



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

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ACTION FROM HOUSE DAY

Tug of war results

Barker and Roy 37 points, Iron 36, Pisa 30



COMING UP NEXT WEEK

- * Action from yesterday's MAC Swim Champs
- * Introducing some new members of MAC staff
- * Student Leaders and Academic success

CONGRATULATIONS ON THESE SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:~

ATHLETICS

Over 800 athletes competed at the Colgate Games in Invercargill. Aspiring Athletes Club experienced tremendous success surpassing all previous years of attending Colgate Games events. Abby East, Georgie Bruce, Molly Barham, Jack East, and Ella Landreth all won gold medals. Jack East was also one of only four Grade 14 athletes to be awarded a prestigious Nick Willis Scholarship which recognises a high level of performance as well as sportsmanship, conduct and attitude towards officials and fellow athletes. Photos can be found on the Sportshub Facebook page.

TRIATHLON

A big congratulations to Janus Staufenberg, who has been selected by Triathlon NZ for the National Talent Squad (only four were selected in the country). Janus had a breakthrough race last weekend in Takapuna, with a sprint finish to place third in a top NZ elite field. He finished only a few seconds behind Dan Hoy, who won a silver medal at the last Youth Olympics! Gregor Findlay was selected to be "on the radar" for the NTS, again only four in the country selected. A great achievement for both boys, and nice to see their hard work and dedication paying off.

OVERSEAS SNOWBOARDING SUCCESS

Zoi Sadowski-Synnott was on impressive form in the qualifying rounds of the Snowboard Slopestyle World Cup staged at Mammoth Mountain in the USA. In her World Cup debut in this discipline, Zoi qualified for the finals, which will include Olympic champion Jamie Anderson (USA).

SAILING

At the recent BIC sailing Nationals in Dunedin, Nicola Saunders finished third in the gold fleet. Competing against almost 30 others, and fairly new to BIC racing, this was an impressive result. In the silver fleet, Olly Thomas also came third. Well done to all students who took part in the regatta, and a big thanks to Barry McKay for his time spent coaching the team.

ROWING

At the South Island Rowing Championships at Lake Ruataniwha, MAC crews came away with two silver medals and a bronze despite the regatta being abandoned due to high winds and racing being completed over a shortened 1000m course. In total, Wanaka crews made seven A finals and four B finals.

Sam Pearce recorded the fastest time over 2km in the U16 single heats and then rowed well to gain the silver in the shortened course, against strong headwinds. He qualified for the B final in the U19 singles.

In the girls U16 squad Greer Porter won a silver medal in the U16 single, while Peta McKay placed third in the B final and Jordan Fox seventh. The girls then teamed up with Maggie Stiven in the U16 quad gaining a bronze medal. The double sculls were abandoned.

Emma Smith and Estelle Norman came sixth in the A final of the U15 double sculls. They then teamed up with novice U15 rowers Rata Horan and Sammy Harry for the under 15 quad reaching the A final which was abandoned.

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 email shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz or contact the office.

Introductory Tertiary Visits

The following tertiary providers will be presenting to our seniors on the following dates:

Otago Polytechnic: Wednesday 1 March, 2:20 pm (Year 13) and 2:50 pm (Year 12)

Victoria University: Monday 6 March, 1:20 pm

Massey University: Friday 17 March

Lincoln University: Wednesday 22 March

Otago University: Wednesday 5 April, 2:10 pm (Compulsory Y13)

Canterbury University: Thursday 6 April, 8:30 am

Auckland University: Wednesday 3 May, 1:30 pm

AA DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next course will be held in Alexandra on 25 February / 4 March, 9.00-11.00 am and 26 February / 5 March, 11.00 am -1.00 pm. For further information and an application form please contact kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz.

ASPIRING CHILDREN'S THEATRE SCHOOL

Drama classes begin next week for all ages. For registrations or more information email : John and Gilly at stagepresents01@gmail.com

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. A letter regarding this was emailed home to all parents yesterday. The session will take place during period 5 (2.15 - 3.15 pm) in the North Block and parents are more than welcome to attend the session as well.

Consent forms will be issued at the information session. **No student will be vaccinated without their parent / caregiver's consent but all consent forms do need to be completed and returned even if your child is not being vaccinated.**

For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school:

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

ASPIRING YOUNG MUSICIANS

Sign up, Try an Instrument & Information Day
Saturday 11 February

Group Lessons

Available in: Violin, Cello, Trumpet, Keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Clarinet, Flute, Percussion



Orchestra

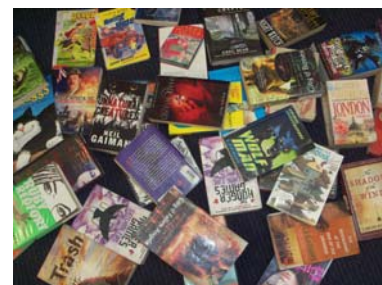
All school aged students and instruments welcome.

