



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter. A different week at WHS with senior exams for the first few days, but we are more back to normal now. Mr Nathan, Mrs Panapa and I have spent the last couple of days visiting schools in Auckland. It is always fascinating to visit other schools and great to see and learn different ways of doing things. It is also an opportunity to reflect on how fortunate our young people are to live in the Wakatipu and to attend WHS.

Airport noise is a significant matter in the community (and our comment in the media was regarding being appropriately engaged with the MoE and the airport). It has been discussed by our board of trustees and we have made a submission expressing our concerns, and will keep abreast of the process.

With having been away it is just a short piece from me this week.

Science acoustics - you may be aware that there has been an issue with the acoustics in the science area, which have been in contrast to the very good acoustics in the rest of the school. It has taken the PPP some time to design and install a solution but I am pleased to report that this has now been completed and has made a real difference.

Breaks - as per my piece last week, this week we have rolled out a new system for how we manage the school before school and during the Breaks. While much of this is structural it does include Year 9-12 students being outside for 20mins during Break 3 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (at the old school students were officially outside every break). We have had quite a bit of feedback from parents this year about students needing to get outside and get some fresh air, and while it is a change in general it has gone well this week.

Parenting speaker - coming up is a highly recommended speaker on parenting 'Yadults' (young adults) and preparing them for life. She will speak to senior students but also to parents on the evening of Monday 17th September - more to come, but mark it in your calendars.

After two weeks with senior exams next week is more 'normal', although there are always lots of all-round happenings at WHS and next week is the sports exchange with Mt Aspiring College on Wednesday, the Year 10 Expo on Thursday and the first day of the Year 9 Ski Programme on Friday.

Today marks the end of the first half of the term and so there are only five weeks remaining this term, and then seniors have only four weeks next term before they go on study leave.

No piece from me next week as I am away, but there will still be a newsletter.

After a week of mixed weather the weekend will be awesome for getting outdoors, and with a wee dusting of fresh it will be perfect to hit the slopes, enjoy :)

Steve Hall, Principal

Facebook

Posts this week include:

Jazz Festival
Snow Sports - great success at the Ski Racing Nationals

See more by visiting the WHS Facebook page [here](#), or for sports news, [click here](#).

ICAS Awards

A number of fantastic WHS students have received ICAS awards this week, and we're extremely proud of them. So far we have results back for Digital Technology, Science and Writing, with more to come. Their certificates have been passed to their Deans ready to award our winners during our upcoming house assemblies.

ICAS is a large scale academic competition system based in Australia. Every year Wakatipu High School provides students with the opportunity to enter. This year students have competed in Digital Technology, Science, Writing, English and Mathematics.

Awards are given based on the following criteria:

Award	Recipients
High Distinction Certificate	Top 1% of participants
Distinction Certificate	the next 10% of participants
Credit Certificate	the next 25% of participants
Merit Certificate	the next 10% of participants

Well done team WHS.

Name	Year	Area	Award
Alicia Webster	9	ICAS Writing	Distinction
Zoe Braham	10	ICAS Writing	Distinction
Jacob Wilkinson	9	ICAS Science	Distinction
Jack McCorkindale	12	ICAS Science	Distinction
Archie Ritchie	12	ICAS Science	Distinction
Paige Cusiel	9	ICAS Writing	Credit
Helena Hornbacher	9	ICAS Writing	Credit
Sophie May	9	ICAS Writing	Credit
Megan McCulloch	9	ICAS Writing	Credit
Minna Zhu	9	ICAS Writing	Credit
Georgie Atkinson-Strang	11	ICAS Writing	Credit
Briar Greer	11	ICAS Writing	Credit
Zach Key	10	ICAS Science	Credit
Bryn Rasmussen	10	ICAS Science	Credit
Jacob Wilkinson	9	ICAS Science	Credit
Jack Pearson	10	ICAS Writing	Merit
Sam Davis	9	ICAS Science	Merit

Lee Hiestand, HoLA Mathematics

NZQA Fees & Financial Assistance for NCEA Exams 2018

Paying your fees will enable your results to be recorded on your Record of Achievement and to receive any certificates.

Domestic Students pay \$76.70 for all standards

International students pay \$383.30 for all standards.

Scholarship exam fees are \$30 per subject but this will be charged later once students are attached to those standards. If you are a domestic student you can apply for Financial Assistance, to see if you meet the conditions please click [here](#) for further information. To get Financial Assistance you need to complete the Financial Assistance form and hand it in to the school office. You can get this form from the office or the NZQA website [here](#).

All fees are due by Thursday 30th August 2018.

