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#### **Notices**

Please click here to view Wakatipu High School's Student Notice Board.

#### **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, snow sports and more.



#### **Principal's Message**

Kia ora and welcome to the WHS newsletter at the end of a very unique week.

Coronavirus - we are living in extraordinary times, and even a week ago not too many would have imagined that we would be in the situation that we now find ourselves. It has been a very different week for those of us involved in the response as we have both planned and prepared, as well as responded to the situation as it has evolved. Given that I have been communicating daily, and am going to again today, I will not say anything of note or new about coronavirus per se but there are a few related things I will mention.

The first is that we are very aware of the impact that this is going to have on Queenstown and the local economy, and therefore our families and ultimately students. Please do contact your student's Kaiarahi if you need to speak to us or let us know about anything, and do remember that our Awhi Fund is there to provide financial support for families so that students can access our great all-round education - please contact our Guidance Counsellors if you wish to discuss or access this.

Today has been a very good day focusing on preparing for remote teaching and learning. While I have mentioned it, I am not sure if everyone understands just how well placed we are as a school to do a great job of this. With the move to the new school several years ago we have been through the process of developing a very digital and personalised pedagogy - which is exactly what is required if the school closes. While we have essentially spent the day refining, polishing and preparing, this way of educating is bread and butter for us and we will do a great job of teaching and learning even if we are closed for a relatively long period of time.

Please also see my daily coronavirus update later today.

Junior 'Next Steps' - our Parent-Teacher meetings for junior students, are next Tuesday 24th. Please note that these are definitely still happening, and being run remotely (as per the email sent out) and we do expect all junior parents to engage with this process. Bookings are still open - please go to www. schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code t363f. School will close and buses will run for all students from 1.50pm.

**LE Reports** - LE #2 will be emailed out and on the Portal this evening. Please do have a look at these and check your student's engagement with their learning - particularly noting any 2s or 1s, especially if they are recurring. NB these LE Reports are timed well for Next Steps.

While the postponement of the Musical and cancellation of a number of sports is very disappointing for all those involved and is in the newsletter below, there are some great stories too, including an excellent piece from our Maori Lead Prefect, Lily Wiapo - do make sure you read it

A long weekend ahead with Otago Anniversary and no school on Monday. Mixed autumn weather for the three days with showers tomorrow and possibly Monday, and Sunday best for a late summer adventure. Just remember to maintain that social/physical distance.

He waka eke noa - we are all in this together!

Steve Hall, Principal

### **Coronavirus Symptoms Check**

# SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

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## Reminder!

#### **Overdue Books**

The library will be charging students for their overdue books next week. Please return any overdue books to the library as soon as possible. Thanks

Paula Bell, Librarian



#### All Shook Up Performs in the Foyer!

Yesterday, the students involved in the Musical showcased some of the songs during both breaks in the foyer. It was great to see such a lot of support from the student audience and it was a positive way for the cast to celebrate their progress to date. At this stage, the show is postponed until later in Term 2 and we are hopeful that everyone will get to enjoy this quality production which reflects the many weeks of rehearsal that has gone into it.

We would like to congratulate all the students involved in the Musical process this term which continues a tradition of great shows at WHS.

#### Alison Price - TIC Music/HoLA Arts

#### **Head Student Article - Lily Wiapo**

#### Happy Friday Everyone!

This week has been yet another hectic week in the Wakatipu Basin. To address the obvious, the Covid-19 pandemic has become a worry on a lot of people's minds, both in Queenstown and across the globe. It has caused the school's production of All Shook Up to be postponed to further in the year, the cancellation of the 2020 Aon Maadi Cup along with many other sports and events. Though it is a stressful time for both students and parents, the school encourages everyone to stay calm, optimistic and to continue to be strong despite this adversity. Remember to wash your hands and keep the school hygienic. If you feel unwell, please choose to stay home from school, until you feel better.

