



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Kia ora and welcome again to the Wakatipu High School newsletter. I think everyone appreciated the long Queen's Birthday weekend and four-day week, and it has been a good week here.

I spoke to students this morning and noted their resilience and how well they had done, and again that support is available for anyone who needs it. It has been great to see sport getting underway this week - we know how important extracurricular activities are for so many of our students, and what an essential part of our great all-round education they are.

Uniform - this morning I also said to students that we have been back for three weeks now and while we have allowed time to settle back in there are some things that we need to get back on track with. This notably includes uniform and we are going to have a 'uniform reset' next week. Key points for parents to note include:

- Non-uniform items, including hoodies and hats, are not permitted to be worn and they will be removed and the student can pick them up at the end of the week (or parents can come in and pick them up during the week).
- Students need to be wearing the correct uniform correctly. This includes correct socks and shoes, blazers, and boys shirts tucked in. This also includes to and from school, as they represent the school in the community.

I also noted that the process for the Year 12s to design their Year 13 tie is about to begin.

NCEA - many of you will have seen in the media this week that NZQA have announced changes to NCEA in response to Covid-19. This was somewhat of a surprise as they had said that they would not be changing it, but it would seem to acknowledge the impact that the lockdown has had on many schools and their students' education. Clearly - given that we stayed on track with teaching and learning during the lockdown, this puts our students in a strong position, and we certainly expect our students to continue to work hard and achieve their academic goals. Below is a piece that NZQA has published which explains the changes.

LE Report - #5 will be available on the Portal this evening. It will be a normal LE report with four indicators, rather than a lockdown-lite version. Please do take the time to look at it as it covers the period since we have returned to school to see how well your student is engaging with their learning.

Reminders

- **Teacher Only Day** - next Friday 12th. NB there will be no newsletter that day.
- **Support & Wellbeing** - page below has all the different supports available for families and individuals.

Today marks two-thirds of the way through this unique term. The last four weeks are always busy, especially for seniors - do support them to be looking ahead and organised as many subjects have assessments due at the end of term. Matatu practise will start in Week 10, which will keep many students busy for the final three weeks. A mixed weekend ahead, with rain on the cards for those on the sidelines tomorrow morning - it will not be tropical so dress warmly :).

Steve Hall, Principal

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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

Changes to NCEA for 2020

NCEA and University Entrance (UE) 2020 COVID-19 Response

Why has NZQA done this?

- NZQA knows that it was hard for students during the lockdown and that some assessments couldn't happen. These changes are to help you gain the qualification you were aiming to achieve this year.

What does it mean for me?

The more credits you achieve the more you are entitled to

- For every 5 credits you achieve through internal or external assessment, you are entitled to 1 more credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LR Credits)
- >> Up to 10 of your LR credits can count towards the 80 you need for NCEA Level 1
- >> Up to 8 LR credits can count towards the 60 you need at Level 2 and Level 3

Endorsements are still achievable

- To get a **certificate endorsement** this year you need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. Your LR credits don't come with Merit or Excellence so they can't count towards an endorsement.
- To get a **course endorsement** this year you need 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course rather than 14. You still need to achieve at least 3 credits in externals and 3 in internals.

University Entrance has been adjusted

- For 2020 the UE requirements have been adjusted from 14 down to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. You still need to have NCEA Level 3 and the usual literacy and numeracy standards.

You've got more time to study

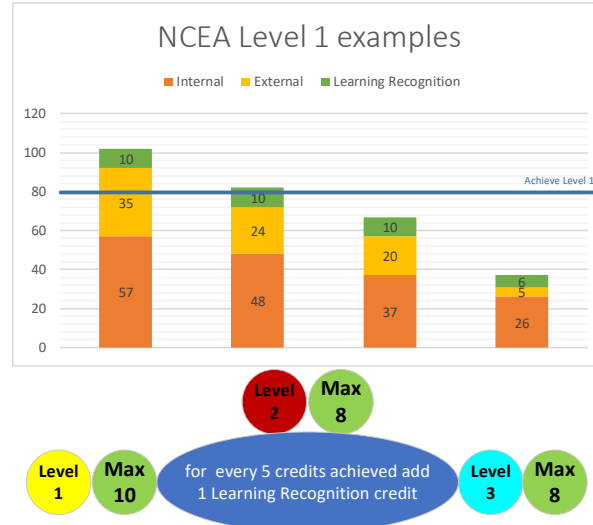
- Portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later to give you more time to learn and prepare.

