



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora - a very warm welcome to both new and existing Wakatipu High School parents and students! This week is a 'pre-newsletter' with some key information before the school year begins to get underway next week. In terms of the new school, both as a building and in terms of location, it is an amazing school and we are very fortunate. We are moved in and now in the process of settling ourselves and getting everything ready to welcome students.

The office and uniform shop are now open and there are still workers around - which does mean people can't have a look around, but we look forward to running Open Days for parents and the public on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 February (as well as one on Monday 5 February for Year 9 parents coming in for the Year 9 BBQ) - details next week.

Year Start - please click [here](#) for start of year information, and see emails sent to students and parents; we look forward to welcoming students next week :)

Uniform - all students must be in correct uniform from Monday 5 February. Please see our website for the Term 1 [uniform requirements](#) and below for Uniform Shop hours.

We do know that uniform is an expense for families and through the support of the WHS Foundation we have funds available to support families through our 'Awhi' (Support) Fund - if purchasing uniform items is a financial problem please contact us.

Buses - run from Thursday 1 February. With the introduction of the 'mixed model' of school transport this year and the Ministry of Education reviewing their routes there is a lot of change to buses this year - please see below.

So, just a few brief points this week, it will be a more normal newsletter next week. A scorching Central summer weekend ahead, be sun smart and enjoy :)

Steve Hall
Principal



2018 BUSES

2018 is the start of the 'mixed model' of school transport. There are a lot of changes and all students need to check if their previous bus run is still being operated by the Ministry and if not to check the public bus system timetables to ensure they know when and where to catch their bus.

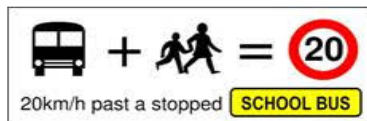
Students will have their bus allocation confirmed when they start school and as with previous years, there is likely to be some small amendments to runs made as GoBus works to finalise the numbers for each route over the first few weeks.

Please click [here](#) for the latest 2018 bus information.

SLOW DOWN NEAR SCHOOL BUSES:

Parents please remember that the maximum speed when passing a stationary school bus stopped to pick up or drop off children is **20km/h** regardless of which side the bus is

on. Please take extra care around school bus stops and provide supervision for children needing to cross.



SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERS

2018 Stationery requirements are available for ordering online via the stationery link on our website. This is a quick, easy and affordable way of ordering your children's stationery with convenient delivery to your home. Click [here](#) to go straight to the order page.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Uniform Shop Opening Hours for the start of 2018:
10am - 4pm weekdays from Wednesday 24 January to Friday 9 February.

SCHOOL LOCKERS

We still have lockers available for students. Lockers are available for hire for the duration of the school year and locker hire includes a padlock which is provided. In addition to the small and large lockers we have had in previous years, we also have a small number of extra large lockers available. As we no longer have a bag shed where students can leave their bags for the duration of the day, the extra large lockers might be a good option for students who need a secure space to leave their gear for the day. Locker hire prices are:

- Small - \$25
- Large - \$50
- Extra Large - \$75

Students who wish to hire a locker can visit our Student Services desk where payment can be made and the lockers will be allocated on a first come first served basis for those who have not prepaid.

WHS PORTAL

Parents/Caregivers and students have received an email with information and instructions on how to access the Portal. Please be sure to read the email for details.



Important dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT	WHO
Thu 1 Feb	9am-12pm - Orientation & Course Confirmation in Theatre	Yr 13
Thu 1 Feb	12.30pm-3.30pm - Orientation & Course Confirmation in Theatre	Yr 12
Fri 2 Feb	9am-12pm - Orientation & Course Confirmation in Theatre	Yr 11
Fri 2 Feb	1pm-3.30pm - Orientation & Course Confirmation in Theatre	Yr 10
Mon 5 Feb	9am-3.30pm – Orientation then classes – meet in Theatre	Yr 9
Tue 6 Feb	Waitangi Day – No school	All
Wed 7 Feb	All students at school	All
Fri 9 Feb	Participation Day	All
Fri 9 & Sat 10 Feb	WHS Open Day	Parents & Public
Tue 20 Feb	Extra-curricular Expo	All
Thu 22 Feb	Maori & Pasifika BBQ	
Wed 7 Mar	G & T Parent Info Evening	All
Wed 7 Mar	NCEA Parent Info Evening	Yr 11,12,13
Fri 9 Mar	Teacher Only Day – no school	All