



Welcome back to MAC

Kia ora koutou katoa

No mai haere mai ki te Te Karetī o Maunga Tititēa

It is wonderful to welcome everyone to the 2017 college year. Our student roll has increased to 906 students (including 27 fee paying students) compared with 855 at the same time last year and these figures will be confirmed next week.

Yesterday we welcomed our Year 7 and 13 students as well as students who are new to the college. We are fully staffed and look forward to the year ahead.

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the term ahead and keep you informed of MAC events, as well as celebrating our student successes. The newsletter is published weekly on Thursdays and hard copies are available for students to share on Thursdays during whanau. All families will also be emailed a copy.

Please also check the college website or Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/mountaspiringcollege/>) for up to date information on students, their opportunities and their progress.

This week will be a mixture of class work and orientation activities aimed at ensuring that all students and staff feel part of the college as quickly as possible.

I look forward to the new year as we once again strive, with your assistance and support, to be the best possible learning community.

Wayne Bosley

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Wednesday 8 March / Tuesday 14 March

This is a chance to meet the teacher and help your child to set their individual goals for the year. More information will follow shortly, but note these dates in your diary now.

HOUSE DAY FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2017

9.15 am - 12.00 noon: House and Whanau activities at the House venue

12 noon - 12.30 pm: Lunch at the House venue

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm: Tug of War at Mount Aspiring College

HOUSE LOCATIONS

BARKER: Bremner Bay (Aubrey Road end of Eely Point)

IRON: Eely Point (on the grass above the Scout Den)

PISA: Pembroke Park (opposite Showgrounds entrance)

ROY: Roy's Bay (by the new adventure playground near Wanaka Station Park)

Students should meet at the above venues at 9.15 am. Alternatively, students may arrive at school as normal and there will be two staff from each house to walk with the students to their venues.

These students must be at school by **8.45 am**.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ All students need to bring lunch, togs, sunhat, sunscreen, plenty of water and wear house-coloured mufti appropriate for the day's weather. Please wear shoes which can get wet.
- ◆ Students in Barker, Pisa and Roy are to bring a lunch item for sharing with their whanau.
- ◆ Remember: Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap!
- ◆ If the weather looks bad listen out for cancellation on Radio Wanaka (92.2 FM) or check the MAC website or facebook page. It will be a normal school day if the event is cancelled.

IMPORTANT

All students now have medical information stored on their database record. As this event involves use of the lake foreshore it is considered to be a 'high risk' trip. All parents are therefore asked to log in to the portal to check that the medical details are correct for their child(ren).

Any parents who wish to update EOTC medical information should email shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz with their child's name and whanau stated in the heading line. Thanks for your help with this.

WARNING!

Typically the weather is very warm for our tug of war. Please ensure that all students have sun hats and sunproof layers to wear on Friday. And, if this year looks like being the exception, an extra warm layer might be a good idea.

MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE- HELPFUL GUIDELINES - PLEASE KEEP TO HAND

PHONES

Automated Phone System

We have an automated menu system which helps tremendously with the 'morning rush' of reported absences.

Dial:

- 0 to report an absence
- 1 to leave a message outside office hours
- 2 to speak to the office
- 3 to dial an extension

Student calls to caregivers

We discourage the use of the office phone system for non-urgent student phone calls. However, if the office phone must be used we charge 20 cents for a call to a local landline and \$1.00 for cell phone calls. Please remind your child to carry the appropriate coins at all times so that they can pay for their call.

Cell Phones

Please ensure that students are aware that it is school policy that cell phones are switched off during class. Failure to conform may result in confiscation of the cell phone for the remainder of the day.

ABSENCES

Please could all parents assist us by remembering to telephone the college to report absences from school first thing in the morning.

Alternatively you can report an absence via email: absences@mtaspiring.school.nz. Please state your child's surname as well as Christian name and also the reason for their absence.

This reduces the time-consuming and often difficult task of following up unexplained absences each day.

MEDICATION

The office holds medication for a number of students with critical medical conditions (for example, bee allergies, diabetes).

Please come and speak to the office staff if there is anything they should be aware of about your child (for example recent concussion).

MONEY

Office Payments

Please encourage children to order lunch and hand over other payments to the office as soon as they arrive at school. It is really helpful if payments are enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the student's name and an indication of the trip or activity. Cheques should be made payable to Mount Aspiring College.

We would like to encourage all students to AVOID carrying more money with them to school than is necessary.

The office is always happy to 'hold' larger sums of money for students if they feel uncomfortable taking care of it during the day.

