



# Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

Issue 2.6 • 22 May 2020



## Principal's Message

Kia ora - welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of our first week back post-lockdown. A shorter piece this week, and with a range of items rather than just Covid content.

We have had a good week back at WHS. The staggered start worked well to transition students and staff back to our busy school from the relative isolation of lockdown. The majority of our students have transitioned well and have slotted straight back into school life, which has been great to see. If you recall as we moved into lockdown, I said that as a school we were well-placed to deliver education remotely and this has proved to be so - nearly all of our learning areas have stayed on track with their teaching and learning and assessment programmes. While there are exceptions to this, including our most practical subjects, it is great that education has continued for our students despite the lockdown. I do wish to acknowledge the work of our teachers and students who have worked hard and been committed to their education through this period - well done and thank you :)

**Senior Next Steps** - are next Thursday 28th. As I'd previously noted, we have been wanting to hold these for some time but have been waiting for the right time. The meetings will be virtual - with teachers choosing either a Google Meet or a phone call. Running them remotely means that we have had to reduce numbers from our efficient '5 minute speed dating' model. To support this, teachers have identified students that they believe would particularly benefit from a Next Steps meeting and given their parents the opportunity to book appointments now. All senior parents will then receive booking information late on Sunday afternoon. As always, if you do miss out on a meeting and wish to speak to your student's teacher please email them.

For all students, school will close and buses will run from 1.50pm next Thursday 28th.

**Adverse Weather** - it's the time of the year again when the weather can affect our roads and the operation of the school. Please ensure that you see the Adverse Weather section below - particularly re how we communicate during an adverse weather event.

**CCTV** - one thing I noted to students as they returned this week is that CCTV cameras have been fitted inside the school, mainly in corridors. While cameras have been on the outside of the building since it was built, the decision to fit them inside was made last year and the work completed last week.

Again, it is great that we have been able to keep up with teaching and learning and assessment so well while we have been operating remotely in lockdown, but it is also good to transition smoothly back to school this week. With it being May and NZ Music Month the bells this week have been fine Kiwi tunes - including some of our own students' songs from the Bandemic album. Their songs are awesome, remarkable talent - check it out below if you missed it last week.

Speaking of talent, I was one of the judges in the House Debating competition finals this afternoon. Well done to everyone involved - fantastic, with the results and House points out next week!

While it may not be as stunning as last weekend, it's another weekend of pretty reasonable autumn weather - make the most of it before winter arrives :)

**Steve Hall, Principal**

### This Issue

- Principal's Message
- Leaving Process
- WHS APP
- Adverse Weather
- Uniform
- Transport to School - Ministry School Buses & Public Buses
- Head Student Address
- Covid-19 | Support and Wellbeing
- Sports News, Results and Information
- Updated House Results!
- Arts Department
- Bandemic!
- School Key Dates
- Community Notices

### 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

## 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

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

### Other Features

The app also gives you quick links to:

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



## Adverse Weather

With winter fast approaching and cold temperatures on the way, this article provides some details about adverse weather and how we will communicate:

1. WHS App - please make sure you have it and sign up for Alerts.
2. WHS Website - announcement on the front page.
3. Email - students will receive an internal WHS email.

### Adverse Weather Overnight and early Morning

We will liaise with QLDC's roading contractor and the bus coordinator and make a decision re any changes to the school day. If changes are made they are likely to be:

- a. School is open as normal, however some buses may be delayed or cancelled
- b. School has a delayed start (often 10am), with a compacted timetable. Buses may be delayed or cancelled
- c. School is closed.

Please note that we liaise with all the schools in the Wakatipu Basin, and our decisions are generally coordinated (although sometimes conditions are different for schools).

### Adverse Weather During the School Day

Please note that closing the school early is problematic for a number of reasons (notably trying to run all buses early), and we will try and run school until the normal end of day if at all possible. Accordingly we do not want parents coming to school to collect their children unless specifically notified to do so.

The likely scenarios for adverse weather events during the school day are:

- a. School runs until normal time, and buses run as normal.
- b. School runs until normal time, but some buses run early &/or runs are altered
- c. School closes early, with buses also running early. In some cases bus routes may be altered.
- d. In an extreme adverse weather event students may be kept at school until travel is safe or even stay overnight.

James Rasmussen, Deputy Principal

## 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

## 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](#).

## 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

## Head Student Address

*Yay! We did it WHS!*

After what has been a challenging but successful first week back, I am able to reflect on the unprecedented times we have just been through. It's been refreshing to come back to school and see the students and staff back in action. Although I have found the past few weeks an ideal time to work on my music compositions a lot more than I usually would, I am glad to see all my friends and fellow students again, and to be able to have normal conversations, without having to battle the overexposed glare of a computer screen. These have been tough times for all of us. We have spent long hours behind our devices and hidden away in our homes, but this only made us even happier to return to face to face socializing and learning.

