

Wakatipu

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Notices

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

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Key Dates

Click here for upcoming key dates



Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter on the eve of our return to school in Alert Level 2. Once again my, pretty long, piece will be Covid-focused today.

I hope that some of you got to see my Assembly today - it set out all that students needed to know re returning to school next week, including how the school will operate in Level 2, rules and expectations, and info on our staggered start (you can click here to view it if you wish). My piece today will cover the main points from my assembly words.

I began by giving my congratulations to everyone students and staff, for the great job everyone has done with remote teaching and learning during the lockdown. I then noted that students needed to be mindful of the fact that no matter how they feel about returning to school - from excited, to not so keen to nervous, that there would be people with the full range of responses around them and that they needed to be mindful and respectful of that.

Rules & Expectations - I then covered the rules and expectations that the Government/MoE and we have for returning to school in Level 2. Below are the key points:

Government/MoE

- If you are sick you need to stay at home.
- Hand hygiene is very important. We have setup approximately 20 hand sanitising stations throughout the school. Students need to wash their hands and use these stations.
- Cleaning the requirement is that we clean high-touch areas daily but at this stage we are going to have a full-time cleaner onsite to do that more often.

- Physical distancing as I noted in last week's newsletter, students need to maintain 'breathing space' and not touch each other, but there are no actual minimum distance requirements for schools in Level 2.
- PPE there is no requirement nor recommendation for PPE, but if a student wishes to wear a mask that will be fine.

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- Except for Year 13s, we do not want students
 to go to Remarkables Park and shops such as
 New World. While Year 9-12 students are not
 allowed to do this during the day anyway, we
 are also asking this before and after school.
 This is primarily because of the difference
 between the physical distancing rules at
 school compared with the community.
 Year 13s offsite will need to abide by the
 community physical distancing rules. Please
 check with your student re this.
- Before school and during breaks we want students in the building to be seated.
- We will review these rules as we settle into school and as Levels change.
- Finally in terms of our expectations, we want students to be calm and good citizens as they return to school, and our staggered start is to support a good return.

Staggered Start and Return to School - as I flagged earlier in the week, we are going to bring our students back to school over two days on Monday and Tuesday. The key points of this and returning to school are:

 Monday - Seniors only at school, juniors remote teaching and learning from home.

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- Tuesday Juniors only at school, seniors remote teaching and learning from home.
- The timetable will be the normal school timetable, although Tuesday is slightly revised to include starting with an Ako Time - please see separate section below for details. Monday will be Week 6, Day 1.
- Part of the transition back to school is starting both days with an Ako Time, which will be an opportunity for students to reconnect with peers and their Kaiarahi.
- Wednesday all students at school, normal timetable (Day 3).
- · Full school uniform.
- Cafe will be open, for card transactions only (no cash).
- Extracurricular activities including sport, music, clubs etc are part of our great allround education and an important aspect of wellbeing for many of our students, and in principle we want these to get back up and running. There are some sports that are sorting out how they will operate with the differences between school and community rules in Level 2, but students should watch the Notices and for emails as these get underway again.
- A reminder that if you need your junior student to come to school on Monday, or if your child will not be at school next week, please email Mr Nathan (onathan@wakatipu. school.nz).

Buses - there is a story re buses, both MoE & public. Please see Mrs Panapa's separate section below.

Support - I said to students that if they need support as they return to school they should reach out to their Kaiarahi or our Guidance Counsellors. I also noted that there is a lot of support for families and mentioned our 'Support and Wellbeing' page below, which has a great list of the various agencies who are providing a wide range of support for individuals and families.

Finally, I concluded by saying that we'd done a great job so far as a country and as a school - but that we weren't finished yet, and that we needed to return to school well. To do that they needed to be good citizens - mindful and respectful of others and following the rules and expectations, and calm and kind as they returned to school.

LE Reports - LE number four will be available on the Portal later this evening. Another lockdown version with just Coursework, but an opportunity to check that your student has been engaged with their learning.

We're excited about having students back next week, we know it will be a change but we're ready and are confident it will be another smooth WHS transition, with support for those who need it. Be sure to check out Student Leader, Mucha Milne's great piece below re returning to school too.