What do I need to do?

- Keep working to make sure that you achieve as many standards as you can. The more you achieve, the more LR Credits you are entitled to.
- Your teachers will help you to track your progress. NZQA will do the calculations and count your LR credits towards your NCEA certificate. You don't need to do anything else.
- Make sure that you know when your portfolios are due and double check the new exam timetable.
- If you need any more information talk to your teacher, your Dean or the person in your school who manages NCEA (Principal's Nominee), or you can ring NZQA on 0800 697 296.

What else do I need to know?

- You must be enrolled in an NCEA course at a secondary school in 2020 to be entitled to LR credits.
- The LR credits won't show on your Record of Achievement (ROA), but you will be able to see how many you got through your Learner Login when you check your results next January.
- If you don't complete your qualification this year, your LR credits will count towards that qualification again in 2021.



Authenticity for Assessments

Authenticity of assessments is very important for students and us. Please note the following:

Students

Common issues include sharing google documents, using internet/exemplar sources too closely and last minute panic copy from another student.

If students share their work with another student they will lose the grade for that standard as well. A range of checking tools are used by teachers including Turnitin and Draftback.

Parent help

(this includes paying external Tutors to check internals and older sibling help)

Can I help my child with assessments?

Yes, you can help your child with assessments. Giving them encouragement, taking an interest in their work, and helping them find study material. But you cannot actively be involved in the completion of assessment activities. For example, you should not edit or write answers. If you do, this could be seen as a "breach of authenticity", as the student's work won't be their own, and can lead to an investigation by the school.

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](#).

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



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



Free, confidential, independent information and advice. Helping people know what their rights are and how to access services.

T: 03 442 6799 (9.30am - 4.30m)

E: queenstown@cab.org.nz

www.cab.org.nz

YOUTH / KIDS



Wakatipu Youth Trust

Support for young people aged 10-24yrs
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 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

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBING



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

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/

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Filming for Give Time concept



Our Give Time team, Neve Short, Lily Adams and Charlotte Muir got asked to do a short documentary for Southern Lens this week. The short film was focused on their amazing Give Time website/app and how the idea came into existence. The film crew followed the team throughout the day on their first meetings with the professionals that have offered to make their concept into a reality.



The initial filming of the team's introductions, we visited Ones and Zeroes and it's web/app developer Rob Clarkson. At this meeting we got some insights into launching the first stage of a mobile website.

We also had an initial design meeting with the graphic design team and marketing team at Whitelaw Mitchell.

During the meetings, the team soon forgot there was a film crew documenting them starting their first steps into their journey of bringing their concept to life.

We look forward to seeing the final result of the short film next week when it is due to air on the 12th June.

Next steps for the team involve completing final concepts to send to the graphic designs on Monday, a strategic meeting with our guardian [Julie Scott] and a meeting to discuss a potential collaboration opportunity with volunteer central.

Mrs Rebecca Lund

The Kia Kaha Queenstown Lakes Community Hub

The Kia Kaha Queenstown Lakes Community Hub opened up yesterday with booked out sessions providing information on immigration, repatriation, employment, finance, wellbeing and welfare needs.

If you missed the sessions you can watch the recorded live stream here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zApV2ZlpfJU&feature=youtu.be>

Spaces are limited per session due to Covid19 and room capacities, however QLDC will be scheduling another workshop. Next week's sessions will be released today at 2pm, registration is at <https://queenstown-community-hub.eventbrite.co.nz>.

For all updates and information keep an eye on Queenstown Lakes District Council Facebook page.

Queenstown Lakes Community Hub will be doing Business Employer Seminars in Queenstown (Thursday 11th) and Wanaka (Tuesday 16th), so keep an eye out for those.

We will also record our Queenstown session and post it on Queenstown Lakes District Council YouTube page.

Olivia Johnson

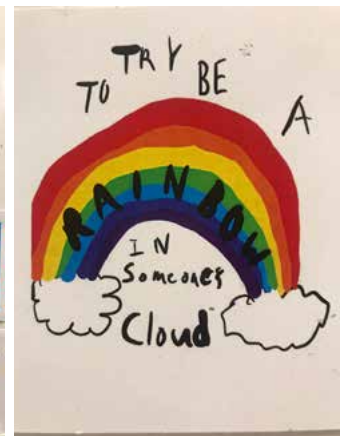
Through consultations, the Give Time team will initially position themselves as being a service to find student volunteers. This is the first stage of the process. The team has made stage 2 and 3 action plans depending on funding and popularity of the concept.