Despite the current events, the school is still moving forward and keeping it's usually flow. The academic year is really beginning to kick off for senior students as many subjects are starting (some even finishing) their first internal assessments. Many councils are running different activities and competitions, keeping students entertained and engaged during break times.

At the beginning of this week, Year 13 biology students took a trip to Portobello in Dunedin. They spent three nights there, studying different types of crabs and their responses to different environmental factors. It was an amazing opportunity for the students' learning and will be helpful in the near future.

Monday morning marked the beginning of The Breakfast Club, an event run by the Whanaungatanga council and the Community and Service council. As awesome as it would be, I'm not referring to the 1980's film. The Breakfast Club is a new opportunity for Wakatipu High School students to come along and enjoy a school-provided breakfast of cereal and milo while chatting and enjoying each other's company. It's an innovative way to feed students who may be too busy or forget to eat breakfast before they leave the house as well as encouraging students to get to know their peers in a casual and friendly environment. Make sure to check it out, it's on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We are looking forward to many more activities like these and to a good year ahead. Please remember to stay positive in times of adversity and to look after one another.

Ngā mihi,

#### Lily Wiapo - Māori Lead Prefect



### WHS Sports News & Results

#### **Summer Tournament Week Cancelled**

Late on Monday night NZ School Sport announced that all events on their calendar have been suspended. This means that all South Island and National level competitions and tournaments will not be going ahead. This will be reviewed on Monday April 6th. This decision has affected a number of our athletes and teams heading to the following competitions:

- Maadi Cup NZSS Rowing Champs
- NZSS Volleyball Champs
- SISS Touch Champs
- SISS Mountain Biking Champs
- SISS Athletics Champs

On Thursday morning Southland Secondary School sport cancelled all regional events that were on the calendar for the remainder of Term 1. At this time their are essentially no sporting events, tournaments or competitions running.

#### **Winter Sport Update**

National Sporting Organisations such as Rugby, Netball, Football and Hockey have all announced similar restrictions or suspensions on trials, trainings, pre-season games, matches and coaching clinics etc. We are communicating to players and parents involved in these sports the latest developments when they are announced.

Google Classrooms for each winter code are set up and will be used to communicate fitness and training exercises and programmes for players to follow and complete at home in order to continue preparations for winter sport and to stay active and healthy. There will be links to videos and clips to follow which the whole family can take part in.

#### **WHS Coaches Club**

On Tuesday night Grant Milne from Sport Otago delivered a presentation to 18 passionate WHS coaches on "Coaching for Character". The Coaches Club is a new initiative this year to help support, develop and grow our coaching quality and capacity within the school by creating a community around these very important volunteers. It is our intention to also get the Primary School's on board and broaden the impact that quality coaches can have on children and youth involved in sport.

If you would like to be put on the WHS Coaches Club mailing list, please email Laura Nathan.

#### **WHS Sports Hoodies 2020**

This year sports hoodies will be ordered through the sports department and will be a standard design. This is to create alignment of sports uniform items in the school, allows students to use the hoody for multiple sports and saves money for families.

The cost of a hoody is \$70.00 and will be charged to school accounts once ordered. Last name's only go on the back of hoodies. If you need to check sizes for hoodies, please meet Mrs Nathan in the fitness studio at the start of Break 2 next Thursday 19th March. Orders are to be placed by Friday 26th March. Please click on the link below to see the visual and order a hoody. Sports Hoody Order Form: Hoody Order Form

### Liv Flight, Skiing Success

Despite the chaos caused by coronavirus in more recent times, Liv Flight has just returned from a breakout Northern Hemisphere ski season. Liv's been training with the ISRA (International Ski Racing Academy) since December. This is a high performance ski academy based in Italy for female athletes, including a couple of World Cup racers, one being Alice Robinson. Liv had a lot of training sessions with Alice, which was a great learning experience!



Liv trained December and January, then late in January started the U16 International FIS races. She raced in Andorra, Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia over January and February. From this, she's gained international race experience and valuable knowledge of the European ski racing environment.

