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Welcome back to MAC for Term 2

I returned home late last week from a marketing trip to Chile and Brazil to find a very French Mount Aspiring College (pictures on page 3) The college, in conjunction with the town, had embraced the French theme because of the Festival of Colour premiere of 'Le Sud'. On behalf of the college may I congratulate John Beattie and his team for presenting such a wonderful array of performances - the Festival of Colour is another example of the fantastic opportunities available to our community. Many of our students were privileged to work with and listen to a number of highly motivated and talented people during the festival season.

I was surprised to see a paragraph on the front page of last week's Wanaka Sun refer to a marked drop in parent satisfaction with schools in Wanaka. The survey that the reporter was referring to actually asked what was the level of satisfaction with **access to or availability of** educational facilities in our area. School facilities throughout Wanaka have been stretched recently but we have all got sound future building plans in progress. I value the level of community support that we receive and invite you to come in at any time should you have issues you wish to discuss.

I would like to remind you that the college will be closed for tuition on Tuesday 2 June. We are running a Curriculum Support Day in line with most schools in the Otago region in preparation for the implementation of the revised curriculum.

Next week's newsletter sees the introduction of a 'Student Voice' column. Year 13 student Lauren Wootton will present a series of articles on MAC life from a student perspective.

Finally I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the Stage Challenge for a fantastic performance in Dunedin last Tuesday evening. It was a privilege to be part of a very enthusiastic audience and witness such wonderful talent.

Wayne Bosley

The Stage Challenge Experience

In term four of last year a small group of senior students (Katarina Schwarz, Cathey Hart, Rosemary Wolfin, Laura Prescott, Greta Hewitt, Suzannah Schwarz) began meeting once a week to form a stage challenge performance for Mount Aspiring College. After a long period of planning, discussing everything from theme, plot, costume, choreography, characters, music, lighting and set, auditions were held early in term one this year for all students wishing to participate in the experience.

Twice-weekly rehearsals began - often more - with the cast and crew meeting to learn dances and drama skills. During this time the talents of the cast were revealed as the theatrical piece came together. Behind the scenes the lighting, soundtrack, costumes, and set were also being created - this was a mammoth task and we are so appreciative of all the help given by everyone involved in this.

The much anticipated preview at the school assembly last week was upon us in no time! A large amount of praise was received, proving what an outstanding job we were doing ... but this was just the prelude to the real thing!

On Tuesday the cast, crew and teachers (94 in total!) travelled to Dunedin for a long but exciting day of competition. We were able to watch the other schools' performances and even meet up with old friends in spare moments of our busy day. At 4.30 we began the extremely lengthy process of make-up and costume for the show. Everyone was helping each other and showing what a great team we had all become.

As the second performance of the evening we were on stage at approximately 7.00 pm. Standing with the curtain closed, waiting for Alex Black to introduce us was a nervous but exhilarating moment, but it didn't last long - soon the performance was in full flight! We gave it our all and had a great time doing it.

Although we didn't place in the top three we did win five Excellence awards. These were for Choreography, Stage Use, Performance Skill, Initiative and Concept.

Many of us have gained a huge amount from this experience. For the organising committee this has been chance to learn new skills such as how to make a soundtrack, how to organise and manage our peers and, most importantly, how to work as a team. Long lasting friendships were formed and we had an incredible time working together to create something we are all extremely proud of being involved in.

Special thanks to the Radio Wanaka team, Sandy and Anne at 'Brand It', Gena Bagley, Miranda Schwarz, Mandy Sherson, Joss Walker, and to all of the parents and teachers who helped and supported us throughout this journey.

**Written by
Cathey Hart on
behalf of the Stage
Challenge Committee**



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Further enquires welcome: Tracy Cameron

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FORMAL PHOTOS

The professional photos taken at the formal will be on display in Room 21 from next week. Order forms can be obtained from the college office and orders for photos can be made (with advanced payment) until Friday 15 May.

WANTED

MAC Kilt, 67cm, in good condition.
Call Sandra on 443 6265.
MAC uniform trousers, size 16.
Call Diana on 443 8824.

UPCOMING REAP EVENTS

Brain Development of our tamariki. An inspirational talk about ways to encourage your child's potential for learning and emotional independence. Wednesday 13th May, 7-9pm. St Johns Room.

"Meditation Taster" Ever wanted to develop strategies for reducing the stress in your life through meditation but never knew which direction to turn? This 5 week course will introduce you to a range of different meditation techniques, types, philosophies from a variety of tutors. Tuesday evenings, 7pm, beginning 19 May. A Mount Aspiring ACE and REAP combined course (\$25.00).