Dax Richards, Principals Nominee and Maths Teacher

Board of Trustees Student Representative Election 2018

Nominations are invited for the election of **one** Student Representative on the Wakatipu High School Board of Trustees. All students enrolled full-time in Year 9 and above - and under 20 years old - are eligible to be placed on the electoral roll, stand for election and vote in the school's election for the Student Representative on the Wakatipu High School Board of Trustees. The voting roll is open for inspection at Reception and may be viewed during opening hours.

If you are considering standing for the election, you need to print the nomination form - emailed to all eligible students on Friday 10 August - or obtain a nomination form from Reception. The nomination form is to be completed and returned to Miss Dawson at Reception before midday on Friday 24 August, along with a short candidate statement (400 words max, also to be emailed to kdawson@wakatipu.school.nz) that will be printed as part of the voting paper. There will be a list of candidates' names as they come to hand on the notice board by the TVs in the Foyer.

The Student Representative's term of office is 12 months. Further information may be found in the Student Trustee Handbook - <http://online.fliphtml5.com/dvtu/ugsg/#p=1>. This link was emailed to all students on 10 August.

Voting papers will be given to eligible students on Wednesday 29 August in Ako Time. Voting will close at midday on Friday 7 September 2018.

The timeline for the student election is as follows:

Electoral Roll available	Wednesday 8 August
Nomination forms available	Friday 10 August
Nominations close	Midday Friday 24 August
Voting papers issued in Ako Time	Wednesday 29 August
Voting closes	Midday Friday 7 September
Votes counted	Thursday 13 September
New trustee takes office	Tuesday 18 September - First Board of Trustees Meeting

Karla Dawson, Principal's PA

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Blenheim Jazz Festival 2018

The jazz bands had a successful time in Blenheim this year with some great results. There were 13 schools and 23 bands from around the South Island and the standard was very high. The bands got to play at five different gigs, ranging from schools to pubs as well as having a competition and masterclass with the judges. Thanks to the following people for making it happen;

Vince Leahy and Alistair Monteath - our Itinerant teachers who worked with the band over the past six months. Vince was with us on the trip and put in some long hours to get the groups ready for the final competition.

Gen Numaguchi who helped out with the weekend practises and also made the long bus trip up and back to support the students.

Paula Bell who cooked up a storm managing the food and appetites of hungry students. Amazing what they put away!

Monica Parker for the organisation.

Susan Mawhinney and Tracey Ryall - our wonderful parent supporters.

Janelle Aston for helping out at the last minute with the jazz jackets.

Results

Jazz Combo - Gold grading and Runner up combo. Huge achievement!

Jazz Ensemble - Silver grading

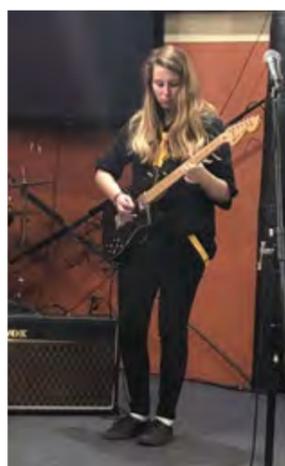
Best Bass player - **Alfie Parvin**

Adjudicators choice (across all the bands) - **Rafe Swan/Alfie Parvin** - rhythm section work in the combo

We had three students in the All Stars band which features the top 17 students from all the bands (The most from any school):

Cameron Ryall, Elliott Allemand, Alfie Parvin

Alison Price, HoLA Arts



French Diploma Assessment

A team of 14 keen Wakatipu high School students gathered last (sunny) Saturday to undertake a challenging but rewarding French language diploma assessment.

The day started early with students getting briefed and then spending almost 2 hours listening, reading and writing in French. Following the first section of the assessment was the oral production, where students produced a speech, then asked questions on randomised words and finally had a spontaneous conversation. During the four hour long examination students were fully immersed in French.

The school became a DELF Assessment Centre last year which means that students don't have to travel to Dunedin to sit this prestigious language diploma.

Today French is an official language in almost 50 countries. It is spoken on five continents and is also an official language of the United Nations, the Red Cross, and many other international organisations. Equipping students with the DELF offers them an International recognition of French proficiency, a testimonial to their success in learning the language, advantages for postsecondary education, and enhances their resume.

Thank you to Mrs Scarborough and Miss Arnold for supporting this opportunity and students and to all students for their hard work and dedication in learning French.

A bientôt,

Guillaume Charton - HoLA Languages



Head Student's Update

Well, well, well, thank god they are over! I hope mocks provided you with a sense that more work needs to be done to achieve your goals by the end of the year. That's certainly the case for me! I can assure you with the speed time is moving, it will be time to click those pens, and bust out some serious revision again in no time.

It was a privilege to attend the Junior Prizegiving last Tuesday. As seniors, we often don't get the chance to acknowledge who has been working really hard in the junior school. Well done to all recipients!

