



Wakatipu
HIGH SCHOOL

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Notices

Please click [here](#) to view Wakatipu High School's Student Notice Board.

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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.

Principal's Message

Kia ora - welcome to the end of the first week at WHS. As I said last week, our focus this week was settling to teaching and learning. Along with other senior leaders I have walked around the school a bit this week and it is great to see that we have settled well and are well and truly underway. Overall it has been a good start to the 2020 year.

You may have seen on our Facebook page that we had our first whole school assembly of the year this morning. It was great to come together as a school, and a key part of that was to acknowledge students' achievements in NCEA last year - more on that below.

2019 Results continued - following on from my piece last week about how well our students achieved last year are the Scholarship results which came out on Wednesday. Scholarships are the pinnacle of academic achievement, and to gain a Scholarship is a great achievement and honour. Sitting scholarship is optional and undertaken by our top scholars, who work hard with their teachers - often before and/or after school, throughout the year to prepare for them. We have just found out that our students have achieved 21 Scholarships last year (and we are confident of at least one more), including two Outstanding Scholarships. This is a fantastic achievement and our congratulations and our thanks go to those students and their teachers - who are listed below. Special congratulations to our 2019 Dux, Garth Harcombe, who achieved four scholarships, and to Hylton Briscoe and Bonny Turton who achieved Outstanding scholarships.

When you consider these great Scholarship results, our fantastic general results from last week as well as the \$500,000 worth of tertiary scholarships that our Year 13 students gained last year you can see that we really are delivering a great education for our students at WHS. As I said at the assembly this morning, as a school we work very hard to support our students to achieve and I do want to acknowledge all the work and effort from the school and staff - from the great teaching, to all the tracking and monitoring, and individual mentoring that we do to support our students to achieve.

Pounamu Assemblies - celebrate 2019 NCEA academic achievement. Pounamu Assemblies are in Houses as follows:

Arthur House Monday 17th 0900 - 0930

Duncan House Monday 17th 0930 - 1000

Fox House Wednesday 19th 0910 - 0940

Hay House Friday 21st 0900 - 0930

Mackenzie House Friday 21st 0930 - 1000

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies - please put it in your calendar if you wish to join us.

WHS Portal - earlier this week parents were emailed login details for our Portal. The **WHS Portal** is where you find the most up-to-date Academic Results, Student Details, Timetable, Attendance, NCEA Summary and Fees. Especially new parents should ensure they have received and read the email and can get into the Portal and have a look around. For technical support

regarding access to the Portal, or if you have not received the email (which could mean our contact info for you is incorrect), please contact portal@wakatipu.school.nz.

Extra-curricular Expo - Extra and co-curricular opportunities, including sports, arts, outdoors, community and leadership are an important opportunity for holistic development and an integral part of our great all-round education. Our annual Extra-curricular Expo highlights all the opportunities WHS has to offer and is on Tuesday 18th. New parents in particular should ensure their students are aware of this important event and get along and sign up - being involved in these opportunities is key to making the most of WHS's all-round education!

Year 9 Students - have made a good start to the year. I spoke to them this morning and particularly noted the Extra-curricular Expo above as being important for them - please make sure they are aware of it.

Also important for Year 9s is the upcoming Greenstone Camp, and important for Year 9 parents is the Camp Parent Info evening next Wednesday 12th at 7pm in the theatre - please come along.

Whanau Hui - for all Maori parents and students is being held on Tuesday 18th February, please see below for more.

Another sizable newsletter below, please do have a good look through it. It includes all sorts of information - right down to an article on the first ever WHS Team competing in the Coast to Coast today and an opportunity to go on a trip to NASA. We've also made a bit of a change to the layout of the newsletter - we hope you like it.

It is certainly good to get the year underway well and it will be good to get a full five days next week.

The very mixed weather of this week continues into the weekend with some rain tomorrow morning then improving - enjoy :)

