



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

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2016 NCEA SUCCESS

In yesterday's assembly we acknowledged and celebrated NCEA success achieved in 2016. We are very proud of these results and would like to congratulate our students on their success.

Featured on this page are those students who achieved Excellence endorsements and our 2016 scholarship students.

Students who achieved NCEA passes and Merit endorsements are featured on the following pages.

We are proud of you all.

Wayne Bosley

Endorsement Trends 2016

NCEA Level	2013 %	2014 %	2015 %	2016 %
Level 1	63.1	78.9	78.8	76.0
Level 2	43.9	47.0	58.0	52.5
Level 3	38.1	43.2	45.6	47.4

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	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
NCEA Level 1	92.3	98.1	98.2	90.1	97.1	98.9
NCEA Level 2		93.4	98.2		92.0	98.3
NCEA level 3			91.3			86.5
University Entrance			76.9			72.2



2016 Level 1 Excellence Endorsements



2016 Level 2 Excellence Endorsements

2016 Level 3 Excellence Endorsements

Moana Barnard, Johnny Brebner, Bridget Carlson, Will Cole, Helena Crawford, Spencer Deaton, Erin Greenwood, Chloe Larkin, Sam Neale, Michaela Rogan, Josephine Schafer, Chiara Stamm, Jackson Thompson, Lucas Toovey, Tim Weir.