Our first weekend in Level 2 and wonderful winterstyle weather awaits - cold and clear mornings and lovely days, great for getting out and about, make the most of it:)

Steve Hall, Principal

Timetable for Monday and Tuesday next week

Kia ora all,

As mentioned in Mr Hall's Assembly today, we have a staggered return to school next week:

Monday - Seniors only at school, Juniors at home remote teaching and learning

Tuesday - Juniors only at school, Seniors at home remote teaching and learning

While we return to the 'normal' school timetable next week, to accomodate Ako time and four classes Tuesday has a different timetable - please see below. NB Monday is Week 6, Day 1

James Rasmussen Deputy Principal

Monday 18 May - Senior students

Monday	
0900 - 1000	Ako time (Seniors only)
1000 - 1010	Break 1
1015 - 1145	Line 1
1145 - 1220	Break 2
1220 - 1350	Line 2
1350 - 1425	Break 3
1425 - 1530	Line 4

Tuesday 19 May - Junior students

Tuesday	
0900 - 1000	Ako time (Juniors only)
1000 - 1100	Line 4
1100 - 1120	Break 1
1120 - 1230	Line 5
1230 - 1300	Break 2
1300 - 1410	Line 6
1410 - 1430	Break 4
1430 - 1530	Line 2

Transport to School - Ministry School Buses & Public Buses

Operation of Ministry-run school buses under Alert Level 2

Ministry (school) bus services will resume under Alert Level 2 and run to normal timetables. School buses are considered a 'controlled environment' where immediate contact tracing can take place if required, therefore under Ministry guidelines 'social distancing measures are not required or practicable'.

There will be hand sanitiser available on the buses and increased cleaning and sanitisation practices will be made after each trip.

Due to the need to provide accurate contact tracing if required, it is essential that students only catch the bus that they have been assigned to (including the correct Lake Hayes run). This is indicated on their student ID cards.

If they require a change, please email immediately so that we can get the change made and update our lists. If you are assigned to a bus, but never catch the bus, can you also please email to inform me of this.

Public Bus Service under Alert Level 2

Without the ability to contact trace the public buses must continue to operate at significantly reduced capacity so that they can meet the distancing measures required by the Government. This reduced capacity is likely to result in some students having difficulty accessing school by bus. In the first instance, the Otago Regional Council (ORC) who runs the public bus service has asked that if there is another way for students to travel to and from school, that this be used.

To help with some of the overflow on the main route from Sunshine Bay to Remarkables Park, the ORC will provide an extra bus (following directly behind the standard No. 1 service from Sunshine Bay to Remarkables Park) on Monday morning leaving Sunshine Bay at 8:00 AM. This is for students only. Note that this is a dedicated temporary school bus that does not require physical distancing like the regular public transport bus. (See requirement for your information below).

IMPORTANT - In order to carry out accurate contact tracing, if students catch a public bus to get to school and/or to get home, they must fill out this form. It has been emailed to all students. Please check that your child/ren has done this.

Links to the latest public bus service information: https://www.facebook.com/OrbusQT/
Facebook has our most up to date information for Queenstown

https://www.orc.govt.nz/public-transport/queenstown-buses This is where we have information about timetables, alerts and how to travel safely under COVID. Note that the timetable for Queenstown is reduced. It's not the same as pre-COVID so students will need to adjust their routine accordingly.

Sonia Panapa Deputy Principal

Wellbeing for Parents and Whanau

Parenting and caring for tamariki can be hard at the best of times, and for many people Covid-19 is making it feel overwhelming. If you're struggling to juggle parenting, home learning, mahi and a household right now -you're not alone.

Created with input from parents, carers and whānau across Aotearoa, this new resource has loads of tips and tricks to help you get through this tricky time.

It covers:

- Wellbeing tips and tricks to help parents and carers get through
- Practical ways to manage working from home and caring for tamariki
- Advice for single parents who are struggling to cope
- Reassurance for anyone feeling guilty that they're not being a good parent or carer right now
- Coping strategies when things feel overwhelming
- Advice around financial hardship and its impact on tamariki
- Support information for anyone experiencing family violence.

Vicki Patton Guidance Counsellor

Leaving Process

In this time of rapid change, if you have a student leaving WHS please let us know. This includes students leaving for work/further study and students who will be enrolling in another school.

We have updated our leaving process and made it online. The new electronic leaving form is located on our website here. This is a very short, quick form. This form also initiates in school processes ensuring NZQA information is up to date, and accounts/refunds are finalised.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to support your student with a transition to a new school please contact Lee Hiestand.

Uniform

Part of getting back to a more normal routine is wearing the school uniform correctly. The details of the correct school uniform can be found here.

Students should keep hoodies and caps at home. Full uniform needs to be worn correctly travelling to and from school. Black puffer jackets become part of our uniform from 1 June. Students are able to wear their school jersey under their blazer on a cold day.

Uniform Shop Update

The Uniform Shop is open weekdays 8:30am - 3:00pm from Monday 18 May. Students will not be able to try on our sample stock for sizing until we get to Level 1. The sizing guides for each item of clothing are available on our supplier website.

Emily Ellice, Attendance & Uniform Officer

Covid-19 | Support and Wellbeing

We are all in this together | Help is avaliable

As the COVID-19 outbreak unfolds, it has become clear that a number of people in our community may need some support. Whether you need help or know someone in your whānau that does, there are organisations and chairties locally and nationally who can help.

