



Wakatipu
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Notices

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Facebook Page

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, cricket and more. See this week's posts for plenty of photos and videos from [#BranchesCamp2018](#)

Kia ora, and welcome to the penultimate Wakatipu High School newsletter for 2018. While the newsletter is relatively short this week there's still plenty going on at WHS - notably the Year 9 end of year programme, with the fundraising Fair in full swing. A huge thanks to our Assistant Principal, Sonia Panapa, who has been the driving force behind it as well as to other staff and students who have made it all happen!

Branches Camp continues to go well. Yesterday all Year 10 parents were emailed info re Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - please ensure you have read this. I am going to head back in for the final night tomorrow and then they'll all pack up and be out on Sunday afternoon. [Click here](#) for our Facebook post including some photos from camp this week.

On Wednesday this week was the annual Wakatipu High School Foundation Golf tournament at Millbrook. Hot off the press is that the day raised over \$21,000! I am always humbled by how incredibly generous people are in their support of WHS - and on behalf of the school, my huge thanks to everyone who attended and was so generous, and to the WHS Foundation for their tremendous support of our school and students.

Tuesday night was 'Bouncing Back' - the evening on resilience that AJ Hackett Bungy put together. Nigel Latta, Lisa O'Neill and Gilbert Enoka were awesome speakers, and it was great to see such a large crowd of parents and students from schools in the basin. Thanks again to AJ Hackett Bungy for making this great opportunity possible for the community, and for making the Kate Moetaua Foundation the beneficiary of the evening :)

We have recently found out that one of our senior students, Lachie Clark, and his team won the NZ On Screen 'ScreenTest Short Film Competition' for their film, 'Alone'. I loved this film, and we are very proud of them. [Please click here](#) for our Facebook post, including a link to the film.

As per last week, end of year Junior Prizegivings are next week. These are very important formal occasions, and all parents are welcome to attend. Please note all junior students are required to attend, in full uniform including the tie.

Year 9 - Monday 17, 11:45am.

Year 10 - Tuesday 18, 11:45am.

Prizewinners parents have been notified.

One newsletter left for the year - primarily the lists of our junior prizewinners - and only two school days left in the monumental year that has been 2018 at WHS.

Finally, a hot summer weekend ahead - perfect for Branches pack up and all out :)

Steve Hall, Principal

Filmmaking Awards

Enormous well done to Year 13's Lachie Clark, Joel Malcolm-Smith, Ella Little and Alex Booker, whose short film 'Alone' has won the nationwide NZ On Screen ScreenTest Short Film Competition! This is a massive achievement which will see them visit Warner Bros. International Television Production New Zealand set and their short film published as part of NZ On Screen's new Coming of Age Collection. You can watch 'Alone' and [read more about the film here](#). Congratulations!



Student Focus - Chester Rosie

Our sixth and final Youthmark *Student Focus* feature of 2018, Chester Rosie, is a young man who embodies Wakatipu High School's values with a smile. From showing enormous respect for the environment, to taking leadership and organisational responsibilities at school, the 18-year-old has consistently achieved excellence throughout his time at WHS.

And it's been true all-round success. In the classroom, he's received Merits for Geography, English, Biology, Physics and Mathematics, and Level 2 Physical Education was endorsed with Excellence. Chester's strength in Physical Education extends to the hockey turf: he has represented Wakatipu High School in the 1st XI for five years. This year he is also a member of the Southern A U18 Men's Hockey team, and recently won Queenstown Hockey Club's Player of the Year.

Elsewhere, he's a keen trail runner, has been a lifeguard since he was 14, and this year is actively working towards his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Back at school, Chester is Deputy Head Boy, Chair of the 2018 Environment Council and also Chair of the Wakatipu High School Volunteer Army.

His efforts have been recognised with a number of honours this term; a Trustpower Youth Community Award, the Allan Hood Memorial Cup for Service, the Altrusa International of Queenstown Prize for All-Round Effort and Participation in Year 13, a Central Lakes Trust Scholarship, the Dave Geddes RSA Memorial Scholarship and, of course, a Youthmark Award.

Humble by nature, Chester approaches all this with a relaxed, genuine attitude. Whatever he's doing, he's committed to making a positive contribution.

