



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Kia ora and welcome to Term 3 at Wakatipu High School. A brief piece from me as I have been in Christchurch at the University of Canterbury College of Education Principals' Day today. The term has begun well, including the second semester and new subjects for juniors. Last night was our Open and Enrolment Evening for incoming 2021 Year 9 students - it is always an exciting night with new students and parents keen to look around and learn about WHS.

As I noted at the end of last term, this term is going to be very busy. Term 3 always is, with a combination of learning and assessment as well as extracurricular activities, but this year the Covid effect means that it is going to be even more action-packed as there are a number of events that have been moved from Terms 1 and 2. Seniors in particular need to be very organised and disciplined with so many things going on - notably including school exams which start in three weeks on 13th August. Mr Nathan ran a good session during Year 12 and 13 assembly on Wednesday which included how to use a planning tool (which we share with students) to ensure that the term and pinch-points are clearly mapped out. While we have done well this year, there is still much work to be done by seniors in particular - please support them to ensure they are organised and focused for the important term ahead.

Option Afternoon - is next Tuesday 28th. Students choosing their subjects and courses for next year is very important and Option Afternoon supports that. Please note that the afternoon includes presentations for parents as well as students. See below for more.

Junior Mid-Year Prize Giving and Excellence & Ad Alta Assemblies - are on Monday 3rd August. Parents of prizewinners will be emailed on Tuesday next week.

Junior Mid-Year Reports - while real-time information regarding students' engagement, learning, progress and achievement is always available on the Portal, Junior Mid-Year reports for Semester 1 will be available from early next week. If you do have questions or concerns please contact subject teachers, Kaiārahi and/or Deans as appropriate.

A great little newsletter to start the term below - do check it out, including to see what our students have been up to in a range of areas. Also check out the scholarships available for leavers in the Careers section - our students always do very well with these but they need to 'be in to win'. The term continues apace next week with Option Afternoon and the fiercely-fought House Basketball competition getting underway.

A pretty good weekend of weather ahead, although Sunday may be a bit more mixed, for all the sport that is now well and truly underway. With the fresh snow and cold temps this week it will be a great weekend for sliding and livin' the dream - I hope you are able to enjoy it :)

Steve Hall, Principal

Option Afternoon

On Tuesday 28 July, we will have our Option Afternoon in which students will start the process of selecting their subjects and course options for 2021. This is a very important process for students and the school, and we strongly encourage parents to engage with their students regarding this process. To that effect, parents are invited to the latter part of the Option Afternoon, which includes a short presentation at 3:00 pm in the Theatre, followed by the opportunity for parents and students to meet up with key teaching staff to discuss students' 2021 course options. The 2021 course option booklet is currently available through the school's website and is full of information regarding all of the courses available at WHS. Parents and students are also welcome to make an appointment with a member of SLT to discuss course options for 2021. To make an appointment, please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code: 7bmjp.

Tuesday 28 July is a normal school day for all students, except for Year 13 students, who may depart school at the start of Break 3 (1:50 pm). All students, apart from Year 13's, will have the opportunity to talk to staff about their 2021 course options and are thus required to stay at school until 3:10 pm. Buses will run as normal.

Oded Nathan, Deputy Principal

Prizegiving & Assembly

On Monday 3 August, there will be a series of assemblies, including our mid-year Junior Prizegiving, in which we will acknowledge academic prizewinners from Semester 1 courses.

The Excellence/Ad Alta/Akongga Passport assemblies for both junior and senior students will also be held on this day. Prizewinners and their respective parents/guardians will be notified next week with more details.

Oded Nathan, Deputy Principal

Library Books

At the end of last term, students were charged for their overdue library and English books. If you have been charged for books and return them within the next few weeks, the charge will be reversed. If you believe that you have returned a book that you were charged for, come and talk to the librarian. A very big thank you to those who have already returned books this term, we would much rather have our books than your money!

Paula Bell, Librarian

BEAT THE QUEUE

Order online from the school cafe!

You can now pre-order and pay online for food and drinks from our cafe.

Specify which break you want to have your food ready for and you can collect from the Cafe Cart.

Food must be ordered by 9am for same day pick up.

