



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of the first week of the new Term 2. While it has only been a short week it has certainly felt plenty busy in our new normal of remote teaching and learning. In general it has been a very good week at WHS. Remote teaching and learning has been going very well. Staff are doing a great job of delivering education remotely, and students are doing a great job of being engaged with that education.

We have really focused on attendance this week - primarily as a means to identify students who are not engaged in or accessing learning. Overall our attendance has been very high (and higher than a 'normal' day at school) which is fantastic. Our processes identified only one student who had internet access or device issues, and a small number of other students/families who needed a range of other assistance and support. It has certainly been a useful process for us to ensure our students are accessing and engaged with their learning. Attendance is important and an area where we do need parent support - please see the piece below.

I do have a couple of other comments re remote teaching and learning. The first is that while it is going really well there are some subjects that are better suited to it than others. This particularly includes very practical subjects, and while staff are doing their best some forbearance will be required - we are all looking forward to when we can get back to normal school for these subjects and so many other parts of our great all-round education. In a similar vein, I raised with students in the assembly which begun the term on Wednesday morning, that a number of our staff are working in very different conditions to normal, particularly doing remote teaching and learning while caring for young children and other dependents in their bubble - no easy task as you can appreciate, and some tolerance and patience may be required at times.

In Wednesday's assembly I told students that they needed to focus on two things - their wellbeing and their education. We do appreciate this is an extraordinary time for our young people and their families, and while many are displaying great resilience and doing just fine, for a range of reasons others are finding it more challenging. Please encourage your student to take care of themselves holistically, and to seek support if they need it - their Kaiarahi or our Guidance Counsellors are the place to start. While it is a balance which some of you may need to manage, it is also important that students focus on their education. Our aim is to continue to deliver education in which students are engaged and which enables them to learn, progress and achieve - but in the new normal of remote teaching and learning, students play a particularly important part in being responsible for their education. Please support your student to do their best.

In terms of education and learning, below we have included a section on a number of educational initiatives that have been set up by the Ministry of Education - including television and Te Reo Maori, do check it out. Also below is a piece on assessment - which we know senior students have had questions about. Finally, also below is also a piece on internet safety and a filtering tool which N4L (who provide schools internet) have made available to families.

Like us, many of you will have watched yesterday's announcement re Alert Level 3 with great interest. We still need clarification on some aspects of it, which we expect we will get early next week (after Monday's announcement re Levels). When we have finalised what it means for us - and if we go to Level 3, we will update you. A reminder that the MoE has said that the earliest any Level 3 mode would begin would be Wednesday 29th - still nearly two weeks away.

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Notices

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

Facebook

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.

Key Dates

Click [here](#) for upcoming key dates

Covid-19 support

QLDC Welfare Registration Form

As the COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak unfolds, it has become clear that a number of people in our community may need additional assistance with day-to-day costs of living, access to essential services, and basics such as food.

You may request assistance from the Queenstown Lakes District Council by completing [this form](#) - a welfare response team assessor will phone you within 72 hours to evaluate and address your need.

Central Government Resource Hub

www.covid19.govt.nz

Local Government Resource Hub

www.qldc.govt.nz

Healthline

0800 358 5453

Wakatipu High School Remote Learning Guidelines

[Parent Remote Learning Guidelines](#)
[Student Remote Learning Guidelines](#)

As I said in my piece at the end of last term, we are very aware of the impact that coronavirus and the lockdown is having on the national and local economies, and our families. Please do contact your student's Kaiarahi if you need to speak to us or let us know about anything, and remember that our Awhi Fund is there to provide financial support for families to enable students to access our great all-round education - please contact our Guidance Counsellors if you wish to discuss or access this.

Junior 'Next Steps' - our Parent-Teacher meetings with Kaiarahi for junior (Year 9 & 10) students, are being held remotely next Tuesday 21st. We really do want all junior parents to engage with Next Steps, please see below for more including how to book your time.

Well, I really hope everyone is doing ok in these extraordinary times. Please do ensure our young people are sticking to their bubbles so that we can get this done and move forward. He waka eke noa - we are all in this together. Take care of yourselves and your fellow bubblers :)

Steve Hall, Principal

Attendance

If a student is ill or unable to attend their online classes normal attendance processes apply. Please ring the school or email attendance@wakatipu.school.nz.

It is good for the teachers to know that a student is ill or an explained absence. There is a lot happening in many family 'bubbles' in this highly uncertain time. Please communicate with us so we can support your student in the best way possible. We have many different ways we can approach supporting students learning.

Parents and Guardians can still view student attendance via the Portal (same link and password school sends for reports). When you view attendance please note that 'F' means they attended the online class, and 'X' is a class that does not hold a Google Meet (so the roll was not taken) for example Study classes that are not currently running.

