



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

Enjoy Success!

NEWSLETTER Panui

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MESSAGE MY WAY

You will have noticed that we sent out an electronic survey last week, as we are seeking to improve our methods of communication. A huge thanks to those of you who took a few moments to complete the survey - it has provided us with many insights into how we can improve. The first of these improvements is a system called *messagemyway*. This system will allow MAC to communicate with you and your children more efficiently, particularly in situations where we need to get information out quickly about snow days, event cancellations or in emergency type situations. Please see below.

To improve communications with our parents and students, Mount Aspiring College has started using a service called MessageMyWay to send out alerts. MessageMyWay allows us to easily contact specific groups of caregivers in the event of a bus breakdown, activity cancellation, or other emergencies. One of the reasons we chose MessageMyWay is that it lets you choose how you want to receive both normal and urgent alerts, so if you already use Facebook or Twitter (or several other services) you can see our alerts there.

We have verified that [MessageMyWay's privacy policy](#) meets our standards, and in future parents will be notified that their name, email and mobile number will be shared with MessageMyWay when they enrol. However, because you have not specifically agreed to this, we need you to register directly. You don't have to do this, but if you don't we won't be able to use this method of communication to inform you about potentially important events.

You will be sent an email with signup details over the next few days.

Dean Sheppard

Floundering

Silently I wade through the salty sea water sneakily watching for any life amongst the wavy sand and green weed. My heart jumps to my throat as an enormous crab scuttles by. Cracks rise up triggered by feet against shells. I draw in my breath, a flat fish with two beady black eyes. Silently I move my spear until it is directly over the sandy fish. Stab! a flash of movement and its gone. The only fish I've seen so far has disappeared. Moving on I hope to strike lucky again.

Melia Brett



POUNAWEA CAMP



Pounawea

Humble, beautiful adventures to be explored different surroundings mystical, magical fresh, frosted, unpolluted, natural, excitement in the air you hear birds chirping all day long 'til sleep.

Max Roughan



Waves, crashing onto the shore Sand, all over people Sausages, sizzling on the hobo stoves Curses, as people drop their sausages Yums, as people dig into their sausages Wows, as we see sea lions We are at Pounawea camp 2017

Mica Drake



Dear Rob (Bob the Cowboy)

Thank you so much for your help at Camp Pounawea. Thank you for giving up your time and for making all the activities happen! I love your sense of humour - it makes me laugh so much.

I enjoyed going floundering. It was really fun because I had never been before. The water was so cold and the crabs were huge. Flounder look really weird! Your light on a stick was a great idea.

Thanks again for coming to camp. It was really fun. Did you like it? I hope you did.

Yours sincerely
Jessie Winter

Archery

As I load my heavy weapon excitement rises up in me like a budding flower I love the feel of the lean, extensive arrow against my fingers. I feel so alive out here in the wilderness, surrounded by bush and birds, I position my feet carefully, I want this shot to count. I get adjusted, take three deep breaths, and I let the strings go. **Eve Bretherton**



TRACKING EARTHQUAKES

We now have a seismograph set up in the visitor foyer. If you want to see the latest capture of what it is recording check out: <https://nzseis.phy.auckland.ac.nz/stations/MTAS1/latest.png>

A description of the project that this is a part can be found at: <http://ru.auckland.ac.nz/>

JEREMY SCOTT

ADVENTURER - AUTHOR - SPEAKER - PHOTOGRAPHER



WANAKA LIBRARY

Thursday 30th March
5pm - 7pm

Booking required as seating is limited.
eve.marshall-lea@qldc.govt.nz / 443 0410

Free event - All welcome - Refreshments provided



Successful Fair Trade Bake Sale

Team Green raised \$222.60 last Thursday selling homemade baking. Using [fair trade ingredients](#), the baking benefits the farmers, their families and communities AND this money is kept in an account to buy more [solar panels](#) for our college!

Win, win and delicious!



