



### Board Update

The Board and Management are planning on holding a community engagement meeting in term 2, which will provide an update on key areas of work for the year. In particular the Board is keen to keep you all informed on how we are preparing for roll growth, including updating you on Ministry of Education support regarding property.

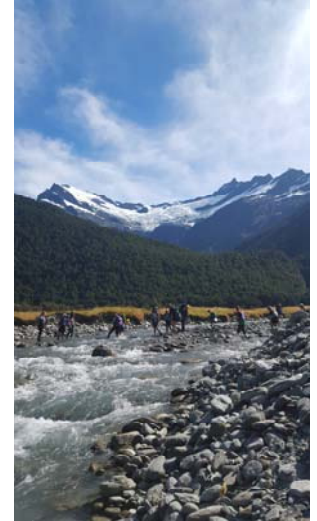
The Board has committed to a review of the Uniform this year, the planning and consultation will happen in terms 2 and 3 with a decision in term 4. The student and parent community will be fully engaged in the review and the Board has no pre-determined ideas on the review outcome (e.g. maintenance of status quo, a partial or complete re-design of the uniform, no uniform). The Board is open to being community lead on what could become a significant decision for the college.

This year the Board will be reviewing two National Administration Guidelines, NAG 5 Health and Safety, completion by the end of July and NAG 6 Legislation will be completed by the end of the year.

**Wayne Bosley**  
(on behalf of the BOT)



Action from Year 9 Camps  
More photos on page 4



### SNOW EVACUATION!



In the heat of the afternoon it is hard to believe that winter is just round the corner, but, believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about our snow evacuation procedure. In 2015 we had a wake-up call with an evacuation at the very start of Term 2; hence the need to collate instructions now.

You should already have received an email from us requesting instructions to follow should we need to evacuate the college due to heavy snow.

For those families new to the college a snow evacuation form has been emailed home. It would be great if this form could be completed and returned to the college office by **next Monday 3 April**. Parents can either print the form out and return a paper copy or return responses by email. There are also google forms available on our website:

Year 7-10:

<http://www.mtaspiring.school.nz/students-and-families/communication/snow-evac-form-7-10s>

Year 11-13:

<http://www.mtaspiring.school.nz/students-and-families/communication/snow-evac-form-11-13s>

Apart from the new students we already hold instructions from previous years and parents have been asked to check last year's 2016 instructions which can be found on the portal.

Any parent who wishes to update the evacuation instructions can notify the office via email ([shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz)) or complete the appropriate online form detailed above.

We will then publish the updated information on the Kamar portal before the end of term. Of particular concern are senior students who may now be able to drive. They will not be allowed to do so unless we have this authorised by their parents.

#### A couple of points to note:

1) Many of you have children in Years 7 or 8 who regularly walk home and we have noted that you have expressed that you are happy for them to do so without us phoning you. However, legally, because they are under 14, we are obligated to do so. For this reason we will do our very best to call you (but have noted that your child should be released, as requested, if no contact can be made)..

2) A reminder that the **2016 Snow Evacuation Information Report** was collated last year so will contain out of date class information, and possibly addresses. We will be printing a 2017 version before the end of this term which will have the correct details. It is the **instructions** which need checking at this point.

3) A reminder that any student for whom we have had no instruction will take longer to process than those for whom we have clear instructions. If you have recently been emailed a form regarding snow evacuation and have not yet responded get it done today!

The actual snow evacuation process will be outlined in a future newsletter.

### International Success

Zoi Sadowski Synnott (Year 12) has triumphed in the 2016-17 season's slopestyle World Cup finale in the Czech Republic on Saturday.

This was the 16-year-old teenage snowboarder's first World Cup win. "My last run was the best, I felt so comfortable," said Zoi "I liked the first part of the track – the rails. It was a great week here, and I'm really looking forward to next week's junior world championships here in Spindleruv Mlyn."



Earlier this month, Zoi earned silver at the FIS Snowboard World Championships in Spain and claimed World Cup bronze in Snowboard Big Air in Canada last month.

Go Zoi!



## Mount Aspiring College Formal 2017

Saturday 20 May Lake Wanaka Centre  
 Tickets (\$90) on sale today!  
 Theme: Casino Royale

- delicious dinner
- live music
- dancing
- formal photos
- photobox and fun!



## Attention Parents of Year 12 /13 Students

### Would you like to help out at the formal?

We rely on the assistance of parents to help the caterers and the Year 10 students to serve the meal, to secure entrance / exit doorways for part of the evening and to help clear up at the end of the evening. If you would like to assist please contact Sharon Arlidge on 443 0499 / [arlidges@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:arlidges@mtaspiring.school.nz)

## MAC Formal Outside Partners

If you are in Year 13 and would like to bring an outside partner to the formal you will need to complete an application form by Friday 10 April. Forms are available from the student counter . Please see Ms Arlidge if you have any questions.

