



Community Consultation Survey

Participation in the community survey conducted at the end of 2015 was high, with a total of 190 responses between students and families. This is a great result and provides strong input to the future planning processes of the college. We would like to thank all those who contributed to the survey and note that many of you took the time to write detailed responses to survey questions.

Coupled with the consultation that the Ministry of Education undertook relating to the future of education in the Wanaka area early in 2015, the Maori community hui in late 2015 and work with college staff, the Board of Trustees now has all the information required to undertake its tri-ennial review of the school charter. The charter is the guiding document establishing the medium term strategic direction of the school.

Over the next term, the BOT will review the MAC charter using input from the consultation process, confident that the resulting document will reflect the views of the wider school community.

Once again, we would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Richard Hemingway, Board Chair.

OUR 2016 STUDENT LEADERS

On behalf of the students of MAC we would like to recognise and feature the 2016 student leaders.



This includes members of the Academic, Cultural, Service and Sports Committees as well as our Board of Trustees representative, Bella Berry.

Part of our role is to encourage the development and success of the students by providing opportunities and advice whenever we can. So, throughout the year, don't hesitate to come and talk to us to share your ideas - we're always here to listen and your input is valued.

Make the most of your year and all the opportunities which come your way. Here's to a great year!

Head Boy and Girl, Tim Weir and Rosie Spearing (pictured above with BOT Rep Bella Berry).

SERVICE COMMITTEE

- Campbell Russell
- Nathan Redai
- Erin Greenwood
- Luke Burke
- Mackenzie Ayres
- Rosie Spearing
- Abbey Swift
- Olivia Pearce
- April Carter
- Moana Barnard
- Charlotte Coupland



CULTURAL COMMITTEE

- Ella Maluschig
- George Davenport
- Riley Bruce
- Luis Munro
- Lucy Hayes
- Ella Moore
- Lewis Brooks
- Sean Dickey
- Amy Jolly (absent)



SPORTS COMMITTEE

- Joseph Wilson
- Levi Vink
- Bailey Monk
- Caitlin Gibson
- Aly Gibson
- Adam Hewson
- Matt Molloy
- Gina Lilly
- Laetitia Telford
- Josh O'Regan (absent)



ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

- Emile Coote
- Patrick Gainsford
- Rose-Meri Smith
- Amber Makeham
- Hannah Davey
- Acacia Murray
- Josephine Schaefer
- Caitlin Sanders
- Tim Weir
- Helena Crawford (absent)



WANTED!

The International Language Centre is looking for warm caring families to host international students in Term 1 2016. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about cultures, customs and places far beyond New Zealand and can result in life-long friendships and opportunities to visit the other side of the world. It can be great fun to "show off" everything that our local area has to offer and often leads to a new appreciation of how lucky we all are to live where we do.

For providing a supportive, caring environment hosts are paid \$250.00 a week. However, many host families would agree that their lives are made richer by the presence of their homestay student than by the extra cash in hand. If you would be interested in finding out more, especially if you are a family with students at the college, please call 443 0466 or email homestay@mtaspiring.school.nz.

A reminder that absences can be emailed through to:
absences@mtaspiring.school.nz



Time to return last year's resources if you haven't done so yet. We are missing quite a few Math books and English textbooks, as well as 90 library books issued last year!

Please return now as we need them!

Florence Micoud
Kaitiakipukapuka ~ Librarian

Itinerant Music Lessons

The MAC Music Department aims to have as many junior students learning an instrument as possible. Lessons are available on the following instruments: flute, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, guitar and bass. There is an administration charge for woodwind lessons of \$30.00 and the guitar lessons are \$60.00 per half year.

Guitar students will need to have their own instrument (around \$100.00 for entry level). We have a small number of woodwind and brass instruments for hire at \$120.00 per year. Woodwind instruments can also be hired at www.kbbmusic.co.nz and other music shops.

Due to the high demand for guitar lessons there will be a quota for Year 7-9 students. Once this is full students will be put on a waiting list. Guitar lessons are also available for Year 10-13 students who are taking music as a subject.

Your child will attend a weekly group lesson scheduled during school hours. Regular practise and attendance is expected. Students who have lessons at school will also be required to participate in school music groups when asked. Students who have lessons privately are not eligible for school lessons on that instrument.

All junior students have already been emailed an enrolment form and completed forms may be returned until Friday 19 February. When lesson groups will be compiled. Students will be informed of their lesson time and start date through the daily notices and the school newsletter. Please do not pay until you are invoiced.