2016 Scholarships



Helena Crawford - Physics



Spencer Deaton - Biology



Sam Neale - Biology



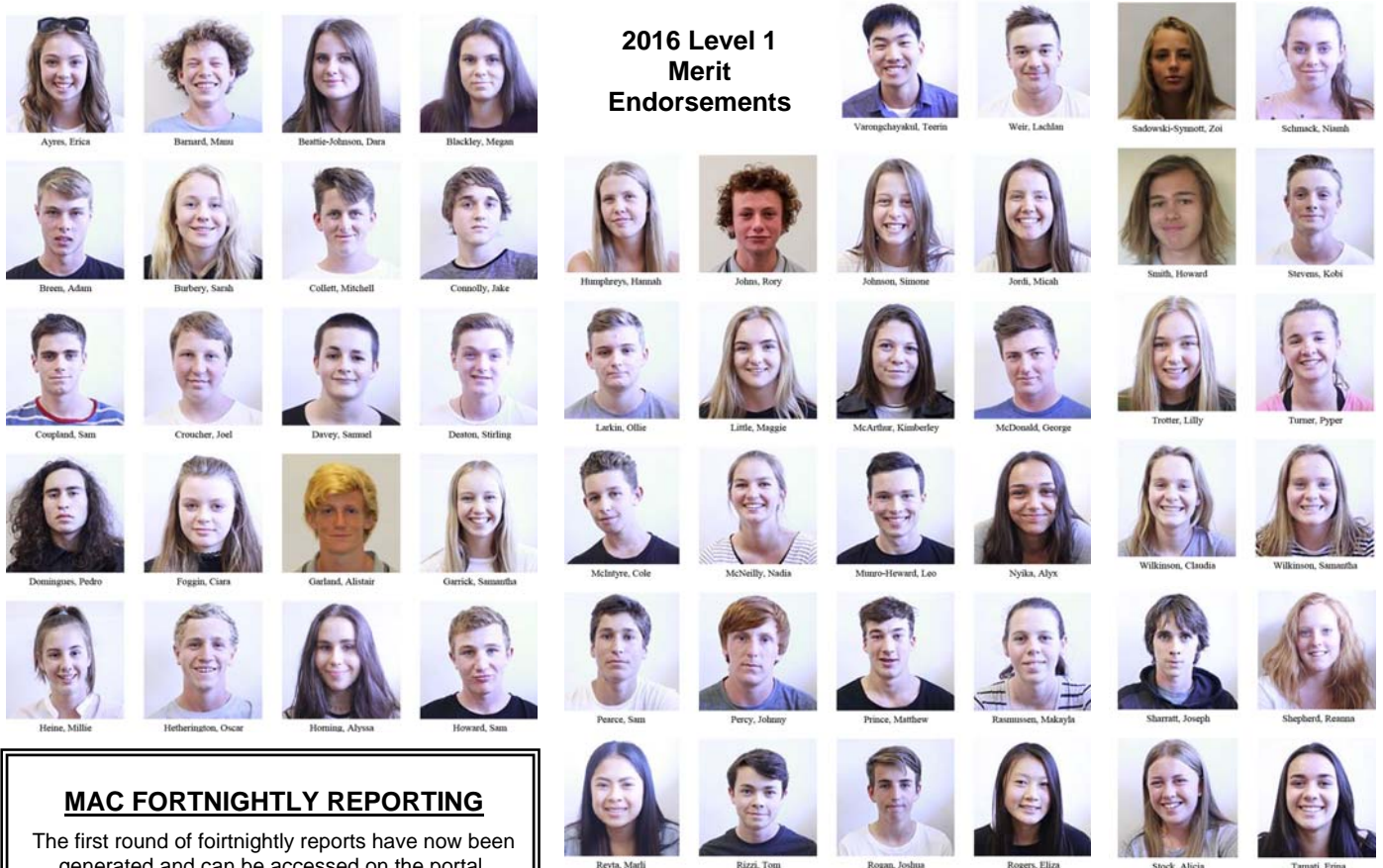
Michaela Rogan - Design



**2016 Level 2
Merit
Endorsements**

2016 Level 3 Merit Endorsements

Jack Abbott, Hugo Baird, Maddy Ball, Cait Barrett, Nick Bowker-Napp, Lily Bowman, Emile Coote, Charlotte Coupland, Hannah Davey, Lucy Hayes, Riley Homan, Sophie Kranz, Gero Lemke, Amber Makeham, Zach Martin, Nick Mercer, Acacia Murray, Josh O'Regan, Hamish Palmer, Oona Palmer, Olivia Pearce, Carlin Richter, Hannah Rizzi, Emily Scott, Rose-Meri Smith, Rosie Spearing, Tully Stevens, Laetitia Telford, Tom Trevelyan, Libby Tyrrell.



**2016 Level 1
Merit
Endorsements**

MAC FORTNIGHTLY REPORTING

The first round of fortnightly reports have now been generated and can be accessed on the portal.

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Click the Reports tab from the left-hand menu and click on **Term 1 Fortnightly Report**. The fortnightly report gives a snapshot indication of how the student is progressing. For further clarification of the report criteria select the **Fortnightly Report Criteria** from the left-hand menu.

TEAM UP CONFERENCES (more information next week)

Wednesday 8 March, 2.00 - 6.45 pm / Tuesday 14 March, 3.45—6.45 pm

This is a chance to meet the teacher and help your child to set their individual goals for the year. School will finish at 1.20 pm on Wednesday 8 March but students who are unable to leave early will be supervised at school.



**2016
Level 2
NCEA
Achieved**



MAC students have free access to 1264 ebooks from our online platform:

maclib.wheelers.co

Register and download to your App.

Once approved, you can choose and borrow two ebooks to read on your own device anywhere anytime.

Enjoy reading!

Florence Micoud,
Kaitiaki pukapuka
book guardian / Librarian

2016 Level 3 NCEA Achieved

Grice Adams, Brynn Anderson Bull, Jaimee Barnett, James Bird, Lewis Brooks, Riley Bruce, April Carter, Matt Crosby, George Davenport, Caleb Dearlove, Sam Facer, Oscar Fay, India Forbes, Kate Funnell, Beth Gale, Billie Gibbs, Aly Gibson, Samantha Haines, Mikayla Harvey, Miri Hight, Ava Hughes, Bridie Hurley, Lucy Jenkin, Amy Jolly, Gabriel Kemp, Issey Lewis, Gina Lilly, Nick Lumsden, Angus MacLeod, Carl Matalote, Markus McCraith, Matt Molloy, Luis Munro, Toby Murray, Madi Oakes, Alexander Ohnhaus, Leah Olsen, Ethan Pocock, Jordan Rasmussen, Nathan Redai, Callum Rennie, Esme Reynolds, James Simpkin, Thomas Smith, Tatar Solot, Dougal Stalker, Cedric Stephani, Kristian Taylor, Charlotte Wilson.

**Wanaka A&P Show
10 / 11 March**

Are you good at baking, sewing, crafts, flower arranging or photography? Do you like creating things?

