



NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

22 FEBRUARY 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In this newsletter we have published the names of all the students who received endorsed NCEA certificates at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. I congratulate you all for fine results after a year of study. I cannot help but think that there could have been more students on this list if they put in a little more effort. I hope this list of names encourages more students to set goals that will lead them to be in next year's newsletter. This Friday we celebrate those students who have gained Academic Colours and Opuke Awards. We have invited their families to share in our recognition of their child's success.



It was great to see so many of the students get involved in the senior swimming sports on Friday; all the students in their house colours, supporting the occasion. The weather helped make it a fantastic event. While the juniors did not have the best weather on Monday, they also can be very proud of the way they participated and competed. Thank you to all the parents and supporters who were able to come and to see these events. A big thank you to the team that ran these events, especially Mr Wilson and Mrs Dalglish as it was a first for both of them. Also thank you to the parents who ran the BBQ. Unfortunately the weather did not allow us to run our first athletics preliminary events so this will mean a little more disruption to normal timetable in the future.

As with the rest of the country, this week we remember the Earthquake that changed Christchurch and its people forever. I find it hard to believe that this was only a year ago. So much has happened in the last year. We remember how so many students came to be part of our College community for Term one last year. We remember the way the community supported and assisted and we remember the loss. It is a time for personal reflection.

Last week Mr Ian Sawers retired from the College. He has been on leave from the College since the middle of last year. Ian has been the Deputy Principal of the College for the last 24 years. Many in the community would not have known the College without his presence. The College wishes him all the very best in his retirement.

John Schreurs
Principal

NEWSFLASH

If you are bringing a scooter to school – you need to read this notice!! Due to the current scooter craze, the office is not equipped to hold 40+ scooters per day. From now on YOU are responsible for your own scooter. There is adequate space in the bike stand by the pool for you to lock your scooter.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENTEE LINE

It is a Ministry requirement to take the roll daily and code it accordingly. If we do not know why your child is not at school we are required to mark them as truant. Please use our absentee line 302 8437, ext 1 to report your son/daughter's absence. We need to know your child's name, form class and the reason for being absent.

LOST PROPERTY

Every fortnight the lost property is put on display in the hall foyer and advertised in the daily notices for students to check. Any items not claimed are then donated to the Red Cross. All named items are returned to their owner. Please ensure that all school uniform items are clearly named.

CANCELLATION LINE

Another number to note is the school's cancellation line (302 8904). This is where we post all cancellation information.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School fees and PTA Subscriptions for the full year will be charged on the February account. A \$20 internet and computer fee for all **newly** enrolled students for 2012 will also be charged. Invoices will be posted out to all parents at the end of February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 22 February
Wednesday, 22 – Sunday, 26 February
Friday, 24 February
Tuesday, 28 February
Monday, 5 March
Wednesday, 7 March

Yr 7 Ice Cream Social
OPC Climbing Expedition in Takaka
Yr 7/8 Triathlon
Meet the Form Teacher
School Photographs
Athletics Sports

TERM DATES

Term 1	Ends 5 April
Term 2	23 April – 29 June
Term 3	16 July – 28 September
Term 4	15 October – 12 December

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who excelled at our recent swimming sports:

JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Yr 7 Girls

1 st	Victoria Pluck
2 nd	Jessica Windhorst
3 rd	Te Aroha Heripo

Yr 7 Boys

1 st	Alex Blake
2 nd	Tobi Dalglish
3 rd	Jackson Allred

Yr 8/9 Girls

1 st	Aimee Elliott
2 nd	Katelyn Grey
3 rd	Kayla Baker

Yr 8/9 Boys

1 st	Dallas McLeod
2 nd	Michael Breading
3 rd	Harry Fielding

SENIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Yr 10/11 Girls

1 st	Claire-Louise Davies-Stewart
2 nd	Assina Dalglish
3 rd	Juliette Lewis

Year 10/11 Boys

1 st	Kenji Boekholt
2 nd	Markus Body
3 rd =	Tyler Blackburn
3 rd =	Cameron McLeod

Year 12/13 Girls

1 st	Grace Sommerville
2 nd	Chanaide Fulton
3 rd	Hayley Tait

Year 12/13 Boys

1 st	Connor McKinnon
2 nd =	Alex Holmes
2 nd =	Charles Brown

The Lachlan Memorial Cup won by Grace Sommerville – three lengths in 53.87 seconds. Grace also set a new record – swimming 180m in 2.00.50. The last person to hold this record was her sister Alice Sommerville (set in 2007) – 2.09.47.

