



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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Please see our [Facebook page](#) for all the latest updates from Wakatipu High School, and take a look at our [sports page](#) for news on football, rugby, snow sports and more.

Kia ora, welcome again to the Wakatipu High School newsletter. Just a brief piece from me this week as the year moves into its final phase.

The big news today is that Branches Camp is officially underway. It actually began a couple of days ago with the start of the camp setup, and the first early Lochnagar groups going in yesterday and earlier today, but this morning was 'all in' and the big convoy rolled out about 10.30am. The weather for the first few days certainly looks good to get the camp underway. I am heading in early tomorrow morning for three days and am looking forward to getting in there.

Yesterday afternoon was the Year 9 Maths exam (and we've even got a photo below of them all hard at work). We believe that it is important for juniors to have opportunities to rehearse the experience and process of sitting exams before they do it for real in NCEA.

Ākonga Passport - t-shirts were handed out to junior students who have achieved their Bronze Ākonga Passports this week. With the design by Year 13 student, Molly Richards, the t-shirts, and Molly's prize of \$500, were very generously donated by A J Hacket Bungy who have been incredible supporters of the Ākonga Passport.

Uniform - a reminder that, now that Branches Camp has gone in, ties are optional for Year 9s (but please note that they are compulsory again for Year 9 Prizegiving).

Branches Camp Book - "Long Drops and Hard Knocks - Celebrating 50 years of Wakatipu High School's Branches Camp" is now on sale. It really is a great book, please buy one or two to support Branches Trust and the Camp - see below for more.

WHS Foundation Golf Day - has space for just one team left! To register for this great day of golfing at Millbrook for a great cause, please see information below.

Junior Prizegivings - reminder that dates are:

Year 9 - Wednesday 11th December

Year 10 - Thursday 12th December

Both Prizegivings will begin at 1200. Prizewinners' parents will be notified beforehand as per usual.

We got news this week of the results of a number of our senior students who sat a University of Canterbury first year maths paper. All of them passed - which is fantastic for them and a real credit to their teachers here at WHS, and our Dux, Gareth Harcombe, got an A+ 99% - and was one of the top three students, and received another \$15,000 worth of scholarship to study at UC!

A pretty good weekend of weather ahead for Branches and the Wakatipu - warm, and Saturday will be great but it will start to come in on Sunday. Make the most of it :)

Steve Hall, Principal



Matthew, Stella, Ellie, Lucy and Gracie with their t-shirts!

Branches Camp

Last Friday saw the Year 10 students head out on their pre-Branches day tramps at various locations around Queenstown Hill. This was after finding out their activity groups for the camp and having an essential gear check completed. The day turned out brilliantly hot and sunny, and many students realised the importance of bringing and using sunblock.

Some students who were unable to complete the tramp on Friday assisted Mrs Bell with collecting some of the pallets of food from Pak 'N' Save, as well as copious banana boxes to pack the food in. Hi-vis vests were required to be worn at the goods pick-up, and some students kept wearing them all day. Safety always! The students unloaded and sorted food items into breakfast, lunch and dinner in the OE Shed. Thank you Miguel, Astin, Dodi, Victor and Sophie.

During Saturday, Sunday and Monday Mrs Bell and several staff and volunteers went through sorting the food into meals for the different activities...no small task! And that does not include the fresh fruit and veges.

At the final student meeting on Monday morning, students named their Activity Groups off geographic features on the topographical maps - a long-standing tradition. It has been a flurry of final preparation this week, and there were many excited and equally nervous students embarking on Year 10 Branches Camp 2019 this morning. Twelve days will go past very quickly. The camp finishes on Tuesday 10 December.



Branches Camp convoy this morning.

Bridget Janse, Branches Camp Manager



Branches Camp Book

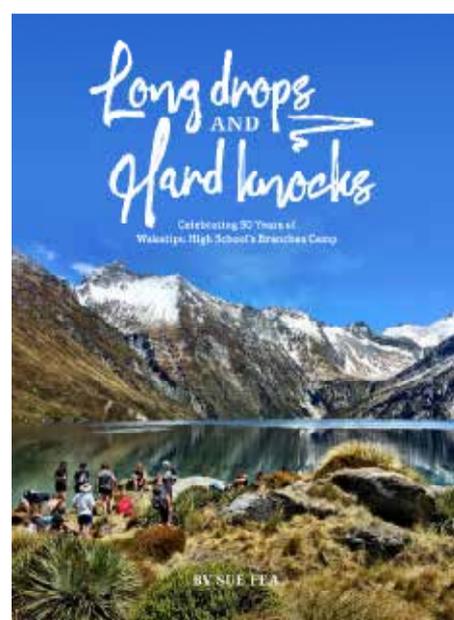
Long Drops and Hard Knocks celebrates 50 years of Branches school camps.