"Some of what we have done this year with volunteering hasn't been completely perfect," he says, "but I think that will help future years to organise volunteer opportunities more effectively. We have had some great opportunities through each of the student councils, though. I learned heaps about management this year, and tried to lead by example to open up interesting opportunities for students to get involved with. It's great to think about what could happen in the future."

For Chester, steady, earnest dedication comes naturally. "I think I've been so motivated because I spend so much time in this community and the surrounding environment.

"I've been playing hockey since I was five, so giving back to that community became natural - and one thing leads on from another. With the environment, I just love tramping, and animals, and planting; I just don't see any other option than doing what you can to protect those things."

It's an attitude he'll continue next year - as he studies surveying at the University of Otago. "(Surveying) just has everything," he says, "it's problem solving, it's getting outdoors, it's still quite maths-related, but geography-based, so it seemed like a good fit. Mainly, I just don't want to be indoors all the time!"

Whatever comes after that, he's bound to rise to the challenge with the same hard work, dedication, and level of excellence he has shown at WHS.

Well done Chester!



Chester has received numerous sporting and academic awards this year.

Uniform Shop - Year 13 Ties

Year 13 Ties for 2019 are available at the Uniform Shop, with ties costing \$30.00. We are open from 9am until 4pm on Monday, 17 December. Thanks!

Charmaine Wedderburn, Uniform Officer

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Department of Conservation Trip

Early on Saturday, December 6, six staff and students embarked on an incredible adventure to the stunning Doubtful Sounds. After a windy ferry over Lake Manapouri, we got our first glimpse of the iconic landscape of Deep Cove from the top of Wilmot Pass. Taking the spots of the returning passengers on the DOC vessel Southern Winds, who had just been involved in clearing over 3000 traps on the remote Secretary Island, we explored the area with the experienced guidance of the DOC staff. Over the weekend we encountered beautiful glacier-carved landscapes, amazing bush and a range of wildlife from Kaka and penguins to a brief encounter with the resident dolphin population. The trip was not only a cruise, however, as we were introduced and shown firsthand the difficult realities of the pest control programmes in the area, giving us a new respect for the challenging yet crucial work that DOC is doing in Fiordland. The trip was an exciting way to be inspired and educated on how we can take the practices used by DOC on the frontlines of predator-free 2050 within our own conservation work at WHS. A huge thank you to everyone who made the trip possible, including WHS Board Member Tony Balfour, as well as a huge thank you to the hospitality of the DOC crew aboard Southern Winds.

Chester Rosie, Year 13



YAMI Soundz Summit Wanaka 2019

Youth & Adults in the Music Industry - or YAMI - is holding a two-day course next year in Wanaka, and I'd like to encourage all WHS Students to think about taking part.

Now held biennially, Yami is a two-day summit of workshops, panels and public performances for anyone interested in a career in the music industry, whether as an artist, producer, manager, promoter, tech fluffer, bassoon polisher, knob twiddler...whatever! Find your tribe and be part of the most amazing musical weekend of your year, whether you're 10, 110 or any age in between. YAMI 2019 features Tutors from Fly My Pretties, Shapeshifter, TrinityRoots, Kings, The Black Seeds and more to come.

Registrations now open: www.yami.nz

Maryanne Ahern, Dean of Fox House

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Sports Report - Weeks 8 and 9

Dance - Jazz and Hip Hop

Congratulations to Sophia Purdon for receiving perfect dance exam scores, the best in Australasia and beyond. Receiving 100 per cent pass rates in both jazz and hip-hop Asia Pacific Dance Association exams. The syllabus covers schools in New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, and some in South Africa and England. Sophia also had a great write up in the Mountain Scene, well done!

