



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

Enjoy Success!

NEWSLETTER Panui

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Kia ora and welcome to our week Four newsletter.

Student Leadership

The students and staff have enjoyed a very positive beginning to the college year. In today's newsletter we feature the senior student leadership committees. These students were nominated and elected to their roles by the staff and students in term 4 of last year and have the responsibility of ensuring that students of all ages are provided with support and opportunity across academics, culture, service and sport. These students were the first to begin their year with a leadership training day on January 23 and

have met weekly since then organising events for all students and welcoming new students to the college. It is exciting for us as staff to see senior students who are willing to give back to the college community and I am sure you will hear from them throughout the year as they provide a student perspective of Mount Aspiring College.



ACADEMIC COMMITTEE:

Jake Nicholson, Jack Gordon, Patrick Gainsford, Joe Strawson, Nick Smith, Phoebe Young, Alex Mitchell, Caitlin Sanders, Emma Stalker.



SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Campbell Russell, Alex Plimmer, Nick Toepfer, Max Hall, Mackenzie Ayres, Anna Liggins, Jette Cavanagh, Hannah McNabb, Bella Fraser, Sonya Palmer. Absent: Luke Burke.

Pounawea Camp

Next week sees the first of two Year 7 camps at Pounawea, which is a long held tradition that predates the college. I would like to thank those parents and helpers in advance for giving up their time to make this such a special experience for our youngest students.



SPORTS COMMITTEE:

Gregor Findlay, Rory Hannon, Caitlin Gibson, Mel Telford, Adam Hewson, Erica Ayres. Absent: Levi Vink, Joseph Wilson.



CULTURAL COMMITTEE:

Ashleigh Cram, Bella Cooke, Ella Maluschnig, Tom Reaney, Sean Dickey, Tristin Weastel, Leo Munro-Heward, Daniel Regal, Riley Christie, Casey Scurr, Anna Edwards, Erina Tamati, Ella Moore.

Team Up Conferences

Since 2008 'Team Up' Conferences have successfully provided an opportunity for honest dialogue between home and school with the student being the central figure in the learning conversations.

Once again I warmly invite you to join us in the college gymnasium on either Wednesday 8 March from 2.00 – 6.45 pm or Tuesday 14 March from 3.45 until 6.45 pm. On-line booking information has already been emailed to all families and a summary is outlined on page 4. If you require assistance please call the college office on 443 0499.

You can book times with the subject teacher(s) and also with the whanau teacher if you wish. These Team Up discussions are designed to set the scene for the academic year. It is an opportunity for staff to outline their programmes and expectations. Students and parents will also be able to discuss any academic or personal goals in particular subjects and any barriers to learning that may exist. Together we can develop strategies and work together to support student success.

Whanau staff will liaise with subject teachers and their students individually and provide them with advice on setting goals. These will then be reviewed formally in the mid year reports in order to maximize potential.

Tuesday 14 March will be a normal school day, but the final class on Wednesday 8 March will be period 4 which finishes at 1.20 pm after which students are free to leave. Parents of students in Years 7 and 8 will be emailed next Wednesday to check whether their child can be released or needs to stay at school. There will be supervision available for all students who cannot leave the campus until 3.15 pm.

Team Up conferences are a valuable opportunity to meet and discuss the year ahead so I encourage all students and parents to join us.

Enjoy the rest of the week. **Wayne Bosley**

TEAM UP CONFERENCES 2017

Families, Students and Staff Talking Together

To book your interviews go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

and enter the code: **vs2nz**

HELPFUL TIP:~

To check the subjects and teacher names for making bookings we suggest that you first access the **parent portal** and print a copy of your **child's timetable**.

The **teacher code** is the two-letter code displayed under the **subject heading**. Typically teacher codes take the first two letters of the surname, unless there is a duplication amongst the staff, in which case the first initial of the Christian name or a different initial from the surname is typically used as the second letter.

Identifying the teacher codes associated with the subjects will be really helpful when booking your interview slots.

GOOD LUCK to Emilie Barnett, Year 12 who is heading off at the end of this week to spend five months living in Chile on a Language Immersion Scholarship that she was awarded in 2016. We wish her all the best!

MUFTI DAY Theme: Active Wear
Friday 24 February
 \$1 if dressed in theme, \$2 if not



Earth Hour Coming Up!

On the last Friday of each month Team Green organises an Earth Hour. This is not only good for the planet but saves the college \$20 every time we do it. The first Earth Hour will be Friday 24 February period 5. Please turn off all unnecessary lights and appliances before you head out to the athletics finals.