Our councils are already busy with many projects underway:

- The "Guess Who" competition was up and running this week, and although I am struggling to find my pair, many students have already completed the challenge. This has been a great way to bring students that may have not known each other, together.
- Our school wide Debating house competition, which started last week as an online format has now transitioned into a more physical form. This has raised the level of performance which has made it extremely

entertaining to watch throughout the week. Well done to everyone who participated, you've made your houses proud.

- The Community and Service Council are planning to run a donation drive from the 25th of May to the 25th of June for non-perishable food and other donations, more information to follow.

For our Year 9s, the Stars Peer Mentors Program has started off again today for Hay and Mackenzie while Fox, Duncan and Arthur will begin on Monday morning. For the past few weeks we had been running via google meet/google classroom so it is great to see everyone in person again! The Stars program has been very successful so far, and throughout in-school and out of school activities, has brought the Year 9s closer to the senior Peer Mentors. These activities include sessions every fortnight (each session is based on a key life skill/value) and google meets (Kahoots/virtual activities). The Peer Support Council is currently planning to run a community project with the Year 9 students.

I am sure everyone is delighted to have returned to "face to face" classes. For anyone who has fallen behind in classes during remote learning, or anyone that needs any support with their academic work, please ask for help; it is very important to stay up to date with your assignments and homework, as your workload will only get heavier if you don't! Your Kiarahi is a great person to start

with as they will happily help you get back on track to make sure that you succeed in everything you strive for. They are here to support you!

If you need a bit of support with anything else, feel free to make an anonymous appointment with one of our guidance counsellors from Student Services. Remember, your friends don't have to know... just say the word, help is here if you need it!

Thanks for a great first week back everyone, it looks like we have almost defeated Covid 19! Just remember to stay outside other people's breathing space, and to not touch anyone. We are working hard to reschedule events we have had to postpone as a result of Covid 19. We will let you know once we have more information on this topic.

"It's not about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward"

- Rocky Balboa

Warm regards to you all; have a great weekend!

Elliott Allemand,  
Peer Support Lead Prefect



## Covid-19 | Support and Wellbeing

## We are all in this together | Help is available

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 charities locally and nationally who can help.

## LOCAL QT 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.govt.nz/covid-19](http://www.qldc.govt.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](mailto: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/](http://www.wakatipuyouthtrust.co.nz/)



## Wakatipu High School

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](mailto:help@wakatipu.school.nz) with questions or concerns about support.

## NATIONAL SUPPORT

## Government Resource Hubs

[www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)  
[www.qldc.govt.nz](http://www.qldc.govt.nz)

## Healthline

Free health advice and information.  
0800 358 5453

## Helplines and Local Mental Health Services

Directory April 2020



## MENTAL HEALTH &amp; WELLBING



## Mental Health Foundation

[www.mentalhealth.org.nz/](http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/)  
Youthline: 0800 376 633



## Central Lakes Family Services

Family Mental Health | Wellbeing | Violence  
[www.clfs.co.nz](http://www.clfs.co.nz) | P: 0508 440 255

## FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING



## How can you support your community?

Endorsed by Queenstown Lakes District Mayor Jim Boulton, 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

[www.wakatipucommunityfoundation.co.nz/](http://www.wakatipucommunityfoundation.co.nz/)

Mā tātau  
katoa e  
ārai atu te  
COVID-19

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

## Sports News, Results and Information

## Arts Department

### Information

#### Sports Update

There have been lots of discussions taking place this week to begin to shape the winter sport competitive season. These are in the early stages and will have different time frames than what we have been used to. The majority of the season this year will likely take place in Term 3. The start dates will be dependent on government restrictions. The sports department and Teacher in Charge of sports will be communicating out information to players and parents of winter codes as more information is confirmed around seasons.

Just a reminder below of the three phased approach being run by all major winter sports organisations:

#### Phase 1: Get Ready to Play - Now

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 the Ministry of Education guidelines and we will use this period to get students back into running and fitness before 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 - Following Queens Birthday Weekend

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 - likely mid-late June

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

#### Fitness Sessions

Matua Brad has been busy getting our sports teams back into shape this week with running and conditioning sessions to prep players before sports specific training will begin following Queens Birthday weekend. These fitness sessions will run across next week for rugby and netball. Please click here to access the schedule for next week. Hockey is running fitness sessions on a Thursday afternoon at school and basketball training has resumed.

#### Want to Play a Winter Sport?

If you are keen to play a winter sport and did not sign up at the beginning of the year, it is not too late. Drop Mrs Nathan; lnathan@wakatipu.school.nz, or Mataua Brad; bfleming@wakatipu.school.nz an email with what sports you are interested in or come and see us in the sports office.

#### Sports Hoodies - Second order

The first order of sports hoodies have arrived and look awesome. We are going to do a second order for anyone who would like one. Please click on the link below to find out more information and place an order by 9am Tuesday 2nd June.  
WHS Sports Hoody order: <https://forms.gle/cnXQ2S3VjVJCBXyw7>

### Rockquest update

The latest updates for Rockquest are on the [Rockquest website](#).

Essentially, everything is online this year and we will be looking to have all the recording and submissions completed and send away by the end of this term. We are keen to run a Big Break type evening in mid-June as a performance opportunity although it is likely the recording will take at another time TBC. Please contact Mrs Price if you have any questions.