LOCAL OT SUPPORT



Queenstown Lakes District Council

Assistance with day-to-day costs of living, access to essential services, and basics such as food - for more info click here.

Register for help: www.qldc.gov.nz/covid-19



Happiness House

Client Support & Advocacy | Agency referrals -Community mental health, Central Lakes Family Services, etc | Heating Costs & Firewood | Free Counselling

T: 03 442 6531 (9.00-4.00pm)

E: happinesshouse@xtra.co.nz Facebook: HappinessHouseQueenstown



Queenstown Salvation Army

Food parcels | Winter Clothing & Bedding | Financial Mentoring | Language Assistance P: 03 442 9661

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

YOUTH / KIDS



Wakatipu Youth Trust

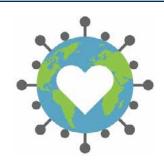
Support for young people aged 10-24yrs www.wakatipuyouthtrust.co.nz/



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Christopher Tweddell and Vicki Patton, the school Guidance Counsellors, are available by email in the first instance. They can arrange to talk to you or connect you with other resources or agencies as needed.

Students and families can also email help@wakatipu.school.nz with questions or concerns about support.



NATIONAL SUPPORT

Government Resource Hubs

www.covid19.govt.nz www.qldc.govt.nz

Healthline

Free health advice and information. 0800 358 5453

Helplines and Local Mental Health Services

Directory April 2020



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLEBING



Mental Health Foundation

www.mentalhealth.org.nz/ Youthline: 0800 376 633



Central Lakes Family Services

Family Mental Health | Wellbeing | Violence www.clfs.co.nz | P:0508 440 255

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How can you support your community?

Endorsed by Queenstown Lakes District Mayor Jim Boult, the Wakatipu Community Foundation (WCF) has established the Greatest Needs Fund to help address gaps in central Government assistance to the most vulnerable or worst affected by Covid-19 in our community.



Donate here





Bandemic

The Bandemic album is now up on Bandcamp, click here to listen!



Congratulations to the students who put these songs together while in lockdown. This was a fast turnaround in terms of creating and recording the material and there was little input from outside their "bubbles".

Thanks to Paul Inger for doing the mixing, Turn Up the Music for providing the Youtube access and Arwyn Donnelly Cranston for the associated artwork.

The students involved in the project were: Greta Balfour and Ryan Connaghan who created the project and made it happen; Billie Commer, Hannah White, Lucy Glover, Timo Souness, Ollie Bailey.

Enjoy!

Alison Price, TIC Music/Hola Arts

Special Education in Lockdown

The Special Ed team have continued their online learning over the last week. We have been having great fun and enjoying lots of different activities. You can see some Origami the students made, including a love heart made especially for Mum, for Mother's day.

The team also enjoyed making a lemon volcano! Some of the students have also shared what they love most about their Mums!

Louise loves Mum because, "bounces on trampoline". Louise Wright

"I love my Mum because she is beautiful and kind". Amos Van Asch

"I love my Mum because she does baking with me". Blake McLeod

Karen Ellis, ORS specialist teacher, SENCO

Head Student Address

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Next week we will finally go back to school. While some students are relieved that things are starting to go back to "normal", others may be more anxious of the change. It might feel a bit strange to go back to school after getting used to, and spending two months in isolation and it will certainly take some time to adjust back. I know that while I'm excited to see my friends again, 90 minute classes and 6:30 wake-ups will take some time to get used to. The main thing to remember is that this is a new experience for everyone and we are all in this together.

I thought it would be useful to share a few ways to ease the transition back to school.

- Set realistic goals for yourself. Breaking up assignments into small tasks makes them a lot easier to tackle, especially if you are behind and homework seems overwhelming. Take short breaks regularly and start to regain some concentration!
- Try to maintain a regular sleeping, and studying routine. Maintaining a steady sleep schedule will ensure you aren't tired and disengaged in class. And, doing homework for a set amount of time at the same time every day makes it a lot easier to stay on top of your schoolwork.
- Seek support if you are feeling stressed or anxious. You can contact your Kaiarahi, Dean, Guidance Counsellor, or any other member of staff that you feel comfortable contacting for guidance. They will do their best to support you, or guide you to where you can get the help that you might need.

I think it is also important to acknowledge the efforts of our teachers and my fellow student leaders to maintain a sense of community during lockdown. Our teachers quickly adapted to the new style of teaching and continued to teach us everyday despite the difficulty of online teaching. So next time you're in class remember to thank your teachers.

The student councils continued to meet and run events throughout lockdown. The Community and Service council conducted sign language week; and the Māori council introduced Māori word of the day via the student executive instagram page. The Arts and Culture council is currently running house debating on Google Meet. The Whanaungatanga council is running "Guess Who" online and the Student Peer mentors have been using google classroom to keep in touch with their year nines.