Confidential medical service FREE to all students at URSpace every Monday lunchtime



## STICKS 'N' STONES UPDATE

Sticks n' Stones has some awesome updates that we'd like to share! Many of us attended an advocates training day in Alexandra last Tuesday to meet with our other group members. We discussed our long-term goals for the growth and development of our organisation whilst further evolving our friendships. Our focus was to re-evaluate our visions and how we could effectively communicate these to the community.

As youths, we are passionate about helping our friends and others who might be struggling so, with the drive to make this a reality, we came up with the idea of a peer support programme. The name is still in the developing stages, but at present we are thinking of calling the programme YALP for HELP (Youth Advocates Learning Programme). This would involve a training camp where Sticks n' Stones advocates will undergo a series of training sessions to gain skills and knowledge needed to be able to offer support in this position for other young people. If there is anyone who wants to help us along this journey to make this happen, then don't hesitate to get in touch! You can rock up to our Wednesday lunch meetings in the health room and come check us out.

You can also email [palmers@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:palmers@mtaspiring.school.nz) for more information.

Sonya Palmer, on behalf of the Sticks n' Stones team

## FESTIVAL OF COLOUR: 3-10 APRIL

- ◆ Check out MAC students involved in a dance video on the big screen at the Crystal Palace (free).
- ◆ Student priced tickets (\$10) available for Dangerous Song at Luggate Hall – an innovative and mesmerising work about endangered and extinct animals.
- ◆ All welcome at the Opening Night bonfires on the lakefront on Monday night at 7.15 pm with music and storytelling.
- ◆ Street theatre on Saturday 8 April, 10.00 am and 1.00 pm at Bridgeman Green (outside Patagonia).



Please remember to always record your book loan at the issue desk, even if you need it just for one hour. We found quite a few books in the return box that weren't issued. It is essential to record all borrowings so that we can keep track of the library resources. Thank you.

Florence Micoud, Kaitiaki pukapuka / book guardian / librarian



## CALL FOR ART ENTRIES!

The Wanaka Arts Society's annual Easter exhibition is coming up and we would love to have your entries! If you are a Year 11, 12 or 13 artist you can enter in the Youth Section and be a part of the show. Be in to win the \$250 Youth Prize.

For further details and entry forms visit [www.wanakartsociety.co.nz](http://www.wanakartsociety.co.nz)

## MACADEMICS

An Academic Committee Initiative

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

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

Room 24, refreshments provided !

Term 1	Subject Focus
5 April	Science
12 April	Social Sciences

## BOARD WANTED

Private weekly board (four or five nights) required for Year 11 student (15 years old). Would need to be in close proximity to township. Good remuneration and willing to do chores. Please call 027 450 0387.

## Speak with Confidence Course

This course for Year 12 & 13 MAC students will give you constructive feedback, group support and fun. Tips and techniques to speak in public with ease and confidence, manage nerves and be yourself.

Mondays 7 - 9pm, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. \$95

Enquiries please contact: Lee Ball on [027 333 4909](tel:0273334909), or email: [leeball40@gmail.com](mailto:leeball40@gmail.com)

## Important Dates

<b>Week 9</b>	30 March 29 - 31 March	HPV vaccinations (remainder) 9CD Tititea Lodge Camp
<b>Week 10</b>	Wednesday 5 April	Junior Mathematics competition
<b>Week 11</b>	10 -11 April Wednesday 12 April Thursday 13 April	Level 1 Canoe Trip MAC MTB Champs Last day of Term 1
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>(1 May - 7 July)</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	1 - 5 May 3 May	Spain Trip (returns 10 May) Year 7 Vision Screening
<b>Week 2</b>	7 - 8 May 8 - 9 May	Otago Tertiary Trip Level 1 OP Trip



## TERM DATES 2017

Queen's Birthday: 5 June  
 Term 3: 24 July - 29 September  
 Term 4: 16 October - 8 December  
 Labour Day: 23 October

## MUFTI DAY ~ Friday 31 March

Theme: Neon colours

\$1 if dressed in theme, \$2 if not.

## TWO BIKING EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL

**TOP BIKE** (Year 7/8) - teams of three boys or three girls.  
**Entries due by Friday 31 March**

**MAC MTB CHAMPS** (all years) sign up on the noticeboard outside the Sportshub. You'll need team members names, drivers and team name to register. **Entries due by Wednesday 4 April.**

**No late entries accepted.**

## Netball Information and Communication:

The Sporty website - <http://www.sporty.co.nz/mountaspiringnetballclub/> - has up to date information and draws. We also have a Facebook page (Mt Aspiring Netball Club) which has a lot of information on it. If you have any issues contact Vicki Ashton at the college - or any member of the committee.

