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MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE STUDENTS EXCEL AT KIDS' LIT QUIZ COMPETITION

Te Kura o Tititea Mount Aspiring College teams placed second and third at the regional final of the Kids' Lit Quiz competition held in Queenstown last week.

Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature quiz for students aged 10 to 13 and this year's regional event saw 24 teams of students from Central Otago primary and secondary schools compete.

During the competition, teams of four students are asked 100 questions on children's literature including poetry, authors, titles, settings, characters and nursery rhymes.

There is no set reading list and the questions are based on themes which change each year. This year's themes included space, superstitions, talents, males, talking animals, wands, who said? and witches.

Te Kura Whakatipu o Kawarau's team won with 76.5 points followed by our MAC teams who placed second on 74 points and third with 73 points.

Year 8 student Amber Gemmell, whose team was awarded second place, said what she enjoyed most was working with her team members.

"It was great working with my team because we've all read different books so through listening and working together we were able to do well on the day.

"There was lots of variety in the questions and some really challenged our thinking.

"My favourite round was the visual section with the theme of 'males'."

Year 7 student Alice Chaly from MAC's third-placed team said she also enjoyed working with her group.

"It was fun getting to know everyone in my group and answering the questions together.

"I really enjoyed the magic theme and graphic novel questions as these are two of my favourite types of books to read.

"It was a great experience and I'd encourage others to give it a go next year."

Head of Learning for Year 7 Tiffany Kemp said she was very proud of all the students who represented the school at the event.

"It's wonderful to see our focus on literacy paying off with this excellent result.

"We've been working hard with our students in the classroom and in our professional development as educators to build our literacy capability so to have a result like this in a literary competition is really gratifying."

Images supplied

Image of team 1 (2nd place): (L-R) Merryn Foster, Bella Wright, Amber Gemmell, Elsie Parsons

Image of team 2 (3rd place): (L-R) Camilla Foskett, Liam Byrne, Malcie Cervelli, Alice Chaly

Image of team 3: (L-R) Ayilo Emasu, Asha McPhee, Ford Mills and Charlie Cave

More information

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