On another note, currently all Year 13's are seriously considering their options for next year. Attending course planning, meeting with our wonderful careers councillors and having long chats with their friends about the looming future. It's an exciting time for many of us.

The student councils are currently working on developing various initiatives around the school. The Whanaungatanga (Support) Council is running an awesome school-wide 'Guess Who' game in WEEK 5! Check your email to see the form for this awesome event to meet other people around school. Last week saw the finals of the House Basketball Competition, a fiercely fought annual event. It was awesome to see how the new gym came alive with supporters for their respective houses.

DDRRRUMM ROLL PLEASE! Hay were the winners of the junior competition and Mackenzie took out the senior comp! The Year 13's also put up a mighty fight against the staff basketballers but sadly lost (Mr Nathan's pride is still intact!).

Stepتمبر is happening again this year! In teams of four, the aim is to complete 10,000 steps per day throughout September to raise funds to support people with cerebral palsy, a condition that affects movement. Please click the link for more information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eVSruvUt3JPYt3kRKiU_5VOBPhli_Y7YmmkbRHgI8IA/edit?usp=sharing.

We're almost halfway through Term 3! Keep up the great work, look after yourself and your mates and make the most of the opportunities around you.

Olivia Woodham, Deputy Head Girl

Remarkable Theatre show - AWAY 12-22 September

Queenstown's local community theatre group, Remarkable Theatre, are so happy to have WHS drama teacher Jake Hansen, and WHS drama students Isaiah Boniface, Nina Johnston and Grete Johansson in the cast, and Zoe Barham as dancer & assistant choreographer for upcoming show AWAY by Michael Gow at the Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall from 12 - 22 September. This is directed by one of NZ's most acclaimed theatre directors Lisa Warrington.

AWAY is set in the summer of 1967/68 and the play revolves around 3 families that head away on holiday for the summer holidays with life-changing results. The play is dramatic, humorous and quite Shakespearean in parts. Local band 'Versificator' will be playing 60s hits and the play also includes a great 60s dance number. It will be a great night out.

Audience members are also encouraged to dress up in 60s gear if they'd like. Tickets are available through [Eventfinda](#) or directly at Lakes District Museum.

Please come along and support these members of your WHS drama team.

Thanks for all your support and I hope to continue to link up with your WHS drama team for future RT productions. They've been amazing.

Blaise Barham, Remarkable Theatre Manager

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Rugby - 1st XV Plate Winners and Co-ed Cup

Congratulations to our 1st XV Rugby team that won the plate final against Central Southland College on Saturday in Mossburn. The lads won 26-20 and ended up 5th overall in the Southland U18 competition this season out of 10 teams. Two years ago the 1st XV team won the U17 grade, making great strides in a short time. The boys also took on St Kevin's College on Wednesday in Oamaru in the semi final of the Otago Co-ed Schools Cup. This is the first year we have entered a team in the Co-ed Schools National qualifying process. The team played well in a hard fought match losing 31-10. A huge thank you to coaches Mr Gilbert and Mr Mac for a great season.



WHS 1st XV and Central Southland 1st XV

Snowsports Successes

NZ Alpine National Championships

The national alpine ski champs took place at Coronet Peak this week. Year 13 racer Alex Hull finished 8th in a 59 strong field in the Giant Slalom and second New Zealander overall. This is a great result for Alex after coming back from knee reconstruction at the end of last season. Other WHS student's that competed were Alice Robinson who was unable to complete the second run of both the Giant Slalom and Slalom events and international student Allegra Magnetti, from Italy, who finished 30th in the Giant Slalom. Check out the full story by clicking this [link](#).

"I'm pretty proud of that," said Alex. "I didn't have super high expectations because I haven't raced in a while but I was aiming for top 20. It's awesome to finish in the top three New Zealanders."



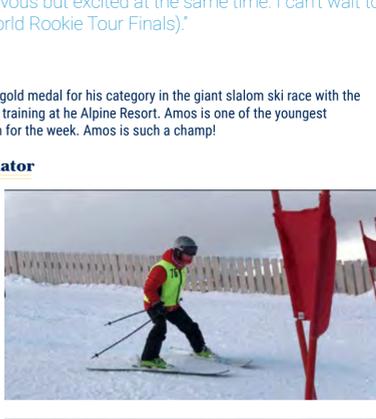
Alex Hull on the podium (left)

SPY Optics FIS NZ Freestyle Open

Congratulations to Year 11 snowboarder Cool Wakushima who has just claimed a spot in the World Rookie Tour final in Austria. Cool was the top scoring U18 rider and finished third in the Spy Optics FIS NZ Freestyle Open Women's Slopestyle event at Cardrona this week. Check out the article [here](#).