Enquiries to Jo @ 443 1706

MACLIC Corner Library House Competition

*Read more books
Return them on time!*

As in previous years the Library House Competition is ON. Last year Barker won 4 points, Pisa 3, Roy 2 and Iron 1.

The rules are:

The number of books issued to students in each house accrue points.
The number of days that books are overdue results in a debiting of points.
Books that are returned on the day of the issue are not included. Do not try to borrow a book and drop it off immediately - it will not count!

This competition has been organised:

- to encourage you to borrow more books (and to actually take them out of the library)
- to encourage you to return your books on time
- to promote a whanau culture of managing books
- to add another cultural aspect to the house competition

First term results

		Barker	Iron	Pisa	Roy
Number of books issued	+	673	522	652	573
Late returns and overdues months	-	43	93	167	97

Barker is ahead already this year, with more books issued and less overdue penalties. Iron MUST borrow more books.

Pisa borrows enough books but MUST improve its returns habits.

Roy can improve on borrowing and returning.

Next week, I will distribute overdue listings to whanau teachers. Make a point to return these overdue books promptly. Then you will not have penalties logged against your house and will also avoid paying the the 50 cent invoicing fee.

Florence Micoud

LEARNING FROM EARTHQUAKES

Last year an earthquake, large by world standards, occurred in the Wenchuan County of the Sichuan Province of China. Severe damage was spread over an area of 30,000 square km. It displaced over 5 million people and killed more than 70,000. In November 2008, a NZSEE team of five visited the area observing the effects of and the recovery from the earthquake. The NZSEE team is presenting their observations and the lessons relevant to New Zealand.

Wednesday 6th May 2009 5.30 pm
Crowne Plaza, Beach Street, Queenstown

Maths Tutorials, Term 2

All tutorials will be in room 7. Staff will be there for the first 10 minutes and if no students turn up, they will leave.

Week	Mon 3.20	Tues 1.20	Wed 1.20	Thur 3.20	Fri 3.20
1		WA	HW	EL	JD
2		TH	EL	WA	JD
3	WA		HW	EL	JD
4		TH	EL	WA	JD
5		TH	EL	WA	JD
6		WA	HW	EL	JD
7		TH	EL	WA	JD
8	WA		HW	EL	JD
9		WA	HW	EL	JD
10		TH	EL	WA	JD

TH Greg Thornton WA Heather Watt
EL Annette Ellwood HW Jo Hawkins
JD Warren Judkins

Important Dates

Term 2

Week 3 Tuesday 12 May
13, 14, 15 May

Week 4 Saturday 23 May

Week 5 Friday 29 May

Week 6 Monday 1 June
Tuesday 2 June

Week 7 Monday 8 June
Tuesday 9 June

Week 8 Tuesday 16 June
18 / 19 June

Week 9 22 - 26 June

Week 10 Friday 3 July

Sponsored by:



Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm
Level 2 OP Tramps

MAC-STOCK

Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination

Queen's Birthday - college closed
Teacher Only Day - college closed

MAC 'A', '9A' and '10 A' Netball Tournament
Year 8 and 9 Girls HPV Vaccination Catch-up day

Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00 pm
Level 2 Biology Field Trip to Catlins

Arts / Performance Week

Reports issued to students

Owner / Operator: Lindsay & Carol Parry
20 Dunmore Street, Wanaka
Phone: 03 4430048
Fax: 03 4430050
wanaka@newworld-si.co.nz

TERM DATES 2009

Term 2: 27 April - 3 July

Term 3: 20 July - 25 September

Term 4: 12 October - 11 December

Queen's Birthday: 1 June

Labour Day: 26 October

SKI PASSES FOR LOCALS

CARDRONA LOCAL STUDENT SEASON PASS

Prices for season passes purchased by **Wednesday 20 May** are:

Year 9 - 13 Child \$110, and Year 1 - 8 Child \$70.

An application form school stamped or school ID are required. Passes can be purchased at Cardrona town office, (18 Dunmore Street, Wanaka) Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.

SNOW PARK NZ STUDENT PASS

The price for a student pass purchased by **Friday 22 May** is \$199. Forms can be posted to PO Box 492, Wanaka or faxed to: 443 8408.



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Ryan Shuttleworth** who has been selected for the **Otago U16 Golf team** which will compete at Methven on 22, 23 and 24 May..