Then why not make an entry at the A&P show?

There are loads of prizes up for grabs. Come and check out the brochure at the college office.



**2016 Level 1
NCEA Achieved**

YEAR 9 CAMPS

During weeks 7, 8 and 9 of this term Year 9 students will get the opportunity to spend three days in the Matukituki Valley staying at Tititea Lodge which stands at the edge of the forest of the Mount Aspiring National Park, overlooking the broad river flats of the East Matukituki River.

The students will be participating in water crossing and safety activities, rock climbing, biological studies, and other outdoor activities to challenge, educate and inspire.

MUFTI DAY
Theme: Active Wear
Friday 24 February

HPV Vaccinations

Forms were issued at the information session on Tuesday and need to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

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

Introductory Tertiary Visits - Note these dates

The following tertiary providers will be presenting to our seniors:
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

MAC Rutherford Programme

The Rutherford programme gives students with gifts and talents the opportunity to take part in activities that focus on thinking skills. The essence of any gifted withdrawal programme has to be about high level deep thinking and challenge. We aim to assist students to develop a tool bag of skills and strategies to be able to:

- ◆ think at a high level; analytically, creatively and critically.
- ◆ challenge their thinking and accept learning challenges.
- ◆ develop autonomy in learning.

Rutherford students are withdrawn from their timetabled classes for two hours each week to work in this programme.

If your child has been a part of a One Day School programme in the past, they will be considered for this programme. We examine achievement data to help identify students as well as ask teachers about the students in their classes and we also consider students nominated by parents.

Please contact the year level dean if you consider that your child could be a part of this programme.

YEAR 11 LIFE SKILLS

Year 11 students will be learning about mindfulness during Life Skills, following a curriculum called **.b (pronounced dot-be)**.

Mindfulness involves training our attention to experience the present moment with greater curiosity and kindness. This helps us to not only appreciate what is going well, but to respond more skilfully to life's inevitable challenges.

A great deal of media interest has arisen as a result of the growing body of rigorous research evidence regarding the potential benefits of mindfulness for young people. These include randomised control trials and neuroscientific studies.

At its most simple **.b** is an awareness-raising exercise to give all students a taste of mindfulness so that they know about it and can return to it later in life if they choose to do so.

.b aims to help people:

- ◆ To improve their concentration and focus, in classes, in exams and tests, on the sports field, when playing games, when paying attention and listening to others
- ◆ To fulfil their potential and pursue their own goals eg. be more creative, more relaxed, both academically and personally
- ◆ To experience greater well-being (eg. feel happier, calmer, more fulfilled)
- ◆ To work with difficult mental states such as anxious thoughts and low moods
- ◆ To cope with everyday stresses and strains of adolescent life such as exams, relationships, sleep problems, relationships.

To find out more about the Mindfulness in Schools Project you can check out <https://mindfulnessinschools.org/>

Carol Bradley MiSP

Introducing New Members of Staff

Miss Renee Johnson, B Tch

Miss Johnson was born and bred in Dunedin where she also trained to be a teacher. She spent her first year teaching Year 7 students in Warkworth and is now excited to be teaching Year 8 Integrated Studies here at MAC.

Prior to teaching Miss Johnson spent time teacher aiding and relieving, as well as working with children on cruise ships travelling around the Pacific.

She is an avid sportswoman and loves any ball sports. Basketball, touch and netball are some of her favourites, which she also enjoys coaching. Miss Johnson's interests also include watching movies, being outdoors and spending time with her family and friends.

She has visited Wanaka many times throughout her life but is very happy to now be able to call it home. Miss Johnson is enjoying settling into MAC life and getting to know her students.



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

Important Dates

		Term 1 (30 January - 13 April)
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 Tuesday 7 March Thursday 9 March	Year 7 Pounawea Trip (SC / ST) Level 3 OP Shotover Trip Level 3 OP Shotover Trip
Week 7	13-15 March 15-17 March	9SP Tititea Lodge Camp 9BP Tititea Lodge Camp
Week 8	20 March 21 March 22 - 24 March Thursday 23 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed Australian Computing Competition 9SF Tititea Lodge Camp Year 8 HPV Vaccination - Round 1
Week 9	27- 29 March Tuesday 28 March 29 - 31 March	9TC Tititea Lodge Camp Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room 9CD Tititea Lodge Camp
Week 10	Wednesday 5 April	Junior Mathematics competition
Week 11	10-11 April Wednesday 12 April Thursday 13 April	Level 1 Canoe Trip MAC MTB Champs 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

ATTENTION CYCLISTS

A reminder that you should dismount your bike at the entrance to the college and WALK your bike to the bike stands.