Teen Ag Competition

Well done to Paige O'Brien, Luke Keen and hostel students Josh Osborne and Sam Lourie who all competed in this event. Congratulations to Josh and Sam who were the second team overall and will now compete in the Nationals in Feilding and to Paige O'Brien who won overall competitor of the day.

Take the sting out of paying school fees

We welcome part-payments throughout the year. Please contact the office to find out more about how to set this process up.

Wanaka-based Defensive Driving Course

If you need to sit a defensive driving course then why not sign up for this one which will take place at the college on Wednesdays, 22 / 29 March and 5 / 12 April, 3.30 - 5.30 pm.

For more information and bookings:
Nicky@aspiringdrivers.co.nz / 021 060 7310

Awards celebrate lamb

The annual Golden Lamb Awards – or “Glammies” – are a celebration of this country’s finest grass-fed lamb. Held at the Upper Clutha A&P Show, this year the event features Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ambassador Chefs, former Olympic rower and Beef + Lamb New Zealand Iron Maiden, Caroline Evers-Swindell and some of this country’s best sheep farmers - vying for the coveted Grand Champion title.

Held over two days, the Glammies kicks off at 11am on Friday 10 March with the first round of judging. This is followed by cooking competitions, final round of judging and the presentation of the Golden Lamb Awards.

On Saturday, Ambassador Chefs will hold cooking demonstrations at various times during the day and NZ Young Farmers will be running activities for the younger members of the audience.

Make sure you get along and get a taste of the best lamb in the country.

Year 7 - 10 Science Extension Opportunity

The MAC Science Department would like to offer all Year 7-10 students the opportunity to become involved in an out of class science badge extension programme run by the Science Award Trust in Christchurch.

Visit www.sciencebadges.co.nz, see your science teacher or email ian.mcnabb@mtaspiring.school.nz for more details.

Ian McNabb, MAC Science Badge Co-ordinator

Lots of New Series!



For Junior students:

- ◆ Mickey Sharp series, by Dominic Barker: a teen detective in action, with lots of funny lines
- ◆ Nathalia Buttface, by Nigel Smith: Lol Uh-Oh series for girls
- ◆ Daniel X series, by James Patterson: Daniel X has special super powers, and also huge responsibilities.
- ◆ Spirit Animals series, by Brandon Mull: Four kids have a rare bond with wild animals which gives much needed great powers to both (award winner)

For Senior Students:

- ◆ Thursday Next series, by Jasper Fforde: witty novels that blend Sci-fi, fantasy, literature, adventure, horror and a bit of romance... (multi-award winner)
- ◆ The Ladybirds series, by Jenny McLachlan: Smart and funny, it follows four teenage friends who have drifted apart... for fans of Geek Girl and Louise Rennison series.
- ◆ The Enemy series, by Charlie Higson: jaw-dropping zombie horror series for teens
- ◆ Dairy Queen series, by Catherine Gilbert Murdock: Meet DJ, farmer, footballer and oh yes she's a tall girl and she's clever too! (multi-award winner)

Florence Micoud, Kaitiaki pukapuka (book guardian) / Librarian

HPV Vaccinations

Please return consent forms as soon as possible. We now have more forms at the college office for those students who missed out on getting one.

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

Important Dates

Term 1 (30 January - 13 April)

Week 4	Friday 24 February	MAC Athletics Finals
Week 5	27 February - 3 March	Year 7 Pounaweia Trip (KI / WN / BW)
Week 6	6 -10 March	Year 7 Pounaweia Trip (SC / ST)
	Tuesday 7 March	Level 3 OP Shotover Trip
	Thursday 9 March	Level 3 OP Shotover Trip
Week 7	13-15 March	9SP Tititea Lodge Camp
	15-17 March	9BP Tititea Lodge Camp
Week 8	20 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
	21 March	Australian Computing Competition
	22 - 24 March	9SF Tititea Lodge Camp
	Thursday 23 March	Year 8 HPV Vaccination - Round 1
Week 9	27- 29 March	9TC Tititea Lodge Camp
	Tuesday 28 March	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
	29 - 31 March	9CD Tititea Lodge Camp
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

KEEN TO PLAY FOOTBALL?

Wanaka Football Club on-line registrations at www.wanakafootball.org.nz
Training starts Wednesday 22 February

Otago Triathlon and Multisport Champions



25 MAC students took part in the Otago Secondary Schools Triathlon and Multisport Champs in Cromwell last week. This annual event attracts over 150 competitors from Central Otago and the wider region, including several schools from Dunedin. Our students dominated both junior and senior categories, with more than half making the podium.