She capped off the season by winning a Slalom title in Sarajevo, Bosnia and achieved several top 10 finishes at several different venues was a good way to graduate from junior racing and focus now on FIS open points racing.

Keep up the good work Liv, Kā Mauka Whakatipu

**Ryan Gilbertson - Dean of Fox House** 

#### **SISS Rowing Champs**

38 WHS rowers competed at the SISS Rowing Champs at Lake Ruataniwha this past weekend. The squad won eight medals between them, a superb effort by all rowers, coaches and support crew. Congratulations to all involved on a very successful regatta. This event has now concluded the rowing calendar due to the cancellation of the Maadi Cup this year. This was a great way to finish the season although it will be incredibly disappointing for a number of these athletes not to compete at Maadi.

#### Gold

Under 17 Double Sculls
Oliver Herron & Oliver Bisley
Under 15 Coxed Quad Sculls
Georgia Thomson, Olivia Key, Zara Mackley, Mia Burgess
Cox Emily Howick
Under 15 Coxed Octuple Sculls

Georgia Thomson, Olivia Key, Zara Mackley, Mia Burgess, Phoebe Cavanagh, Neve Bates, Holly Rogers, Ellie Shuttleworth – Cox Emily Howick

#### Silver

Under 17 Pairs

Ed Forrest & Sam Rogers

Under 15 Double Sculls

Georgia Thomson & Olivia Key

Under 18 Double Sculls

Charlie Campbell & Loic Billoud

Under 18 Coxed Quad Sculls

Oliver Herron, Oliver Bisley, Charlie Campbell, Loic Billoud

- Cox Alex Thomson

#### **Bronze**

Under 18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls

Phoebe Cavanagh, Neve Bates, Holly Rogers, Ellie Shuttleworth

- Cox Emily Howick



Oliver & Oliver - U17Double Sculls



U15 Boys Coxed Octuple Sculls



U15 Girls Octuple Sculls



**U18 Coxed Ouad Sculls** 



**WHS Golf Team** 



Azaria Briscoe

#### **Otago Intercollegiate Golf Tournament**

The WHS Golf A Team of Nico Cheifetz, Jan Ebbinge, Liam Judkin and Sumin Kang won the Otago Intercollegiate Golf Champs at St Clair in Dunedin last Friday. This is a fantastic result and the team has now qualified for the NZSS Golf Champs in Hamilton during winter tournament week in early September. WHS beat John McGlashan by one shot to win the event. A big thank you to Simon Boland who took the team to this event and all of his support leading up to it.

#### **Auckland Regional Climbing Champs**

On Sunday 15th March, Azaria Briscoe (year 10, age 14) competed in the Auckland Regional Climbing Competition (official competition recognised by the national body 'Climbing New Zealand'). Azaria clearly took the win in the U16 girls category

Azaria was the only participant who succeeded in topping all three climbs in the first round. This was a significant feat in itself - no other competitor was able to top the third climb, some struggled on the second. She then went through into the finals and was again the only finalist to top the final climb. All other competitors fell about 1/3 of the way up the wall.

Azaria is being actively encouraged to compete at the National level. The Climbing New Zealand National Lead Climbing Competition is scheduled for May and the National Bouldering Competition in June. However due to Covid19 there is a high level of uncertainty.



#### 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.

#### **Southland Athletic Champs**

The WHS Golf A Team of Nico Cheifetz, Jan Ebbinge, Liam Judkin and Sumin Kang won the Otago Intercollegiate Golf Champs at St Clair in Dunedin last Friday. This is a fantastic result and the team has now qualified for the NZSS Golf Champs in Hamilton during winter tournament week in early September. WHS beat John McGlashan by one shot to win the event. A big thank you to Simon Boland who took the team to this event and all of his support leading up to it.