This request is in the interests of student safety and we would appreciate your assistance in making our school a safer place by abiding by this rule.

Thank you!

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)

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball for Year 8 students takes place on Tuesdays, 3.30 - 4.30 pm at the Wanaka Recreation Centre. For more information, contact Pete on 021 812 300, or email wanakajuniorvolleyball@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

- ♦ Alistair Garland, who placed fifth at the Junior Freeride World Championships in Andorra!
- ♦ Zoi Sadowski-Synnott, who continues to prove herself a force to be reckoned with in her first season on the FIS World Cup Tour. Zoi won a bronze medal in Big Air in Quebec, Canada, as well as a fourth place finish in Snowboard Slopestyle at the World Cup at Mammoth Mountain in the USA.

Otago Academy of Sport

Applications are due very soon!

The Otago Academy of Sport co-ordinates, manages and delivers a range of high quality athlete and coaching services across Otago and Central Otago, from sports science and sports medicine services through to athlete life advice and coach support.

At present these services are being provided to athletes (and their coaches) selected for the Sport NZ Pathway to Podium programme and two locally supported Academy Talent Accelerator Programmes namely Academy Otago and Academy Central Otago. We deliver a two year programme to the athletes to help prepare them for high performance sport. Applications are currently open for Central Otago athletes.

In the past we have delivered workshops on Thursday nights at the Lake Wanaka Centre but this year we are going to run the majority of the workshops over Queens Birthday weekend. We are looking to run conditioning sessions for the Academy athletes.

on Thursday nights every two weeks during the winter months.

Our website is <http://oas.org.nz/> and our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/otagoacademy/>. Application forms can be found <http://oas.org.nz/application-forms/>. Applications are set to close next Monday but may be extended to give people more time to apply.

Important Sporting Dates 2017

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 - Register NOW!
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)

Wanaka-based Defensive Driving Course

The next course will run in late March / early April.

Call Nicky at Aspiring Drivers (021 060 7310) for more details.

Geo Adventures Fun Day at Cardrona Skifield

Sunday 19 February

Mini rogaine and disc golf.

For more orienteering events, visit:

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

Cycling NZ is coming to Wanaka

We are looking for parents / staff / community members who would like to take part in the Cycling NZ coaching course.

Friday 24 March: 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Saturday 25 March: 8:30 am - 4.30 pm
Sunday 26 March: 8:30 am - 4.30 pm

For more information, or to register, please contact Chris Foggin on 027 507 5393 or see Jacky at the Sports Hub.

Come along to the Wanaka Library and learn about this amazing volunteer buddy programme and find out how to become a big buddy. Guest speakers from Volunteering Central and Kahu Youth will be there to give you the low down on how to get involved. Event details on Facebook; search @Qtlakeslibraries



Orienteering

Tuesday training sessions with Aspiring Athletes have now recommenced.

Meet on the school fields, Tuesdays, 3.30 - 5.00 pm.

Wanaka Associated Football Club Registrations

Registrations are now being taken for the 2017 season.

The first kick-around will be on Wednesday 22nd February
Kelly's Flat: Grades 6, 8 & 10 at 3:30 pm, Grade 12 at 4:30 pm.
Mount Aspiring College: Grades 14 and older at 4:30 pm.

Go to www.wanakafootball.org.nz for more information and to register.

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

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

EQUESTRIAN EVENT

There is an interschools event at Palmerston on Saturday 29 April. Details outside the Sportshub or see Jacky for more information

COMPETITION SWIMMING

Central Otago Primary Schools Champs:

Year 7 & 8 students have been selected to compete at COPSSA swimming on Thursday 9 March; see lists on the Sportshub noticeboard.