BIATHLON MEETING

Wednesday 6th May, 7:30 pm Lake Wanaka Centre

All ages and abilities welcome!
For more information contact Nadine Cagney 443 8391

LAKE HAYES ROWING REGATTA

Well done to Georgina Galloway, Saasha Bruce, Alex Winslow, Kaitlin Saunders, Lee Martin, Eachann Bruce, Dominic Schwarz, Rebecca Clark, Charlotte Penniket, Hannah Lumsden, Lucy Thomson, Nell Varney, Matt Jackson, Greg Redai, Asher Statham, Nic Jackson, James Redai, Bailey Masters, Josh Timu, Katerina Maluschnig, Olivia Thomson and Nadia Bangma who all competed at the Lake Hayes Regatta at the end of the holidays. Almost all of the students gained placings in at least one race. Special congratulations to Georgina and Saacha (1st U18 double skulls and 1st in U18 single skulls), Lee (1st in U15 skulls), and Alex, Rebecca, Kaitlin and Charlotte (1st open coxed fours). Great results!



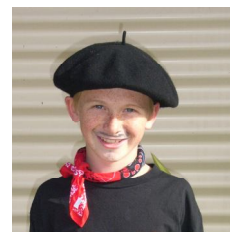
Under 18 Rugby

(Coached by Hamish Crosbie, managed by Geoff Wilson and Bill Brooker)

Last Saturday the U18 Rugby team travelled to Oamaru to play Waitaki Boys 2nd XV. The team had been training since March and this was our first competition game. We showed great commitment and good communication on the field - these were areas that we had needed to work on from our preseason games. The final score was 29 / 5, with tries to Nic Haldezos, Nic Brooker, Mark Tucker, Woodrow Ross and Taylor Hammond. This week we play Wakatipu High School at home and would love to see you all there to support us.

Guy Wilson, Captain U18 Upper Clutha Rugby

MAC students and staff got into the swing of Friday's 'Go French Day'



STOP PRESS! Change of dates for Junior Development Camp 4-7 June

Information available from the Sports Hub noticeboard OR contact Adam on 021 989 321 or email adam@snowsports.co.nz

BASKETBALL NEWS

- Congratulations to Shania Dickson, Tarryn Dickson, Holly Bailey and Brynee Wilson who have been selected to play for the U13 Central Otago Basketball team, and to Hannah Bendle, Jessica Bailey and Allie Swale who were selected for the U15 Team.
- Mount Aspiring College has started the Basketball season with a good win for the MAC Boys when they played "The Locals" and had a 15 point win - well done boys! The MAC A Girls also had a great win over "First National" (41/36).

Mount Aspiring Senior A Netball Team

Pictured below are the 2009 Senior A MAC Netball team.

Back Row: Mike Mason (Sponsor), Meghan Snowdon, Mandy Trevathan, Mikaela Mason, Kiani Nua, Cholena Perry, Kate MacKenzie-Smith (coach)

Front Row: Sierra Roberts, Jessica Knight, Michelle Bowie, Katarina Schwarz

Absent: Hannah Scott

The team are very grateful to Aspiring Electrical who have sponsored their gear this year. The team is always looking out for fundraising opportunities throughout the season so if there is anyone out there with any ideas please contact us through the college.



Important Sporting Dates

15 May	Futsal - Queenstown
16 May	Yr 7/8 Netball - Alexandra
20 May	Top Bike - Alexandra
21 May	Otago SS Duathlon - Mosgiel
23 May	Rogaine Race Wanaka
24 May	Year 9 and Year 10 Netball Tournament
3 June	Otago X Country - Mosgiel
7/8 June	Otago SS Netball - Dunedin

See Kellie (baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz) at the Sports Hub for more details

Has your child performed well at a sporting event?

Please email Kellie Bailey:
baileyk@mtaspiring.school.nz

Childcare and education places available for babies, toddlers and young children through Central Otago Kindergarten's home-based service. More home educators also required.
Phone 021 273 1113 for information.



Music students enjoyed their session learning to play the ukuleles with the Wellington International Ukelele Orchestra last week.

Please note that from Monday 11 May, all students will be expected to be wearing winter uniform (boys may still wear grey shorts if preferred)

DESPERATELY SEEKING:

Skateboard with blue and white stripes and Cheapskates logo on the bottom. Missing since the end of last term. If anyone knows anything about its whereabouts please contact the college office.

Teenage Dramas? **Bring them to drama classes!**

Brand new class starting, Mondays 6-7.30 for college aged students. Great for building confidence and public speaking as well as acting techniques. Taught by professional actors.
Ring Gilly on 443-9226 for details.

TEACHER ONLY DAY **Tuesday 2 June** **College closed**

FLUTE & CLARINET **LESSONS FOR** **BEGINNERS**

We have one time slot for clarinet and two places for flute lessons available for junior students. Lessons will start next week and are free. Hire of the instrument and tutor book is \$120.00. Please speak to Mrs Mote-Andrews (443 9901 x 822) if you would like to book in for lessons.

