



NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2012 and welcome to all the new students and parents. The first week has been one of many positives and changes but also sadness as we joined with the extended Keepa family and attended Boyd's Tangi. Boyd and his wife, Wendy were former staff of the College. Boyd was the Youth Mentor and by the number of staff, ex-staff, students, ex-students and parents who attended the funeral, he had a huge influence on many people's lives.

This year the roll has continued to grow and we are coming close to our maximum. This means that any students who are enrolling from outside our zone will be placed on a waiting list until final numbers are confirmed. However, we still take all students who live within the zone.

It is great to see all the students ready for another year at Mount Hutt College. We have already had our Year 9 Surf Safe day and the Year 11 "Full On Experience" and this week we have the Prefect camp and Year 8 camp. It is always pleasing to see our students making the most of these experiences outside the classroom and then using these activities to motivate them during the year. We have a new diary this year and the students will use some of the information in it to help them set their goals for the year. Over the next few weeks we will be working with the students to develop their goals. Please take the time to look at the information in their diary.

The Board of Trustees have spent some time over the last six months looking at the Strategic Goals of the College. They are:

1. *To provide a dynamic learning environment that caters for individual needs.*
2. *Self-management, thinking skills and participation is actively encouraged.*
3. *To promote positive, active engagement in communities and competitiveness in the global environment.*
4. *All learners will be able to effectively access the New Zealand Curriculum through the delivery of quality teaching and learning programmes.*

Over the next few weeks more information will be coming in the newsletter about how we at the College wish to improve the learning for all.

There have been a number of staff changes:

Ms Ella McCrostie has taken a position as Assistant Head of English at Timaru Boys' High

Mr Chris Tod has resigned and is working as a Bee Keeper.

The new staff are:

Miss Sophie Brown Long term relieving (LTR), for the year, in Mathematics, Physical Education and Health and Tourism.

Miss Alice Bruce LTR, for the year, in Outdoor Education and Physical Education and Health.

Ms Jenna Chenery LTR, for the term, in English.

Mrs Jacquie Dalglish LTR, for the year, as Sport Co-ordinator.

Ms Rebecca Greig LTR, for the term, in English and History.

Mr Ronald James LTR, for the year, in Science.

Miss Jessica Kernon-Harte LTR, for the term, in Social Sciences.

Miss Rana Richards Year 7 & 8 Dean and teaching in the junior school.

Mr Paul Warren Head of Digital Technology.

There is a great deal going on over the next few weeks so please check the details in this newsletter or on the website.

John Schreurs
Principal



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.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

School fees and incidentals for the beginning of the year will be charged to students' accounts and posted by the end of February. Curriculum charges for the full year will be charged in March. If you are owing money from the 2011 school year, please make these payments to the school office.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 8 – Friday, 10 February

Monday, 13 February

Tuesday, 14 February

Monday, 20 – Friday, 24 February

Wednesday, 22 – Sunday, 26 February

Tuesday, 28 February

Monday, 5 March

Yr 8 Camp at Mt Hutt Retreat

Prefect Camp at Peel Forest

Junior (Yr 7-9) Swimming Sports (PP Thur, 16 February)

Senior (Yr 10-13) Swimming Sports (PP Fri, 17 February)

Yr 7/8 Triathlon (date to be confirmed)

OPC Climbing Expedition in Takaka

Meet the Form Teacher

School Photographs

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



student exchange
AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

FREE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you live remotely from the major cities or cannot get along in person you can watch our **24/7 On Demand** streaming media presentation or attend one of our **LIVE Online** info sessions. Our Online sessions provide access to the same comprehensive information presented at our city sessions.

You can watch our On Demand pre-recorded video presentation **anytime you like**. To access the 6 videos available, please register online.

Our next LIVE Online information session will be held at **8:30pm (NZST) on Thursday 16th February**. To secure your place, please register online.