If you have any queries please email Mat Doyle :
doylem@mtaspiring.school.nz

MACDG (MAC Debating Group)

The first meeting of the MACDG will take place tomorrow lunchtime (Friday) in Room 24. If you would like to find out more about this group feel free to come along, or speak to Johnny Brebner, Acacia Murray, Amber Makeham, Luke Burke, Michael Hey or Tristin Weastell.

REVISED CANTEEN MENU

DAILY OPTIONS

Salad Wrap (chicken or salad)	\$5.00
Pizza (vegetarian, ham or chicken)	Large: \$3.50 Small: \$2.50
** Sushi	\$5.00
Chicken Panini	Large: \$5.00 Small: \$4.00
Toasted Chicken Wrap	\$5.00
** Salad Bowl - order please	\$5.00
Chicken burger	\$5.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Chocolate scroll	\$2.50
Cookie	\$1.50
Chocolate brownie	Large: \$3.00 Small: \$2.00

DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.00
** Veggie Smoothie - order please	\$4.00
** Yoghurt / Berry Smoothie	\$4.00
Iced Tea	\$3.50
Cup of Chilled Milk	\$1.00
E2	\$3.50
Slushie (not syrup, just juice)	\$3.00

FRIDAY ONLY

Hot chips	\$3.00
Fish 'n' Chips	\$5.00

COLD TREATS

Cool Sips (orange, berry, passionfruit)	\$2.50
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SPECIALTY OPTIONS - Please order

** Gluten Free Pizza	\$3.50
** Chocolate Blissball (sugar free)	\$1.00
** Chickpea Brownie (GF / sugar free)	\$3.00
** Gluten Free Dairy Free Nut Bread	\$3.00
Salad Sandwiches	\$3.00

** = Please order

If you order your lunch at the office before school or at the canteen at interval we will have it put aside for you so that you won't miss out.

Important Dates

Term 1 (1 February - 15 April)

Week 2	Thursday 11 February	HPV Info Session
Week 3	15 - 19 February	Pounawea Camp (7ST, 7KI and 7SC)
	15 - 19 February	Level 2 OP Canyoning Trips
	18 February	Level 3 Enterprise Trip, Invercargill
	18 February	Year 8-11 - Health Speaker
Week 4	22 - 26 February	Pounawea Camp (7WN and 7BW)
	23 - 26 February	Level 3 OP Makarora Trip
	24 February	Level 2 Biology Field Trip
Week 5	Wednesday 2 March	MAC Athletics
	Thursday 3 March	Gateway First Aid Course
	Friday 4 March	MAC Athletics Finals
Week 6	Tuesday 8 March	Level 3 Shotover OP Trip
	Wednesday 9 March	Team Up Conferences
	Thursday 10 March	Level 3 Shotover OP Trip
	Friday 11 March	HPV Vaccination
	Friday 11 March	Mufti Day
Week 7	Tuesday 15 March	Team Up Conferences
	Wednesday 16 March	Gateway Health and Safety Course
	17-18 March	Summer Quadrangular Tournament (Winton)
Week 9	Monday 21 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
	Friday 25 March	Good Friday - college closed

A&P SHOW - 11/12 March 2016 *It's fun to enter the competition!*

Schedules are available from www.wanakashow.co.nz

ADVANCED WARNING

Tuesday 13 September

All Level 1 students will sit their maths MCAT exam on this date.

This is an external exam and the date is **not negotiable**. Please mark this date clearly on your calendar and ensure that it does not clash with any family appointments or holidays.

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TERM DATES 2016

Term 2: 2 May - 8 July
Queen's Birthday: 6 June
Term 3: 25 July - 23 September
Term 4: 10 October - 13 December
Labour Day: 24 October

Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club
"Spylaw Trail Ride"
Sunday 6 March

For more information check out the poster on the noticeboard at the office.

Waterskiing Success

Meg Harraway's build-up to the NZ v Australia Champs has been very successful so far. She recently competed in the Lake Hood 3 event, where she won slalom, jump and trick, as well as placing first overall in junior girls.

GYMNASTICS

Aspiring Gymsports offer gymnastics for teens on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Look them up on Facebook or email info@aspiringgymsports.co.nz.

ASPIRING ATHLETES

Aspiring Athletics Club sessions (Tuesdays and Thursdays) start again this week. Meet on the field at 3:30 pm. Orienteering is on Tuesday afternoons. Register online at www.aspiringathletes.co.nz

FREE MTB CLINICS

MTB Otago are offering free coaching to Mount Aspiring College students in Years 10 - 13 on Friday afternoon, 11 March and Saturday 12 March.