Steve Hall, Principal

Scholarships 2020

Gareth Harcombe	Biology	Mr Jim Gilbert
	Calculus	Mr Dax Richards
	English	Ms Millie Harris
	Physics	Miss Kayleigh Murray and Ms Kate Jackson
Hylton Briscoe	Statistics - Outstanding	Ms Juliet Jones
	History	Mrs Barbara Kelly
Bonny Koehn-Turton	Photography - Outstanding	Mrs Abbey Brown
	Painting	Ms Leslie Koehn
Annie Black	Photography	Mrs Abbey Brown
Maria De Medeiros	Media Studies	Ms Jennifer Smart
Josh Drinkwater	Geography	Mr Ryan Gilbertson
June Ha	Photography	Mrs Abbey Brown
Elise Kennedy	Design	Ms Leslie Koehn
Emeline Lewis	Drama	Mr Jake Hansen
Carly McIlroy-Wattam	Design	Ms Leslie Koehn
Molly Richards	Design	Ms Leslie Koehn
Archie Ritchie	Economics	Ms Gemma Boel
Sarah Saint-Pere	Media Studies	Ms Jennifer Smart
Geena Slow	Painting	Ms Leslie Koehn
Jessica Staples	Painting	Ms Leslie Koehn
Hera Winders	Drama	Mr Jake Hansen

Buses

Students should now have their allocated bus route/s printed onto the student's ID cards. A reminder, the Ministry only provides the service to get from home to school and back again, so students must only travel on the route allocated to them. They cannot travel on other buses to get to sport, friends' houses, work, etc as there is simply no capacity to carry them and buses end up overloaded.

Students have also read through the expectations for their behaviour on buses. Students can be stood down from using the buses either temporarily or permanently if they do not adhere to these expectations.

As with each year, there is a settling period with the school buses and some adjustments may be made in the first few weeks as GoBus work through the numbers on each route; we will communicate any changes with you.

Please see the [buses](#) section of the school website for more information and the school bus timetables.

Purchasing Food at the School Cafe

Did you know you can pre-pay and load money on your student's Student ID card for purchasing food at the school cafe?! You can eliminate the need to send your student with cash, or having to put money in a bank account that could then be used anywhere for anything.

To load money onto their Student ID card, you can pay at school via cash/efpos etc or pay online (reference is the Student ID number on their ID card and "cafe" eg 15632 cafe). If you have questions please email office@wakatipu.school.nz.

WHS App

The WHS app is recommended for both student and parents, particularly new parents. This is how we communicate our most urgent and important notifications and reminders.

It's free to download and use for iOS and Android devices.



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

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

GENERATION GIVE

a programme of YPNZ

Applications for Generation Give 2020 are now open!

Generation Give is a 20 week Youth Philanthropy programme in which you will connect with local experts to acquire invaluable skills and experience in the non-profit sector. You will discuss and allocate \$10,000 to non-profits in the community at the end of the programme. If you have a passion for social change, philanthropy and leadership then we would love to hear from you.

Applications CLOSE on 21st Feb.

Apply [here](#) or email contact@ypnz.org to hear more.