Otago Primary (25 March) and Otago Secondary (21 May) Schools champs:

Anyone who meets the qualifying times can swim at these events. To enter, please contact Jacky at the Sportshub.

ATHLETICS

If you are in Years 9 -13 and would like to take part in the Otago secondary school athletics champs, please register at the Sportshub. 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.osssa.org.nz

MAC ATHLETICS TIMETABLE ~ 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.					

FINALS DAY ~ FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

	BOYS	GIRLS
1.00	1500m - Year 7-13	1500m - 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.

FRIENDS OF MAC TENT: Spectators and supporters are warmly invited to attend. Come and grab a coffee from the coffee cart and mingle with other parents at the Friends of MAC tent.

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.

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.

Introducing New Members of Staff

Miss Amy Petrie, BA, Dip DesComm, Dip Tch

Miss Petrie was raised on a farm south of Auckland city. She studied Design and Marketing at Otago University and the Otago Polytechnic before moving back to Auckland to work in the Print and Design Industry. After a change in direction she completed her teaching diploma and spent her first teaching years at Waiuku College and has now joined us at MAC to teach Art and Art Design.

Last year Miss Petrie took time out for her O.E. travelling around places such as USA, Mexico, Morocco, UK, Europe and Dubai. "I am always up for an adventure" she says, "I love the outdoors, drawing, photography and team sports to name a few. I am looking forward to making the most of my time here".



Mr Roy Gawn, B Com, Dip Tch

Mr Gawn has joined the college as a teacher of Enterprise and Business Studies.

Having completed a Bachelor of Commerce in Agriculture at Lincoln University, Mr Gawn went on to complete his teaching diploma. He taught Science and Agriculture for many years at Waitaki Boys High School where he was also a rugby and cricket coach as well as dean of Year 11 for twelve years. More recently he was the head of academic programmes at Telford for four years.

Mr Gawn is delighted to be doing less commuting to his work which enables him to spend more time enjoying his hobbies – fishing, walking, biking and water sports.



Mrs Victoria Macann, BSc, Dip Tch

Originally from Wendon in Southland, Mrs Macann studied biology at Canterbury University and then attended Otago where she gained her teaching qualification. She has taught Science in Rotorua since 2011, but is excited to be back in the South Island for six months covering a science maternity leave position at the college. She is really enjoying teaching at MAC and is happy to have some time closer to her extended family as well as being able to enjoy the different outdoor lifestyle which is on offer here.

Mrs Macann is halfway through her Masters of Education with a focus on e-learning which she is finding really interesting and helpful for her teaching practice. In 2014 she travelled throughout Asia and Eastern Europe for eight months and was part of a tour which took 12 secondary students to Nepal to trek and volunteer around the country in 2016. She enjoys running and mountain biking as well as cooking, eating and spending time in Cardrona with her husband (also a science teacher) and her dog.



Exclusive offer from Outside Sports

Outside Sports are offering MAC students 30% off **Northlands Professional** day packs or tramping bags. This could be perfect for OP or hostel students in need of a tramping pack or day bag, or for students that would like a school bag that is suitable for day hikes too.

This offer is only for school students and is available until the end of March. Wear your uniform or take your MAC ID (cards will be issued soon) in to Outside Sports to claim your exclusive discount.

SINGING WORKSHOP

4/5 March @ the Luggate Hall

This workshop will be led by Claire Stevens (from Dunedin's Sunny Side Up) and is for anyone who loves singing. It will be relaxed, fun and energizing and no ability to read music is required.

Just \$5 a day - come to Saturday (10.30 am - 4.00 pm) or Sunday (10.00 am - 1.30 pm) or both days.

The Sunday session will be followed by a short performance which will start at 1.30pm friends, family and appreciative audience welcome - gold coin donation. For more information contact Kirsty on 027 2005 111 / kirstybarr1@gmail.com.

Australian Computing Competition

This competition is based on problem solving and is open to all year levels. The competition date is Tuesday 21 March and, if you'd like to enter, you need to give your name and \$10 to the college office by Wednesday 22 February.

Like to know more? - There are past papers from previous competitions to look at in Room 5.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

- * MAC Swim Champs update (apologies, results still under wraps this week)
- * Introducing more new members of MAC staff
- * Introducing our Student Leaders (apologies, no space this week)