Opportunity for Teen Exchange in Central Europe

WANTED:~ a family with a teenage girl who would be interested in living with a family in Central Europe for a few weeks and willing to host our daughter Raja in New Zealand in exchange. Raja wishes to learn English and to see how people live elsewhere. She is 14 years old, is of Czech / Bulgarian origin but was born in Canada. She is fluent in Czech and Bulgarian and is learning English at school which is in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. She is a curious and sociable person, she likes sports (swimming, skiing, athletics), dancing, travelling and she is interested in politics.

Raja has a brother, Emil who is two years younger than her. Radim (Raja's father) works as a civil servant in Prague and Vera (Raja's mother) works in a company that deals with computer modelling of water systems. Both Radim and Vera speak English fluently. Our family live in a small town about 15 km north of Prague (see <http://www.libcice.cz/mesto/basic-information.html>). We have a cat but he is only allowed to stay outside in the garden, no trespassing!

We regularly visit Bulgaria where Raja's grandmother lives and we could also visit neighbouring countries such as Germany, Slovakia and/or Austria. If you would like to know more feel free to contact us via our friend in New Zealand (vero_gren@hotmail.com). Radim, Vera, Raja and Emil and the cat!

HIRING FORMAL SUITS MADE EASY

Ace Suit Hire will be in the East Common Room at year level on **Wednesday 29 March**. You will be able to get measured up and pre-order your suit for the college formal. You can hire jacket, trousers, shirt and tie for the bargain price of \$99.00.

Minimum stress, maximum convenience!

Speak with Confidence Course

This course for Year 12 and 13 MAC students will give you constructive feedback, group support and fun, as well as tips and techniques to speak in public with ease and confidence - manage nerves and be yourself. For more information please contact: Lee Ball on 027 333 4909 or email: leeball40@gmail.com



Ebooks clinics

Do you prefer reading on your phone or own device? You can! MAC e-library offers nearly 1300 ebooks to "borrow" for free on <https://maclic.wheelers.co/>

If you're not sure how to set it up, come to the library Tuesday to Friday at interval and lunchtime and the librarian will help you so that you can start reading in 3 minutes!

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

The first round of HPV vaccinations will take place in the North Block during periods 3 and 4 on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March. Classes will receive their vaccination in the following order: 8WT / 8LB / 8JN / 8SL / 8RN. Check the school notices next week for exact timing.

A reminder that all students having this vaccination should have a good breakfast in the morning.

A useful email address:
absences@mtaspiring.school.nz

TREKKING OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in trekking and volunteering in Nepal for the September holidays please look at this website: <http://www.kiwikhaat.co.nz/khaat-nepal/> or email macanny@mtaspiring.school.nz for more information.

MACADEMICS

An Academic Committee Initiative

Turn up with all your study needs.
Wednesday afternoons, 3.20 - 4.30 pm

Weekly supervised study programme with specialized subject teachers and student tutors on hand to help.

Room 24, refreshments provided !

Term 1	Subject Focus
22 March	English
29 March	Mathematics
5 April	Science
12 April	Social Sciences

Important Dates

Week 7	15-17 March
Week 8	20 March 21 March 22 - 24 March 23 - 24 March Thursday 23 March Thursday 23 March
Week 9	27- 29 March Tuesday 28 March 29 - 31 March
Week 10	Wednesday 5 April
Week 11	10 -11 April Wednesday 12 April Thursday 13 April

Term 1 (30 January - 13 April)

9BP Tititea Lodge Camp
Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
Australian Computing Competition
9SF Tititea Lodge Camp
Summer Quad
Year 8 HPV Vaccination - Round 1
Year 12 Gateway First Aid Course
9TC Tititea Lodge Camp
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
9CD Tititea Lodge Camp
Junior Mathematics competition
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



Maadi Cup MAC Rowers Fundraiser

Gladwrap 330mm x 600m @ \$35.00
Tin Foil 300mm x 150m @ \$22.00
Baking Paper 300mm x 100m @ \$30.00
Contact: Inga 021708465 / ingacmckay@gmail.com

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

All thirteen members of the MAC team competing at the Otago Secondary Schools athletics champs in Dunedin returned with medals. Four individual records were broken by Zoe Smith, Jack East and Sammy Burke, and two of the three teams (U14 girls and U15 boys) won their relays. Top three results included:

