Year 10 Exams, Periods 3 and 4 Year 13 Leavers Dinner
Week 5	7 November 7 November 8 November 8 November 9 November 10 November 9-14 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) MAC Blues Awards (invitation only) Spirit of Adventure
Week 6	14 November 17 November 18 November	Student Device Information Evening Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm Mufti Day
Week 7	25 November	Senior Prizegiving
Week 8	1 December	Junior Prizegiving
Week 9	5-9 December 8 December 9 December	Year 10 Camps Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm Year 7-10 reports issued
Week 10	13 December	Last day of Term 4



SING IT TO MY FACE
 Are you a singer or would you like to sing? Want to get involved in next year's Festival of Colour?
 'Sing it to my Face' is an inter-generational community choir project that will feature in next year's Festival of Colour in April. All ages from 6 to 99 form four different choirs that sing to each other - about some of the attitudes that we often think but never say about the other generations.
 About 20 singers are needed per choir. To get things started the director (Jo Randerson) and musical director (Julian Raphael) will be running the following workshops:
For students in Years 7 to 13:
 11 November, 3.30 pm,
 MAC music room
For adults
 12 November, 10 am to 12 noon,
 MAC performance room
 No experience necessary - just a desire to sing and be part of a really cool production. All welcome.
 Keen? For more information, contact Festival of Colour schools coordinator Laura Williamson on editor@laurawilliamson.co.nz, or come along to the workshop.

STUDYLINK APPLICATIONS - DON'T FORGET!
 Students planning to go to tertiary study after they leave school should apply for their Student Allowance or Loan by **Wednesday 16 December**.
 Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better – go straight to studylink.govt.nz to apply now.



Hawea Flat School Family Fun Fair
Saturday 19 November, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
 Loads of family entertainment - pony rides, face painting, bouncy castle, live music, white elephant, hand-made Christmas presents and much more!
Come and join us!

NEWS FROM THE ILC
 Welcome to Santiago Rodrigues from Chile who has started at MAC this term alongside Chika Kubota from Japan. They will stay with us until June and September respectively next year. Also, in General English we have a new arrival - Ratna from Nepal and Maria (who is a cousin of Florence Collins Caballero) from Chile.
TERM 4 PROGRAMME
 This starts next week with Andrea Woolley taking students to Fiordland. This is followed in the second week with Wanaka based activities and will finish with a week of surfing in the Caitlins. This programme, which is for those students not sitting NCEA exams, provides a great opportunity for students to see more of New Zealand's special spots before returning to their home countries.
ILC EXAM STUDENTS
 Good luck with your externals. You have all been working really hard and deserve every success.
HOMESTAY FAMILIES
 We would love you to come to our last Leavers' Dinner for 2016 which will take place on Thursday **24 November**. It is a lovely celebration of what the students have done while they have been with us. As always thank you, for making their experience so great. Please RSVP to Brenda and we look forward to seeing you soon.
ILC STUDENTS WHO ARE LEAVING THIS TERM
 Please wash and return all uniform items to us. You also need to make sure that you bring back any text and library books as well.

Will you be riding a quad bike this summer?
Remember:

- 🚦 Quads require skill
- 🚦 Quads are difficult to handle
- 🚦 Quads roll easily

So keep you and your mates safe:

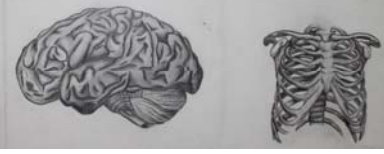
- ✓ Always wear a helmet
- ✓ Stick to terrain you know and a bike you can handle.
- ✓ Carry an emergency locator beacon

Have fun, but come home.

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.



Awesome Art Boards!



Wanaka Medieval Festival
Saturday 5 November, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm
Tickets and information at www.wanaka-medieval-festival.nz

Aspiring Children's Theatre School presents **"Porky Tails"**
A great nights entertainment by Wanaka's young actors
Lake Wanaka Centre, Wednesday 9 November 6.30 pm, Adults \$15 Children \$10

3-hour Rogaine ~ Saturday 19 November, Corbridge Downs, Luggate Highway
Online registration: www.holyfamilywanaka.school.nz/events/rogaine_challenge

Cromwell Farmers' and Craft Market and Kids Market ~ Sunday 20 November
Youngsters are invited to set up a stall and sell their home-made food, home-grown produce or hand-made crafts. Or come along and busk if you are musical. For more information and to request an application form, contact Megan on 021 131 5125 before 15 November.

BIKEVEMBER
Keen for a challenge, a change and to break some habits? Register free online at www.bikevember.nz
Bikevember is an Upper Clutha initiative, all about encouraging people to go by bicycle or other people-powered travel for November, and inspiring many to keep on going after those 30 days.
The goal is healthier and happier people, quieter roads, stronger community and an even better town to live in. On top of that, fundraising will contribute to finishing a project that will benefit anybody in our community: a ramp onto the Hawea River swing bridge. There are lots of great events throughout the month long festival, and we encourage anyone to organise group rides or other social events celebrating people powered travel.
Sign up your family and friends at www.bikevember.nz (it's free) and set up a challenge at home, school or work. You'll get a bike passport, invites to free events, updates of what's going on and access to deals and prizes over the month.
For more info go to www.bikevember.nz or email jo@bikevember.nz



ORIENTEERING SUCCESS
Bella Fraser competed in the Alpine O (orienteering) Weekend in Castlehill and Hogsback over Labour weekend. Competing against top NZ orienteers, Bella placed 3rd in the short, middle and long women's 16A (age 16 and advanced) category. Great work Bella!

BOW HUNTING SUCCESS
Congratulations to Annika Gibson who won the Junior Womens Recurve at the recent South Island Bow Hunting Championships which were held in Christchurch.