Janus Staufenberg: 1st senior boy (3 years in a row)

Campbell Wright: 1st junior boy

Zoe Smith: 1st junior girl

Red Simpson: 1st junior multisport

Laurie Watson: 2nd junior boy

Nick Toepfer, Luke Wright and Harrison Brown: 2nd senior boys team

Emily Heath and Ruby Burke: 2nd junior girls team

Alexa McKay, Abby Fisher and Abby East: 3rd junior girls team

MAC Cycling Club

With two new staff members who are passionate about cycling, we are looking into setting up a school cycling club. Cycling NZ has come on board by providing a coaching course here in Wanaka. We invite anyone with an interest in coaching to come along and get upskilled.

When: 24 - 26 March

Where: Mount Aspiring College

Cost: Reduced from \$250 to \$125

If you are already a member of Cycling New Zealand then there are no additional fees. Non members will need to join CNZ which is free if you complete your coaching accreditation.

For more information, or to register, please contact Chris Foggin on 027 507 5393

Important Sporting Dates 2017

5 March	SISS Triathlon / Duathlon, Oamaru
9 March	CO Primary Schools Swimming, Cromwell
10 - 11 March	Otago Secondary Schools Athletics, Dunedin - enter NOW!
12 March	Southland Primary Schools Touch Tournament, Queenstown
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
28 March	NZ Schools MTB Champs, Rotorua
29 March - 2 April	Top of the South Sailing Regatta, Picton
29 - 31 March	NZ Secondary Schools Futsal Champs, Wellington
30 - 31 March	NZ Schools Triathlon Champs, Wanganui
30 March - 1 April	South Island Secondary Schools Sailing Champs, Picton
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)

Swimming Success

Kate Bennie, Sam Cottier, Emily Findlay, Emma Palmer, Cruz Morland, Ben Silipo and Ryder van Lune competed at the NZ Junior Swimming Festival in Timaru.

Ben won 4 events (100 fly, 100 medley, 400 medley and 200 breast) and he also placed 2nd in four events and 3rd in one. Ryder won the 100 fly and 200 free, and gained eight second placings. Sam finished 3rd in three events.

In addition, Ben, Ryder, Kate and Emma teamed up to win the relay, making it an extremely successful meet for MAC swimmers.

CRICKET NEWS

For the first time, the MAC Year 7/8 cricket team played in the first round of the NZ Post Cup competition in Alexandra.

In game 1 versus Alexandra Primary, MAC batted first and scored 151 for 5; Jack Timu 36, Archie McRae 20, George Crotty 21. Alexandra bowled out for 56; Lochie MacKay 2 for 11, Hayden Watson 2 for 8, and George Scurr 2 for 1.

In game 2 versus Arrowtown Primary, Arrowtown batted first, scored 49 for 8; Josh Allison 3 for 8, Will Scurr 2 for 10. MAC reached 50 without losing a wicket after 8 overs; Archie McRae and Will Collins 16 not out each.

The second round quarterfinals will be played in Queenstown next week.

Nomination forms for the Central Otago Sports Awards can be collected from the office. Nominations close Friday 10 March.

Tennis Success

Tennis at MAC is strong, with our mixed team winning all of their games at the Otago qualifier in Balclutha last week. Michael Gealogo, Noah Holmes, Ines Stephani and Martha Toghil (pictured) took out all singles and doubles games to secure a spot at the South Island Secondary Schools championships in Timaru next month.



NETBALL NEWS

Netball trials for the senior college teams (A,B,C) will be run after school next week and the week after on Wednesday 1 March, Monday 6 March and Thursday 9 March. These trials are for Year 11-13 girls. **Please sign up beforehand on the sheets outside the sports hub.** Any issues - or if you can't make the first trial - contact Ms Ashton at school.

Year 7-10 sign up sheets will be up shortly - please keep listening to notices.

The **Mt Aspiring Netball AGM** will be held on Monday 6 March in Room 2 at 7.00 pm. All interested parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Any queries please contact mtaspiringnc@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN DAY

WED 1 MARCH, 3.30 - 6.00 pm
Wanaka Recreation Centre

TEST YOUR SKILLS ON THE NEW TURF
TRY SOME DRILLS

ABSOLUTE BEGINNIERS TO WANNABE
BLASTSTICKS WELCOME

SIGN UP FOR THE SEASON
FROM AGE 5 AND UP

uppercluthahockey@gmail.com

Introducing New Members of Staff

Mr Pete Smalley, BEd (Hons)

Mr Pete Smalley is covering for Dave Cassaidy who is on a year's sabbatical from his roll as HOD Outdoor Pursuits.