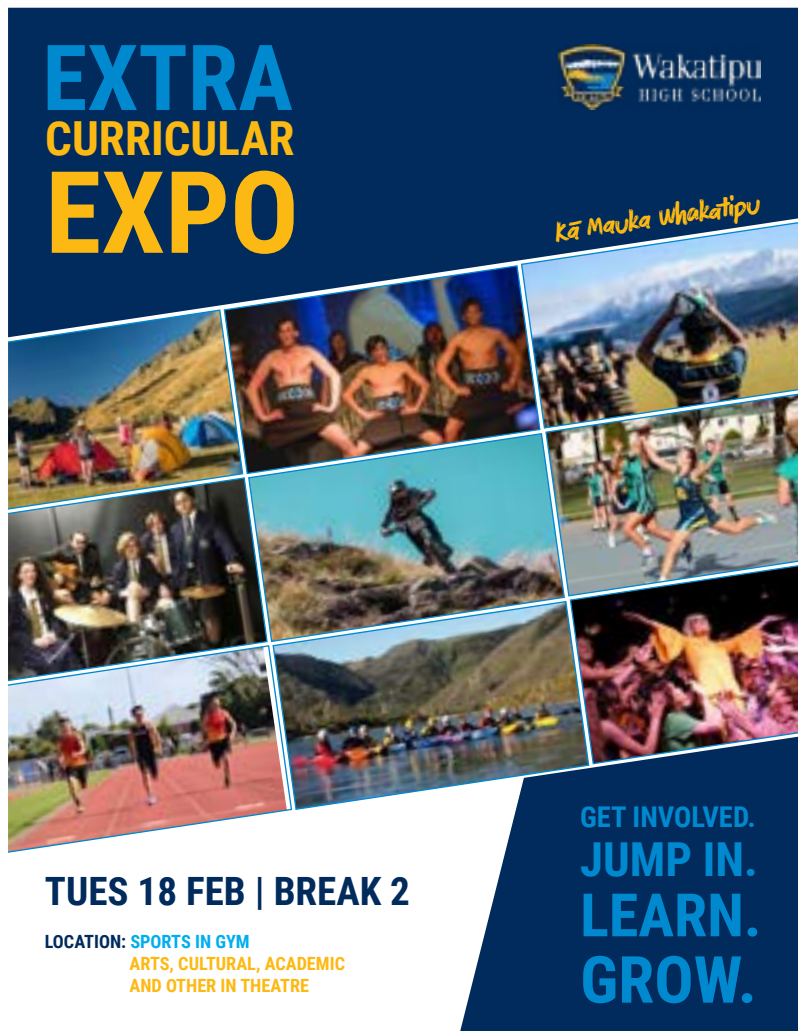
Extra Curricular Expo

The annual Extra Curricular Expo will take place at Break 2 on Tuesday 18th February in Te Kirikiri.

This is an important event and is the main way that students register for cultural, academic and sporting opportunities at WHS.

This year we are encouraging all students and parents to browse through the sports pages on the school website to see what opportunities there are available and what each sport involves before signing up on the day. When students put their name down at the expo this will be seen as a commitment for the year.

Check out the information for each sport [here](#).



EXTRA CURRICULAR EXPO

Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL

Kā Mauka Whakatipu

TUES 18 FEB | BREAK 2

LOCATION: SPORTS IN GYM
ARTS, CULTURAL, ACADEMIC
AND OTHER IN THEATRE

**GET INVOLVED.
JUMP IN.
LEARN.
GROW.**

Hui A Whanau

Nau mai. Haere Mai.

Kia ora Whanau,

We would like to warmly welcome all Māori whanau (parents & students) to a Hui a whanau to be held at the High School at 5.30pm on Tuesday the 18th of February.

The kaupapa for the Hui is to seek to understand your aspirations for our tamariki, whanau and school by sharing korero and whakaaro together.

Cultural responsiveness is a strategic priority for the school and the board of trustees. A cultural responsiveness plan is being developed by the school, which would benefit from Whanau engagement.

We acknowledge we have opportunities and challenges, one being, not having a Te Reo Māori teacher for our tamariki, which can be discussed at the hui.

Kaumātua Darren Rewi and I (Roni Bouchier BoT Whanau Representative) will host and facilitate the hui. We know it has been some time since the Whanau has come together, so we ask for your patience and contribution this evening. If you cannot attend, we will be sure to send out notes and next steps from the evening.

Proposed agenda:

5.30pm – Karakia timatanga

5.45pm – Nga kaupapa - Whanau - seek to understand

6.30pm- Kai

7pm to 7.30pm Whakaahu whakamua - Overview of cultural responsiveness plan

8pm – Karakia whakamutunga

If you can please [RSVP](#) by Sunday 16th Feb on whether you will be able to attend the Whanau Hui it would be appreciated, so we can get numbers for kai and refreshments right.

Nga Mihi

Music Department

Itinerant music lessons are currently being organised for students at all levels. Year 9 Music students will have this information in the email recently sent to all parents. For Years 10-13 the process is the same as in previous years where students see either Mrs Price or Miss Kumarr to organise lessons.

This year we are also looking to run two new initiatives:

WHS Choir - Friday afternoons in the Music area, run by Margaret O'Hanlon. If students are interested they need to let Mrs Price know asap so we can get this up and running in the next fortnight. The aim is to build a group that can take part in events and competitions down the track. The emphasis is on developing vocal technique, harmony skills and music reading skills. Open to Y9-13 students

Band Hub - Thursday afternoons for Y9 students. Working with a tutor to help make the transition from primary to high school band situations. Depending on numbers and interest, this could work with existing bands and /or students looking to develop their skills with other students with the aim of looking towards a band situation. Again, anyone interested needs to let Mrs Price know asap. If there is enough demand we could also look at a Friday afternoon session.

Sheilah Winn Shakespeare 2020

Auditions for Sheilah Winn Shakespeare 2020 will be held on Wednesday 12 February, at break 2.

If you are interested, please email [Ryan Connaghan](#) or find him in the music area.

Case Space School

An opportunity to get ahead, to learn and apply transportable skills in one of the world's most profound and inspiring STEAM environments, NASA.

The CASE Space School expedition is a life changing experience that inspires a new generation of STEAM-skilled leaders. The international study program is recommended to all students pursuing any career path.