You can find the link on the front page of our website;
<https://whs-cafe.myshopify.com/>



Lost Property

Has your child come home without their blazer, jacket or drink bottle? The lost property is overflowing at the moment with unnamed items. Could you please ask them to come and search the lost property at student services. Also a friendly reminder to name all student belongings.

Meronea Nathan - Admin Support

Leaving Process

In this time of rapid change, if you have a student leaving WHS please let us know. This includes students leaving for work/further study and students who will be enrolling in another school.

We have updated our leaving process and made it online. The new electronic leaving form is located on our website [here](#). This is a very short, quick form. This form also initiates in school processes ensuring NZQA information is up to date, and accounts/refunds are finalised.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to support your student with a transition to a new school please contact [Lee Hiestand](#).

Covid-19 | Support and Wellbeing

We are all in this together | Help is available

As the COVID-19 outbreak unfolds, it has become clear that a number of people in our community may need some support. Whether you need help or know someone in your whānau that does, there are organisations and charities locally and nationally who can help.



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Assistance with day-to-day costs of living, access to essential services, and basics such as food - for more info [click here](#).

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Wakatipu High School

Christopher Tweddell and Vicki Patton, the school Guidance Counsellors, are available by email in the first instance. They can arrange to talk to you or connect you with other resources or agencies as needed.

Students and families can also email help@wakatipu.school.nz with questions or concerns about support.

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Head Student Address

Happy Friday All,

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and productive first week back at school after a well-deserved break following our lengthy 'super-term'. Term 3 is likely to be just as busy as the last (if not busier), so it is important that everyone plans out the upcoming weeks so as to remain on top of assessments and other commitments.

Yesterday, Year 8 students from around the community visited the school campus for their orientation evening. It was the start of an exciting journey for them and it's always a special day for the school. I'm sure many of the current students recall their orientation days and first years - I vividly remember being both anxious and eager to be at WHS. I've heard that many Year 8 students feel the same way, so remember to be kind and supportive of them and to welcome them into our school community next year.

House basketball begins next week, with the juniors playing first and being followed by the seniors the following week. In terms of the house competition, Duncan has a sizable lead over second place Mackenzie and the rest of the chasing pack. However, the common consensus around school is that house basketball will 'level the playing field', so to speak. As always, house basketball will be capped off by the annual Year 13 vs Staff game - which is sure to be a cracker.

Most university/polytechnic trips are upcoming, with the most imminent trip being the Otago University and Polytechnic tour on the 9th/10th of August. Additionally, most scholarship applications will be due in the next few weeks and halls of residence applications shortly thereafter, so keep an eye on those due dates and don't be reluctant to approach our careers team with any questions.

Mock exams begin on the 13th of August (Week 4) and in addition to managing internals and other assessments, it is important for senior students to also thoroughly prepare for mock exams - as these results will be counted as derived grades (if needed) at the end of the year. From personal experience, this can be a difficult task - in terms of organising workload - however it is imperative and thus should not be taken lightly. Furthermore, there is a higher chance of end of year senior exams being potentially affected this year due to the current climate, so the grades received in mock exams could be crucial come the end of year.

Even though this term is jam-packed, make sure that you have enough personal time, as your health and wellbeing is critical to your success. Your social interactions, relationships and extra-curricular and community involvement are just important as your academics. I'll leave you with a quote from the late civil-rights activist John Lewis, who passed away on Saturday. I think it aptly reflects the powerful consequences of each individual's diligence on not only themselves, but their entire community.

"Nothing can stop the power of a committed and determined people to make a difference in our society."
John Lewis

Have a great weekend,

Om Alva
Head Boy

Arts Department

Band Hub

This semester we are continuing with Band Hub for interested junior musicians. This runs in a workshop situation with a tutor for the first five weeks then transitions from there into band situations for those who are keen. This happens in conjunction with the Turn Up the Music Trust and runs out of WHS on a Thursday afternoon from 3.20 - 4.20. This will start for new students in week 2 of this term.

Choir

Choir resumes this semester on Friday afternoons from 3.20 - 4.20. This is open to students from all year levels and is run by Margaret O'Hanlon.

Please contact me if you are keen to follow these up further.

Rockquest

Congratulations to Greta Balfour who is through to the next stage of the national Rockquest competition in the Solo/Duo section. The link to her regional performance is on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sOWD5s_4FI

Jazz trip

The Jazz Ensemble Band is away to Chch from Aug 1-3 to compete in the schools competition. This takes the place of the annual Blenheim trip which was cancelled for this year and will occur as an online event later in the term.