Adventure, laughter, danger, romance and intrigue all grace the pages of the Branches Charitable Trust's greatly anticipated anniversary book, celebrating 50 years of Wakatipu High school Branches Camp memories.

'Long Drops & Hard Knocks' is available to purchase \$59.95 purchase from:

- Wakatipu High School
- Arrowtown Museum
- Summerfields Pharmacy
- Remarkables Market
- Online www.branchestrust.co.nz or [Branches Facebook page](#)

A big thank you to the businesses and people who have supported this initiative. This would make a wonderful Christmas gift of memories. Please support Branches Trust!



Sick Bay Procedures

Please note that if students are feeling unwell to the extent they need to leave class that our procedure is to phone parents to come and collect them. Students can come to the sick bay for first aid treatment and will then either be returned to class or we will contact home for them to be collected. We are unable to accomodate having students in the sick bay for an extended time.

Andrea Wilton-CConnell, Executive Officer

Wakatipu High School Foundation Golf

Don't miss out on the Wakatipu High School Foundation's annual Golf Tournament which will be held at Millbrook Resort on Wednesday 11 December! [Click here to register your team of 4 today: www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events](http://www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events)



Guidance Counsellor

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation that supports parents in New Zealand by operating a free parenting helpline for parents and caregivers. The helpline provides personalised, practical support and strategies to parents and caregivers on a diverse range of parenting issues and challenges.

Vicki Patton, Guidance Counsellor

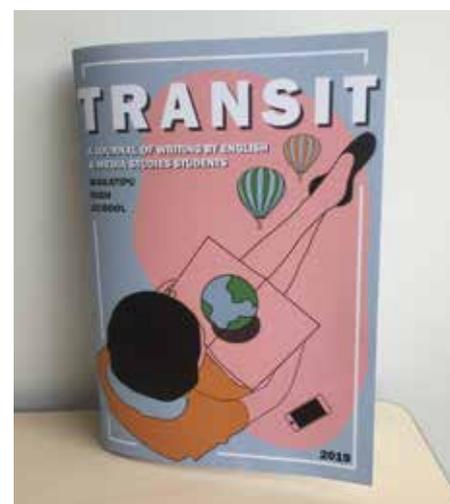


Transit Journal Available For Purchase

Transit is the inaugural publication of the best work from senior (and some junior) writers in 2019. From Claudia Snow's award-winning poem to an ode to Harrison Maguire's ear lobes by the enraptured Alfie Parvin, the journal showcases some beautiful creative writing. It's also packed with feature articles written and designed by Year 13 Media Studies students: Jack James looks at how social media has disrupted democracy; Geena Slow wonders why philosophy is missing from the curriculum and Kai Komene explains exactly what's gone wrong with the gaming industry. There truly is something for everyone!

Transit is available at reception for \$10. Great stocking stuffer!

Jennifer Smart, HoLA English and Media Studies



Bring Out The Books!

Now that exams have finished, we would love for senior students to return their English texts to the library. Look out for any copies of Mister Pip, The Kite Runner, Perfume, The Things They Carried, Station Eleven, Night, To Kill A Mockingbird, Purple Hibiscus and any others that might be crammed in the bottom of schoolbags...

We will be charging students for texts that haven't been returned by the start of 2020 so get them to us ASAP!

Jennifer Smart, HoLA English and Media Studies

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Microbes and Microscopes

Our Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to learn some microbiology with Dr Judith Bateup from the University of Otago this week. She very generously brought a set of microscopes with her from Dunedin that would enable students to see their own bacteria at 1000x magnification. A fantastic general introduction to the world of microbiology which was really well received by the students and teachers alike. Students normally wouldn't see this topic until Year 11. It is hoped that this opportunity will spark curiosity and further discussion on a fascinating and rapidly changing area of science.

Jim Gilbert, HoLA Science



Special Education Gondola Visit

On Friday 22 November, the Special Education team went for a trip to the Gondola. Arya, Amos, Louise and Blake had a great time riding on the Gondola and enjoying lunch in the sun. Here is what the students thought:

"My favourite part of the day at the Gondola was eating hot chips for lunch tasty" Arya

"My favourite part of the day at the Gondola was eating hot chips and going on the Gondola." Amos

"My favourite part of the day at the Gondola was the chips. "Chips taste yummy". Louise

"We went up on white 6 Gondola. I feel happy today when go up the Gondola. My favourite is the jelly bean". Blake

Karen Ellis, SENCo



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Sports Coordinator Report

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected into Southern United Academy teams to compete at the National Age Group champs in Wellington in early December. Southern United is one of seven regions who compete at this tournament.