PTA – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Mount Hutt College PTA Committee is a friendly mix of parents, management and a BOT representative who meet informally on a regular basis. The committee provides assistance throughout the year with open days, orientation day, sports exchange visits, athletics and swimming sports, annual prizegivings and fundraising ventures. This assists our school community and allows financial contributions to be made to purchase valuable resources which in turn benefit our students.

We would be grateful if you could give consideration to being part of the 2012 PTA Committee and would welcome your input. Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 20 March 2012 7.00pm** in the School Library.

“Friends of the PTA” - From time to time throughout the year we need assistance for activities as noted above, often this is a time commitment only. Can you please give consideration to being part of the “Friends of the PTA” by providing me with your name, email and phone number to Robynne Nicoll Email nicollfamily@actrix.co.nz or Text 027 369 3228. Thank you, Robynne Nicoll, Secretary, Mount Hutt College PTA.



MEET THE FORM TEACHER

On Tuesday, 28 February we will be holding a Meet the Form Teacher evening. The main purpose of this evening is to give each family an opportunity to meet your child's 2012 Form Teacher and sign off on their learning goals. These meetings will be six minutes in duration and will be held in your child's form room.

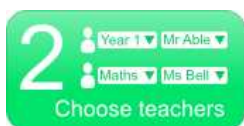


Book School Interviews Online

To book your interview, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz in your browser, and enter the event code **J3VHQ**. Then follow these three simple steps:



1 First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address. If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



2 On the next page, pick the staff member you want to meet. First select the Year Level, then choose from the list of staff.



3 Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen staff member is available. Simply click on the time that suits you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And you can return to the site and enter the event code **J3VHQ** again to change your interview. If you don't have internet access or have any queries, please call Lisa Cooke at the school office (phone 302 8437). She will be able to make a booking for you.

Bookings will close on Monday, 27 February at 3.00pm.

At certain times during the evening, our Deans will be giving talks to parents on information pertaining to Yr 7/8, Yr 9/10 and NCEA information for our senior students. Interviews with Subject Teachers will be available in Term 2. If you have any concerns or questions about a particular subject then please discuss this with the Dean.

Presenter	Presentation Times	Venue	Parents Of	Subject
Rana Richards	3.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm	Library	Yr 7/8 students (especially new students)	Learning in Yr 7/8
Fiona Jessep	4.00pm, 5.00pm, 7.00pm	Library	Yr 9/10 students (especially new students)	Learning in Yr 9/10
Gavin Jenkins & Glen Currie	3.45pm, 4.45pm, 6.45pm, 7.45pm	Hall	Yr 11-13 students	NCEA Q & As
John Schreurs	4.15pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm	Hall	All students	Meet the Principal



Mount Hutt College 2012 Goal Setting Programme

To achieve to their best in 2012 each student needs to set goals, develop action plans with targets, implement this plan and regularly review using feedback. In our goal setting programme this year students will use the information pages in their diary which allow them to plan and regularly review their goals and progress.

PRIDE points will indicate how they are applying themselves in class and may indicate target areas for each student. Students will also need to identify other barriers which are in the way of their achievement of their goals and success at school. Teachers will provide feedback in class, by marking of work, in written reports and at interviews. A team approach combining student, parent and form teacher input will help each student have a successful year at Mount Hutt College.

Instructions to students (already issued and should be glued in their diaries)

Term 1 Week 3 – Monday 13 Feb – Friday 17 Feb

Start in your Mount Hutt College diary by reading, discussing and completing the following pages:

- Page 4 – Building my Learning and Living Power – and – My Dreams: Making them happen in 2012
- Page 6 – Reflection - Fill in the column for last year
- Page 7 – My Guidelines
- Page 8 – Goals and Targets: Directions and Dreams – read this carefully but before you write in goals for Term 1 there is more preparation to do!

You can read over any of the other pages at the start of your diary as well. We will use many of these during the year but you can get a head start if you like.

Term 1 Week 4 – Monday 20 Feb – Friday 24 Feb

- Switch to Page 152 – Personal Learning Goals – find out here about SMART goals

Now start working on Pages 154-155.