Zoe Smith: 1st U14 800m (record), 1st U14 1500m (record by 10 seconds)
 Ryan Schmack: 1st U15 discus, 2nd triple jump, 3rd shot put
 Sammy Burke: 1st senior 1500m, 1st senior 3000m (record)
 Laura MacCulloch: 1st senior 400m, 1st 800m
 Mia Treadwell-Burke: 1st U16 400m, 2nd 800m
 Jack East: 1st U15 400m (record), 2nd U15 200m
 Georgie Bruce: 3rd U14 200m, 3rd hurdles
 Abby Fisher: 1st U14 100m, 1st 200m
 Ella Landreth: 2nd U14 200m
 Rhys Hughes: 3rd U15 discus
 Ryan Young: 3rd U14 hurdles
 Ruby Burke: 1st U15 800m
 Abby East: 1st U14 400m



Pictured above, Shenee Pryde and Scott Welch who competed in the Riding For Disabled event at the A&P show. Special Congratulations to Renon Sasaki who won first place.

ROWING SUCCESS

Mount Aspiring gains two silver medals.

The Mount Aspiring College team of nineteen rowers attended the South Island secondary schools regatta in Twizel last weekend. Over 1100 students were racing on perfect water, despite the very wet conditions. The girls Under 16 double, of Greer Porter and Peta McKay finished second in a huge field of 36 starters. The race proved that they are developing a real toughness, hanging in from the halfway stage as challenge after challenge came at them. Jordan Fox and Maggie Stiven rowed very well to make the A final finishing 7th. In the Under 16 boys single, Sam Pearce worked hard throughout the race proving his previous season's form to take a silver medal in the largest single scull fields in the regatta. Bella Cooke rowed well in the very competitive Under 18 single event, placing 5th. The Mount Aspiring team all performed well with many gaining personal bests and making several finals over the weekend. It is now two weeks until the team of four head to the prestigious Maadi Cup in Karapiro. Sam, Peta, Greer and Bella will face the best of the nation's young rowers in a huge week of racing. We wish them good luck!



Central Otago Primary Schools Swimming Champs

Thirteen students represented the college at this event last week. Most swimmers made PB's, some won races and a record was broken but, best of all, organisers commented on the great sportsmanship and students' representation of the college. Sam Cottier and Emma Palmer won the overall championship category, while Emily Findlay placed 4th. Cullen Meyer and Scarlett Norman won the 12-year old category and Cruz Morland won the 11-year olds. Cullen also broke the 12 year old butterfly record. In the relays, MAC won the Boys 11 year freestyle (Roman Alty, Henri Fenn, Cruz Morland and Cooper Mills) as well as the Girls 12 and over freestyle (Emma Palmer, Emily Findlay, Scarlett Norman and Samara Goodall). Congratulations swimmers!

NETBALL SOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMP

This camp for Year 9 -11 girls (ages 12-16) will take place on 18 - 21 April. This year it will take place in Gore. For more information, please visit www.southernsteel.co.nz

BASKETBALL

Senior boys training takes place in the gym every Thursday lunchtime. Senior girls will have two open sessions on Wednesday 22 and Friday 24 March. Parents / community members who would like to assist with coaching, please email sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

UPPER CLUTHA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB OPEN DAY

U7 - Open Grade Players, **Saturday 25 March, 9.30 - 11.30am, Rugby Grounds.**

Important Sporting Dates 2017 ***** Date Change

23 March	Central Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell *****
23 - 24 March	Summer Quad
24 - 26 March	Cycle NZ coaching course, MAC
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 - 31 March	NZ Secondary Schools Futsal Champs, Wellington
30 - 31 March	NZ Schools Triathlon Champs, Whanganui
30 March - 1 April	South Island Secondary Schools Sailing Champs, Picton
31 March - 2 April	South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Champs, Timaru
6 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
9 April	Otago Schools orienteering, Taieri
12 April	MAC Mountainbike Champs, Deans Bank
12 April	Top Bike (Year 7/8), Alexandra
22 - 28 April	National SS Teams Sailing Champs, Algies Bay

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

World Championship Success

Year 12 snowboarder Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (pictured on the left) celebrated her sixteenth birthday by winning a silver medal at her first World



Championships in Spain on Saturday. As the youngest member of the NZ team, Zoi's grit and determination certainly paid off; she worked hard to achieve this incredible result. Well done Zoi!