Originally from the UK, Mr Smalley has lived in Wanaka for eleven years. His wife, Jayne is a doctor at Aspiring Medical Centre and their daughter, Ella has just started school.

Mr Smalley used to teach at MAC but has spent the past six years working for myself in the outdoors and also as a helicopter pilot / instructor for Wanaka Helicopters, delivering Diploma in Aviation programmes. He is excited about the opportunity to re-connect with the Wanaka and MAC community through the college and to be connecting with our young, talented students.



Mrs Lisa Foggin, BA (Hons), Dip TchLn

Mrs Foggin has recently moved with her husband and two children from Cambridge, where she spent four years working at St Peter's School; two years as the School Counsellor and two years as a Year 8 teacher. She has worked with children, young people and their families for the past 22 years.

Mrs Foggin worked as a police officer in Merseyside Police, England for ten years specialising in Domestic Violence and Child Protection. As her roles within the police involved her working closely with victims of crime, she embarked upon a three year period of study to qualify as a counsellor. She then worked as a Learning Mentor in a UK boys grammar school whilst studying for a degree in Learning, Development & Support at Liverpool John Moores University.

Mrs Foggin moved to New Zealand (Manawatu) with her family in 2007, where she initially worked as a child advocacy coordinator for three years, working alongside children and their whanau who had been adversely affected by family violence. Over the next few years, she set her up her own business delivering school based projects and coordinating the Manawatu Youth Forum to facilitate her period of teaching study (distance learning from Canterbury University). She began relief work in Manawatu prior to moving with her family to Cambridge.

Lisa and her husband love the outdoors (a major motivator for moving to Wanaka!) and is a qualified fitness instructor, spin cycle instructor, aqua instructor, road, track and mountain bike cycle coach. She is looking forward to contributing more to the cycle community here in Wanaka. She enjoys cycling, running, reading and spending time with family and friends.



Ms Michelle Hesketh MEd (Hons), Dip Ed

Ms Hesketh arrived in New Zealand about 20 years ago fully intending to only stay a few weeks. She was offered work in an Auckland school and after two years, decided to stay permanently. She has moved down to Wanaka for a year with her husband and two of her children, leaving behind her eldest daughter and cat in Auckland.

Before she became a teacher Ms Hesketh worked in Theatre in Education and Youth Theatre in the United Kingdom. She is delighted to have joined MAC to teach drama for the year while Ms McRae is on leave. She loves theatre of all kinds as well as film and has just started to learn hip-hop. She is looking forward to getting out into the mountains and doing some local walks.



Miss Rochelle Robertson BEd, DipTch

Ms Robertson grew up on a farm in South Canterbury, then studied in Dunedin before heading to Invercargill to begin her teaching career. Invercargill has been her home for the past 20 years and she is now beginning a new adventure here in Wanaka teaching a Year 8 class. The majority of her teaching experience has been with Year 7 and 8 students but she has also taught Year 9 and 10 students as well as teaching overseas for 3 years, mainly in London.

Miss Robertson is really pleased to be back in the classroom having spent the last four years as an RTLB. She is also delighted to be able to spend more time with her brother and sister-in-law who live in Wanaka.

Outside of school Miss Robertson enjoys outdoor activities such as running, walking, paddle boarding, and biking.



SKI PASSES

Please note that this is information only at this stage - we do not have forms at the office yet.

TREBLE CONE

Passes for local children (\$229) need to be purchased by **Thursday 31 March**.

CARDRONA

The cut-off date for local student passes (\$99/\$159) is **Tuesday 31 May**.

SNOW FARM

Seasons pass purchased by **Sunday 30 April**: \$175
Seasons pass and gear hire purchased by **Sunday 30 April**: \$275

STUDENT ID

When purchasing passes you will need to take your student ID as proof that you are a local student. The Cardrona office would also prefer the form to have the college stamp on it. MAC Student ID cards are currently being printed and will be issued before too long

NOTE: Information will be sent out soon to senior students doing Outdoor Pursuits. Special rates apply for Treble Cone passes for students doing Level 2 and 3 Outdoor Pursuits.

SINGING WORKSHOP

4/5 March @ the Luggate Hall

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

For more information contact Kirsty on
027 2005 111 / kirstybarr1@gmail.com.



Level 2 Biology Field Trip

It was a stunning day for the biology field trip up the Matukituki valley. Pictured here, students practicing their river crossing technique.

Orienteering

Tuesday training sessions with Aspiring Athletes have now recommenced.

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

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