There will be an information assembly this coming Friday 14th February in the school theatre at 9:30am for any students that may be interested in exploring this fantastic opportunity. Information will be made available for students to bring home and there will be a follow up parent information evening in early March.

Any students that are unable to attend the assembly due to other commitments can register their interest directly with me by [email](#). For more information please visit the [website](#).

Jim Gilbert, HoLA Science



Sports Results

New Zealand U18 Men's Ice Hockey Team

Congratulations to Maz Gregory and Cj Kemp who have just been named in the NZ U18 Men's Ice Hockey team to compete in the IIHF World Champs in Luxembourg in early March. An awesome achievement and we wish you well!

New Zealand U18 Women's Ice Hockey Team

Caitlin Hollyer and Gabby Mills are the two WHS members of the NZ U18 Women's Ice Hockey team who have been in Mexico City competing at the Division II Group B World Champs. The team was winless after the preliminary round of three games but had a tough semi-final against Spain losing 2-1 in overtime. The team then went on to play Mexico in the bronze medal match and lost 6-3.

Coast to Coast

For the first time WHS has a team competing in the school's category of this year's famous Coast to Coast multisport event. The team is made up of runner Linus Ritchie (Year 12), cyclist Sam Davis (Year 11) and kayaker Jess MacDonald (Year 11). These three keen athletes are sharing the grueling load over two days across 243km from Serpentine Beach on the West Coast to Brighton Beach in Christchurch. They set off at 7am this morning and can be tracked on the Coast to Coast app; Team #661. All the very best team!



Linus Ritchie, Sam Davis and Jess MacDonald

South Island Club Rowing Champs

The high school rowers had a very successful regatta at the South Island Club Champs at Lake Ruataniwha last weekend, picking up three golds, five silvers and three bronze medals. Congratulations to all rowers and coaches on these great results.

The medal winning performances were:

1st - Girls U15 coxed quadruple scull
Georgia Thomson, Olivia Key, Zara Mackley, Mia Burgess
with Emily Howick as coxswain.

1st - Women's intermediate coxed (four)
Sofia Taquet, Alicia Webster, Abby Phillips, Eliza Herron
with Charlotte Muir as cox.

1st - Men's U19 coxed quadruple scull
Loic Billoud, Oliver Bisley, Oliver Herron, Charlie Campbell
and Alex Thomson as cox.

1st - Men's double
Loic Billoud and Charlie Campbell.

2nd - Boys U15 octuple scull
Finn Brown, Tiwai Saxton, Marley King-Smith, Sam McAtamney,
Logal Noton, Will Donovan, Kaleb Poole, Harrison Rogers
and Bridie Gilbert as cox.

2nd - Girls U15 octuple scull
Georgia Thomson, Olivia Key, Zara Mackley, Neve Bates, Phoebe
Cavanagh, Holly Rogers, Mia Burgess, Ellie Shuttleworth
and Emily Howick as cox.

2nd - Women's Intermediate double scull
Evie Brown and Ruby Norton

2nd - Boys U17 double scull
Oliver Herron and Oliver Bisley, 2nd



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.

Sports Information

Information Evenings

This year there will be player and parent information evenings held in the school foyer for some of the larger sports delivered at WHS. Anyone interested in playing rugby or netball in 2020 is encouraged to come along with a parent/caregiver to receive information regarding the season, teams and opportunities available. All past players are also encouraged to attend.

WHS Rugby Information Evening: Thursday 27th February 6-7pm

WHS Netball Information Evening: Tuesday 10th March 6-7pm

Sports Opportunities

Athletic Development Programme

WHS Sports is rebranding and remodeling the sports academy in 2020 to what this school based opportunity is really about for students who are interested in developing further as an athlete.

The WHS Athletic Development Programme is open to all students passionate and motivated to improve their personal athletic performance and will be run and delivered by our new Sports Coordinator, Brad Fleming. Brad has extensive knowledge of strength and conditioning and training concepts, running the strength and conditioning programme at Tauranga Boys High School. Brad was also a professional rugby player for many years.

The programme will follow a similar format to the previous model with sessions taking place before or after school, two-three times a week for one hour. Groups are limited to 12 students. Seniors will be eligible to take part in the programme from Terms 1-3 and Juniors Terms 2-4. There is no longer a restriction to the number of terms a student can participate in the programme.

For more information please read this information sheet: [WHS Athletic Development Programme](#)

If you are interested in participating in the ADP and would like an application form, or have any questions, please contact [Brad Fleming](#).