E: aspiringyoungmusicians@gmail.com
W: www.aspiringyoungmusicians.nz
F: www.facebook.com/aspiringyoungmusicians

Welcome to the library!



The library is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm including interval and lunchtime. No food to be eaten in the library please.



Choose from 7100 Fiction books, 6520 Knowledge books, 500 picture books, 1250 Ebooks...

Whatever your style, make reading a habit.

Florence Micoud, Kaitiakipukapuka ~ Librarian

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.

Important Dates

Term 1 (30 January - 13 April)

Week 3	13-17 February	Level 2 OP Canyoning Trips
	Tuesday 14 February	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
	Tuesday 14 February	Year 8 HPV Info Session, Period 5, North Block
Week 4	Tuesday 21 February	Level 3 OP Makarora Trip
	Wednesday 22 March	MAC Athletics
	Thursday 23 February	Level 3 OP Makarora Trip
	Friday 24 February	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)
	Tuesday 7 March	Level 3 OP Shotover Trip
	Thursday 9 March	Level 3 OP Shotover Trip
Week 8	20 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
	Thursday 23 March	Year 8 HPV Vaccination - Round 1
Week 9	Tuesday 28 March	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
Week 10	Wednesday 5 April	Junior Mathematics competition
Week 11	10-11 April	Level 1 Canoe Trip
	Wednesday 12 April	MAC MTB Champs
	Thursday 13 April	Last day of Term 1



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

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

Wednesday 8 March and 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.

Orienteering

Tuesday training sessions with Aspiring Athletes have now recommenced. Meet on the school fields, 3.30 - 5.00 pm.

MAC NETBALL PRE-SEASON TRAINING PROGRAMME

Sally Soper from The Fit Collective is running this programme (starts this week) for girls in Years 10-13. If interested call [021 659 963](tel:021659963) or email sallysoperpt@gmail.com

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 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: LIMITED PLACES SO GET IN EARLY!

UPCOMING MTB EVENTS

Cardrona Gravity Enduro MTB - Saturday 11 February:

This event will have a junior (secondary schools) category. For more information, visit the Cardrona website or email Georgina.Cleave@cardrona.com

National Schools MTB Champs, Rotorua, 28-30 March:

www.schools.cyclingnewzealand.nz/events/national-mtb-championships

South Island Secondary School Triathlon & Duathlon Champs, Oamaru

Entry info and registration for this event which takes place on Sunday 5 March can be found at <http://www.sporty.co.nz/oamarumultisportclub/South-Island-Sec-Schools-TriDua/Registration-form-SISS> All entries are online. For more information, contact Diane on 021 081 50688 (Oamaru Multisport Club)



Geo Adventures Fun Day

On Sunday 19 February there will be a fun mini rogaine using a new orienteering map on the slopes of the Cardona skifield (and yes you will be allowed to take the chair lift).

There will also be a disc golf course available so come up and make a day of it.

For more orienteering events, visit:

www.orienteering.org.nz/events
www.dunedinorienteering.org/
www.sporty.co.nz/SOC (Southland)

FUTSAL TRAINING AND TRIALS

BOYS, Years 10 - 13: Training on Wednesdays, 6.00 pm in the gym. Trials for NZSS champs in the gym on 13 and 14 February at lunchtime.

GIRLS, Years 9 - 13: Training on Thursdays, 6.00 - 8.00 pm in the gym.

LIKE the Mount Aspiring College Sportshub Facebook page for sports news, photos and notices.

Visit the Parent Portal for daily notices regarding sports trials, practices and more.

Cricket (Years 7 & 8)

For the first time a MAC cricket team has been entered in the NZ National Primary Schools Post Cup competition. This is a T20 knock-out competition that goes through to a national final once winners from each province have been found. The MAC team has two games in Alexandra on Tuesday 21 February, (reserve day 23 February) and will need parent help with transport. I am looking for names of any players who are keen to be involved and any parents available to help with transport. Once we have names, we will select the best team to take down to Alexandra.

Please reply TODAY to andy@simdesign.co.nz / 027 297 0602 and we will endeavour to select and notify the team by next Tuesday.

Southern Steel Netball Club

Netball South will be running Steel Club again this year starting on Wednesday 22 February and running for 8 weeks. It is designed to give young players (aged 8 to 15) of all abilities the opportunity to learn new skills through weekly sessions. Visit www.netballsouth.co.nz or see the flyer outside the Sportshub.

We are also looking for Steel Club coaches. This is the perfect opportunity for Year 13 students looking to gain some coaching experience before heading into the netball season. If student coaches are interested or want more information could they please email:

alex.morrison-bailey@netballsouth.co.nz

Important Sporting Dates 2017

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
22 and 24 February	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, Wellington
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
12 April	Top Bike (Year 7/8), Alexandra

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

COMPETITION SWIMMING

Year 7 and 8 students: the MAC swim sports are the qualifier for the Central Otago Primary Schools swimming champs on Thursday 9 March. A limited number of boys and girls from each age group will be selected to compete in championship and non-championship events at the COPSSA swimming. Lists will be posted on the Sportshub noticeboard.