The Southern Lens episode was designed to capture the energy, enthusiasm and innovation of the WHS team and to see them starting out on their journey and being exposed to the realities of web/app building, graphic design and online marketing.

The team enjoyed their experience at being the center of questions and decision making. After

Year 9 Art

A stunning submission from Finn Whibley for our Art 2 "what's in a word" art course. Using Matisse cutouts to complete his digital design work based around a quote. "Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud"



Head Student Address

Hello everyone and happy Friday!

Week 8 of term 2 has been another fabulous week. Students are finally getting back into their new normal with sports and extracurricular activities beginning. Netball trials for seniors were held on Tuesday with all athletes playing their best to secure a spot in the top teams. Rugby training has also started with the first XV rugby team having their first game of the season coming up next week. Sports are a massive part of life for students at Wakatipu so it's marvellous to see everyone getting back into what they love. The student leaders and their councils have been working hard to help provide fun activities for students to partake in during breaks. We should start to see these activities starting up next week too.

Make sure to prepare yourselves for some 40-hour famine fun next week with the 'teacher dunking'. Search your couch and pockets for some gold coins to get amongst the action and dunk your favourite teachers.

In recent news, it was announced on Wednesday that there would be a change in the NCEA credit requirement for senior students. With endorsements awarded to students with 46 credits at merit or excellence instead of the usual 50, and good news for year 13 students, university entrance requirements have been changed from 14 credits to 12 credits. These changes are due to COVID-19 and from talking to multiple peers and

senior students these changes have come with much relief. Students explained that it takes a little bit of pressure off as they start to head into the busiest time of the academic year. So keep up the hard work everyone!

Considering we've only been back at school for approximately 2 weeks since lock down, the school already feels the same. The usual sounds of students typing away working hard on internals, the laughter of students echoing through the hallways, it all feels somewhat normal, almost as if lockdown never happened. As we look forward to the future, we continue to watch the world around still dealing with the effects of the pandemic. It makes us feel good to be back to some kind of normal here in our little New Zealand bubble.

I hope everyone enjoyed the 4 day week and made the most of their classes, being back amongst friends, peers, teachers while continuing to spread kindness and appreciate those around you.

Claudia Watts
Junior Lead Prefect

Year 12 Outdoor Rec

Routeburn overnight tramp - Red sky in the morning student warning, but the rain on the routeburn only fell at night so the students had a good time appreciating what it is like to overnight in a hut in the winter.

Ken McIntyre
Physical Education and Outdoor Education



WHS Winter Sports Academy

With the season about to (eventually!) start, a number of our pro athlete students will begin their 2020 season training next term.

The WHS Winter Sports Academy offers additional support and time to catch up on missed learning to athletes training with providers across the Basin, including:

- QAST
- HPC
- RSSA
- Coberger Academy

Please read the [WSA Information doc](#) for more details. If you would like to join the WHS Winter Sports Academy this season, please complete the [Expression of Interest form](#).

I look forward to working with our athletes this season; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Miss K Murray, Academies Coordinator

NZSki Student Discount

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All students enrolled full-time at WHS are entitled to a discounted 2020 NZSki Lift Pass priced at \$169 for secondary school students. This discount can be accessed via [this link](#), which is live until 25 June.

As you may well have heard, WHS will not be running the Year 9 Ski Programme in 2020.

Arts Department

Big Break

Our Big Break event for bands and solo/duo acts is happening Sunday June 14 in the school theatre running from 3.00pm until approximately 5.00pm.

If we are still at COVID Alert 2, then the numbers will be capped at 100 in total which will leave room for approximately 60 guests. If this was the case, we would ask that one person per family attend and we would send out a form to be completed so we know exactly who is in the building. We will hold off on this, however, until the next Govt announcement on Monday.

If the situation changes and there is more flexibility in gatherings then we would, of course, welcome everyone to attend.

Sports News, Results and Information

Winter Tournament Week

Information is currently being communicated through to us about competitions and tournaments that have been reformatted and reshaped for winter tournament week. While these will not be at the usual national or even South Island level it is exciting to see that a number of WHS sports teams will be competing at tournaments with schools across Southland and Otago during the week of 31st August to 4th September. Once dates and competitions have been confirmed we will communicate these with players and parents.