Athletics - NZSS Track, Field and Road Race Championships

Thank you very much to Athletics Coach Neville Britton for the following event report:

Eight athletes attended the National Secondary Schools Athletics Champs in Dunedin at the end of November with some solid results. As mainly first year seniors we didn't expect to collect any medals and swirling weather conditions with intense heat and strong winds restricted performances. However Hayato Yoneto stood out with impressive runs in both the short sprints, as well as Lead man in the 4 x 400m relay. Although Josh Drinkwater, Aleks Cheifetz and Gareth Harcombe didn't manage to make their finals, they certainly raised eyebrows with their performances in the relay team. Which managed a 9th placing in a stacked field of Senior Boys. Archie Ritchie and Benjamin Britton put in respectable runs in the Senior Boys Road race to finish in the top 30 of 100 entrants. Hurdlers Tasuku Yoneto and Sophie Woodham found the home straight wind difficult to master and didn't quite make finals but still have a few years for redemption.

Swimming - Otago Swim Championships

The Otago Swim Championships were held in Dunedin over three days last weekend. The team consisted of Charlotte Payne, Grace Seeto, Jett Fa'Amalepe, Gabbi Barr, Tasmin Hepburn, Molly Woodham, Isaak Frewan and Sophie Adamson. Some great swims were achieved by all the team, with medals as follows; Grace - silver and bronze in Breaststroke, Jett - gold and 2x silver medals in Backstroke, Molly - 2x gold in Breaststroke, Isaak 1 gold, 4x silver and 3x bronze over all strokes and Sophie - gold and bronze in Freestyle and Breaststroke and 2nd in the 100m Zenith Festival Cup. Well done swimmers.

Alexa Peters, Sports Coordinator



NZSS Track, Field and Road Race Championship Athletes
From Left: Benjamin Britton, Josh Drinkwater, Aleks Cheifetz,
Archie Ritchie, Gareth Harcombe, Hayato Yoneto and Coach Neville Britton.

Athletics Training

Athletics training (for all years and abilities) will commence in Term 1 next year starting on Fri 15 Jan. Training will be a morning session from 7:50am - 8:50am meeting outside the PE office. A wide variety of events will be on offer and it is a great way to improve your skills or just come along and give it a go. Miss Scott will be in charge of the middle distance runners and I will work with the rest of the track and field competitors. If students want extra independent training I am happy to offer some extra sessions in the lead up to the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Champs which are on Friday 15 March.

Coaches Needed: if you would be happy to spare an hour for the training sessions on a Fri morning please e-mail me on llawniczak@wakatipu.school.nz. If you have some experience that would be great but otherwise if you are enthusiastic and are happy to hold a stop watch that would equally be of help. You do not need to commit to all sessions.

Lea Lawniczak, Teacher in Charge of Athletics

WHS Mobile APP

Upcoming events and important dates now available on the WHS App Calendar.



You can now get information on our important upcoming events on the 'Calendar' section of our WHS App. It's free to download and use for iOS and Android devices. Once you have the app on your smartphone or tablet, simply hit 'Calendar' to view important upcoming events. You can also tap on the three bars in the top left to bring up the menu, then use the 'Alert Subscriptions' option to select what groups, years, or subjects apply to you. The WHS App is recommended for both students and parents.

Push Notifications

The app allows you to select alert groups so that you only get notifications relevant to you such as:

- Whole School information alerts
- Sports and activities reminders
- Year level events
- House announcements
- Buses updates, such as lateness or breakdowns

This feature will help ensure that you receive only messages that are applicable to you.

Other Features

The app also gives you quick links to:

- Report your child's absence
- Log into the WHS Portal
- Access the school notices
- Read the latest newsletter
- Quick link to the school website
- Check upcoming calendar events
- Contact the school

Date	Event	Who
Sunday 16 December	Branches Camp All Out	Year 10s
Monday 17 December	Year 9 Prizegiving	Year 9s
Monday 17 December	Year 13 Graduation	Year 13s
Tuesday 18 December	Year 10 Prizegiving	Year 10s



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:

Chris Duffy (Trustee): chris.duffy@crowehorwath.co.nz +64 3 450 1801

Josie Debenham (Executive Officer): josiedebenham@gmail.com + 64 22 037 8993

Our Current Partner List:

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| Anderson Lloyd | Highlands Game Over | Pacific Travel Planners |
| Bridgetone Tyre Centre | Hush Spa & Salon | Pak 'n' Save |
| Black ZQN | Jacks Point Clubhouse | Placemakers |
| Cavell Leitch | Kinloch Lodge | Queenstown Resort College |
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| Cookie Time | Lakes Weekly Bulletin | Trinity Development |
| Craigs Investment Partners | Lane Neave | Westwood Group Holdings |
| Crowe Hor | | |

Please support these businesses as they are investing in our students and school.