Here you will develop and write your first goals for the year. Page 154 gets you to practise writing a goal – then you will be able to write three good ones on Page 155. Although the diary says goals are not subject specific it may be that you include a subject specific goal which is best for you.

Term 1 Week 5 - Tuesday 28 February - "Meet the Form Teacher" interview

Meet your Form Teacher with your parents to discuss and sign off your starting goals for 2012.

Regular review – at the end of each month you will review and complete the next section in your diary e.g. February review is on Page 156.

2011 MAGPIE MAGAZINE SALE

If you missed out on a copy of the 2011 Mount Hutt College Magpie magazine, we have copies available for purchase at \$12 in the school office.



Careers Notes Feb 2012

Careers office 302 8437 ex 712
dicksons@mthutt.school.nz

We have made a great start with the First Aid Course and senior study and goal setting days. I am currently busy interviewing all the Year 13 students helping them clarify their goals for this year and thoughts for life after school. I am very happy to talk to any parents or caregivers. I work part time, leave a message on my phone or email me and I will contact you as soon as I can.

Tertiary Liaison Visits: Each year we host representatives from the universities and polytechnics, the defence force and industry groups. They usually visit during lunch time and are of particular interest to senior students. Canterbury University has made its first visit. Lincoln University is expected on 12 March and Otago University on 10 May. I am busy arranging others. Global volunteering will be here 8 March.

Up coming events:

Dunedin Tertiary Information Day Monday 30 April – interested Y13

Careers Expo Y11 – May 15

CPIT – Have a Go Day May 25

Canterbury University Open Day July 5 & 6

Spirit of New Zealand Voyage

Several of our students have gone on “Spirit” voyages over the past few years and all have come back buzzing. There is an opportunity for a female student on a voyage leaving on 17 July. Interested students should come to see me asap to register their interest. A visit to the website www.spiritofadventure.org.nz will give lots of information and answer most questions. There are scholarships that can be applied for to help with the cost.



YEAR 10 MARINE EXTENSION COURSE AT PORTOBELLO

Mount Hutt College is lucky to once again be able to nominate two Year 10 students to attend three weekend sessions at the Otago University Marine Research Centre at Portobello in the Otago Harbour. Students are able to use the centre's resources to work in groups to carry out quite sophisticated experiments on marine organisms.

We have had four students attend over the last two years. All four have really enjoyed working on the practical science and associating with other like-minded students from all over the South Island. Three have gone on to do the follow up course in Year 11 which involves spending some days at sea. This course is only open to those who have attended in Year 10.

There is a cost of \$640 per pupil. Parents must take responsibility for getting their son/daughter to the centre. Car pooling is usually possible. Students who would like to know more can collect a nomination/information form from student reception. Nomination forms need to be back to school by Wednesday 21st March so that we have time to choose our two nominees.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Wednesday - 7th March (*Postponement day is Thursday 8th March*)



Parents and community members welcome – parking on front field permitted and preferred.
No dogs permitted on school grounds.

Athletics Uniform

Students are permitted and encouraged to come to school in athletics sports uniform, tracksuits etc. along with house colour items. Any coloured sunhat is acceptable for this day and encouraged. Remember sunscreen, warm clothing, water bottle etc. Students are asked to have all their belongings for the day with them outside as there will be no access to blocks.

The school PE/sports uniform (black shorts and Lenco PE Sports Top) is the only uniform permitted when students are competing. All students will be issued with a house colour ribbon at the start of finals day. We encourage the wearing of a sunhat between events.

- **We do encourage house spirit** on the day and thus allow house colour items, garments to be worn by students when not competing.
- **Full day attendance – No leaving early** :- Students will not be permitted to go home early with parents. The day is all about participation and supporting other students.
- Students are asked to bring athletics gear on Wednesday even if the weather is doubtful as a postponement decision may not be made until as late as 8.30am. Ring the school postponement line 3028904 any time after 7am to see whether a postponement has been made.
- **REMEMBER** – Please **do not walk** through the centre of the track at any time! Walk around the outside when moving to your next event.
- **Sports bin for the day is A6**
- **House meetings at 8.45am for final house relay organisation, roll check and further roll check during the afternoon.**
- A Block Toilets will be open for students using A7/A8 entry. All other blocks and classrooms will be locked for the day.
- Toilet facilities for parents please use Hall Foyer toilets.