Trainings

It has been the first week of 'normal' sports training and great to see that players are adhering to the new protocols around hygiene. A reminder that we are all responsible for washing and drying our hands before and after training and bringing our own water bottles.

Basketball

Tuesday Night

The Queenstown adult league begins on Tuesday night and WHS has four teams entered in this; Senior A and B Boys, Senior Girls and Junior A Boys. Good luck to all of these teams.

Friday Night

Queenstown Junior Basketball Club are pleased to announce registrations for Queenstown Junior Basketball (amended season) will open this week. Please check the website qjbc.wordpress.com for details.

1st XV Rugby

The 1st XV have their first hit out against Dunstan High School next Saturday 13th June at 1pm at WHS. Please check next week's newsletter for information regarding contact tracing requirements if you are intending to come and support.



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 Careers Department

Scholarships

Mensa New Zealand Incorporated (www.mensa.org.nz) is offering up to three \$500.00 scholarships available, for students who will be studying in a tertiary institute in 2021. The application process involves a 500 word essay on why you believe that your course of study will assist you to:

- identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity; or
- encourage research in the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence

Details Attached [Here](#). Please contact Lise Harper on treasurer@mensa.org.nz or MuzzTrickett on chair@mensa.org.nz if you have any questions.

Quota New Zealand Educational Scholarship for Young Women

There is a scholarship up to the value of \$5,000 for a young woman wanting to study full-time at a New Zealand tertiary institute in 2021. Must have proven constrained financial circumstances, and or other special circumstances that means extra funding is needed. Must be a New Zealand Citizen or permanent resident and a first year school leaver. Must have a minimum endorsement of Merit in NCEA Level 2. Applications close 15 August and successful candidate will be notified by 15 October. Full terms and conditions and application forms are available on www.quotanz.org/Scholarships.

Drivers Licence

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

Armed Forces

We have the Armed Forces coming to Wakatipu High School on Wednesday 17th June at 1.50pm. The meeting will take place in CR8.

Any Year 12 or 13 students considering the Armed Forces are encouraged to attend, but especially students looking at transitioning to the forces in 2021. You can expect to be walked through the application process, scholarships and answer any questions you have. If you are intending on joining the Armed Forces this meeting is not to be missed.

Virtual Career Expo

The [New Zealand Virtual Careers Expo](#) will be held on 18-19 June. The expo will enable students to explore future pathways via real time interactivity and engagement with more than 30 tertiary education providers from around New Zealand.

Students will enter into a virtual 'exhibition hall' and can browse through a wide range of tertiary providers, visit virtual stands and engage in live chats and webinars with representatives from each institution.

Students will need to [register online](#) to access the expo. The details of the event are as follows:

Thursday 18 June, 12-8 pm
Friday 19 June, 9-5 pm

You can find out more about the event through the link - www.mediadesignschool.com/virtual-careers-expo



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- FOH
- Kitchen Manager (40hr p/w salaried position)

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Send your CV to apply@tacomedic.co.nz using the following references:

- Chefs - 'cooking up a storm'
- FOH - 'FOH sure'
- Kitchen Manager - 'In the kitchen at parties'

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12 June	Teacher Only Day
3 July	Matatu Assembly
23 July	Open Evening

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Don't Miss
Treehouse Sessions
Head up to Zipspeak, get hiking through trees, get your first live music for the season here. The Queen's birthday celebrations will be a cover of the 1960s song 'Lumby' by the band The Beatles.

Win's in Town
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INSIDE
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New Zealand Sotheby's

The eyes have it

The Mountain Scene is back! CLICK HERE TO READ!

• Lumby taking over Queenstown neighbourhood, see p1

Double whammy

Migrant mum-to-be loses job and under pressure to move out

A 48-year-old pregnant Queenstown migrant woman who is about having her fifth child says she was "completely gutted" last month when she lost her job at a local business. She is now facing financial difficulties and is under pressure to move out of her home.

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FOR SALE: 27 Petrie Road, Shokhor Country

For Sale: 27 Petrie Road, Shokhor Country. This is a property of 2.5 acres in a quiet residential area. It has a large house with a swimming pool and a tennis court. The property is well maintained and is a great investment opportunity. For more information, please contact the agent.

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