School Accounts

Accounts are emailed home monthly and prompt settlement is appreciated.

If you have a discrepancy with an item on an account please contact the office at the time so that this can be investigated.

Payments can be made in person by cash, cheque or Eft-Pos. You can also pay by Internet Banking (**Account Number 031739 0027820 - 00**) Please ensure that your child's surname and initial are detailed in the reference field and indicate that the payment is for school fees in the code field. You may also pay by credit card but a fee may apply.

Financial Difficulties

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are struggling to meet the payments please contact Kathy Tweedie to discuss the possibility of making time payments or obtaining financial assistance.

CONFISCATED ITEMS

Items which are confiscated will be held at the office until the end of school on Friday when they may be collected from the office.

Confiscated items will only be held for one term following the term in which the item was confiscated.

Please help eliminate the handling of confiscated items by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed at college.

LUNCHES

Canteen

Lunch can be ordered from the school canteen. Orders may be made at the office before Whanau or at the canteen at morning interval. It is possible to pay for lunches using Eft-Pos.

Late Lunches

If forgotten lunches are brought into school by parents we will ask you to personally deliver these to your child in their class.

Alternatively, please arrange in advance for your child to check with the office to see if lunches have been delivered.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large lost property bin in the student foyer of the office. Parents are welcome to come and 'search' if items of clothing go missing (mums are often more thorough than students!).

Please label all uniform items.

MESSAGES

We do not operate a 'runner' system at the college and it is often difficult to relay messages to students, particularly if these are received after midday.

If at all possible, make arrangements with students prior to the start of school.

LOCKERS

Students may have the use of a locker for the year. Please bring \$10 to the office and the office staff will allocate one to you. Students will need to supply their own padlocks. Year 7 and 8 students have lockers / storage space in their homeroom area.

Important Dates

Term 1 (30 January - 13 April)

Week 1	Friday 3 February	House Day
Week 2	Monday 6 February Wednesday 8 February	Waitangi Day (observed) - college closed MAC Swim Champs
Week 3	13-17 February Tuesday 14 February Tuesday 14 February	Level 2 OP Canyoning Trips Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room HPV Info Session
Week 4	Tuesday 21 February Wednesday 22 March Thursday 23 February Friday 24 February	Level 3 OP Makarora Trip MAC Athletics Level 3 OP Makarora Trip MAC Athletics Finals
Week 5	27 February - 3 March	Year 7 Pounawea Trip (KI / WN / BW)
Week 6	6 -10 March Year 7	Pounawea Trip (SC / ST)



TERM DATES 2017

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

MAC Swim Champs - Wed 8 February

Event	Event Name	Gender
1	25m Butterfly Championship Open	Girls
2	25m Butterfly Championship Open	Boys
3	100m IM Open Championships	Girls
4	100m IM Open Championships	Boys
5	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
6	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
7	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
8	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
9	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
10	Backstroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
11	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
12	Backstroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
13	Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
14	Backstroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
15	Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
16	Backstroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
17	Backstroke Championship 50m 14 -15 yrs	Girls
18	Backstroke Championship 50m 14 -15 yrs	Boys
19	Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs	Girls
20	Backstroke Championship 50m O16yrs	Boys
21	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Girls
22	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 11-12 yrs	Boys
23	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
24	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
25	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Girls
26	Freestyle Non Championship 25m 14 - 15 yrs	Boys
27	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
28	Freestyle Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
29	Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
30	Freestyle Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
31	Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
32	Freestyle Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
33	Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Girls
34	Freestyle Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Boys
35	Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs	Girls
36	Freestyle Championship 50m O16 yrs	Boys
37	14 Man House Relay LUNCH TIME	
38	100m Freestyle Open Championship	Girls
39	100m Freestyle Open Championship	Boys
40	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Girls
41	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 11-12yrs	Boys
42	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Girls
43	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 13 yrs	Boys
44	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Girls
45	Breastroke Non Championship 25m 14-15 yrs	Boys
46	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Girls
47	Breastroke Non Championship 25m O16 yrs	Boys
48	Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Girls
49	Breastroke Championship 50m 11-12 yrs	Boys
50	Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Girls
51	Breastroke Championship 50m 13 yrs	Boys
52	Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Girls
53	Breastroke Championship 50m 14-15 yrs	Boys
54	Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs	Girls
55	Breastroke Championship 50m O16 yrs	Boys
56	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Girls
57	House Relay 11-12 yrs	Boys
58	House Relay 13 yrs	Girls
59	House Relay 13 yrs	Boys
60	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Girls
61	House Relay 14-15 yrs	Boys
62	House Relay O16 yrs	Girls
63	House Relay O16 yrs	Boys

2016 Prizegiving DVDs

If you would like a copy of either ceremony please contact the office to leave your name, stating whether you would like a copy of the junior or the senior ceremony. Copies will cost \$10 each.