Luncheon & Purchases During the Day

A School Fundraising BBQ will be selling a variety of food. The following will be available from early in the day. Students will be permitted to purchase food during the sports programme.

B.L.T (bacon, lettuce, tomato, mayo roll)	\$4.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$2.00
Plunger Coffee/Tea	\$2.00
Orange Juice	\$2.00



Year 8 Camp

ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Students at Mt Hutt College have the option of choosing to sit these assessments. The assessments are an hour long and are done in Term 2 and 3. Students who have entered are generally taken out of normal class period one to do the test. Pupils absent on the day miss out and do not get a refund. Practice papers will be given out by the relevant teachers close to the date of each test.

Why do the assessments?

- The assessments give students the chance to compare themselves with others in New Zealand.
- When the results come back for the tests that are multichoice the student is given a detailed list of which questions they got right and which they got wrong so the student can reflect on their weak areas and work on these areas in the future.
- By doing the tests students are given practice in sitting tests under test conditions.

Students can choose to do none or as many of the following assessments as they wish.

Assessment Name	Year Levels	Cost	Test Date
Computer Skills	11DGT class only	\$7.50	22 May
Science	7-13	\$7.50	6 June
Writing	7-13	\$17.50	18-22 June
English	7-13	\$7.50	31 July
Mathematics	7-13	\$7.50	14 August

Assessment costs are to cover postage, setting, printing and marking costs. If you wish your child/children to enter any of the competitions please fill in the ICAS permission sheet and return to the office with money in a clearly marked envelope by Friday, March 9th. More information can be gained by going to <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au> or doing a Google search of ICAS.

ICAS Permission slip – return to Office with money by Friday March 9th for K. Wood



I have enclosed a total of: Parent/Guardian Signature..... Date.....

Name of student..... Form Class.....

The ticked assessments are those that my son/daughter would like to enter:

Computer Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50
Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.50	English	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50			

Name of second student..... Form Class.....

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Computer Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50
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Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50			

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Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17.50	English	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.50			

NCEA INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN YRS 12 & 13

Student Documents: NCEA Certificates, ROA & School Results Summary

Reminder: any documents that students are eligible for and want copies of, can be ordered from their Learner login. NCEA certificates, Record of Achievement and, for school leavers, the School Results Summary will not be automatically sent to students. Students can also see and pay outstanding fees on Learner Login.

Congratulations to those students who achieved endorsed NCEA certificates:

Level 1 Endorsed Certificates

Excellence

Darren Ritchie
Mikayla Lewis
Connor McKinon
Grace Sommerville
Megan Fitzgerald
Alexander Holmes
Alice Todhunter

Merit

Chanaide Fulton
Sarah Jones
Stephanie Mitchell
Samuel Pawsey
Brooke Connell
Henry Dewhirst
Charles Suyker
Courteney Pannett
Tessa Anderson
Cameron Ferguson
Victoria Grant
Jonathon Gregory
Jordan Griffiths
Julia Henderson
Peter Leslie
Gabriel Maxwell
Kate Perry
Rebecca Robinson
Nikita Smith
Madeleine Weir
Shally Nacis

Level 2 Endorsed Certificates

Excellence

Olivia Body

Merit

Daniel Oram
Logan Reveley
Basia Kolodzinski
Nanase Yoshida-Rijbroek
Jordan Bird
Emily Langridge
Joshua Lloyd
Matthew Nicoll
Toni Wilson
Thomas Bird

Level 3 Endorsed Certificates

Merit

Thomas Holmes
Momoko Hosono
Cushla Holdaway
Courtney Holmes

JUNIOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

(Formally called the National Bank Maths Competition)

This is a superb mathematical competition for those students in Years 8 to 11 who enjoy the challenge of working through hard problem solving questions. We frequently have pupils do outstandingly well in this competition. It is very good practice for those wanting to achieve highly in the future in NCEA Maths. Maths teachers gave out many information/entry forms last week. There are spare forms at student reception for anyone else who wants to enter. Further information can be found at www.maths.otago.ac.nz/nbjmc.

Entries are due this Friday 24th February with a \$4 entry fee.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music Exchange for Country High Schools is happening at Mount Hutt College on Friday 23 March. We will be hosting music students from other schools and joining them in a day of music.

Permissions slips will be going out this week with our members of the choir, orchestra and other students learning music. All musicians are welcome and can get their music from Mrs Currie. Following a day of practices and a light evening meal, the students will perform in a concert in the college hall and that will start at 6pm.

We hope to see you there.
Mrs Currie/Miss Rennie



MOUNT HUTT COLLEGE NETBALL NEWS

Well done to the senior player group who are preparing for their trip to Samoa at the end of this term. Thanks to Mrs Dianne McTigue, Mrs Deb Hood and Miss Kathryn Gunn for the summer programme and the planning for the trip. There have been many fundraising events – and still some to come! Thanks also to all the parents involved for all the effort and support you are putting in. This is an exciting opportunity for the girls which require them to put in their best preparation now so they can make the most of their experience when they travel to Samoa.

Trials for school teams will commence soon. I know many girls will have been involved in trials with clubs for Saturday teams and I hope these have gone well. Mount Hutt College netball teams are open to all girls attending the College. The teams practice in Term 2 during Wednesday sport (Period 5) and they play against other schools during school exchanges. The regional and South Island netball tournaments are very competitive and in general girls need to be playing netball regularly to achieve the skill level necessary for a tournament team. Further details including trial dates and times below:

Year 7/8

Trials for school teams will be held in Wednesday sports afternoon at the start of Term 2 for all girls who select netball for their Term 2 sport. At Yr 7/8 teams will play against other schools in exchanges and the top team attends the Ashburton area winter tournament.

Year 9 and 10

The trial will be held after school on Thursday 15 March 3.30 – 5.00 pm. If fine on the school netball courts, if wet in the gym. Practices will be in Wednesday sport on Wednesdays in Term 2. The top team at each year level will attend the South Island Secondary schools tournament during the first week of the July school holidays. Both teams usually attend a Sunday tournament in Timaru in Term 2. There will be a sign up sheet to register prior to the trials.

Senior A and B

A final trial will be held Saturday 24 March time to be confirmed. All players in the squad travelling to Samoa will be present – any other girls should register their interest prior. Both teams attend the Aoraki Secondary School Netball Tournament which is on a Sunday in Term 3 and in the Mountainview Sports Exchange. The A Netball team also plays in a school tournament in Ashburton, against other schools and attends South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament during winter tournament week in Term 3. Involvement in the A netball team requires commitment to a high level of practices and personal training but brings the rewards of representing our school at the highest level.

Umpiring

As well as playing there are opportunities for girls to assist with umpiring – these girls can be players but there may be some girls or focus on netball umpiring as their sport.

Volunteers Needed

To enable all out girls to enjoy and progress with their school netball we need enthusiastic volunteers to help with coaching, managing and umpiring. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Kris Canham: canhamk@mthutt.school.nz or 302 8437.

MOUNTAIN THUNDER

Mountain Thunder motorcycle street race will be held on Easter Saturday, 7 April. Anyone wishing to fundraise or hold a stall at this fantastic Methven Lions event, which attracts around 5,000 people, should contact Rachel Moore on 0274 519 117. Further details at mountainthunder.co.nz

METHVEN PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

- * Sunday, 25 March, 2012
- * 9:00 am shotgun start
- * 4 person Ambrose - Register as a team or singles can be paired by committee
- * \$30 per person



- Raffle prizes
- Additional on-course fundraising competitions
- lots of 'little extras' to amuse and help the players
- Sausage sizzle



All proceeds go to support the continued enhancement of the outdoor area at preschool.

Methven Preschool Fundraising Golf Tournament Registration Form: Please submit to Methven Preschool. Pre-payment would be appreciated. Any queries to Jen Wiedel at 302-9691.

1. Name: _____
Phone #/email: _____
Handicap/Average score: _____
2. Name: _____
Phone #/email: _____
Handicap/Average score: _____
3. Name: _____
Phone #/email: _____
Handicap/Average score: _____
4. Name: _____
Phone #/email: _____
Handicap/Average score: _____

Methven Hockey Club

Registration for 2012 season

Wednesday 7th March 3 - 4pm, Thursday 8th March 7 - 8pm

It is important that all intending players register so that teams can be sorted now. If we don't know that you want to play, you may miss out.

Season starts after April school holidays

We would love to see some new hockey players. Please pay all subs at registration.
Any questions phone Cate McIntosh 302 8244