## Netball starts this week.

All the Year 9-13 teams will be playing at the new stadium this week and the Year 7 and 8 teams are playing in a seven-a-side tournament down in Alexandra. The draws for both of these are on the Sporty website.

## COPSSA Triathlon

More than sixty Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Central Otago Primary Schools triathlon in Cromwell last week. After a cold start, students quickly warmed up on the 3km run, 9km cycle and 150m swim course. Impressive performances by Maggie Dougherty and Aneka Rossiter, who both stepped up at the last minute and raced in more than one discipline when their teammates could no longer compete.

Top placings went to:

Year 8 boys individual: 3rd: Corin Suddaby

Year 8 girls individual: 2nd: Scarlett Norman, 3rd: Emily Findlay

Year 7 boys team: 3rd: Jem Curtis, Ferg Perriam, Henri Fenn

Year 7 girls team: 1st: Estelle Gallatly, Emilie Nicholson, Millie Scott

Year 7 mixed team: 2nd: Cruz Morland, Clarke West, Niamh Townsend

Year 8 boys team: 1st: Hugo Smith, Will Collins, Sam Cottier

Year 8 girls team: 2nd: Pipi Horan, Emma Palmer, Bella Sarginson

Eighteen students qualified to compete in the Otago Primary champs next week.



## Otago Southland Athletics Champs

Fifteen students competed at this event in Invercargill over the weekend.

*Three records were broken:*

Zoe Smith: U14 girls 1500m record by 7 seconds,

Janus Staufenberg: senior boys 1500m record by 3 seconds

Jack East: U15 boys 400m

*Other wins included:*

Zoe Smith: 1st 1500m (record), 1st 800m

Jack East: 1st 400m (record), 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m

Janus Staufenberg: 1st 1500m (record), 1st 3000m

Georgie Bruce: 1st 200m

Abby East: 1st 400m

Mia Treadwell-Burke: 1st 400m, 1st 800m

Laura MacCulloch: 1st 800m, 2nd 400m

Most of the squad will compete at the South Island Secondary Schools champs in Dunedin this weekend.

## Adventure Race

Four teams of four competed in the South Island Secondary Schools adventure racing champs in Cromwell last Saturday. The event started in the dark with a 30-40 minute uphill MTB and a 2-4 hour trek in the hills. Competitors then jumped back on their bikes for a two hour ride back to Bannockburn, where they abseiled and completed an orienteering course. They then paddled in two-person kayaks up the inlet and onto Lake Dunstan, finishing with a run to the finish in Cromwell. The course tested students' navigation, resilience and teamwork. One Year 10 "newbie" said it was the "best thing I've ever done"! Placings went to:

2nd overall (1st mixed team - pictured):

Sam Coupland, Fiona Murray, Jesse Robertson, Matthew Wilson

3rd overall (2nd boys team):

Harrison Brown, Campbell Russell, Joseph Wilson, Luke Wright.



## Important Sporting Dates 2017

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

### Term 2

8-12 May	Hillary Challenge Finals, Tongariro
10 May	Central Otago Orienteering, Wanaka TBA
12 May	Otago SS Futsal Champs, Dunedin
21 May	Otago SS Swimming, Dunedin
28 May	Hillary Challenge Regionals, Christchurch
1 June	Otago SS Cross Country, Dunedin
11 - 13 June	Otago SS Netball Tournament, Dunedin
17 - 18 June	NZ Cross Country, Christchurch
21 June	MAC Sports Photos
3 July	CO Basketball Tournament, Queenstown
7 - 8 July	SISS Swimming / Clay Target / Cycling
10 - 12 July	SISS Junior Netball Tournament, Christchurch

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

## Upper Clutha Hockey Club Needs You!

Players must register for the hockey season by **Saturday 1 April**. Go to <http://www.sporty.co.nz/uchc> and follow the link to register online.

Attention Senior Reserve players (Year 9 - 13): there is a trial on Tuesday 4 April, 5.30 - 7.00pm at the Wanaka Recreation Centre for A and B teams. Make sure you have registered or you cannot trial!

Please email [uppercluthahockey@gmail.com](mailto:uppercluthahockey@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

## Otago Primary Schools Swimming Champs

MAC swimmers had a successful weekend at this event. Ben Silipo had a clean sweep in the 12-year old boys, winning all individual (free, back and breast) races. Kate Bennie (11) won 50 free and came 2nd in 50 back, Sam Cottier finished 2nd in both free and back, Ryder van Lune placed 3rd in the free and back and Emma Palmer (12) came 3rd in the free.