SIGN UP FOR MAC SWIM CHAMPS

Anyone wishing to take part in the MAC Swim Champs needs to sign up with their whanau teacher on **Thursday morning**. Remember that ALL students competing in non-championship events earn points for their house. Students who are strong swimmers may choose to enter the championship events (our overall champions are decided from first, second and third placings in these events). Championship swimmers are welcome to enter open events. However, only the top 3 placings will go towards the overall champions. Swimmers will have to think tactically here.

CALLING ALL PARENTS

If you would like to assist with time-keeping at the MAC Swim Champs please contact Rebecca Scully at the college as soon as possible (443 0499 x 819 / scullyr@mtaspiring.school.nz).

HPV Vaccination Information Session

All year 8 students (boys and girls) will attend an information session regarding the free HPV Vaccination on Tuesday 14 February. Consent forms will be issued at this session and parents are more than welcome to attend the session as well. No student will be vaccinated without their parent / caregiver's consent. For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school:

Pip Mclean 03 4404309 pip.mclean@southerndhb.govt.nz
or look up www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

Futsal Trials – Senior Boys

A call for any Year 10 -13 boys wanting to trial out for the MAC SENIOR BOYS FUTSAL TEAM for the NZSS FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WELLINGTON at the end of March. Trials will start with training sessions at the MAC gym on Wednesday evenings at 6.00 pm starting 1st February (there may be Sunday sessions as well but further notice on that will be given at Wednesday trainings). Trial games will be held at the MAC gym at lunchtime on 13 / 14 February (to attend the trial game you must have attended the training sessions unless you have a special reason). The team of 10 players will be announced on Wednesday 15 February.

Futsal for Girls

Training in the MAC school gym on Thursday evenings 6.00 - 8.00 pm, starting on 8 February. Open to all girls from Year 9 and up.

Student Coaches

Here's a great opportunity for coaches and Students in the Community. Sport Otago is offering a one-day workshop for student coaches on Thursday 6 April. The workshop will consist of Generic Coaching Information, ACC SportSmart and Sport Specific Coaching. It will be held at Cromwell College from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm and is open to any students involved in or wanting to get involved in coaching netball, rugby, hockey, football or basketball. **Register your interest now with Jacky at the Sportshub.**

Athletics: Year 9 - 13 students

If you are in Years 9 -13 and would like to take part in the Otago Secondary School athletics champs, it is important that you register your interest now. Entries for Otago champs are due before the MAC athletics days, so please advise Jacky of your entry details, including age group and events. The Otago champs will be used as a qualifier for Otago/ Southland champs, and O / S as a qualifier for South Island SS champs. More information on these events can be found at www.ossa.org.nz

Important College Sporting Dates

MAC Swim Champs
Wednesday
8 February
MAC Athletics Champs
Wednesday
22 February

Triathlon/ Multisport- Otago Secondary Schools Champs, Cromwell, 16 February

This event is for Year 9 - 13 students who can take part as individuals or in a team of 2 or 3. The race includes a 300m swim (or 3 km kayak), a 13 km cycle and 3.5 km run. Parents will be asked to provide transport on the day. Entries are due by next Tuesday (7 February) and no late entries can be accepted. Please see Jacky at the Sportshub to enter.



CANTEEN MENU

Please order at the office before school starts or at the canteen at interval

DAILY OPTIONS - Please order

Salad Wrap (chicken salad or salad)	\$5.00
Black Bean and Quinoa Salad Bowl	\$5.00
Pizza (ham, chicken or capsicum and pesto) **	\$3.50
Sushi Log (vegetarian or teriyaki chicken) **	\$5.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Hot Chips (daily orders only-- except Friday)	\$6.00
Chocolate scroll	\$3.00
Cookie	\$2.00
Chocolate Weetbix Slice	\$3.00
Brownie	\$3.00
Blissball	\$1.00

** = Gluten Free and vegetarian

DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.50
Milkshake	\$3.50
Smoothies (made daily with raw fruit and vegies)	\$3.50
Iced Tea	\$4.00
Slushie (no syrup, just juice)	\$3.00

ICE BLOCKS

\$2.50

FRIDAY ONLY

Hot chips (unless ordered prior)	\$3.00
Fish 'n' Chips	\$5.00

If you order your lunch at the office before school or at the canteen at interval we will have it put aside for you so that you won't miss out.