Expressions of interest close Monday 10th February.

Coaches and Managers needed!

WHS is looking for coaches and managers for the following sports teams for 2020:

- Girls Football
- Netball
- Touch
- Volleyball
- Rugby

If you are interested in being involved and contributing to sport at WHS, please email [Laura Nathan](#) to find out more regarding the sport you are interested in.

Netball - Southern Steel Visit

Members of the Southern Steel are visiting WHS on Wednesday 12th February and will be running a session involving skills and drills from 3:45-4:45pm on the outside netball courts. Over 50 students have signed up and will be contacted individually with more information.



Queenstown Football Club Registrations

For anyone wishing to play regular weekly football, WHS will be running selection processes for 1st XI Boys, 1st XI Girls and Junior 1st XI Boys to play in school exchanges and compete in secondary school tournaments as part of winter tournament week in early September. Weekly girls football will be organised and run by the school.

To register click [here](#). Registrations close next Friday 14th February.

Tertiary Liaison Visits

Year 13 students are encouraged to attend these presentations. Year 12 students are also welcome to attend.

These visits provide opportunities for students to explore what particular programmes are offered by specific tertiary providers. Most students in Year 13 already have an idea on which presentations they will need to attend.

Please check in at the Careers Hub for the venues (yet to be confirmed).

Details below for dates and times of the Term 1 presentations:

Friday 6 March	AKO	Victoria Uni
Monday 9 March	AKO	Otago Polytech
Thursday 19 March	Break 3	Canterbury Uni
Friday 27 March	AKO	Otago Uni
Wednesday 1 April	Break 3	Lincoln Uni
Wednesday 8 April	AKO	Massey Uni
TBC	TBC	Auckland Uni

Open Day/Tertiary Information Visits for Year 13's

Year 13 students who are committed and serious about particular Tertiary Study in 2020 are invited to sign up for our school organised visits – we do all the travel and accommodation bookings for these (please do not do your own). Students are subsidised 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:

Canterbury Uni	TBC
Otago Uni	3 and 4 May
Otago Poly	
Auckland Uni	May (TBC)
Victoria Uni	20-22 Aug
Massey Uni	

This information is communicated to Year 13 students via e-mail and Year 13 Assemblies. In addition to the school organised trips the Careers Team supports students to attend experiences at other Universities and Polytechnics – please check with us for booking these.

We will be asking Year 13 students to sign up at different stages – they need to watch out for messages on the daily notices and the Careers board across the front of our desk for details.

Careers

Wakatipu Heating and Refrigeration

Have an opportunity for: Refrigeration Mechanic Apprentice
No experience is required, but someone with an interest in woodwork, metal work, maths would be helpful as it is a trade. We would like someone who can think on their feet and willing to work hard. A driver's license is required.

Contact: Lauren Griffiths 021 1944 087 accounts@wakatipuhr.com

Queenstown Events Center

Have an opportunity for: Part-Time Life Guards
Looking for students who are confident swimmers, over 16 years of age. We are aiming to start training for these roles at the end of January, in time for the Events Centre Pool to reopen in March.
Contact: Dot Leggett Aquatics Manager (QLDC) or Kate Maclean HR Advisor 021535311 kate.maclean@qldc.govt.nz

Harbour Fish Frankton

Have an opportunity for: Retail Assistant
Every Saturday, and a couple of weekday afternoons as available.
If interested email queenstown@harbourfish.co.nz - Rachel

Reminder to students to bring their Drivers Licence to the Careers Hub (which is located in upstairs in Students Services) if they wish to have the NZQA credits included on their Record of Learning. Learner's licence (Level 1 - Credits 2), Restricted Licence (Level 2 - Credits 4) and Full Licence (Level 2 - Credits).

Position Vacant

We are looking for a permanent part-time (30 hours per week) person with experience in Communications to join our Support Staff team.

If you have experience with numerous communications channels and are interested in joining our crew, you can find full details [here](#).

Andrea Wilton-Connell, Executive Officer

Important Dates

Date	Event	Who
Wednesday 12 February	Greenstone Camp Parent Evening 7-8pm	Year 9 Parents
Monday 17 February	Board of Trustees Meeting	
Tuesday 18 February	Extra-Curricular Expo	All Students
Tuesday 25 February	NCEA Parent Evening 6:30pm-8pm	Year 11, 12, 13 Parents
Wednesday 26 February	G&T Parent Evening 6:30pm-7:30pm	
Friday 28 February	Participation Day	All Students