Wakatipu Youth Trust Summer Holiday Programme

Week 1 January

- Monday 14th 12:00pm - 4:30pm** Animal Experience: A fun day out to Glenorchy to feed & pet animals, and going for a swim off of the jetty. \$40
- Tuesday 15th 12:30pm - 5:30pm** Cadrona Karting: Race your friends as you rip down the Cadrona mountain. \$50
- Wednesday 16th 11:30pm - 4:30pm** Gold Panning: Try your hand at panning for gold at one of Queenstown's most renowned mining centres. \$40
- Thursday 17th 11:00am - 4:00pm** Beach Picnic Day: Come and join us for a day in the sun playing games and enjoying a picnic. \$45
- Friday 18th 9:30pm - 3:00pm** Rock Climbing: Do you dare to try? An awesome day to learn the basics of rock climbing. \$45

Week 2 January

- Monday 21st 11am - 4pm** PJ Surprise Party: Join us for a fun but chilled day in the Youth Centre with lots of games and food! \$45
- Tuesday 22nd 11:30am - 4:30pm** Horse Riding: Spend a lovely day out at Moles Lake exploring with a 1.5 hour guided tour. \$70
- Wednesday 23rd 10am - 3pm** Frisbee Golf & Odyssey: Odyssey Sensory Maze, Cookie Time Treats and Frisbee Golf all in one day. \$45
- Thursday 24th 12pm - 6pm** White Water Rafting: An exciting day racing down the rapids in skippers canyon with Family Adventures. \$45
- Friday 25th 12pm - 5pm** Game Over: Race your friends around the Go Kart Track before tracking it out in laser tag. \$25

Sign-up online @ www.wakatipuyouthtrust.co.nz/sign-up
For more information please feel free to get in contact: noah@wakatipuyouthtrust.co.nz | 022 402 4659

iNSPIRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Youth Empowerment Programmes

Empowering young people to shine with their brightest light!

Quality, engaging and interactive 4 day programmes for small groups of young people to promote and develop a plethora of personal skills to equip them for all avenues of life.

THEME: iNSPIRE CONFIDENCE – self-esteem, self-acceptance & body confidence.

DATES & AGES: Mon 7th – Thurs 11th Jan for 7-10 year olds
Mon 14th – Thurs 18th Jan for 11-14 year olds

THEME: iNSPIRE POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH – resilience, compassion & emotional intelligence.

DATES & AGES: Mon 21st – Thurs 25th Jan for 7-10 year olds
Mon 28th – Thurs 31st Jan for 11-14 year olds

LOCATION: Arrowtown Community Room & Lake Hayes Pavilion

INVESTMENT: \$200 per young person, per programme

TIMES: Main programme will run 10am- 3pm
(Option of extended hours if needed from 8.30am-5.30pm for an additional fee)

Inspire education programmes aim to provide young people with the tools they need to realise their potential and take ownership of their future!

Limited spaces – to register your interest or for more information please contact Kirsty at inspire.nz@outlook.com or on 021 027 08224.

- Open minded sessions – small groups - smashing stigmas – cultivating kindness –

About Kirsty:

- BA(Hons) Degree in Education, First Aid Certified, Police Checked & excellent references.
- An educator at heart, Kirsty has years of experience working with young people in both formal and informal education settings.
- Passionate and energetic, Kirsty really 'gets' young people and brings out the best in them.

E: inspire.nz@outlook.com | P: 021 027 08224 | @: inspire.nz



ART WORKSHOPS



This summer our museum educators will be holding art workshops for kids, alongside our artists in residence - Luigi and Kate Agnelli from Arezzo, Italy.

Each day will be inspired by one of their amazing drawings that are currently on display in our gallery.

If you have young ones that are interested in art, are creative souls that have a thirst for imagining and designing then these are the workshops for them!

Different workshops are available for different interests and age groups from Years 1 - 13



Spaces are limited to 12 per session.