Otago Careers Festival

During the month of May there are over 60 careers events taking place in Dunedin. These include a general EXPO running for the month and activities ranging from recruiting prison officers to a Marketing your Career Potential seminars. Check out the website; www.otagocareersfestival.co.nz

Mount Aspiring College ~ Te Kareti O Maunga Tititea **Adult and Community Education (ACE) Term Two: 2009**

Ayurvedic Cooking and Nutrition for Autumn: Saturday 16, Sunday 17 May 10-4pm, FTR Fran Partridge 027 2264522, Bring; fresh seasonal produce, \$80.

French Beginners: 8 Wednesdays begin 13 May, Rm 30, 7-8.30pm, Camille Riviere 021 145 2842, \$70.

French Continuing Beginners; 8 Thursdays begin 14 May, Rm 30, 7-8.30pm, Camille Riviere 021 145 2842, \$70.

From Drawing to Painting: 8 Wednesdays from 13 May, Art Room, 7-9pm, Robyn Urquhart 443 8328, bring own materials. \$70.

Garden Design: 3 Wednesdays begin 13 May, 7-9pm. (Rm to be advised), field trip Saturday 30 May, Pamela McGeorge 443 9176, \$60.

Indian Head Massage: Saturday 31 May 10-4pm Rm 29, Fran Partridge 027 2264522 Bring old towel, small glass bottle, shared lunch, old hat, \$45.

Introduction to Natal Astrology; 6 Tuesdays begin 12 May, Rm 30, 7-9pm, Sousa Jefferson, Bring date, time and place of birth. \$80.

Watercolour for Beginners: 8 Tuesdays begin 12 May, Art Room, 7-9pm, John McCluskey. Bring watercolour paints and paper. \$70.

Samba Drumming Workshop: Saturday 23 May, Rm 29, 10am—3pm

Enrol and pay at the school. Information: ace@mtaspiring.school.nz
www.mtaspiring.school.nz/Programmes/CommunityEducation.aspx



CLUTHA CAREERS EXPO **Thursday 28 May 2009, 10am -7pm** **TELFORD RURAL POLYTECHNIC**

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Wool ~ Equine ~ Home Based Care ~ Trades/Apprenticeships

Demonstrations; Trade Stands; BBQ; Entertainment
Thursday 28 May at Telford Rural Polytechnic
FREE ENTRY

For more information email lucasc@mtaspiring.school.nz

THEY REALLY WORK!

Mount Aspiring College is offering 'Nature's Spark' organic firestarters.

These are fantastic little sticks of tinder dry firewood naturally impregnated with sap just waiting to bring those flames alight in your grate or log burner.

Perfect for getting your fire roaring. Each box lasts approximately one month and boxes are available from the college office for \$15. For more information see www.naturespark.co.nz.



SNOW DAY PROCEDURES

The college has clearly defined procedures which are followed in the event of bad weather conditions. In order to minimise confusion and prevent some of the many phone calls that are made to the office these procedures are outlined below.

LATE START TO COLLEGE

The college (in consultation with local primary schools) makes the decision to delay the start of the school day. Typically this will be by one hour. **Radio Wanaka, Radio Central, Q92 and Classic Hits** are all notified of this change and are asked to broadcast this as often as possible. The college office voicemail message will be updated as early as possible.

EARLY EVACUATION FROM COLLEGE

In the event of deteriorating weather conditions we have a two-part evacuation procedure:

- 1) Bus students and students with their own cars are evacuated as a priority.
All other students are expected to carry on with classes as normal.
- 2) Remaining students are also released. Please note that these students will not always be sent home early (there is no reason why walking home in a snow blizzard is any better than walking home in snow once the blizzard has stopped!)

During both of the above stages the office voicemail will be updated with relevant information and local radio stations (Radio Wanaka, Q92, Radio Central, Classic Hits) will also be contacted and asked to broadcast up-to-date information.

We need to record how all our junior students are going home and also to make contact with their caregivers wherever possible (a letter will be posted home to parents of Year 7/8 students regarding this next week). In addition we will endeavour to log details for all other students at the point at which they are dismissed. This is an extremely busy time in the office and we ask for your co-operation in keeping phone calls to a minimum; hopefully the voicemail information will answer your queries.

The most disruptive thing for the office staff is parents responding to 'local' students' requests to leave school early once they realise that bus students are being evacuated. If parents could support the college by responding with a 'school as usual' message it would be much appreciated. We are endeavouring to look after the safety of the students, hence the evacuation of those that live further away from school is our top priority.