



MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE

Te Kāreti O Maunga Tititēa

Enjoy Success!

NEWSLETTER Panui

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Kia ora tatou

Welcome to the final newsletter of the term. I could not be more proud of the staff and students for their efforts both in and out of the classroom over the past eleven weeks.

I also greatly appreciate the support we have received from the community during this time.

Our Kapa Haka group and a small group of senior students are participating in local ANZAC Day services in Lake Hawea and Wanaka on Tuesday 25 April (see QLDC ANZAC programme below).

We were treated to a stunning performance from the MAC girls' choir at yesterday's assembly and look forward to more performances in the future.

The cultural and language trip to Spain will finally occur over these holidays. Thirty-two students and three staff have waited a long time for this opportunity after last year's postponement and I wish them all the best - 'Buena Suerte'.

Enjoy the holidays, be safe and look after your family.

Regards, Wayne



First MAC Student Solo Flight in 2017

Congratulations to Olivia McNair, pictured, who completed her first solo flight last weekend. Liv is learning to fly in a Citabria which is a harder aircraft to handle than the Piper Cherokee which most students train in so this is a great achievement!



ANZAC DAY SERVICES

LAKE HAWEA

7.00 am - Dawn Service, on the Peninsula by the dam, Lake Hawea

WANAKA

7.00 am - Dawn Service, on the Lake Wanaka foreshore beside the log cabin, Wanaka
9.30 am - ANZAC Day service, Lake Wanaka Centre
11.00 am - Wreath Laying, Wanaka Memorial on Chalmers Street



SNOW EVACUATION UPDATE

Thank you for all your speedy responses. The 2017 Snow Evacuation Information Reports have now been published under the Reports section on the Portal.

Please check these instructions carefully as they will be our guideline in the event of a snow evacuation.

Any changes and **updates** need to be sent to us by **Monday 1 May**. After this date it may not be possible to action your requests as it is a time-consuming task keeping up with piecemeal changes.

During the holidays we would ask that you discuss the instructions given with your child(ren) so that they are familiar with the instructions you have given.

A couple of points to note:

1) Attention parents of Year 7/8 students

There are children in Years 7 and 8 who regularly walk home unaccompanied: many of you have expressed that you are happy for them to do so without us making contact with you first.

In the junior snow evacuation form we can show this request by having a 'Yes' response in both section 7 and section 8 of the form.

However, legally, because these students are under 14, we are obligated to inform you.

For this reason we will do our very best to call you, but can tell by your response in section 7 that your child should be released if no contact can be made.

2) Your previous responses are indicated by the numbered section with a Yes or No against them; there is no need to tell us 'No' to other numbered options which are not applicable to you.

Next term we will include information in the newsletter outlining how the evacuation process actually works.



Girls in Trades

If your daughter is interested in finding out about a career in the building and construction industry there is a special seminar for girls coming up soon. For more information, or to express interest, email Charlotte on lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz

Well done to Hazel Murray who was also part of the Festival of Colour 'Sing it to my Face' performances and was a member of the 'children' group who stole the show.



Congratulations to Jessica Hollow who has been offered a place at the Canterbury Elite Ballet programme in Christchurch.

This is a great achievement and we wish Jess all the best for the future.

Paddle Boards wanted to borrow 28 / 29 April for a school related activity. Please see Jacky at the Sports Hub.

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, 22 / 29 May, 12 / 19 / 26 June. \$95
Enquiries please contact: Lee Ball on [027 333 4909](tel:0273334909), or email: leeball40@gmail.com or visit leeballcommunications.nz

Reading fiction actually develops empathy, reduces stress, improves sleep, relationships, memory, inclusivity, vocabulary, creativity, pleasure and ultimately happiness!



Read the article that demonstrates it all and provides data on the library blog <https://mac-library.com/>.

So take time to read fiction during the holidays. It is really good for you!

Florence Micoud, Kaitiaki o ngā pukapuka (guardian of the books)



OFFICE OPENING HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The office will be open on weekdays during the holidays 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, and 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm *apart from the following dates:*

Easter Monday 17 April
Easter Tuesday 18 April
Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April

Please also note:
Today, Thursday 13 April the office will be closed at 4.00 pm.