Bookings are essential and payment in advance is required.

Bookings open on Monday 17th December 2018

Check out the timetable....

COME ONE, COME ALL

DANCEWORKS PRESENTS

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Saturday 15th December
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DEFINING A VISION FOR OUR DISTRICT, BEYOND 2050

We aspire to be a community that holds true to the values that collectively define what is unique about Queenstown Lakes District – our home.

These principles have been developed with a small but diverse group of our community. Once agreed, they will underpin everything we do:

PRIDE IN SHARING PARADISE KIA NOHO TAHI TĀTOU KĀTOA	THRIVING PEOPLE I WHAKAPUĀUAI HAPORI
BOLDLY EMBRACING MĀORITANGA I WHAKATINANA I TE AO MĀORI	FREE-THINKING, EXHILARATING OPPORTUNITIES I HE ŌHĀKA TAURIKURA
SOARING CREATIVITY I WHAKAHOHOO AUAHATAKA	CLEAN CONNECTIVITY I TĀIAO PARAKORE
A DEAFENING DAWN CHORUS I WARAKI	DISASTER-DEFYING RESILIENCE I HE HAPORI AUMANGĀ

HAVE YOUR SAY SESSIONS

MONDAY 17 DECEMBER
Franks Eatery, 24 Hawthorne Drive, Frankton
Drop in any time between 10.00am and 1.00pm!

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER
Yonder, 14 Church Street, Queenstown
Drop in any time between 3.00pm and 5.00pm!

Do these vision statements reflect your aspirations for our people, for our future?

Read more about what these vision statements mean and share your thoughts at www.qldc.govt.nz/vision-beyond-2050 by 25 January 2019

ALTRUSA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Queenstown Golf Club
Sunday 13th January 2019

Mens & Ladies Stableford, Mixed Field
Register 8.30am - Shotgun Start 9.00am

Entry Fee \$40 - Includes Lunch Platter

Entries to:
Ngaire Hayes 021 078 2997 or 442 7093
Email: familyhayesqtn@gmail.com
Queenstown Golf Club 442 9169

Excellent Prizes, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Live Auctions,
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Entries close Thursday 10th January
Draw can be viewed on: queenstowngolf.co.nz from
Friday 11th January.

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- If under 25 years of age whether you're on your learner or restricted licence, you can reduce the time it takes to get your full licence by six months when you complete an NZTA approved AA Defensive Driving Course.

Successful completion of the theory and practical components goes part way to completing Unit Standards 3464 and 3465. It also takes six months off the time required on a Restricted Licence.

- For information and bookings contact:
KAYE ROWELL 027 623 3534
kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz
www.lakesdrivingschool.nz



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must bring your licence with you at the commencement of the course
- All sessions must be completed in order
- Fees must be paid prior to course commencement
- The in-car practical must be completed within 60 days of the final in-class session

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for more information



THE QUEENSTOWN LIONS CLUB
invites all Wakatipu Senior Citizens

to a free afternoon tea with entertainment to celebrate the Christmas Season!

2.00pm Sunday 16th December 2018 - Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall

Space is limited so please book your seat now!

We can also provide or arrange free transport to and from the venue.

To make your booking, phone Peter Arnott on 0279 259 818

Or email: lions@queenstown.co.nz

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The Kate Moetaua Drama Collective

Are you interested in...

- The Performing Arts
- Being a Drama Queen
- Performing on Stage
- Writing your own Poetry
- Working behind the scenes of a production
- The Magic of Mime

Or Just Having *Fun* and Being *Creative*

Register your interest today for the Kate Moetaua Drama Collective for classes starting in Term 1 next year. Email thedramacollective@gmail.com or phone Jane Hughes 027 4511161 and we will be in touch with programme details in January 2019.

We have a variety of classes ranging from workshops in mime to theatre technologies to writing original poetry. Some may include learning how to devise your own scenes, understanding and using lighting for effect, creating amazing sets and installations, writing and performing your own amazing pieces. We are also looking at how our students can be actively involved in the community with many of the works they produce in their classes.

Get involved today and contact Jane; 027 4511161 or thedramacollective@gmail.com

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