DANCE SUCCESS
Dance Wanaka students had a successful weekend at the Alexandra PACNZ competitions, which attracts talented Otago and Southland dancers.
Laura Neale (pictured) received a 3rd placing with her classical solo in the Restricted Ballet Championship. Ballet / Jazz troupes received 3rd & 4th placings, which included MAC dancers Cecilia Gardner, Laura Neale, Persia Thor-Poet, Hannah Barham, Holly Gibson, Ashley Bates, Mackenzie Hart & Maude Rogers.
Recent ballet exam results in September with British Ballet Organisation – Hannah Barham, Laura Neale, Persia Thor-Poet and Cecilia Gardner received a Distinction and Certificates of Excellences in their Intermediate level examinations.
Well done to all these dancers.



CROMWELL CENTRAL OTAGO
HERITAGE PRECINCT STREET PARTY & FIREWORKS
FRIDAY 11 NOV FROM 6.30PM
MARKET STALLS
LIVE MUSIC
NIGHT SHOPPING
FOOD & DRINK
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
CROMWELL.ORG.NZ
CROMWELL TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB INC
Private fireworks will not be permitted on crown land
THE TRUSTS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Important Sporting Dates
11 November Otago Junior Volleyball Champs, Dunedin
15 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, please contact Jacky at the Sports Hub, or email: sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

Student Device Information Evening
Monday 14 November, 7.00 pm
Mount Aspiring College North Block

Keeping the Senior Students and Families up to date with Exams and End of Year Procedures

The Last Day of School

Friday 4 November - This will be the last day before study leave for the Year 13 students

Friday 4 November - This will be the last day before study leave for the Year 12 students.

Monday 7 November - This will be the last day before study leave for the Year 11 students.

End of Year Clearance Procedures (Years 11-13)

The clearance system this year is as follows:

- All students should return **non-subject-related library books NOW!**
- **Year 13 students** have been handed a leavers' form. This needs to be completed and returned to the office by **Friday 4 November**. NB Text books can be kept and returned after each exam.
- **Year 11 and 12 students** will be issued with a clearance form next week. This form needs to be completed and returned by 3.00 pm on **Tuesday 22 November**. The above procedure is **compulsory for students in Years 11, 12 and 13**.
- Students can get 'cleared' at the office any day from now on, from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm. Doing this sooner rather than later would help the office!
- When the final invoice is sent home anyone who has not completed the clearance procedure will also be sent another copy of our college clearance / leaving form for completion and urgent return.
- During the exam period students should return text books to the library or office as soon as they have finished with them. If this is done students have a much better chance of receiving the end of year magazine on Prizegiving day.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING SCHOOL EMAIL ACCOUNTS FOR ALL LEAVERS

All school leavers will lose their school gmail account when they leave. If the school email account (ie surnameinitial@mtaspiring.school.nz) has been used as the student's main email address and contains important emails regarding future courses, NCEA, etc please make sure that these emails are forwarded to their future personal email address before the end of term. Otherwise these emails will be lost FOREVER. Also remember to let contacts know of your change of email.

Using past NCEA papers in your study

To access the exam papers go to:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/>

Choose the relevant subject, then scroll down the page to the heading which says "Examination papers and exemplars" and select the appropriate year level. This gives examples of recent exam papers.

Further practice exam papers can be accessed from the heading "Exam documents for Expired standards"

Senior Prizegiving Preparation - Friday 25 November

9:00 am Rehearsals for all musical items (including Kapa Haka party)

1:00 pm Rehearsal - Year 11-13 students meet on hard courts

7:00 pm Prizegiving begins

(A timetable for musical and haka rehearsals will be published on the music room door once these items are finalised)

NCEA - HELPFUL LINK FOR PARENTS / STUDENTS <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/students/>

Your one-stop link for information about exams and results, including this year's timetable (this can also be accessed from the newsletter page of the website and copies are available from the college office).

ID NEEDED FOR SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS

Students sitting **scholarship exams** need to bring **photo ID** with them to their exams.

Helpful Hints for the Exams

- Don't be late! Morning exams start at 9.30am and students should be at school by **9.10 am**. Afternoon exams start at 2.00 pm and students should be at school by **1.40 pm**. If you are late you can enter the exam room in the first 30 minutes only.
- If you get sick, injured or there is a family tragedy and you think you cannot do an exam try to contact Ms Ashton BEFORE the exam so that she can advise you of the best course of action. Go to the doctor and get a Medical Certificate. Aim to try and complete the exam anyway. Remember that very few Derived Grade applications are given each year and you must be genuinely sick with proof from a doctor.
- Bring to the exam – calculators, admission slip, pens, rulers, etc – in a clear plastic bag. A clear water bottle is also fine. Car keys and a cell phone (switched off) may be in a separate clear plastic bag under your seat - this is the only acceptable way to bring a cell phone into an exam. **If you don't need your cell phone don't bring it at all.**
- Do not bring notes or books of any kind.
- Don't plan to use the toilet heaps whilst in an exam – that causes disruption to the exam and may bring suspicion upon you. It is OK to go if you have to, but a maximum of two visits are permitted per exam session.
- If there is a standard listed on your admission slip that you do not want to answer – **DO NOT TOUCH OR MARK THE PAPER IN ANY WAY**. It will be graded as a "Standard Not Attempted", which is much better than a "Not Achieved".

See Ms Ashton **before** the exams if you have any major problems.

Exam Admission Slips

Examination admission slips have already been handed out to the seniors.

It is vital that the exam admission slip is taken to each exam. DO NOT LOSE IT! If you do lose your exam slip please see Ms Ashton or the office as soon as possible.