For full details of ingredients see the menu at the student counter in the office

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Finn Bilous (freeskier), who has been named as a finalist for the 54th Halberg Awards.

Zoi Sadowski-Synnott, for her back-to-back wins in halfpipe and slopestyle in Canada. Zoi is building up to World Cup and World Championship events throughout Europe and the USA.

Ines Stephani, who was part of the winning team at the December showdown of the 2016 Australian Tennis Teams Championships.

Campbell Wright, who finished 2nd overall in cross country skiing at the Ontario Cup in Duntroon, Canada.

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MAC MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to Ex-MAC band 'Deep Kick' for their generous donation. 'Deep Kick' were back in Wanaka in December, and gave the Gin and Raspberry a blast from the past.

Instrumental Lessons -

Applications for 2017 Instrumental lessons are available from the school office. Please remember to fill these in and return them promptly to ensure you get a place.

OFFICIAL MAC DROP-OFF ZONE

A reminder that the official drop-off zone for ALL STUDENTS (including those with OP gear) is the footpaths on Plantation Road.

We would appreciate your assistance in making our school a safer place by conforming to this request. Cars with disabled access rights may continue to use the designated disabled parking spots within the college grounds. Many thanks for your co-operation.

To view the [school notices from home access http://notices.mtaspiring.school.nz/view.asp](http://notices.mtaspiring.school.nz/view.asp)

Wanaka A&P Show - 10 / 11 March

Are you good at baking / sewing / photography? Do you like creating things?

Then why not make an entry at the A&P show? Loads of prizes up for grabs. Come and check out the brochure at the college office.

INTRODUCING THE MAC PORTAL TO PARENTS NEW TO THE COLLEGE

In the next few days we will be emailing you instructions for accessing the Kamar Parent / Student Portal. Each student has a unique logon and there are passwords for students and also for parents. Existing students and their parents will also be emailed as there were some queries with these during the holidays.

The portal enables students and parents to have up-to-date information at their fingertips with regard to:

- REPORTING - full reports twice a year (Years 7-10) with interim updates as often as every fortnight.
- ABSENCES
- TIMETABLE
- INTERNAL RESULTS AND NCEA RESULTS
- FEES
- LIBRARY LOANS
- CALENDAR

Parents can also check that all the personal details logged against their contact details are correct including medical information. Any feedback regarding incorrect data can be emailed to:

shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz

LOST A SNOWBOARD?

There are several stored in the cubby hole in the visitors office lobby. As these have been there for quite some time we are going to use them for a college project.

If you think that you have one stored in this space please claim it by the end of end of this week.

Friends of MAC Student Directory

The 2017 Student Directory will be available within the next few weeks. This publication contains the student names and home phone numbers of all students whose parents have consented to have this information released to other parents.

This useful document was initiated by Friends of MAC in order to help parents keep their children safe by making it easier for parents to communicate with parents of other students at the college. If you have not already consented (enrolment form or personal request) and would like your child(ren)'s name included please contact the office.

Important Sporting Dates 2017

8 February	MAC Swim Champs
15 February	Otago Secondary Schools Tennis Qualifier, Dunedin
16 February	Otago Secondary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell
19 February	Otago / Southland Waterskiing Champs, Millers Flat
21 February	National Primary Schools Cup - Year 7/8 Cricket, Alexandra
1 and 3 March	MAC Athletics and Finals
5 March	SISS Triathlon / Duathlon, Oamaru
9 March	CO Primary Schools Swimming, Cromwell
10 - 11 March	Otago Secondary Schools Athletics, Dunedin
11 - 12 March	SISS Rowing Champs, Twizel
22 March	Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell
24 - 25 March	Otago / Southland Secondary Schools Athletics, Dunedin
25 March	Otago Primary Schools Swimming Champs, Dunedin
27 March - 2 April	Maadi Cup Rowing, Karapiro
27 March - 2 April	SISS Sunburst Sailing, Dunedin
29 - 31 March	NZ Secondary Schools futsal champs
30 - 31 March	NZ Schools Triathlon Champs, Wanganui
31 March - 2 April	South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Champs, Timaru
1 April	SISS Adventure Race, Cromwell
5 April	Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell
6 April	Student Coaches Workshop, Cromwell
8-13 April	NZSS Kayak Champs, Kawarau
9 April	Netball v Rockhampton High School, MAC
12 April	MAC Mountainbike Champs, Deans Bank

See Jacky at the Sports Hub for more details (sports@mtaspiring.school.nz)