A 30 strong contingent of WHS students competed at the Southland Athletic Champs at the newly laid track at Surrey Park in Invercargill on Saturday. There were some awesome results across all disciplines by a wide range of athletes. The top three placings in each discipline qualify for the SISS Athletic Champs, no longer going ahead now. A huge thank you to Neville Britton and all parents who travelled down and supported the squad. A full list of results for the day can be found: here. Below is a list of all the WHS place getters:

Ben Baker	2nd U14 Boys Long Jump		
Hannah Battrick	1st U16 Girls 3000m		
Logan Campbell	3rd U15 Boys 3000m, 3rd U15 Boys 1500m		
Aleks Cheifetz	1st Senior Boys 1500m		
Eliana Collins	1st U14 Girls Long Jump, 1st U14 Girls High Jump, 1st U14 Girls 80m Hurdles		
Louie Conway	2nd Senior Boys 1500m		
Jude Deaker	2nd U14 Boys 3000m, 2nd U14 Boys 1500m		
Sammy Fookes	1st U15 Girls, Long Jump, 1st U15 Girls 1500m, 1st U15 Girls 800m		
Joao Gonclaves	3rd U15 Boys High Jump		
Maisie Grufferty	2nd U15 Girls High Jump, 2nd U15 Girls 200m Dash		
Caitlin Hollyer	2nd U15 Girls 400m, 2nd U15 Girls 800m, 3rd U15 Girls 100m Dash		
Pippa McAtamney	1st U14 Girls 1500m, 1st U14 Girls 800m		
Bridget O'Malley	3rd U14 Girls Shot Put		
Jackson Rogers	1st Senior Boys High Jump		
Stella Stretch	3rd U14 Girls High Jump		
Lucy Viggers	1st Senior Girls High Jump		
Milly Wikstrom	2nd U15 Girls 3000m, 3rd U15 Girls 1500m		
Carmen Woodhouse	1st Senior Girls 800m, 2nd Senior Girls 1500m		
Lennox Fa'amalepe Lucas Haas Ben McAuliffe Ban Baker	3rd U14 Boys 4x100m Relay		
Maisie Grufferty Aurora Macleod Caitlin Hollyer	1st U15 Girls 4x100m Relay		

Sammy Fookes



#### **Southland Secondary School Touch Champs**

The Southland Touch Champs were rescheduled from last Tuesday to this Tuesday which meant the WHS was only able to field one team due to a number of senior students on a field trip. This gave some junior players an opportunity to play for the Senior A team. WHS faced off against our traditional foes, Central Southland College in the final which went down to the wire before CSC scored at the very end to win 6-5. WHS finished second, again at the Southland Touch Champs. A big thank you to Steve McIsaac who took the team on the day.

#### **SISS Adventure Racing**

WHS had two teams compete in the SISS Adventure Racing Champs held in Cromwell last weekend. It was a tough day out on course for both teams who had injuries and clue issues to deal with. On time the Boys team did well (would have finished 4th) and got 12 checkpoints but unfortunately got a wrong clue at checkpoint 3 which meant their placing was not counted. Similar misfortune struck the Mixed team who finished the race with 8 check points but only three team members as one suffered an injury during the race.

#### **Careers and Opportunities**

#### **Liaison Visits Coming Updated**

Due to the changing and dynamic environment as a result of Coronavirus, the Tertiary Trip to the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic has been postponed to a later date to be advised.

Year 13 students are encouraged to attend these presentations. Year 12 students are also welcome to attend these liaison sessions. These visits provide opportunities for students to explore what particular programs are offered by specific tertiary providers. Most students in Year 13 already have an idea of 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 27 March	AKO	Otago Uni	
Wednesday 1 April	Break 3	Lincoln Uni - Cancelled	
Wednesday 8 April	AK0	Massey Uni	
Friday 15 May	AKO	Auckland Uni	
Thursday 28 May	Break 2	ARA Polytech	

#### **Important Dates**

Date	Event	Who
Monday 23 March	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)	All
Tuesday 24 March	Junior Next Steps (REMOTE)	Year 9s and 10s

Please refer to the school calendar and check your emails regularly for updates on upcoming dates and events.