Alison Price HoLA Arts

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NEW DATES CONFIRMED

Sports News, Results and Information

Winter Season Update

As we roll into Term 3 there are a number of winter sport competitions that are about to begin. This is unusual for this time of year as normally winter sports are about to wrap up for the season but due to the disruption and impact of COVID-19 we are going to see a number of sports run deep into Term 3.

Competitions about to get underway:

Basketball:

Southland Secondary Schools - Senior A and Junior A Boys
Central Otago Secondary Schools - Year 9 Boys and Junior Girls

Football:

Central Otago Secondary School Girls - 1st XI Girls

Netball:

Wakatipu Netball Centre - High School Grade

Winter sports are hitting their straps and it is so good to see the gym fully booked with teams training every night of the week and early mornings and teams out on the field after school. Other big events coming up this term tarehe Mt Aspiring Exchange on Wednesday 19th August in Wanaka and winter tournament week, which is modified this year, in Week 7.

Sports Results

Speed Skating

A number of WHS ice speed skaters competed at the recent South Island short track ice speed skating championship held in Christchurch on July 12th and were successful in bringing home medals.

Congratulations to the following students:

Lucas Silva - 3rd Sub Junior Men
Georgia Chinn - 2nd Sub Junior Women
Poppy Wearing - 3rd Novice B grade
Daphne Ricketts - 3rd Sub Junior Women
Eva Hemingway - 1st Novice A grade



New Zealand Touch Wider Squad Selection

Congratulations to Year 13 student McKenzie Galbraith who has been selected into the New Zealand U20 Youth World Cup wider training squad. This is a fantastic achievement, well done McKenzie! The Youth World Cup has now been deferred to 2022.

Netball Centre Badges

Congratulations to Aurora Macleod, Phoebe Cavanagh and Lily Adams, who last week achieved their Centre Award for netball umpiring, a culmination of commitment for the last three seasons and dedication on Saturdays.

House Basketball

The annual house basketball competition, run by the school sports council begins on Monday with the juniors. As always it will be a tough, competitive and fun competition, providing some good lunchtime entertainment for the masses. The senior competition will follow in Week 3.

School Sports Photos

The annual school sports photos will be next Friday 31st July. More information will be communicated at the start of next week regarding times and uniforms for students.

Sports Information

WHS Coaches Club - Wednesday 30th July

We have an exciting opportunity for all coaches next Wednesday 29th July 7pm at WHS. Former rugby player and coach of many top level rugby teams, Ben Herring is going to present 'The Art of Growing Leadership in Sport'. While this is a through sport context it is also relevant to the classroom and any organisation and focuses on developing and creating culture within your group/team. This is open to anyone and all coaches of all levels. If you are wanting to attend the free session please email Laura Nathan; lnathan@wakatipu.school.nz to RSVP.

Speed Skating

Looking to try something new? Speed Skating may be for you! Speed skating training is held Wednesday evenings 5:15pm to 6:15pm at the Queenstown Ice Arena. Beginners are welcome - contact Ken Howie via the Olympic Ice Sports Club Queenstown Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Olympic-Ice-Sports-Club-Queenstown-1919516504974552>

Weekly Draw

Basketball

Monday 27th July
Junior Girls vs Dunstan High School - WHS 5pm
Year 9 Boys vs Dunstan High School 2 - WHS 6pm
Friday 31st July
Senior A Boys vs James Hargest - Stadium Southland 5:30pm
Junior A Boys vs James Hargest Year 10 - Stadium Southland 6pm

Football

Monday 27th July
Girls 1st XI vs Mt Aspiring College - Cromwell 4:30pm

Hockey

Friday 24th July
Mixed A vs Dunstan High School Black - Cromwell 7pm
Thursday 30th July
Mixed Development vs Dunstan High School - Cromwell 7pm
Sunday 2nd August
Mixed B vs Dunstan High School - Cromwell 5pm

Netball

For senior and high school grade draws: <http://www.wakatipunetball.co.nz/draw-results/draw/>

Rugby

Saturday 25th July
1st XV vs Waitaki Boys - WHS 1pm
U15 vs Waitaki Boys - Event Centre 12:30pm
U14 vs Cromwell - Cromwell 11:15am



Follow Us on Facebook

The WHS Sports Facebook page is the best place to stay up to date with the latest news and results of our students.