If you have some MTB experience but would like to sharpen your skills, please see Jacky at the Sportshub, or send her an email saying what level (beginner/ intermediate/ advanced) you're at and why you think you should be included. You will need your own bike. Limited places exist so be in quick!

Skiing Success Congratulations to Alistair Garland who competed in the French Junior Freeride tour last weekend and podiumed in 3rd place.

Do you want to play Football in 2016?

Go to the Wanaka Football Club website to register: www.wanakafootball.org.nz

Training and grading days every Wednesday with teams finalised on 4 March.

Do you have a shirt from last year? There is an amnesty on the return of all shirts - please return to the MAC office by the end of February to avoid paying a \$50 penalty fee..

South Island Rowing Championships

Well done to all the students from MAC who competed at the recent championship regatta in perfect conditions in Twizel.

Congratulations to Riley Bruce who took out the Mens singles final with a convincing lead and to Sam Pearce who reduced his personal best time significantly, finishing fifth in the A final of the singles U16 event.

The Senior girls, U18 squad made three A finals. Riley Homan and Bridie Hurley were involved in a terrific race in the U19 double sculls where they remained with the leading crews to finish a very good fourth place. Riley also finished fifth in the A final of the U19 single and Bridie showed continued improvement to dominate the B final of the same event.

Swimming Success

Jasmine Murray and Jaime Toepfer competed at the Otago Swimming Championships in Dunedin. Both girls achieved personal best times and finals in some events. Jasmine finished 7th in the 200m breaststroke final, then swam 4 seconds faster in the Otago Canterbury final that evening. Jaime gained a silver medal in the 200m butterfly final.

Athletics Success

Sammy Burke spent 10 days in the North Island touring with NZs 'Aspiring Athletes' group, racing top New Zealand and Australian athletes in Hastings, Wanganui and Wellington. She set PBs in the 3000 m, Mile and 1500 m. At only 16, Sammy placed an impressive fifth in the NZ U20 Champs 3000 m race.

Get-2-Go Challenge Finals

In December, eight Year 9 and 10 students travelled to compete in the National Get2Go Finals at Great Barrier Island.

"Get2Go was an amazing experience, we all faced many physical and mental challenges. It was a difficult week, demanding long hours and we had to try and be focused and put 100% in all the time. All the activities were fun and included problem solving, running, orienteering, kayaking or sailing. We came away in seventh place, which was awesome as we were up against intense competition. I would certainly recommend any students in Years 9 and 10 who are interested in adventure and multi-sport to watch out for this opportunity this coming year". **Bella Fraser**

SWIM TRAINING

If the MAC swim sports has inspired you to improve your swimming technique or times, Wanaka Swim Club offers fitness, development and competitive squads for all students.

CENTRAL OTAGO SPORTS AWARDS

Sport Central is staging the 2016 Central Otago Sports Awards for the sporting achievements achieved during the 2015 calendar year. All Central Otago sportspeople - junior, senior, amateur or professional - are eligible for the awards. For a copy of the nomination form, please contact Jacky.

BOYS FUTSAL TRIALS

Trials will take place on Tuesday 16 February 4:30 pm and Saturday 20 February 12:00 pm in the gym. Trials are for Year 9-13 students wanting to attend either Otago SS or NZSS futsal tournaments.



Before you...



THINK!

- T** = Is it True?
- H** = Is it Helpful?
- I** = Is it Inspiring?
- N** = Is it Necessary?
- K** = Is it Kind?

Important Sporting Dates

17 February	Otago Tennis Qualifying Tournament, Dunedin
18 February	SS Triathlon, Cromwell
20 February	Otago Junior Tennis Champs, Dunedin
21 February	Otago Southland Waterskiing Champs, Miller's Flat
2 March	MAC Athletics Champs
3 March	COPSSA Swimming, Cromwell
4 March	MAC Athletics Finals
4 March	Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, Dunedin
4 March	SISS Tennis Champs, Timaru
5-6 March	North Island SS Mountain Bike Champs, Auckland
6 March	SISS Triathlon / Duathlon, Oamaru
11 - 12 March	Otago SS Athletics Champs, Dunedin
18 - 19 March	Otago / Southland Athletics Champs, Invercargill
18 - 19 March	Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, Dunedin
19 March	SISS Rowing Champs, Twizel
19 March	NZSS Whitewater Kayaking, Wanaka
23 March	COPSSA Triathlon, Cromwell
31 March	Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell
1-3 April	SISS Athletics, Timaru
2 April	SISS Adventure Race, Cromwell
4 - 8 April	SISS Sunburst Regatta, Dunedin
4 - 9 April	NZSS Rowing - Maadi Cup, Twizel
5 - 8 April	NZSS Futsal Tournament, Wellington
6 - 8 April	NZSS Triathlon / Duathlon / Open Water Swim, QT
8 April	NZSS Adventure Racing Champs, Kaiteriteri
8 - 9 April	Otago Primary and Secondary Swimming, Dunedin

For more information, to register your interest, or to list an event, please contact Jacky at the Sports Hub, or email: sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

NETBALL NEWS

Key Dates

Thursday 11 February: Meeting for netballers wanting to trial for SENIOR teams at interval. Meet by the stage outside room 21.