NETBALL NEWS

SUBS AND REGISTRATION:

This year Mt Aspiring Netball Club is using the Sporty website for registering players. Netball Upper Clutha would like us to have our players registered by Tuesday 21 March - which is very soon! Given this we would ask you to please complete registration and payment as quickly as possible - but will understand if there are problems about paying so quickly.

This year's subs will be \$95 for all players. This is an increase of \$10 to cover the Sporty website costs and an increase in the subs we have to pay to Netball Upper Clutha. The \$95 also includes a \$20 refundable uniform bond which the girls get back once they return their uniforms at the end of the season.

To register and pay your subs please go to <http://www.sporty.co.nz/mountaspiringnetballclub>

TEAM SELECTION:

This is currently underway. We have selected the senior A and B teams and will soon have the C, D, Social and Year 9 and 10 teams finalised. The Year 7/8 teams will be put together very shortly as well.

START DATE FOR GAMES:

There is a grading day tournament for Year 9A, 10A, A,B,C and D teams on Saturday 25 March. The Netball Upper Clutha competition for Year 9 and above starts on 30 / 31 March in the new stadium. Year 7 and 8's will play a fun tournament or two this term on a Friday after school but their main competition does not start until next term. Games will be played on Fridays after school.

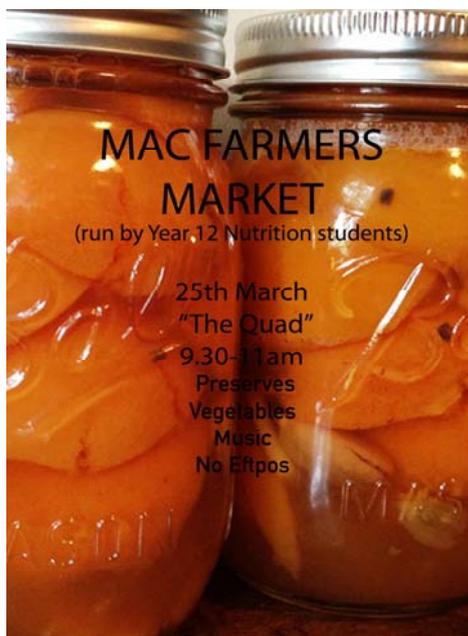
Snow Sports Information for those who are New to the School

All students in Years 7-10 get the opportunity to take part in two school co-ordinated snow days in Term 3. They can choose between Cardrona and Treble Cone (both downhill - either boarding or skiing) and Snow Farm (nordic skiing). For those keen on nordic skiing, there is also an opportunity to go to the Snow Farm once a week as part of an organised school group.

All MAC students get a special preferential season pass rate at Treble Cone and Cardrona which is cheaper than the price advertised on the web, as follows:

- ◆ **Treble Cone passes** (\$229) need to be purchased by **Thursday 31 March**. Just complete a form at the TC office in town and take your student ID card with you.
- ◆ **Cardrona passes** (\$99/\$159) need to be purchased by **Tuesday 31 May**. Forms available at the student counter. A MAC stamp on the form is only required if this is your first Cardrona pass, otherwise just take your student ID card with your form to the Cardrona office.
- ◆ **Snow Farm passes** (\$175) need to be purchased by **Sunday 30 April** and they also have an option which includes gear hire which is \$275.

NOTE: Senior students taking level 2 and 3 Outdoor Pursuits can purchase a Treble Cone pass at a special school rate which is cheaper than the one detailed above. It is not necessary to purchase the school pass by the cut-off date.



Wanaka-based Defensive Driving Course

Wednesday 22 / 29 March and
5 / 12 April, 3.30 - 5.30 pm.

For more information and
bookings: 021 060 7310
or email

Nicky@aspiringdrivers.co.nz

A&P Show Home Industry Success

The **College Challenge Cup** for the most points in all Year 7 to Year 13 classes was jointly won by Rata Horan and Sophie Walsh and the **The Maud Gray & Gwenith Beloe Memorial Cup** for the most points in junior baking was jointly won by Pipi Horan and Rata Horan. Congratulations!