Anyone who meets the qualifying times can swim at the Otago Primary School Champs (25 March) or the Otago Secondary Schools champs (21 May). Check out www.otago.swimming.org.nz for qualifying times. Please see Jacky at the Sportshub if you would like to enter the Otago champs.

Otago Secondary Schools Champs

This event for Year 9 - 13 students will take place in Cromwell on Thursday 16 February. Students can take part as individuals or in a team of two or three. The race includes a 300m swim (or 3 km kayak), 13 km cycle and 3.5 km run. Parents will be asked to provide transport on the day. **Entries are due by today (Thursday 9 February).** No late entries can be accepted. Please see Jacky at the Sportshub to enter.

MAC ATHLETICSTIMETABLE ~ WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Time	GIRLS		BOYS			
	Running	Year 7	Year 8	Under 14	Under 16	Seniors (O16)
8.35 - 8.45	Whanau meet on the school field for a roll to be taken					
8.45 - 9.25	100 m Heats	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
9.25 - 10.05	400 Finals (timed)	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
10.05 - 10.45	200 m Heats	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
10.45 - 11.20	800 m	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
11.20 - 12.00	Complete racing	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
All Morning Events Must be Completed before Midday						
	BOYS		GIRLS			
	Running	Year 7	Year 8	Under 14	Under 16	Seniors (O16)
12.00 - 12.40	100 m Heats	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
12.40 - 1.20	400 Finals (timed)	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
1.20 - 2.00	200 m Heats	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
2.00 - 2.35	800 m	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
2.35 - 3.10	Complete racing	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
3.10	Roll check to be completed at the conclusion of the day. Meet in Whanau groups.					

ATHLETICS FINALS DAY ~ FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

	BOYS	GIRLS
1.00	1500 m Year 7 - 13	1500 m Year 7 - 13
2.00 - 3.15	100m Finals 200m Finals House Relays	

MAC Athletics Champs:

PARENT HELP: Please can any parents / caregivers interested in assisting with timekeeping contact Rob Bruce (brucer@mtaspiring.school.nz) ASAP.

MAC CANTEEN: On athletics day the canteen will be open from 10.00 am onwards. Parents are welcome to come and buy food as well! Eftpos available.

FRIENDS OF MAC TENT: Spectators and supporters are encouraged to attend. Come and mingle with other parents at the Friends of MAC tent.

TRIPLE JUMP

Triple Jump will be completed on Thursday at lunchtime, or Friday interval for those students who are on Outdoor Pursuits. Under 14, under 16 and over 16 grades.

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

FESTIVAL OF COLOUR OPPORTUNITY

Anyone from Year 10 and above who is passionate about dance and would like to be part of a Festival of Colour dance piece can audition in the performance room at **lunchtime TODAY!**... Look forward to seeing you!

Emily McRae and the cultural committee...

Queenstown Park Station Recreational Ride Day

Sunday 12 February

A unique once-a-year opportunity for a recreational bike ride. Three different options available. Check out www.remarkablespark.com/community or call 03 442 3084 for more information.

Registrations (online) essential by 4.00 pm on Friday.

HUNT FOR THE KŌKAKO

We're appealing to birders, trampers, hunters, pest managers and all other backcountry users - to be the additional ears and eyes in this search effort.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR:

Size: Larger than a tui and smaller than a pigeon

Shape: Long legs, relatively long tail, short rounded wings in flight, short stocky beak with downward curve

Colour: Dark grey or grey-blue in colour, black facial mask with an orange wattle (range from straw-orange-red in colour)

Movements: Hopping, bounding or running gait, may be seen hopping along or up or down branches or tree trunks

When: The more active times of year are likely to be April to early June and October-December

Where: Native forests in South and Stewart Islands

WHAT TO LISTEN FOR:

Song: The song has a sharp clarity compared with tui or other songbirds, particularly for flute-light notes. Also a 'hollow' depth to some notes, like a wind instrument or blowing across the top of a bottle. Occasionally similar to a NI kokako with 'mews', haunting organ-like and ringing bell-like notes and song, and a noise that sounds like 'took'. It's likely to stop you in your tracks!

THE REWARD REALLY IS UP FOR GRABS

Check out <http://www.southislandkokako.org/the-search/> to find out more.

RUGBY UPDATE



The Mount Aspiring College 1st XV has been lucky enough to have had All Blacks, Ben Smith and Damian McKenzie take them for two training sessions over the holidays. Ben ran the players through many drills the All Blacks use and shared his wisdom on how to become a professional rugby player.

The 1st XV starts training on Tuesday 14 February, 6.00 pm at the Wanaka Showgrounds. Anyone wishing to trial for the team is more than welcome to attend.

We are also very pleased to announce that First National Real Estate Wanaka is the new major sponsor of the 1st XV so we encourage you to support this local business.

MAC CANTEEN

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

Hot Chips just \$3.00
(incorrectly priced in last newsletter)
Available on Fridays or purchase daily by placing an order.