We will follow up on patterns of absence in the interest of supporting students' learning. We would strongly encourage parents and guardians to look at your student's attendance and discuss any absence with them.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please email the Kaiarahi, subject teacher or Dean.

Junior Next Steps

Junior Next Steps (ie Year 9 and 10 students only) provides an opportunity for Students and Parents to meet with their Kaiarahi to discuss the students progress and achievement and, given these uncertain times, is more important than ever. Junior Next Steps have been rescheduled for next Tuesday 21 April.

Parents and students will have a 15 minute meeting with their student's Kaiarahi. While the student's progress and achievement will be discussed, this is also a good opportunity to ask any questions, organise any extra support that could help in this 'new normal' that is remote teaching and learning, and pass on any information you think will help us best support your student.

Kaiarahi have allocated times when they can be available. To book an appointment [click here](#).

The meetings will be conducted using Google Meet (the same platform we are using for our remote teaching and learning). NB On Tuesday morning you will get an email from your Kaiarahi with a link for the meeting.

If none of the times available work with your 'bubble', please email your student's Kaiarahi directly to arrange another time.

As indicated at the top, this is a really important opportunity for us to talk with you about your student's learning, progress, achievement and wellbeing and we do expect all parents to attend Junior Next Steps.

Assessments

NCEA assessments are still going to continue to happen as per the assessment calendars. Before lockdown, teachers reviewed their course calendars and made any necessary adjustments to the timing of assessments to ensure that only those that could occur at home were scheduled at this time. Therefore, you can expect that your child will be working on or preparing for assessment.

For some assessments, a teacher may require that parents/caregivers can ensure certain conditions (resource use, timing, etc) and if that is the case, you will hear directly from the subject teacher or Head of Learning Area about what is required.

Students with Special Assessment Conditions (SAC's) are still entitled to receive these and teachers are aware of the process that needs to be followed. Please do contact the subject teacher or Mrs Adolph regarding SAC's if there are any questions.

Donation Tax Credit Claims

It is that time of year again to claim a tax credit on your donation to us from the Inland Revenue.

If you have paid your General School Donations and/or Curriculum (subject) Donations, you are able to claim a tax credit from the Inland Revenue for this tax year (1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020). You can claim 33.33 cents for every dollar you have donated. Any payments received into our bank account on or after the 1st April will be banked in the following tax year, i.e. 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

We will be emailing out donation receipts for the tax year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 by the end of April. If you haven't received this by 1st May, please check your spam box in case the receipt has gone into your spam folder.

Inland Revenue (IRD) advise that there's no need to complete a paper form this year because you can now claim donation tax credits online in a myIR account, Inland Revenue's secure online service. You'll receive your refund much sooner.

Your receipts can be electronic receipts, or photos or scans of paper receipts.

Your receipts can be uploaded anytime during the year.

You can find more information [here](#).

Free Web Content Filter

When children learn from home, it's important to make sure they stay safe online. A new free web content filtering application has been created by N4L in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and Netsafe.

More information regarding this opt-in solution can be found at <http://switchonsafety.co.nz/>.

Ministry of Education - Lockdown Learning



In addition to Wakatipu High School teaching and learning, the Ministry of Education have developed a number of initiative and learning opportunities, which are set out below.

Home Learning | This week Papa Kāinga TV started education broadcasting for early learners and students in Years 1–10. They are free to air, on TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502. They will run on air for one month, with provision to extend beyond that if needed, from 9am to 3pm on schooldays. Content is grouped for early learners and students by age range, and include play, literacy, mathematics, science, te reo Māori, physical education and wellbeing. All of the programmes feature highly experienced teachers and presenters, along with wellbeing and movement experts. You can view the schedule [here](#).

The MoE is working to provide a range of distance learning options for ākonga and whānau in reo Māori and Maori medium education settings. Keeping te reo Māori flowing in our kainga during times where we can't connect as usual is paramount. The distance learning package provided aims to offer many options to engage in te reo Māori educational content using online material, hardcopy resources and live tv.

Ki te Ao Mārama is a new online space on kauwhatareo.govt.nz that provides whānau with practical advice, guidance and resources to use with their tamariki. It's also intended to support the learning plan that kaiako may have prepared for their ākonga. The site is available in both te reo Māori and English, and has a range of learning materials to cover ākonga in kōhungahunga, kura, wharekura, and te reo Māori immersion settings.

The content includes activity templates, planning guides, links to helpful resources and access to storybooks, all conveniently arranged by age group. Ki te Ao Mārama hard copy learning packs are also available, to apply complete [this form](#).

Live TV – Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora

Māori Television also launched 'Mauri Reo Mauri Ora', broadcast via the Te Reo Channel on SkyTV and Vodafone TV Channel 52, Free view channel 15 and [Māori TV website](#) from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am-3pm for the next 10 weeks.