Cato William: 14th Grade

Harvey Davies: 14th Grade

Todd Vermeir: 15th Grade

Tobin Wilson: 16th Grade

NZSS Athletic Champs

WHS would like to wish the seven athletes representing the school at the New Zealand Secondary School Athletic Champs in Wellington next week all the very best of luck for their events. Please see a list of competitors and events below.

Benny Britton: Senior Boys 3000m and 6km road race

Aleks Chefeitz: Senior Boys 1500m

Louis Conway: Senior Boys 6km road race

Sammy Fookes: Junior Girls 800m

Gareth Harcombe: Senior Boys 800m

Milly Wikstrom: Junior Girls 1500m

Hayato Yoneto: Senior Boys 100m and 200m sprint

Sports Uniforms Outstanding

Calling all missing sports uniforms to be returned by next Friday 6th December to the front office. Please students and parents take a look at home to see if there are any WHS sports uniforms and/or tracksuits and return them asap. At this stage only touch and athletics singlets are issued. Anything else should be back at school. Please email me if you have any questions.

WHS Sports Facebook Page

Click the link here: <https://www.facebook.com/WakatipuHighSchoolSports/> to access our school sports facebook page. Like the page and keep up to date with the latest news, celebrations and opportunities in the sports world at WHS.

Laura Nathan, Sports Coordinator

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Student Job Opportunities

Backpacker Assistant - Reception and/or Cleaner Cover

We require casual team players to assist our team during the busy summer season at our backpackers. Hours will be in consultation with the applicant. We have weekend and evening work available and day work during holiday times.

Contact us for further details with a CV and Cover Letter - hr@blacksheepbackpackers.co.nz

Saturday and after school job

Frankton Dental are interested in creating a receptionist/dental assistant position for a Year 12 student who is going into Year 13 next year. This role would suit a motivated and confident student with excellent verbal communication, computer skills, self-motivation, and attention to cleanliness. The position would be all day most Saturdays and possibly one afternoon/evening shift per week. Full training can be provided and this will be an excellent opportunity to experience the dental industry.

Please send a cover letter with two references to holly.christmas@lumino.co.nz

Tanya Glanfield, Careers Assistant

Job Opportunity at Wakatipu High School - Communications Officer and Administration Support

Wakatipu High School is Queenstown's secondary school of over 1000 students and 100 staff, and is a dynamic and rewarding place to work. We are looking for an experienced person to fill the role of Communications Officer and Administrative Support. The successful applicant will lead the planning and implementation of a communications plan that incorporates a number of channels including Facebook, newsletter, website and intranet. There are also administrative support functions associated with the role, including reception cover and general admin support.

The successful candidate will have experience and skill in the following areas:

- Communications, from planning to implementation in a range of mediums
- Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, Web content management, including basic HTML knowledge
- MS Office/Google Office Suites
- Strong English language skills
- Attention to detail

This is a permanent position which commences January 2020 and is Monday to Friday 10am - 4.30pm in term-time only. Some flexibility in hours may be required. The hours will be 30 hours per week.

To receive the full position description and for all applications (CV and cover letter), please email apply@wakatipu.school.nz. Applications close 12pm on Wednesday 4 December 2019 with interviews being scheduled on Wednesday 18 December.

Please note, as this is a permanent position that people on temporary work visas (e.g. Working Holiday Visas) need not apply.

Andrea Wilton-Connell, Executive Officer

Important Dates

Date	Event	Who
Friday 29 November – Tuesday 10 December	Year 10 Branches Camp	Year 10
Tuesday 3 December	NCEA Exams finish	Year 11, 12, 13
Wednesday 11 December	Year 10 rest day	Year 10
Wednesday 11 December	Graduation	Year 13
Wednesday 11 December	Year 9 Prizegiving	Year 9
Thursday 12 December	Year 10 Prizegiving	Year 10

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LOOKING FORWARD - GIVING BACK

The WHS Foundation is having a very real and positive impact in our school community, funding the school approx over \$1.4 million dollars for Wakatipu High School since 2013.