<http://studentexchange.org.nz/info-sessions/>

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



MT HUTT COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS 2012

PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS MOST WELCOME

Parking on front field permitted and preferred

Information for Parents and Students

Monday 13th February - Juniors (Yr 7-9) - *pp Thursday 16th February*
Tuesday 14th February - Seniors (Yr 10-13) - *pp Friday 17th February*

Programme for both days approximate times

For each listed event the most junior of the level group swims first in alphabetical order.

Morning Programme

Form meeting	8.45am	Roll check and notices
Start time	9.15am	Lachlan Cup (3 lengths) (on senior day only)
Breast stroke heats	9.15am	
Freestyle heats	9.45am	
Backstroke heats	10.35am	
Breast stroke champs	11.10am	
Width events	11.20am	
House events (widths)	11.40am	
Tredley champs	12.00 noon	

Lunch will begin whenever above programme finishes – approx 12.15pm

Afternoon Programme

Start time	1.00pm	
Backstroke finals	1.00pm	
House event lengths	1.10pm	
Freestyle champs	1.50pm	
House relays	2.05pm	
Staff/House Captains		
Relay	2.30pm	(past pupils and staff. Senior day only)*
Presentations	2.45pm	

Students

- On your swim sports day wear house colour mufti – bring suitable clothing for all temperatures and sun screen etc.
- No body painting or markings please.
- Normal timetable when the other level swimming sports are on.

Seating Arrangements

Blue House at shallow end, Green, Gold and Red House at Deep end.

Postponement

- Any postponement will not be made before 8.30am on the day. For parents to get this information please ring 302 8904 (our postponement phone line) or check our school website.
- If weather is doubtful students are asked to also bring timetable material for the day.

** If there are any past pupils who would like to put in a relay team then please contact Mrs Dalglish on the day or before.*

Parent assistance would be appreciated, if you are available please contact Mrs Dalglish 302 8437.

Attendance Essential for the Day

Any students absent on the day for good reason, it is essential that a parent phone call is made by 8:30am to the absentee line phone 302 8437 ext 1.

Participation

All students are expected to swim in at least one length event or one width event prior to House events at 11:40am.

If you are unable to swim on the day a note from a parent or guardian needs to be provided to Mrs Dalglish by 9.00am. All non-swimmers will be in a supervised classroom environment. Roll checks will be made at form meeting and during the day, including the lunch break. Any student who does not participate in length or width events in the morning will be identified and will spend the afternoon session in class.

Luncheon & Purchases During the Day

A School Fundraising BBQ will be selling a variety of food. The following will be available at both events 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



Non Swimmers

All non swimmers please report to the following rooms after form meeting:

Monday: A1

Tuesday: E1



PTA MESSAGE

Hi Mt Hutt College Families

We are having the traditional swimming sports BBQ on Monday 13th Feb and Tuesday 14th Feb to raise a few dollars for the college. If you are able to lend a hand on the day with cooking or selling food please get in touch - sjsuyker@xtra.co.nz or 027 3396409.

Girls on Bikes Cycling Event

On Saturday 18th Feb the annual Girls on Bikes event is coming to Methven. The front field of the college is used for parking contestants' cars. We require people to help with this to act as parking wardens, money collectors, and assist with registration in the following time slots:

Friday 17th @ Methven Resort, 12 midday to 6pm Registrations
2 people at once (will be broken into rostered hour/2 hour slots)

Saturday 18th @ Methven Resort, 7am to 10am Registrations
2 people

Mt Hutt College front field 7am to 10am
3 parking people

McDonald Street entrance to Mt Hutt College 7am to 10am
3 money collectors

Main Street, Mt Hutt College Main Gate 7am to 10am
1 person directing competitors to Resort

All parking funds goes to the school plus a very healthy cheque from the organisers for our help with registrations. If you are able to help with any of the above please get in touch sjsuyker@xtra.co.nz or 0273396409.

Many thanks
Jo Suyker

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Step 1 Sit down & relax!

Step 2 – Get someone to make your favourite coffee!

Step 3 - simply go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz, select your school and start browsing.

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Your shopping is dealt with directly by your chosen online store. www.yourfastshop.co.nz automatically provide funds to your school. Treat yourself to easy shopping and help your school fundraise.

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