The Careers Department

University Open Days

Year 13 students who are committed and serious about a particular Tertiary Study in 2021 are invited to sign up for our school organized visits – we do all the travel and accommodation bookings for these (please do not do your own). Students are subsidized by 50% to attend two experiences. Those who attend more will be asked to pay the full cost for the extra one(s).

Planned visits include:

Otago Uni and Otago Poly	9 and 10th August
Canterbury University	27th August (Day Trip)
Victoria and Massey (Wellington) Uni's	20-21 August
Auckland Uni	28 (flight 4.15pm) & 29 August

This information is communicated to Year 13 students via e-mail and Year 13 Google Classroom. **Permission Slips for these trips need to be completed and returned by the 21st July. This ensures we have enough time to confirm flights, busses and accommodation.**

Scholarship Opportunities

Cosgroves Consultants Directors Scholarship
We have an exciting new Scholarship from Cosgroves Consultants:

The Cosgroves scholarship is established to provide financial assistance to students of Wakatipu High school (WHS) so that they might attend a University in New Zealand. The Scholarship is to the value \$2500.

"We are interested in encouraging any student from the Wakatipu into a technical area where we can assist you with gaining work experience in our Christchurch office as an intern over Summer. Our main office in Christchurch has over 40 staff and it is there that we have the best opportunity to mentor you for a summer internship, with potential for other opportunities after that. We envisage the scholarship would likely go to a student studying either of Civil, Electrical, Fire or Mechanical design engineering as those disciplines are aligned with our core services."

Interested students are to collect the application forms from the Careers Hub. (Closes 28th August)

Local Scholarships

Year 13's students are encouraged to apply for local scholarships. At the Careers Hub we have the applications for the following local scholarships:

- Meyer Cruden - Civil Engineering @ University of Canterbury \$3000(closes 31st July)
- Central Lakes Trust Scholarships \$2500 (closes 31st July)
 - Full Time Tertiary Scholarship
 - Full Time Vocational Scholarship
- Keystone Trust (closes 14th August)
 - For a professional Career in Property, Infrastructure or Construction. \$5000 for up to 3 years
- Margaret Templeton - Hardship Scholarship \$5000 over 3 years (closes 24th Sep)

A great place to start looking for Scholarships is:

<https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html> it provides a complete list of all scholarships available for our students for 2020.



Girls with high vis

Calling all females! We have an opportunity for you to gain hands-on experience and get a clear sense of what a career in the infrastructure industry can offer.

There is a great range of infrastructure companies hosting events this year, from civil construction and power generation to water treatment looking forward to providing students an insight into the varied roles and opportunities available.

HEB Construction – Queenstown –Wednesday 2 September

Register your interest at the Careers Hub so that you can attend a Girls with Hi-Vis® event.

Possible Apprenticeship

M.R. Decorating is looking to offer work experience and potentially apprenticeships for those students who are interested in the painting and decorating Industry.

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The Xmas holiday period being a good time for this opportunity to begin.

If interested please make contact with :

Geraldine Gray
Quality Compliance Manager
(027) 450 2955
geraldine@mrdecorating.co.nz



School Key Dates

28 July	Option Afternoon
31 July	Extra-Curricular Photos
3 August	Junior Mid-Year Prizegiving
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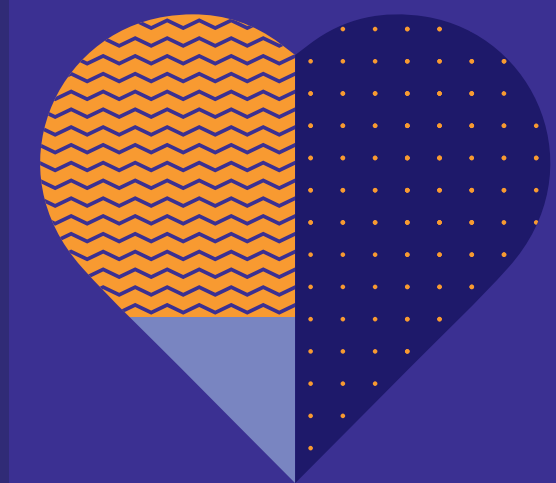
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