The school relay teams also performed well, winning the mixed 11 years (Cruz Morland, Niamh Townsend, Henri Fenn, Kate Bennie), the 12 & overs (Ben, Ryder, Emma and Sam) and the mixed 200 freestyle relay (Ryder, Kate, Ben & Sam) and placing 3rd in the mixed 200m medley relay (Kate, Cruz, Cullen Meyer and Emilie Nicholson). Congratulations to all swimmers!



### WINTER KILTS - TIME TO ORDER

The final date to place orders for the girls' winter uniform kilts is next Friday 7 April. You can pop out to Apparel Studios to try on different sizes to make sure you get the right size.



### SUMMER QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Last Thursday and Friday five girls and five boys from Years 9-13 went to Winton to compete at the annual quad tournament against Central Southland and Cromwell College. All teams competed in five disciplines: - touch, netball, volleyball, water polo and laser tag. The exchange was a success with four of our five teams placing first in their year groups and Mount Aspiring College winning best overall college.

The exchange was great fun and many friends were made as we got to experience the Southern life for a night at our billets' houses. Next year quad will be held at MAC and is something definitely worth trialing for if you get the opportunity. Thank you to Mr Crosbie and all of the other teachers for their involvement in making this event possible - it has been a highlight event for MAC students for many years.

### APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We have been approached by several local companies who are looking for full-time apprentices in the trades.

Please talk to Charlotte Lucas or Dan Cullen (currently covering Gateway) for more information.

[lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz) 443 0499 EXT 843  
[cullend@mtaspiring.school.nz](mailto:cullend@mtaspiring.school.nz) 443 0499 EXT 848



### Boys Year 9 /10 Basketball

Fun, have-a-go basketball sessions will start in the MAC gym next Wednesday 5 April at 3:30 pm. If you are interested come and join in.

### LOST PROPERTY AND UNIFORM

**Please check the lost property bin before the end of this term.**

Any un-named items not claimed by the end of term will be donated to Wastebusters / OP Shop.

**LOST:**~ a Lululemon black zip front jacket size 6. Please return this to the office if found.



Year 9 Camp Photos

### PARENT PORTAL ATTENDANCE CODES

Although absences are coded according to the reason, (for example sickness, dentist appointment, overseas holiday), it is the Ministry of Education who decides whether the reason is justified or unjustified. On the Parent Portal all absences will be displayed as either a 'J' (justified) or 'U' (unjustified). Where supplied the office is still able to produce reports detailing the actual reasons for absence from school, but this is how it is shown on the portal.

In Ministry terms the only absence codes which are justified are doctor and dentist appointments, medical absences, exam study leave and bereavements. Even if you have called and explained why your child is late or absent the code will still display as 'unjustified' unless the reason for absence is amongst the above list.

This is a nation-wide Ministry directive.

### Wanaka Trail Ride 2017: Sunday 23 April

PRE-REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



WWW.WANAKATRILRIDE.ORG

Make it a family weekend at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wanaka Trail Ride - a unique trailbike ride that caters for all ages and abilities and attracts over 500 enthusiasts from across the South Island. The course covers the stunning hill-country of Deep Creek, Long Gully and Lindis Peak Stations, near Tarras.

This joint fundraiser for Wanaka Primary School and Montessori Children's House Wanaka raised \$28,000 last year, benefitting many young families in the community.

**Pre-register online now for discounted entry fees and a chance to win fantastic prizes!**

Visit [www.wanakatrailride.org](http://www.wanakatrailride.org) or contact Nicolle on 022 139 3021 for general enquiries.

### 2017 AUTUMN APPLE DRIVE & FOOD WORKSHOPS

Sunday 2nd April @ Rippon Hall Wanaka

#### Apple Drive

9:30am - 3:00pm

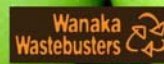
- Participate in chutney making with Lorne from Pirate Pickles
- Press juice from apples & pears
- Bring sharp knife, small glass jars (with lids), chopping board and surplus fruit.

#### Local Food Fair and Workshops

11:00am-3:00pm FREE workshops and locally made food for sale (cash only)

- 11am Cider making with A&P show award winner Chris Riley
- 12pm Love Food Hate Waste with Evelyn Vallilee, chef at Fedeli
- 1pm Growing and harvesting nuts with Lisa Johnston from The Village Nuts
- 2pm Integrating herbs into your daily life with Rochana Moon, local Naturopath and Herbalist.

All welcome! Free entry, koha appreciated to help cover costs



**LOST BIKE?** Did anyone leave a bike in the bike rack over the Christmas holidays. The property staff have one safely stored away - go and describe the bike to them if you think it might be yours.

### 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](mailto:ingacmckay@gmail.com)