Looking forward to seeing you all at school.

Mucha Milne, Whanaungatanga Lead Prefect











Sports News, Results and Information

Information

Return to Sport

The good news is that sport is back on the table this winter which is very exciting for us and for our students. The major winter national sporting organisations (rugby, netball, football, hockey and basketball) have issued similar messages this week around a three phased approach back into sport following updated Sport NZ guidelines that were released earlier this week.

Phase 1: Get Ready to Play

This is a two week period from now until 25th May, where the government will review its decision around mass gatherings of 10. WHS has health and safety protocols in place that address the four areas of concern around hygiene, physical distancing, contact tracing and gatherings that all players and coaches must adhere to. Schools are exempt from mass gathering restrictions under Ministry of Education guidelines and we will use this period to get students back into running and fitness before team training can resume in earnest. Details around this will be communicated out to each code/team as these sessions are organised with coaches.

Phase 2: Prepare to Play

Pre-season training can begin, including contact. This will be where trials that still need to be completed will take place. A winter sports training timetable will be published on our school website and the sports FB page.

Phase 3: Return to Sport

Competitions will begin. This will be some time away and will be subject to the decisions made at a regional sporting organisation level.



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.

The information around sport is very fluid at the moment. We will communicate directly with our teachers in charge and coaches, and players and parents/caregivers as information comes to hand. All sporting bodies, Sport NZ, School Sport NZ and national sporting organisations (NZ Rugby, Netball NZ, Football NZ etc) have called for patience in this time. We are eager to get our students back into sport, seeing their mates and being active. When this happens it will be done with a safe and measured approach.

F45 Sessions

A huge thank you to F45 for the four weeks of online cardio and resistance fitness sessions that were run via zoom for our sports teams. This has been a great initiative and a good number of our students took up this opportunity. Thank you to Annabel and the team at F45 for doing an outstanding job with these sessions.

Sports Opportunities

3 on 3 Basketball

Starting Wednesday 27th May there will be a 3 on 3 basketball competition running in the gym after school. There will be junior boys, senior boys and girls grades. Get a group of mates together, four max, for the competition that will run until the end of Term 2. A team entry form will be sent out early next week. This is a great opportunity to have fun, play with friends and develop fitness.

Arts Department

Music Activities

The practices for the jazz and rock bands will resume next week. We will start with a jazz meeting on Wednesday after school to get things back on track. Students will organise rock band rehearsals through the music teachers for break times and before school.

Band Hub and Choir will not start until week after ie May 25th and we will let people know when this is confirmed.

Updates for events such as Rockquest, Blenheim jazz trip, Blg Break are just starting to come through and we will update when we know the details.

Rockquest updates are here.
Entry due dates updated:
Solo/Duo June 29/ Band July 22
Further information is on the Events and Regionals/Final tab

Careers and Opportunities

An Important Webinar!

"The role of parents and carers in providing career guidance and how they can be better supported"

7pm, Monday 18 May

Join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88260022390

Presented in partnership with CATE/CDANZ

Join Professor Jenny Bimrose and Dr Sally-Anne Barnes in a discussion inspired by the International Evidence Report they recently coauthored. We know the strong influence parents and carers have on the decision making of young people. Let's explore what systems and supports career practitioners can offer parents to ensure the best outcomes for them and the young people in their lives.

School Key Dates

19 May

18 May Seniors only at school, Juniors at home participating in remote teaching and learning

Juniors only at school, Seniors at home participating in remote teaching and

20 May All students return to school

learning



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Mitre 10 Mega

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Pacific Travel Planners
Placemakers
Remarkable Park Town Centre
Trinity Development
Westwood Group Holdings

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Luma Lives On!

We can't bring our people to LUMA this year so we encourage you to bring a little bit of the LUMA sparkle to your place.

This incredible sensory experience held annually over Queen's Birthday Weekend in the Queenstown Gardens has been cancelled for 2020 as we rally together against Covid-19 so what better opportunity to stand in solidarity and light up your neighbourhood instead.

It's time to dust off the party lights, get creative with your family or friends and show us how beautiful and bright you can make your place. We still need to keep up the physical distancing and do everything we can to keep safe but we want you to bring the light home and show everyone how bright our community can shine.

LUMIFY is a Lakes District-wide community celebration supported by Queenstown Lakes District Council, Central Lakes Trust, SILO and Summit Events.

Join the facebook group.

Rebecca Lund







ONLINE

& in person (includes social distancing) GUITAR - VOCAL - UKULELE & SONGWRITING LESSONS:

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\$40 - Duo - half hour (\$20 each 2 mates or siblings)

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