Other results from WHS students in this event

- Women's Freeski Halfpipe:**
- Holly Ingram - 9th**
- Samantha Johnston - 11th**
- Men's Freeski Halfpipe:**
- Max McDonald - 6th**



Year 11's Cool Wakushima on the podium (right)

North Otago Special Olympics

It didn't finish there. Also at Cardrona, Year 11's Amos van Asch got a gold medal for his category in the giant slalom ski race with the North Otago Special Olympics. It was the culmination of a week of ski training at the Alpine Resort. Amos is one of the youngest competitors. The competitors come from all over New Zealand to train for the week. Amos is such a champ!

Ellen Paterson, Special Education Needs Coordinator



MAC Exchange Draw

Please see below the updated draw for the annual Mt Aspiring College Winter Sports Exchange. This is taking place in Wanaka next Wednesday 22nd August. Last year this was a draw between the two schools, so it is game on in 2018!

Laura Nathan, Sports Coordinator

Sport	Time	Location
Welcome Haka	9:15am	MAC Gym
Senior Boys Volleyball	10am	MAC Gym
Girls 1st XI football	10am	Wanaka Rec Centre
Y10 A Netball	10am	MAC Courts
U15 Boys Rugby	10am	MAC Courts
Senior Girls Volleyball	10:30am	MAC Gym
Snr B Netball	11am	MAC Courts
Junior Girls Volleyball	11am	MAC Gym
Boys 2nd XI Football	11:30am	Wanaka Rec Centre
Mixed 1st XI hockey	11:30am	Cromwell
Junior Boys Volleyball	11:30am	MAC Courts
Y9 A Netball	Midday	MAC Courts
Girls Rugby	Midday	MAC Grounds
Junior Boys Bball	12:15pm	MAC Gym
1st XV boys Rugby	1pm	MAC Grounds
A Netball	1pm	MAC Courts
1st XI football	1pm	Wanaka Rec Centre
Senior Boys Bball	1:15pm	MAC Gym
Presentation	2:30pm	MAC Gym
Afternoon Tea	2:40pm	MAC Gym



Weekly Wrap - Week 4 Results and Week 5 Draw

Results

Basketball - Friday 10th August
Junior Boys A beat SBHS Blurple - 83-20
Senior Boys A beat Verdon Senior A - 70-54

Football - Sunday 12th August
1st XI Boys lost to Classics

Wednesday 15th August
1st XI Girls lost to Mt Aspiring College - 4-0

Hockey - Thursday 9th August
Mixed B lost to Upper Clutha
Friday 10th August
Mixed A beat Upper Clutha - 6-1

Ice Hockey - Wednesday 15th August
WHS beat Red - 7-1

Netball - Saturday 11th August
WHSB were defaulted to by Goals
WHSA lost to Queenstown Electric - 36-30
Southern League - Wednesday 15th August
WHSA lost to Blue Mountain College - 32-25

Rugby - Saturday 11th August
U15 lost to Te Anau/NSC - 36-20
1st XV beat Central Southland College - 26-20 - Plate Winners

Wednesday 15th August
1st XV lost to St Kevin's - 31-10 - Otago Co-ed Cup

Draw

Basketball - Friday 17th August
Junior Boys A vs James Hargest Junior B - Stadium Southland Court 6pm
Senior Boys A vs James Hargest 1st V - Stadium Southland Court 2 6:30pm - Semi Final

Hockey - Friday 17th August
Mixed B vs Cromwell Red - Cromwell 5:30pm
Mixed A - bye

Ice Hockey - Wednesday 22nd August
WHS vs Blue - Ice Rink 6:30pm

Netball - Saturday 18th August
Senior A Competition:
WHS Development A vs Ironwood - Event Centre Court 1 12pm - 3rd/4th playoff
Year 10 Firebirds vs Flints Flyers - Event Centre Court 1 1pm - Final

Senior B Competition:
WHS Pink vs ICandy - Event Centre Court 2 12pm - 3rd/4th playoff
WHS Year 10 Vixens vs WHS Butter - Event Centre Court 1 2:30pm - Final

Southern League - Wednesday 22nd August
WHSA - Bye

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Community Notices



Wakatipu High School Foundation Business Partnership Programme

The success of Wakatipu High School Foundation depends on the strength of its partnerships – with our schools, our community and business leaders. The WHSF Business Partnership Program is comprised of a dynamic group of local companies and professionals who, through their financial support, share in its success. Partnering with WHSF is a great way to invest in our schools and promote your business. Outstanding schools help strengthen the entire community including the business community.

If you would like more information on how your business can participate in this vital programme, please contact:
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Josie Debenham (Executive Officer): josiedebenh@gmail.com +64 22 037 8993

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