LOCAL RECIPES

Kai-reka is a Year 13 enterprise group who are making a local Wanaka cookbook.

We are currently collecting recipes from Wanaka locals.

If you would like your favourite recipe to be in our book you can email us along with your name and a short story about your recipe if you have one.

wanaka.kaireka@gmail.com

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

Mount Aspiring College Presents
the 20th Formal
Casino Royale
Join us for dinner drinks dancing and casino games
May 20th 7:30 till 11:30
Lake Wanaka Centre
Tickets on sale now
\$90 from the office

Important Dates

Term 2 (1 May - 7 July)

Week	Dates	Events
Week 1	1 - 5 May	Spain Trip (returns 10 May)
	3 May	Year 7 Vision Screening
Week 2	7 - 8 May	Otago Tertiary Trip
	8 - 9 May	Level 1 OP Trip
Week 3	15 - 19 May	Careers Focus Week
	Tuesday 16 May	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room
Week 4	22 - 25 May	Level 2 Outdoor Pursuits winter tramp
Week 6	Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday - college closed
	6 - 9 June	Level 3 Mount Cook trips
	9 - 11 June	40 Hour Famine
Week 7	Friday 15 June	MACStock
Week 8	19 - 23 June	Library Festival
	Tuesday 20 June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm, Board Room



TERM DATES 2017

Term 3: 24 July - 29 September
Term 4: 16 October - 8 December
Labour Day: 23 October



Sunday 14 May
Lake Hayes Pavilion

Check-in from 8.30 am,
event begins 10.00 am

For more information and
ticket sales visit:
jennianmothersday.com

YEAR 7 / 8 SWIMMING PROGRAMME:

1 May - 2 June

Attention: 8WT, 8JN and 7SC

Don't forget your togs Day 1, Term 2!

All Year 7 and 8 students will be taking part in the fully funded Central Lakes Sealord Swim of Life programme which will commence at the start of Term 2. Lessons will take place during scheduled Physical Education lessons (see timetable)

Each student will have ten lessons over the first five weeks of term. The college understands that parents / caregivers may like to discuss issues associated with this programme. If so, please contact Mr Alistair Hose in the PE department.

Mount Aspiring College would like to thank Sealord and the QLDC for their continued support.

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MONDAY		8WT	8JN	7SC	
TUESDAY		7SC	7KI	8JN	7ST
WEDNESDAY	7ST	8LB	7WN	7BW	7KI
THURSDAY	8RN	8SL	7BW	7WN	
FRIDAY		8SL	8LB	8WT	8RN

HILLARY CHALLENGE

The Hillary Challenge is a week long competition based in Tongariro National Park.

Good luck to our MAC team, Nick Toepfer, Wilfred Spearing, Luke Wright, Sam Coupland, Alyx Nyika, Simone Johnson, Bella Fraser and Mel Telford who are training hard for the competition. This is the first time MAC has managed to get to the finals as only twelve schools nationwide are selected.



The teams will be scored on their skill, speed and endurance during a five-day series of outdoor adventure challenges, including a two-day rogaine style wilderness expedition and a multisport race on the final day. In true adventure racing tradition, the exact details of all challenges will be kept secret until the event.



Tuesdays, 6.00 - 9.00 pm
Starts 9 May / Ends 30 May

Teams picked at random on the night - a good chance to brush up on your skills before the season.

www.wanakabasketball.co.nz

Wanaka Trail Ride 2017: Sunday 23 April

Make it a family weekend at the 3rd 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, benefiting many young families in the community.

Pre-register online.
Visit www.wanakatrailride.org or contact Nicole on 022 139 3021 for general enquiries.

Autumn Dance Camp



A school holiday programme action packed full of dance and art workshops for 5-12 year old girls and boys. The fun filled camp is ideal for enthusiastic dancers and those with creative flair. Will include modern jazz, hip hop, classical ballet and musical theatre workshops and concludes with a fun display to parents and friends.

Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 April, 9-3pm.