### Bandemic!

If you haven't already heard, the Bandemic album is now up on [Bandcamp](#), [click here](#) to listen!



### School Key Dates

28 May	Senior Next Steps
1 June	Queen's Birthday - School Closed
12 June	Teacher Only Day
23 June	Open Evening (TBC)



#### 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.



**In 2020, we're helping WHS deliver the best all round education to the students of WHS by funding:**



**Find out how you can support the students in your school community by visiting [www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz](http://www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz)**



# Wakatipu High School FOUNDATION

## JOIN OUR BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

It is only because of the generous contributions from businesses like yours that we are able to deliver the best all round education, fund a variety of educational, co and extra curricular activities as well as the much needed Awhi Fund providing support to families in hardship.

### PLATINUM PARTNER

Annual  
Donation  
\$10,000+

### GOLD PARTNER

Annual  
Donation  
\$5,000+

### SILVER PARTNER

Annual  
Donation  
\$2,000+

### PARTNER

Annual  
Donation  
\$1,000

### ASSOCIATE PARTNER

Event Support,  
Donation of  
goods & services

*Thanks to our Business Partners!*

### PLATINUM PARTNER



### GOLD PARTNER



THE REES HOTEL  
QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND  
TRUE SOUTH™



### ASSOCIATE PARTNER

Millbrook Resort  
Rata  
Jacks Point

### SILVER PARTNER

Affleck O' Meara  
Todd & Walker Law

### PARTNER

Adventure Group  
Anderson Lloyd  
Bridgestone Tyrecentre  
Black ZQN  
Cavell Leitch  
Cookie Time  
Craigs Investment Partners  
Crowne Howarth  
Deloitte Queenstown

Flame Bar & Grill  
Goldfields Jewellers  
Highlands Game Over  
Kinloch Lodge  
KJet  
Lakes Weekly Bulletin  
Lane Neave  
McCulloch & Partners  
Mitre 10 Mega

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

[WWW.WAKATIPUHSFOUNDATION.CO.NZ](http://WWW.WAKATIPUHSFOUNDATION.CO.NZ)

**LUMA**

# LUMIFY

## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

MAY 29-JUNE 1 AT YOUR PLACE

### BRINGING THE LIGHT HOME

SINCE WE CAN'T TAKE LUMA TO THE GARDENS, YOU CAN BRING IT TO YOURS. DRESS UP YOUR DOORSTEP, PIMP YOUR MAILBOX OR BRIGHTEN UP YOUR SHOP WINDOW. NOW'S THE TIME FOR US ALL TO SHINE AND COME OUT OF THE SHADOWS.

TALK TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP ABOUT BRIGHTENING UP QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.

LUMIFY YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

**FB.COM/GROUPS/LUMIFYNZ**



LUMIFY IS A LAKES DISTRICT-WIDE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SUPPORTED BY:



## 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



12-4PM SATURDAY 30TH & SUNDAY 31ST MAY

# TREEHOUSE SESSIONS



MAY 2020  
**NZ MUSIC MONTH**  
.CO.NZ

**\$30 P/P**  
**03 441 2102**  
[NZINFO@ZIPTREK.COM](mailto:NZINFO@ZIPTREK.COM)  
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**mountain scene**

**FREE Voice of Queenstown**

Proudly Otago-owned [www.scene.co.nz](http://www.scene.co.nz) Thursday May 21, 2020

**'World-first' tracing tech launching in Arrowtown** Page 3

**Cooped up in the tropics** Page 6

**From food scraps to native trees** Page 9

**Q YOUR TOWN**

**Tree-top performance**

**What's On**

**Duck shooting**

**Don't Miss**

**Bars reop**

**Who's in**

**Joseph P.**

**The New Zealand**

**ACTIVITY**

**Exclusive**

**Matthew McKew**

**Booking agent debt sparks calls for regulation clampdown**

**Rural lifestyle with five bedrooms**

**Colliers**





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

Location: YOUR HOUSE (online) or MINE!

Cost: \$30 - Solo - half hour

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

Group Online: taking enquiries

Also offering:

GarageBand, Acapella & Onsong App tutorials including options of assisted recording/production within lessons

Lisa Cruickshank

PH: 021 460 829

Brighten up  
Mum's day with  
savings from  
Entertainment



FUNDRAISING WITH  


\*\*T&Cs apply see  
www.entertainment.com.au/promotions

Get up to 2 months extra  
Membership **FREE**  
on Single City & Multi City\*

Buy now

14 months Membership when you buy in April and you have 6 months to activate from the date of purchase^

Meet your **New Memberships**

Single City  
**\$69<sup>99</sup>**

1 Year

Discover all the best  
savings in your city

Multi City  
**\$119<sup>99</sup>**

1 Year **MOST POPULAR**

Enjoy savings across all  
of Australia, New Zealand  
and Bali

Multi Plus  
**\$229<sup>99</sup>**

2 Years **BEST VALUE**

2 years of savings across  
Australia, New Zealand  
and Bali

Buy now