#### **Possible Job Opportunity**

QLDC is very keen to engage with local students who might be looking for work during their school holidays. There is a role as a Holiday Programme Leader, for the holiday programme that runs each holiday period.

The details for the job are here.

Applications close - Wednesday 25th March.



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- Patient must register and activate account before the 31st March 2020
- One entry into the prize draw per MMH account
- Prize will be drawn and winner notified by 7th April 2020





# **Pacific On-Campus Experience**

- live in a residential college (two nights stay)
- attend the Dunedin Tertiary Open Day.

When: Sunday 3-Tuesday 5 May 2020

Scholarship: Covers all expenses (travel, accommodation, meals and programme activities)

#### Interested?

- a reference from your school principal writing a 500 word essay: "NCEA My plan on how to achieve excellence at the end of the year"

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Applications close 5pm Friday 13 March 2020





# On Campus Experience (OCE) Scholarship

Closing date for applications: Friday 13 March 2020

The On Campus Experience (OCE) is a fully funded scholarship that provides an amazing opportunity for senior secondary students of Maori descent to experience learning at the University of Otago. The scholarship covers flight costs, accommodation at a residential college, food, programme activities and light entertainment. Students will be selected to participate in one of the two OCE scholarship programmes offered in 2020.

Students will explore the Otago campus and the student city of Dunedin. They will also have the opportunity to attend lectures in their areas of interest as well as meet academic staff and students.

The OCE allows students to experience life in a residential college and meet the Māori Centre staff who provide great support for Māori students when they come to Otago. All successful recipients of the OCE scholarship will travel to Dunedin on one of the two

Entries are sought from Year 13 students of Māori descent, who are currently enrolled in a New Zealand secondary school, and considering studying at the University of Otago in 2021. All applicants should be students who are completing their final year of secondary schooling, and are likely to gain University Entrance.



For further enquiries, please contact:
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# EARTH DAY CRAFTS

Join us these school holidays to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day!

Making small changes add up to making a big difference. Let's work together and learn about creating a healthy, more sustainable future as we make some earth-friendly crafts Children are encouraged to bring in their own items to use on the day - every bit counts!



#### QUEENSTOWN

Tue 14 April [10.30-11.30am] Plastic and/or glass jars

Wed 15 April [10.30-11.30am] Plastic milk jud

Thu 16 April Celebrate
Children's Day with Deano Yipadee!

[10.30-11.30am] Egg Cartons Tue 21 April [10.30-11.30am] Clear plastic bottle (1.5l)

Mon 20 April

Wed 22 April [10.30-11.30am] wo old T-shirts (adult size)

#### **FRANKTON**

Wed 15 April Clear glass jars

Thu 16 April [5.00-6.00pm] Celebrate Children's Day with Deano Yipadee!

Fri 17 April [10.30-11.30am] Two old T-shirts (adult size)

Wed 22 April [10.30-11.30am] Egg cartons

Thu 23 April [10.30-11.30am] Clear plastic bottle (1.5l) & four plastic bottle lids

Fri 24 April [10.30-11.30am] Cereal or muesli bar cardboard boxes

Tue 14 April [2.00-3.00pm] Paper monsters

Thu 16 April [2.00-3.00pm] Paper puppets

Tue 21 April [2.00-3.00pm] Paper feathers

Thu 23 April [2.00-3.00pm] Paper bag stars

#### **KINGSTON**

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# Swim Club Sign On Day CANCELLATION

Due to the current health precautions our community is taking to help prevent the spread of COVID 19, Queenstown Swim Club has cancelled this Saturday's Sign On Day.

We thank you for your understanding. We look forward to holding a Sign On Day in the future. Take care and stay healthy.

**Queenstown Swim Club** 

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