Boogie Boarding

Water rushing towards me. I push off just as it comes to meet me. I kick fast, it comes behind me. I let it take me, I glide across the water. I put my feet down as I look behind me -mega wave forming. I swim out to greet it. I turn round, look at the land. I hear it forming behind me... 3, 2, 1... I push off and it takes me flying. I look beside me, I see my friend Sienna gliding along with me. As we come to a stop we start laughing our heads off

Haylee Jermyn

NUGGET LIGHTHOUSE (7KI)

The people in front of me looked like matchsticks. The snow white sea spray shattered off the rocks. Pssshhssttt!! Sharp waves smashing beyond the jagged rocks, over and over again.

CANTEEN LOGO COMPETITION

We are looking for a canteen logo that represents our school with an emphasis on healthy eating. We will accept any digital image or pdf, but would prefer a photoshop or illustrator file.

- * **\$20 canteen voucher prize!**
- * Open to all year levels
- * Closing date is Friday 31 March.

Entries can be emailed to dickeys@mtaspiring.school.nz or handed in to the school office on a named USB stick.

Adolescent Oral Health Service

Adolescents (from year 9 until their 18th birthday)

Adolescents** are entitled to FREE basic dental care, from Year 9 until their 18th birthday – no matter where you're at... high school, training course, work or unemployed. Free basic dental care is available by enrolling with a dentist. This is usually arranged at the child's last dental visit with the Community Oral Health Service in school year 8. The chosen dentist should contact you directly to make an appointment. If you need to enrol, or have any questions please call: 0800 825 583 – option 2

For more information visit:

<http://www.southernhdb.govt.nz/pages/adolescent-oral-health-service/>

Or find us on Facebook - **Talkteeth – Southern**

** who meet the [eligibility criteria](#) for publicly funded health and disability services

Introducing... The OFI Box

The **Opportunity for Improvement** box is located in the student foyer. If you have an idea or an issue which you would like to be raised by Patrick Gainsford, your student BOT rep, please write a note and post it in the box. If you give your name Patrick will respond in person, if you wish to remain anonymous, put your year so that feedback can be given during year level.

Kaka point

Surf, Sand, Sun,
Body glides,
Wind blows,
Surf, Sand, Sun,
Rocks, Sandy socks,
Stones,
Ice cream Cones,
Surf, Sand, Sun.

Sam Caumette

Waves crashing, seagulls stealing
Amazing, lovely
Dark tunnels, bright sky
Fantails, seals
Sea lions lying, people walking
Mystical moon, super sun
Salty sea, hills high
Fresh mornings, tired nights
That was so much fun we say
Goodnight here comes the next day.

Cooper Mills

Kaka Point

As we rushed to the sea like a stampede of bulls, water over-flowed onto me and I felt a part of the sea. As energy flows through my body a big pull occurs.....

As a big wave approaches I get in position. Suddenly the sea takes me away toward the shore with a great push. Shaking with excitement, I rush back out to the sea but this time I'm taken over the wave by energy that's rushing through the water and into my body. More and more waves come and I don't see them behind me in time. Just then a wave swallows me up releasing me out the back of it. Luckily I can hold my breath for a long time and there were parents to help me out! Our day is starting to come to an end here at Kaka Point and I'm feeling exhausted but I don't want to leave this amazing beach. Still I start to head into shore with the others. I'm loving this camp so far! **Ava Hay**



2017 Swim Champs Update

We apologise for a clerical error which resulted in incorrect points totals being published in Issue 6 of the newsletter.

The correct points were:

Pisa 876, Iron 866, Roy 824, Barker 755.

The house point placings remain the same.

More writing and photos from POUNAWEA CAMP

PURAKANUI FALLS (7KI)

The freezing water, like freezing darts of ice, falling from above us, we stood, shivering.

The cold, white water, drizzled down my numb legs as I stood under the astonishing waterfall.

Frozen water collided with my twitching back, my teeth clicking against each other like pistons.

When I walked into the murky brown water it looked as if it was disgusting sewerage. It was, in fact, stirred up water and dirt from the powerful force of the falls.