Talanoa Ako

Talanoa Ako (to talk and discuss education and learning) is a Pacific responsive education programme that builds Pacific families knowledge about education and learning. The 10 week programme begins 20 April, building the confidence and capability of parents to support their children's learning and have equitable partnerships with their children's schools. Sessions will be provided via radio and an app. This ensures Pacific families have access to the advice and guidance they need at home to support their children's education in their own languages. Email [Talanoa Ako mailbox](#) for info.

Wellbeing for all

Alongside priorities for learning, the wellbeing of students and whānau will be front of mind. The MoE has information focused on supporting a child's learning at home for parents, caregivers and whānau. [This resource](#) adds to the information we have previously provided supporting conversations with children about COVID-19.

TVNZ 1's Breakfast Show Guest Presenter!



Jack Smillie presenting on TVNZ Breakfast Show

It's been fantastic to see how our students have kept busy during the lockdown. A particularly good effort was from Jack Smillie, in year 9, who made his own green screen at home to present the weather on National TV!

Jack entered a competition to present the weather on TVNZ 1's Breakfast Show in the absence of the usual presenter, Matty McLean.

After doing such a fantastic job they chose him to Skype in and present the weather live.

Jack said he became particularly interested in presenting and broadcasting when he visited the Breakfast studio in Auckland a couple of years ago. Could this be the start of something?

Incase you missed it, you can watch Jack's competition entry [here](#).

Head Student Address - 2020 Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements are the pages that often get skipped while reading a book. Thousands of people who aren't recognised for their impact. During these difficult times I think there are many people who might be forgotten or are looked over.

Of course we are filled with gratitude for Jacinda, Ashley and the vast numbers of health workers in New Zealand. They are leading us towards a safer country where we can return to school and slowly make our way back to "normal" life.

But what about the less obvious people who are doing much more than expected from home, and in their jobs? None of it happens by accident.

Thank you to platforms like Google Meet and Zoom for keeping us connected and continue striving for excellence in school. Thank you to the parents who are taking care of their children full time while balancing their own jobs and challenges. Thank you to all the drivers and delivery workers who help us get fed. And the teachers who have completely changed how they teach us.

This is only a very small group of all the people who need to be thanked for their effort during this pandemic. Let's make sure we do thank them.

For myself, these past three weeks have been a unique opportunity to be creative and do what I enjoy. For me it's music. Myself and Ryan Connaghan (Arts and Cultural Lead Prefect), have set up a project for the music students at school. We are creating a quarantine album titled Bandemic, and anyone can submit a song they have written and recorded over the isolation period.

The idea has gained quite a lot of attention. I even ended up being able to talk about it live on the National News thanks to Turn Up the Music, a local organisation that has been very generous to our music students. In the upcoming weeks we will keep updating on when this will be released.

I truly hope that everyone is staying safe and continuing with online classes with as much effort they would at normal school. Stay thankful and kind to those around you.



Greta Balfour on The AM Show

To watch Greta's interview on national news [click here](#).

To submit a song to Bandemic please email: Greta Balfour or Ryan Connaghan.

Greta Balfour, Head Girl

Arts Department

Itinerant Music Lessons

The itinerant music lessons continue to run and students have access to all the lesson times in their Classrooms. The main difference is that most of the sessions will run in the afternoon after 12.30.

Saxophone: Tues/Wed.

Trumpet/Trombone: Wednesday. The students taking Brass/Woodwind have all been emailed earlier and should put the times given on their calendars for next week. They will then make contact with the tutor themselves at the day/time set.

Drums: Wednesday. I need to hear from those students currently taking Drum lessons to see if they want online sessions with the tutor as I am aware many may not have access to a drum kit. However, watching the skills being demonstrated can still have huge value and there are still things that can be worked on from home. I would encourage drum students to contact me and we can set up those lessons.

Guitar: Monday/Tuesday. The Guitar tutor will set up Google hangout sessions for all the groups for next week.

Students are expected to be at their lessons or let me/the tutor know if they cannot be there prior to the session. The tutors will be waiting for students so please check emails for any updates and be sure of when your lesson is.

We will review this after next week and streamline if needed. Please contact me if you have any questions around this process.

Music Groups and Events

Obviously groups are on hold until we know what the situation.

The jazz bands will have regular meetings with the tutors to keep the process going. At this stage, the Blenheim jazz trip is still happening.

Rockquest is also still happening although the format may change. Groups need to be in contact with each other via hangouts so that things can come together quickly when needed.

Band Hub and Choir will happen when the school is fully functioning again.

Key dates

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| April 23 | Play It Strange songwriting competition (Peace Song) |
| May 7 | Rockquest Entries due |
| June 12/13 | Rockquest Heats |
| June 20 | Rockquest final |
| July 2 | Play it Strange songwriting (Lion Foundation) |
| TBC | Big Break |
| TBC | Musical |

Bandemic

Bandemic has been set up by two Y13 students, Ryan Connaghan and Greta Balfour, for student songwriters within the school to create an album of songs while under lockdown.