Friday 12 February: ALL netball players interested in pre-season training. Meet in the gym at interval.

Monday 29 February, Thursday 3 March, Monday 7 March: Trials for senior netball: 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Please sign up outside the Sports Hub by **26 February**. For more information please text Tracey Gibson 027 2016177.

Saturday 12 March: Fundraising event for the 'A' team.

Tuesday 8 March: Mt Aspiring Netball Club AGM, 7.00 pm in Room 2

Tuesday 8 March and Thursday 10 March: Registration and payment of subs (\$85.00 per student). Cheques to be made payable to Mt Aspiring Netball Club.

JUNIOR NETBALL

Parents: Please email ashtonv@mtaspiring.school.nz if you're interested in coaching. Trial dates will be advertised later this term.

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

**Wednesday 9 March and
Tuesday 15 March**

This is a chance to meet the teacher and help your child to set their individual goals for the year. More information will follow shortly, but note these dates in your diary now.

Friends of MAC Student Directory

The 2016 Student Directory contains the student names and home phone numbers of all students whose parents have consented to have this information released to other parents.

This useful document was initiated by Friends of MAC in order to help parents keep their children safe by making it easier for parents to communicate with parents of other students at the college. If you have not already consented (enrolment form or personal request) and would like your child(ren)'s name included please contact the office.

Come Contra Dance with Us!

Live Band!
No partner needed.
All dances will be taught.
Adults \$5, Students gold coin donation

**Thursday 18 February
MAC Performance Room,
7.00 - 10.00 pm**

**Allemande Joy Contra
Dance Group :-
FUN GUARANTEED!**

2015 Prizegiving DVDs

If you would like a copy of either prizegiving ceremony please contact the office to leave your name, stating whether you would like a copy of the junior or the senior ceremony. Copies will cost \$10 each.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course will be held in Cromwell on 23 and 25 February and 1 and 3 March 7.00 - 9.00pm. For further information please contact: krowell@xtra.co.nz

An Invitation to Meet The Highlanders

The Otago Suicide Prevention Trust is pleased to invite you and your families to meet The Highlanders at:

Molyneux Park, Alexandra, Thursday, 18 February 2016, between 1.30 - 2pm

The entire team, including All Blacks Ben Smith, Malakai Fekitoa and Aaron Smith will be there and they would like to meet as many local school children as possible. Bring along a ball and you may get to have a kick around with your favourite player.

For further information call Julie on 027 277 6695

**Otago Suicide Prevention Trust, PO Box 15, Alexandra
"Supporting and educating communities about suicide"**

Upcoming sports events and qualifying criteria:

SWIMMING:

- For Year 7 and 8 students, the MAC Swimming Champs (10 February) are the qualifier for the Central Otago Primary Schools (COPSSA) swimming on 3 March. A limited number of girls and boys from each age group will be selected to compete in the championship and non-championship events at COPSSA swimming.
- Anyone who meets the qualifying times can swim at the Otago Primary Champs. Qualifying times will be posted on the noticeboard outside the Sportshub. Anyone can enter Otago Secondary Champs. Please see Jacky at the Sportshub if you'd like to enter the Otago PS or SS swim champs.

ATHLETICS:

- Anyone (Years 9 - 13) can enter the Otago Secondary Schools athletics champs in Dunedin on 11 and 12 March. If you'd like to compete at Otago Athletics Champs, please let Jacky know by 24 February.

HAVE YOU LOST A BIKE?

A bike and helmet were left in the bike racks over the Christmas holidays and were tucked away for safe keeping. If this could be yours please come to the office and describe the make, model and colour to claim it.

STUDENT SUCCESS TO CELEBRATE?

We'd love to know about!
Please email:
shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz



TUG OF WAR 2016

Our first house event for the year got off to a cracking start with fun and games down by the lake, followed by a hotly contested tug of war. Congratulations to **ROY** who took out the house shield (points below).

ROY 30, BARKER 27, IRON 24 PISA 17

Here are some photos of the day with more to hopefully feature next week.