Register online: www.dancewanaka.co.nz

ICAN QUEENSTOWN SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES: CONFIDENCE & CATWALK

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April

Venue: QPACT - Queenstown Performing Arts Centre Trust, Corner of Henry & Ballarat Streets

Opportunities in TV, Film, Catwalk, Promo & Fashion Scouting for models for Wool On & Hokonui

All enquiries welcome

Contact Tracy Cameron 021 818 318

tracy@icanmodels.com / www.icanmodels.com

Otago Secondary Schools Futsal Tournament

This tournament is happening very early in Term 2, so please ensure you have completed the registration form, parent consent and payment for this by Wednesday 3 May if you wish to take part. Information has been emailed to parents of players involved.

Important Sporting Dates 2017

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
16 May	Drug Free Sport seminar, Dunstan High School, 5-6 pm
21 May	Otago SS Swimming, Dunedin
28 May	Hillary Challenge Regionals, Christchurch
30 May	Country coaching - basketball, MAC
31 May	Central PS Ripper Rugby Tournament, Frankton
1 June	Otago SS Cross Country, Dunedin
11 - 13 June	Otago SS Netball Tournament, Dunedin
17 - 18 June	NZ Cross Country Champs, 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)

Racers Edge Wanaka Snow Sale

Up to 60% off!

Location: Lake Wanaka Centre

12 noon Thursday 13 - 12 noon Sunday 16 April

HOCKEY

Upper Clutha Hockey Club are looking for a Senior Reserve Hockey Coach. This involves coaching teenage hockey players one night a week and matches on Fridays evenings. The season is from May to mid August. Call Kim 0274 061 540 for more information or if you can help.

Sports Jackets

Loaned sports jackets are due one week after your event. Late returns incur a \$20 charge (and jackets not returned by the end of the term incur a \$65 fee). As several events are being held this week, any jackets borrowed for these events are due back by the end of week 1, Term 2.

Students have had lots of opportunities for cultural entertainment at lunchtime this week with Year 12 and 13 drama performances and a Year 10 music concert which was very well attended. Well done to all the performers!



YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Public Health South will be visiting the college on Wednesday 3 May to screen all Year 7 students for distance vision and colour vision (boys only).

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart (not required if child already wears glasses).

Colour Vision (Boys only)

This is to detect children with the most common inherited colour vision defects (still available to those wearing glasses).

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out the opt-out slip, which is available at the school office.

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.

Term 1	Subject Focus
4 May	English
11 May	Mathematics
18 May	Science
25 May	Social Sciences Commerce
1 June	Languages (Rm21) P.E (Rm22)
8 June	English
15 June	Mathematics
22 June	Science
29 June	Social Sciences Commerce
6 July	Languages

Canteen Logo Competition

Congratulations to Peech Phoomrittikul for creating this winning logo design. Well done to Ella Faithful, Lucas Buick and Amelie Woonton who were the runners up.



PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

Year 9 students recently had a field trip to Te Kakano Nursery. Community volunteers generously ran activities for the students, introducing them to locally collected plants from the area and why it is important that they are conserved and used in the Upper Clutha. This was part of a long term Year 9 project to establish islands of plantings around the Eastern side of the lake to provide habitat for animals, as well as improve the amenity value of the area.



Pictured below, the MAC Girls Choir after their inaugural performance of Roar during yesterday's assembly - great work girls!



NASA UPDATE

It was an absolute privilege and honour to receive an intimate, personalised and inspirational tour of the workings of the NASA balloon last Wednesday. An experience we will cherish. Wanaka Airport Operations Manager, Ralph Fegan, had organised for letters to be sent to Ms Bagley's daughter, Scarlett, in last year's balloon launch, and this year he offered her the opportunity to come and see the behind-the-scenes workings of the operation.

We saw every part of the balloon and discussed the functionality of these components with Ralph, and NASA members, and we were also driven to the launch site to talk through the physical aspects (and potential complications) of its release. Seven countries and ten exceptional universities are involved in this project, using the balloon as a way to gauge information about our world and its workings.

A huge thanks goes to Ralph, and indirectly to Scarlett, for gifting us such a memorable experience.

Mackenzie Ayres and Gena Bagley