This process is still happening and we look forward to seeing the finished results in a few weeks.

Huge thanks to Turn Up the Music for providing the opportunity for Greta to profile this on TV3 last week. Paul Inger has also kindly offered to help with the recording of the songs down the track.

Alison Price, HoLA Arts



CREATIVITY SKILLS INSPIRATION

Arts Suggestions for Lockdown

The Arts department has put together a Site for people to access which has links to resources for "Creativity", "Skills" and "Inspiration". A great place to go if you are needing some Arts time.

To access the site click [here](#).

We were also really pleased to see some great words from Nathan Wallis commenting on the importance of creativity and the value of the Arts at this time.

To read the commentary please click [here](#).

Sports News, Results and Information

Results

Southern United Football Academy

Congratulations to the five WHS footballers selected for the Southern United Football Academy. Trainings and games will commence later this year. Well done all!

14th Grade:

Ben McAuliffe
Stan Blair
Raphael Conway
Eamon Donovan

15th Grade

Cato Williams

Otago Cricket Community Awards

It was a great haul for current and ex Wakatipu High School students at this year's Otago Cricket Community Awards with three players acknowledged at the end of year prize giving. Paige Loggenberg was recognised as the Women's U19 Rising Star after a memorable season with bat and ball which saw her record the highest score for Otago at the National U19 tournament in Lincoln with an unbeaten 49. Toby Hart was named U17 Boys Bowler of the Year after being the top wicket taker at the national tournament and former student Cameron Jackson was named U19 Men's Batter of the Year. Congratulations to these fine athletes and for all of the hard work put into a successful season.

Careers and Opportunities

2020 Pathway Presentation

Liaison Visits Coming Up

All Year 13 students have been directly invited to attend the following online sessions with the following Universities. These sessions will provide opportunities for students to explore what particular programs are offered by specific tertiary providers and explore possible scholarship opportunities.

If students are possibly interested in further study with these institutions we strongly encourage them to attend these presentations, and the beauty with the lock down is you as parents are also most welcome to attend.

Usual online etiquette is required:

- Please turn off your cameras and microphones as you enter the google meet.
- Type your questions to the presenter in the 'chat' app of the google meet.

Information

Sport in Lockdown Update

Training Programme

A reminder that there is a google classroom for each sport that students playing those sports have been invited to. These have been running for a number of weeks now and Matua Brad has been posting regular physical fitness sessions on these as part of a long term training programme.

F45 Sessions

A big thank you to our friends at F45 who have run some free trial sessions for our sports teams and for all students at WHS this week. From next week there will be regular sessions for our sports teams to access that will be paid for by the Sports Department. More information will be communicated to teams once the plan has been sent. We really encourage all athletes to make the most of this great opportunity.

Skills and Drills

There are also skill and drill activities posted from the Sky Sport Next Home Advantage Youtube Channel which are designed to be done at home in your bubble. Here is a link to this channel to access more sessions: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sport+next+home+advantage.

Looking Ahead

It is really important that students continue to be physically active at the moment, primarily for personal wellbeing but when we can get back into sport it will likely be a quick transition into some form of competitive season and students will need to be well conditioned to prevent injury and to make the most of whatever the season will look like. We do know that sport will look different for 2020 and that the normal opportunities that are presented through each code may not exist to the same degree this year. We will be doing our very best to ensure that sport will run within the parameters that are set out by the government and School Sport NZ. So students, please stay active, motivated and engaged over the coming weeks.

Key Dates

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| 15 April | Term 2 Begins with Remote Teaching and Learning |
| 20 April | University of Otago 'visit' - remote |
| 21 April | Junior Next Steps (Parent/Student/Kaiārahi) by Remote |
| 22 April | Massey University 'visit' - remote |
| 24 April | Learning Engagement (LE) Report #3 available on the Portal |
| 27 April | Anzac Day 'Monday-ized' - Public Holiday - No School |
| 28 April | MoE teacher only day - TBC* |
| 1 May | Junior and Senior Progress and Achievement Summary (PAS) Reports - available on the Portal |
| 6 May | Senior Next Steps (Parent/Student/Teacher) - Interviews by Remote |

*Yet to be confirmed

Monday 20th April
University of Otago
2pm-3pm
meet.google.com/aun-payn-nag

Wednesday 22nd April
Massey University
2pm - 3pm
meet.google.com/mts-jzkh-wxu

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Careers Team!

Wakatipu High School FOUNDATION

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The WHS Foundation funds a range of initiatives within Wakatipu High School, including supporting students who are struggling financially to encouraging high academic achievement and making many important extra-curricular activities possible.

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Find out how you can support the students in your school community by visiting www.wakatipuhfoundation.co.nz

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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