MAKING AN IMPACT 2019

We are proud to have funded a large selection of projects in 2019 with a total of \$200,000 donated throughout the year. These projects include:

- Awhi and BYOD financial hardship
- Akonga passport
- Extra and Co curricular managers, coaches, volunteers support
- Student Software
- Teacher Aide
- Leadership development programme
- Peer support programme
- English language support
- Scholarship classes

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KJet
Lakes Weekly Bulletin
Lane Neave
McCulloch & Partners
Mitre 10 Mega

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Placemakers
Remarkable Park Town Centre
Trinity Development
Westwood Group Holdings

BECOME A BUSINESS PARTNER

The success of the WHS Foundation depends on the strength of its partnerships with community and business leaders. The WHS Foundation business partnership program works with a dynamic group of local companies and professionals who recognise that an exceptional high school offering a great "all-round" education is key to retain families in the region, develop the future employees and entrepreneurs of the Wakatipu Basin and strengthen our local community. Interested in being a part of it? Contact our Executive Officer on wakatipuhfsfoundation@gmail.com or 022 327 9397



AI – It's Not What You Think!

Everyday Life and the Digital Revolution

In this provocative Catalyst Trust talk, Cambridge-trained sociologist Anthony Elliott proposes that much of what passes for conventional wisdom about the AI Revolution is either ill-considered or plain wrong.

The reason? AI is not so much about the future but is rather a revolution already well underway – albeit one that is unfolding in complex and uneven ways across the globe.

From industrial robots to chatbots, and from driverless cars to military drones, AI is transforming all aspects of our lives.

Elliott explores how intelligent machines, advanced robotics, accelerating automation, big data and the Internet of Everything are bringing new forms of social interaction and transforming private life as much as the world of work.

Monday, December 2, noon-1pm, Queenstown Resort College meeting room, \$5 koha at door. Registration is required on Catalyst Trust's [Eventbrite page](#) (opening a month prior), as numbers are limited. Please bring your tickets (printed, emailed or Eventbrite app).



CHRISTMAS TREES!!

Coronet Peak is once again selling wilding pines as Christmas trees to raise money for Happiness House over the holiday period.

For a \$20 minimum donation you can order a 'Happiness Tree' online and get it delivered to your door before Christmas. This year the trees will be available in two sizes – medium (between 90cm – 149cm) and large (between 150cm – 200cm+). The delivery dates are Sunday 8th or Sunday 15th December.

This will be the third year we have sold Happiness Trees for Christmas and are aiming to sell over 300 this time round. It's not only a great way to raise money for a good cause but also has a positive impact on our mountain environment by eliminating hundreds of wilding pines. It's been so successful we are having to visit neighbouring properties to find trees as we've removed most of them from Coronet Peak!

To find out more or to purchase a Happiness Tree visit <https://shop.coronetpeak.co.nz/happiness-tree-christmas-tree>

Libby Baron

Communications and Media Relations Manager

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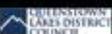
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Wakatipu High School Foundation's ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ambrose Format followed by a BBQ & Auction
Wednesday 11th December, 12pm

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www.wakatipuhfoundation.co.nz/events
\$200 per person includes light lunch, Golf and BBQ
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Calming Anxiety

the ABC guide

Join us to explore how to calm and steady the over-thinking mind by anchoring in the background presence of the Heart. An interactive learning session blending modern science, Chinese medical viewpoints, practices of Medical Qigong and the ABC of Mindfulness

Friday 22 November, 7 - 8.15pm, Frankton Facilitator: Cameron Tukapua offering 30 years of Wellbeing & Chinese Medicine experience

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/calming-anxiety-using-mindfulness-tickets-81412391655>

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To learn more and apply, visit cruiseforacause.co.nz
Applications close Sunday 15 December 2019



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WE NEED MORE CAREGIVERS

Can you provide a stable and loving environment for tamariki until it's safe for them to return home?

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Caregiving can be hard at times but the rewards can be amazing. Your aroha can make all the difference.

For more information about becoming an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, please get in touch anytime on:



0508 CARERS (0508 227 377)
www.orangatamariki.govt.nz

HOW'S LIFE?

QLDC WANTS TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT LIFE IN OUR DISTRICT – WHAT YOU LOVE AND WHAT NEEDS ATTENTION.

This is the second Quality of Life survey and last year we got some really useful insights from our community. The data highlighted a number of key issues which are now being addressed such as a need to take climate action, provide more active transport options, and address a shortfall in maternity and healthcare.

By taking part you will help guide Council and social service decisions, and what issues should be prioritised.

The survey is open from 1 November until 5.00pm 1 December.
For more information or to complete the survey, head to:
www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/qol

Take the survey today and be in to win a Prezzy Card or family pass to the Christmas Show!

 **QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL**