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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of a very busy Week 7. In terms of our all-round education, this week certainly delivered with heaps going on for students and the WHS community, including:

- A visit and talk to students by the US Ambassador
- Our students gathering to perform a great haka and welcome Alice Robinson back to school from the Winter Olympics and ski racing on the World Cup in Europe
- The wonderful Pasifika Success Celebration evening on Tuesday
- The Wakatipu High School Foundation hosting the Chamber of Commerce 'Business After 5' event here at school on Wednesday evening
- The Cyber Safety parent evening last night

Musical - 'Little Shop of Horrors' is on next week! Members of the cast and crew are packing into the Memorial Hall as I write this, and the excitement is building. Our musicals are always great shows and people really enjoy them - see below for more info and for how to buy tickets, jump online and buy yours now!

Junior Next Steps - are now less than two weeks away. For Junior Next Steps each junior student and their parents have a 20 minute meeting with the student's Kaiarahi. The discussion will centre around the student's goals, their learning engagement, and where to find and how to interpret information regarding both standardised tests as well as subject specific learning, progress and achievement.

The meetings are on Wednesday 28th from 2:30 - 6:00pm. School will finish at 1:50pm that day, with buses running from that time.

Next Steps bookings are now open - please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code and event code an

This is a really important evening for all Junior students and parents and we do expect all to attend. If

you or your child are unable to attend on the evening, please email your child's Kaiarahi directly to arrange another meeting time.

Please note that Senior Next Steps, which are with subject teachers, is on Thursday 5th April and bookings will open in next week's newsletter.

WHS App - is an integral part of our communications. It's also a very clever and useful tool and place for you to not only receive important notifications but also report an absence, read the newsletter, access the WHS Portal and contact the school. If you haven't downloaded it yet remember it's free and you can find it <a href="https://example.com/here-for-ios-notion-receive-new-member-it-school-new-memb

Facebook - the 'New School' Facebook page we set up is now morphing into our WHS Facebook page. Please click <u>here</u> to go to it - there's always heaps of new content and info, including a great video of the haka for Alice Robinson this week.

In terms of the great all-round education, next week is very important as it is Summer Tournament week where many of our students will be competing in tournaments, competitions and regattas in a wide range of sports throughout the South Island, and we wish them all well. It is of course Musical week too, so a big week for many students.

There are now only four weeks left in the term - of which next week is Tournament and the Musical, and the following two are both 3-day weeks due to Otago Anniversary and Easter. Senior students in particular need to ensure they are checking their Assessment Calendars so that they do not get surprised by how few school days they may have left before the end! A beautiful late summer weekend ahead - cooler but lovely, hope you can make the most of it:)

Steve Hall Principal



WELCOME BACK ALICE!

WHS welcomed back Winter Olympian Alice Robinson on Wednesday morning with a fantastic haka in the foyer!



MUSICAL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

The Arts Department is excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for this year's musical - Little Shop of Horrors. A horror, comedy and rock musical about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on humans.

Where: Queenstown Memorial Centre

When: Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 March 2018

Time: Doors open at 7.15pm

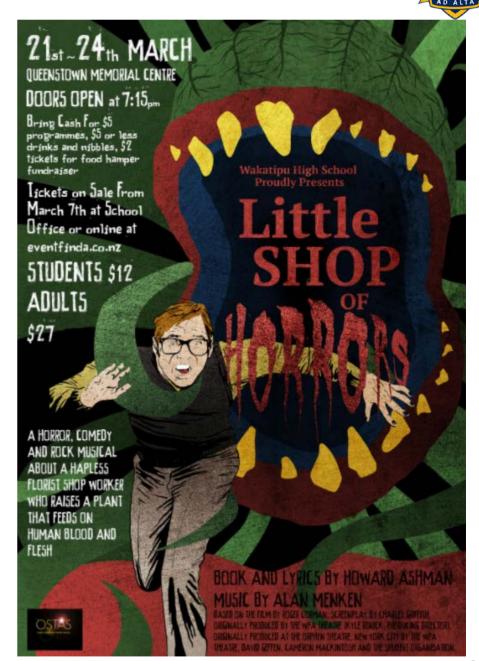
Bring: Cash for programmes, drinks and snacks

Tickets: Adults \$27, Students \$12

To buy tickets online click on the following link: www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/little-shop-of-horrors/queenstown

Tickets are also on sale at both the Reception in the Foyer and Student Services for those wishing to choose seating near a friend or who prefer to pay by cash.

For any questions please contact Monica Parker at mparker@wakatipu.school.nz.





MUSICAL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

We are into our last few practises with an all weekend effort at the Memorial Hall and both Monday and Tuesday as our final rehearsals. The cast and crew have been working incredibly hard to bring little Shop of Horrors to life and we hope that everyone comes to enjoy this very special show. We look forward to seeing you there!

CAST/BAND/STUDENT LEADERS

Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette - Becky Reid, Hannah Coombe, Zak Komene

Audrey - Isobella Morrison **Mushnik** – Tucker Paris **Seymour** – Henry McIntyre

Orin & Plant - Tyronne Henderson

Full Company

Isaiah Morgan-Boniface Jaxon Buchanan **Ryan Connaghan** Ollie McLean Izzv Jack **Tristan Tarquet** Raven Almquist Jordan McVicar Savannah Bowman Adriana Calabrese **Annie Black** Hera Winders Sarah Dawson **Yvette Mitchell Kasey Bonn** Anika Moetaua Bianca Crichton **Emeline Lewis Claudia Watts Brydie Macbeth** Greta Balfour Leah McHugo Mika Turnbull Lana Stevens Maggie Frew Emma Saxon Ella Lanuel Eve O'Connor **Cameron Kennedy Brown-B**

Band

Alexander Eastlake Rafe Swan Cameron Ryall
Alex Campbell Jack James Kai Komene
Eric Sebastian Alfie Parvin Miki Nguyen
Maddie Jones Hannah Ryall Regan McIntyre
Ella Numaguchi Eliott Allemand

Student Leaders

Choreography - Maddie McLean/Nigella Woodhouse Set - Mika Turnbull Costume - Abbey Soper

Directing - Izzy Jack Production - Lucy Ward and Leah McHugo

Tech - Tasman Hughes Backstage - Nina Johnston

Band - Cameron Ryall, Rafe Swan, Alex Campbell

PROPS NEEDED

We are looking for props for Little Shop of Horrors!

If you have any of the following items that you would like to lend as props from 16 to 25 March we would very much appreciate it.

- 5 x old metal rubbish bins with lids
- 1 x Dental/steel surgical trolley or tray
- An assortment of fake flowers

If you can help in anyway with these items please contact rscott@wakatipu.school.nz



PASIFIKA AWARDS

On Tuesday night, our school hosted the inaugural Central Otago Pasifika Success Service and Awards evening. This is organised by the Ministry of Education to celebrate the success of Pasifika students and their families in NCEA. It was a wonderful service, led by Minister Alofa Lale and Julie Anderson, Director of Education for Otago Southland Ministry of Education. There were key messages given to the students around their determination to push forward and succeed and being a role model and leader for their families and communities.

Students who were recognised at the service were as follows:

Liam Aliimatafitafi

Ashley Bonkovich

Jaxon Collins

Kane Hoskin

Litogi Isamaeli

Zain Khan

Maya Kiddle

Nishika Kumar

Taylor Peyroux

Rachael Singh

Baxter Thomas

Rachael and Maya were also recognised for being the top Pasifika Academic Achievers for Level 1 and Level 2 NCEA respectively.

Congratulations to all students!

Mrs Panapa Assistant Principal









NCEA INFORMATION

Thanks to those who came to the NCEA Information Evening held for parents last Wednesday evening. For those who are new to NCEA, we realise that the system is different to that of years past and hope that you will discuss with your children and/or contact the school, including subject teachers, Kaiarahi, Deans or SLT, should you have any questions.

Below are some of the items covered, including some useful links:

- <u>How NCEA Works</u> This is a short video that describes standards, credits, internal and external assessment, NCEA Qualifications and Endorsements. As a school, we highly recommend that Year 11 students strive to achieve NCEA Level 1 with either a Merit or Excellence endorsement, as this lays a good foundation for success at NCEA Level 2 and beyond.
- NZQA Website Here you can find information about NCEA as well as subject specific resources, including exemplars of student work.
- Assessment Policy Each school is responsible for ensuring that robust and quality assured assessments are provided, so that the qualifications and
 marks that students achieve are consistent across the country. To support this, we have an Assessment Policy that must be adhered to. Students have
 been explained this policy, and it is important that parents also understand its content.
- Internal Assessment Calendar The calendars below enable students to identify when they will be having their assessments. We highly recommend that parents ask their children to create their individual assessment calendar to better enable them to organise and plan so that they may ultimately achieve their academic goals.

Level 1 Internal Assessment Calendar

Level 2 Internal Assessment Calendar

Level 3 Internal Assessment Calendar

- <u>Term Calendar</u> This is the full year calendar that includes the various events and trips that are planned for WHS. We recommend that students look at this calendar in conjunction with the Assessment Calendar to identify times that are extraordinarily busy and plan accordingly.
- The Portal This app enables students (and parents) to view students academic results, feedback and feed-forward comments for next steps for learning, as well as attendance, Learning Engagement Reports and much more. If you haven't yet accessed the Portal, we highly recommend that you do.

And here are a couple of key questions that you could ask your student about today and on a regular basis:

- Do you have any internal assessments at the moment or coming up?
- Can I have a look at your individual internal assessment calendar? If not done, then they should make one now!
- Let's have a look at your portal to see if there are any results or feedback from your teachers?
- Let's have a look at your Google Classroom pages

Mr Nathan Senior Deputy Principal

AD ALTA

G&T UPDATE

We had a great open evening. It was a good chance to meet some more of the parents of our wonderful students. I am slowly getting through the large volume of email traffic following the evening.

One of the things we discussed at the evening was our 'Curious Minds' project. This centres around a new Google classroom (sort of like a Facebook page for education), aimed at students who want to extend their thinking. The purpose of this Google classroom is to link curious minds with awesome opportunities. Everything from competitions within school, activities locally, nationally and internationally, will appear here. These will come from all learning areas, and some outside organisations. Many of these opportunities also appear in the school notices. This classroom keeps everything in one place and can be sorted by subject.

This is open to all students. To join, students can go to Google classroom (all students have this), and enter the class code: fvyhtiz

Already there are many things loaded ready to join in with. ICAS entries are open on this site (closing on Monday the 19th). This is the first of multiple competition opportunities.

So, please get your student to join up. Maybe scroll through with them to see if there is anything there now that appeals to their curiosity.

Mrs Hiestand G&T Coordinator

US AMBASSADOR VISIT

We have all become accustomed to watching videos and reading stories about important people in the news, but it is not often we get the chance to meet such people in person. If you happened to be strolling past our magnificent campus at approximately 11:30am on Tuesday 13 March, you might have been lucky enough to witness our very own US Ambassador to New Zealand, Scott Brown, step out of his sunset orange Holden commodore and prepare to speak to senior Economic and History students. It was an amazing experience for all of us to get the chance to meet with such an experienced, international diplomat and it was incredibly interesting to listen to him speak about world events, especially considering it is a perspective that we seldom have first hand contact with.

This was an excellent opportunity for all students involved, and on behalf of everyone present at the talk, thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising the event, and of course to the Ambassador and his staff for taking the time to visit.

Bianca Crichton





HEAD STUDENT UPDATE

Good afternoon one and all,

I hope you've all had a fantastic past couple of weeks. We are now at the end of week seven of an eleven week term; time has absolutely flown by. And this is probably going to remain a common theme, with all of the school events, house competitions, extracurricular activities, and of course internals, Term 2 will roll over for many before they know it.

It's pretty neat how the school looks and feels like a proper school now, and not just a new, modern building with students inside. The staff and students of WHS deserve a solid congratulations for handling the transition so well, it's good seeing everything come together. Thank you to all involved throughout this process, especially the Senior Leadership Team who have been working so diligently behind the scene for a long, long time.

Yesterday, one of the first council-run events, MingleMatch, was held by the Whanaungatanga Council. It was an awesome event, with students coming to play games, meet new people, and have an all-round good time. There are heaps of new events coming up, such as Bob Ross painting sessions which are the stress-relievers of all stress-relievers, so keep a close eye on emails and the notices.

That's all from me, enjoy your well deserved weekend! In the words of Tigger, ta ta for now.

Jordyn Clark Head Boy

MUFTI DAY

The Community and Service Council are running a blue themed mufti day in support of Plunket on Friday 23 March. We would love for students to get involved and support this wonderful cause by giving a gold coin donation.

Dress in your favourite blue clothes in support of families in need!

Gracie Hansby





BRANCHES PHOTOS & BOOK

Branches Photos 2017

Finally the USBs have arrived so Last chance to order a 4.2gig of photos from last year's camp taken by Jo Boyd. They are all on USB to music and cost \$20. This is for people who have not ordered already.

Please contact Louise Ward wardplastering@xtra.co.nz

The Branches Camp - 50 years Book

Sue Fea is currently writing this book and we are aiming to launch it in November. We would like some people to help us in different areas please:

- Photo sorting
- Proof reading
- Promotion
- Sales
- Distribution

Any queries contact Louise Ward 0276641001



40 HOUR FAMINE

On Monday 12 March, four of this year's 40 Hour Famine Leaders (Lana, Brydie, Mio and Olivia) attended the World Vision Youth Conference in Dunedin. There, we learned the power of youth voice not only in New Zealand but around the world. The conference is designed to ignite a passion for justice and equality in young New Zealanders and ignited we felt. It covered topics and we had discussions based around global education, leadership development and social action. We learned more about the South Sudan refugee crisis (the focus of the 40HR Famine this year) and how World Vision is making a difference to so many lives in refugee camps in Uganda.

We heard some amazing and inspiring keynote speakers throughout the day who had very empowering words to share. Abe Nouk, a spoken word poet, author and MC enlightened us on the importance of freedom of speech and what it meant to him. Sudanese born, he arrived in Australia an illiterate refugee, and he believes that 'the best thing that you can do for yourself is feed the mind'.

Chris Jupp told us stories of the inequality that he has encountered in New Zealand and how we can begin to fight injustice within our own communities. He explained to us that everything is not "all good" in the world; we should not be apathetic towards the struggles of people around us and throughout the world as we are all connected whether we realise it or not.

Lastly, Chloe Swarbrick New Zealand's youngest member of Parliament shared her story of how she stood for the Auckland mayoralty after realising that her representatives in Auckland were not actually being representative of what the people around her wanted to achieve. She was so inspiring because as someone not much older than many of us, she had achieved so much with her time.

This year we want to make the 40 Hour Famine the biggest and best yet! We will be sending out more information very shortly about what we are aiming to achieve this year.

Olivia Woodham







SPORTS UPDATE

Sports Academy

The WHS Sports Academy will be back running in Term 2. This time around the academy will be on site at WHS utilising our new facilities and will be run in 10 week, term time blocks. There will be two sessions a week before school and one theory session after school fortnightly. We are very excited to be able to offer students this opportunity again. For more specific information please click here. Anyone interested should email Mrs Nathan harban@wakatipu.school.nz. Expressions of interest close Wednesday 28th March and which time applications will be sent out.

New Zealand U18 Ice Hockey Squad Named

Congratulations to the following players who have been named in the New Zealand U18 Ice Hockey Squad; Jackson Flight, Noah Gregory, Levi March, Harrison Mills, Isaak Reid, Jack Robbie and Jakob Wilson. Charlie Van Asch has been named as a travelling reserve. The players will compete for NZ in the 2018 IIHF World U18 Division III Championship Group B in Queenstown from April 26th - 28th.

Southland Volleyball Championships

Last Sunday four senior volleyball teams made the trip to Invercargill to attend the Southland Volleyball Championships. This would be the first tournament (and therefore first game) of the season for all teams. The quality of the volleyball was fantastic, particularly the Senior A boys team who were close to taking down Central Southland College after winning the first set. (CSC have just returned from winning the Division Two South Island title and have a NZ representative). The boys were unlucky to lose their semi-final to Southland Boys' High School after again winning the first set, and finished 3rd overall. The Senior A girls team won an exciting semi-final against Central Southland College who had beaten them in pool play earlier that day. It was a hard fought match with the Wakatipu team winning the game after losing the first set by a big margin. They couldn't quite keep up the energy required to take the title, losing the final to Southland Girls' High School. The Senior B boys' and girls' team had a great day out as well; playing some good volleyball and gaining valuable experience. A big thanks to Mr Hansen, Ms Paterson and Rachel Vermeir for coming down to support the teams.

Sonia Panapa (TIC Volleyball)

Otago Secondary School Futsal Champs

The WHS senior girls team took out the Otago Secondary School Futsal Champs last Friday in Dunedin. Entering the last round of games Wakatipu were ahead on goal difference by four over last years winners Queens High from Dunedin. In the last round Queens secured a 14/0 win over Kavanagh with Wakatipu winning 10/0 v Mt Aspiring. Level on goal difference the tournament was decided on the head to head games between the two sides. Wakatipu secured the tournament with their earlier 4/0 win over Queens.

Otago Champs: Sophia Lazor, Celeste Pomare, Hannah Ryall, Evie Brown, Haley Adamson, Nieve Collin, Valentina Rios Diaz





SPORTS UPDATE continued...

Celebrating South Island Secondary School Champs for Wakatipu Rowing Club Congratulations to all our school aged rowers and their coaches for the enormous progress made since the South Island Championships. These 5am alarms have paid off! Wakatipu featured in 12 "A finals", many more than we expected at the end of January. Particular congratulations to Oliver Bisley and Oliver Herron for their gold medal in the Boys U15 double, and then teaming up in the Boys U15 Coxed Quad with Enzo Wilson, Lukas Erskine and Jackson Rogers for a well-deserved silver Medal.

A further highlight was to watch our Girls U15 Coxed Octuple Scull win a bronze medal, with four novices on board (Girls U15 Evie Brown, Neive Collin, Zoe Abbiss, Isobel Wallace, Novices; Amiee Clark, Carmen Woodhouse, Ruby Finlay, Ruby Noton and Alex Thompson - cox). Once again Russell and Kelsie's coaching has had some great effects on the girls' technique, an event to look out for at Maadi.

But the REAL win this weekend was to see cheerful parents, rowers and coaches getting on with the job and supporting each other throughout. For a small club we were probably one of the noisiest from the shore!! Good job with the new Wakatipu High School rowing suit and big thanks to Laura Nathan for her support in this process.



WHS U15 Coxed Octuple Sculls

Eric Billoud - Club President



South Island Secondary School Triathlon Champs

WHS Had two boys compete in the South Island Secondary School Triathlon Champs at the beginning of March in Oamaru. Archie Ritchie finished 4th out of 5 in the Senior Boys category and Sam Davis won the Junior Boys category with 6 competitors.

Photo: Sam Davis competing in the SISS Triathlon Champs in Oamaru



SPORTS UPDATE continued...

Southland Touch Champs

WHS took down a girls and a mixed team to the Southland Secondary School Touch Champs last Tuesday 6th March. The mixed team had good wins over Gore High and Te Kura and finished second to Central Southland College in the final. The girls team played two Southland Girls teams and lost the first one significantly and the second one 2-1. The team played the whole Southland Girls squad in the final match and the final score was tied at the before heading into a drop off where we lost. It was amazing to see the improvements across the day for two teams. Both teams qualified to South Island Champs and WHS is taking a mixed team.

A big thank you to Joe Panapa and Jerram Hill who coached the teams.





WHS Mixed Touch Team

WHS Girls' Touch Team

Whistler Cup

Congratulations to Albie O'Connell, Olivia Flight and Ester Vile who have been selected to ski in the Whistler Cup this year. All the best.

Sports Notices Site Trampoline

High School student special deal for Friday's in Term 1. Get along from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for \$15 (normal price is \$25)! Students need to show their ID card.



SPORTS UPDATE continued...

Girls Cricket

On Tuesday the WHS Girls Cricket team travelled to Dunedin to play the semi final of the Bates Cup against St Hilda's. The home side posted a sizeable total of 165 without loss and WHS faced an uphill battle against this very disciplined side. Unfortunately the girls were all out for 45. This ended a great wee season for the team with a big thank you to Matt Hollyer for taking the girls and Emma Campbell for her coaching.

1st XI Cricket

Another win for the 1st XI Cricket team means that they have taken out the Super Smash First XI Cricket Competition. The team played Verdon College at Queens Park in Invercargill yesterday and batted first posting 169, before bowling them all out for 80. The team now takes the sixth spot in the Top 6 First XI Tournament. This is comprised of the six best First XI sides in Otago and Southland and is a three day tournament in Dunedin from Sunday 25th to Tuesday 27th March. A huge thank you again to Daniel Gibbons, Russell Mawhinney and Ian Collin. Well done lads.



First XI Cricket Team - Super Smash Champions

Summer Tournament Week

Wakatipu High School are sending a number of teams to participate in summer tournament week this year. We wish all of these competitors the very best of luck.

Please see below for a summary of events:

- Rowing Maadi Cup Twizel Monday 19th Saturday 24th March
- Mixed Touch South Island Champs Christchurch Saturday 24th Sunday 25th March
- Athletics South Island Champs Timaru Friday 23rd Sunday 25th March
- Triathlon New Zealand Secondary School Champs Nelson Monday 19th Tuesday 20th March
- Mountain Biking New Zealand Secondary Schools Rotorua Monday 19th Wednesday 21st March

Laura Nathan Sports Coordinator



Important dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT	WHO
19-23 Mar	Summer Tournament Week	All
21-24 Mar	Musical	All
Mon 26 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day – no school	All
Wed 28 Mar	Junior Next Steps (Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings)	Yr9 & Yr10
Fri 30 Mar	Good Friday – no school	All
Mon 2 Apr	Easter Monday – no school	All
Tue 3 Apr	Easter Tuesday – no school	All
Thu 5 Apr	Senior Next Steps (Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings)	Yr 11, 12, 13
Fri 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1	

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Support Wakatipu High School and you'll be rewarded!

We are raising funds for our Basketball Team and you can help! Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our fundraiser.

PLUS, order now to receive over \$200 of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/260506v

LOST PROPERTY

Already, our pile of lost property has grown out of control!

If you are missing items from your home - uniform, shoes, drink bottles, pencil cases etc, please either pop into school yourself or ask your student to come up to Student Services to look through the pile.

Unfortunately we cannot keep these items long term so we will be forced to donate them of a charity.





The success of Wakatipu High School Foundation depends on the strength of its partnerships – with our schools, our community and business leaders. The WHSF Business Partnership Program is comprised of a dynamic group of local companies and professionals who, through their financial support, share in its success. Partnering with WHSF is a great way to invest in our schools and promote your business. Outstanding schools help strengthen the entire community including the business community.

If you would like more information on how your business can participate in this vital programme, please contact:

Chris Duffy: chris.duffy@crowehorwath.co.nz +64 3 450 1801 Jennifer Belmont: jennifer.belmont.nz@gmail.com +64 22 394 5955

Our Current Partner List:

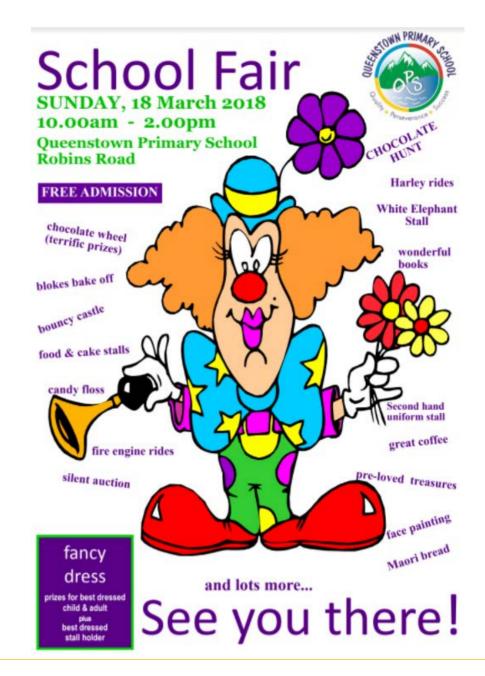
Colliers	Queenstown Resort College	Pak 'n Save
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Rata	Hush Spa & Salon	Affleck Dodd O'Meara
Cookie Time	Westwood Group Holdings	Adventure Group
McCulloch + Partners	Lakes Weekly Bulletin	Flame Bar & Grill
KJet	NZSki	Cavell Leitch
Anderson Lloyd	Lane Neave	Black ZQN
Trinity Development	Kinloch Lodge	Mega Mitre 10
Deloitte Queenstown	PlaceMakers	Crowe Horwath
Goldfields Jewellers	Highlands Game Over	Bungy NZ

Please support these businesses as they are investing in our students and school.















EXACTION CLUBS

Draft – Regional Sport & Recreation Facility Strategy

Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago districts

CONSULTATION FORUMS

13 | CROMWELL

6.30pm – 8.00pm Cromwell Sports Club Anderson Park

15 ALEXANDRA 6.30pm - 8.00pm 19

QUEENSTOWN

6.00pm – 7.30pm Queenstown Events Centre Function Room

20 march WANAKA

6.00pm – 7.30pm Wanaka Recreation Centre

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Having your say can make all the difference to your district's facilities in the years to come.

To register, or to receive an electronic copy of the draft strategy document, please contact Owen Booth at: **obooth@sportotago.co.nz**





CAB provides a fun and supportive environment where we give volunteers full training and the tools and ongoing support so that they can help others. Not only is CAB a great place to make new friends, work with people with such diverse backgrounds, keep in touch with the local community but also be apart of the bigger picture by helping bring social change in our communities locally and nationally. Each client interaction makes a difference.



Queenstown Ice Hockey Information Day

Want to know more about playing Ice Hockey this season? Come along to our information session to learn more and have a chat. Wednesday 04th April 5.30-7.30pm at Queenstown Ice Arena or contact us at queenstownicehockey@gmail.com 2018 registrations are open online at www.queenstownicehockey.co.nz



an Gerard RIVING INSTRUCTION

We now offer defensive driving courses

This course is an NZTA approved advanced driving skills course. It gives you the tools you need to drive defensively for life. The course also reduces your full licence wait time by 6 months.

For information on courses or for driving lessons please email: info@drivinginstruction.co.nz

or Phone Rach Gerard on 027 273 9610

Alpine Health and Fitness at the Events Centre is holding instructor auditions for some of their Les Mills programmes on March 18th at 3pm at the Events Centre.

More info on the website http://sportrec.qldc.govt.nz/

If you are 16 years or older and are fit and healthy and move well then come along and see what it is about...

Queries to Maria baxterbradley@xtra.co.nz





Rotary International

Youth Exchange Programme

WANTED – SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GO ON EXCHANGE IN 2019

Rotary Youth Exchange is an official programme of Rotary and we are now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of this long established successful educational and cultural exchange.

This is your chance to immerse yourself in the culture and become fluent in a foreign language in a supportive exchange programme. Become fluent in Swedish, Mandarin, Danish, German, French or Spanish.

- Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2019.
- Exchange partners for 2019 are: Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Austria,
 Chile and Taiwan
- No family Rotary affiliation required.
- Applications close 30 April 2018.

Rotary Youth Exchange offers student training and preparation, a strong student support structure and oversight by a reputable global service organisation. Students attend a local school but stay with several host families for variety and a true cultural experience.

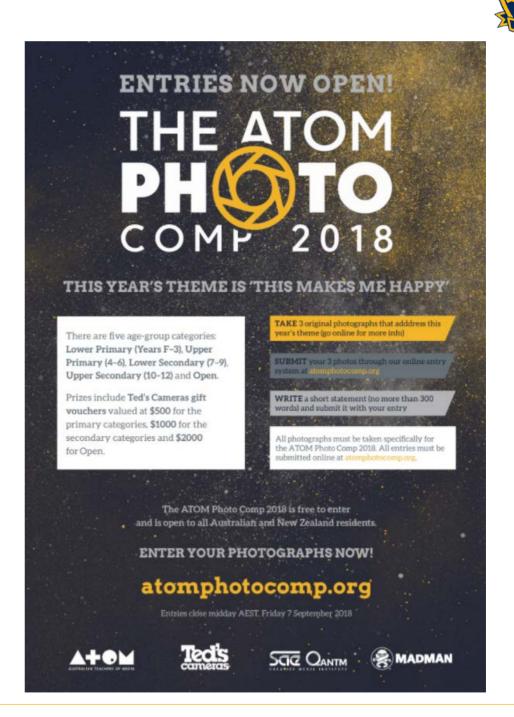
Students benefit from personal growth and development, independence and self confidence while making worldwide friendships and learning a new language. If you want to gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others, have fun and a whole lot of new experiences consider being a Rotary Youth Exchange student for 2019.

If you are ready for a life changing experience and for the rewarding challenge and the unique and life long rewards that come from living in another country as a RYE student, then check out www.rotaryyouthexchange9980.wordpress.com or contact us for more information and an initial application form.

Contact: Gary Williams

Chair Rotary Youth Exchange District 9980 [lower South Island, N Z]











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1984's Big Brother is here and sitting in your pocket...

Mobile phone and Internet security

Dr Henry Wolfe, Tuesday 27 March, 7 – 8.30pm

Been out on your bike or climbed a mountain today? If so, then chances are, Google already knows of your athletic prowess and exactly where you left your sweat...thanks to your android phone's inbuilt tracking mechanisms.

In Catalyst Trust's Tuesday, March 27 talk, Dr Henry Wolfe - ICT specialist and former CIA operative - will outline how far phone and internet company tentacles stretch in to our lives and how (if you want) to limit that reach. In language even non-digital natives can understand.

Many of the almost 5 billion mobile phones in use around the world have inbuilt GPS and other far reaching technology. Many of these ever-increasing capabilities also result in risks – from malware to loss of privacy, location logging and bugging. Many of them, we know nothing about.

Dr Wolfe has been an active ICT professional for almost 60 years. He has advised the New Zealand Law Commission about electronic commerce and has trained New Zealand, Australian and Singaporean police in electronic forensics techniques. The University of Otago lecturer is a keynote conference speaker and known internationally for his work on electronic forensics, encryption, surveillance, privacy and computer virus defences.

The Rees Hotel Queenstown conference room, 7-8.30pm, koha at door (suggested min \$5), please register at connect@catalystnz.org and more info on www.catalystnz.org

See https://qz.com/1183559/if-youre-using-an-android-phone-google-may-be-tracking-every-move-you-make/



Astronaut Encounter



Date: Wednesday April 11, 7-8.30pm Venue: Wakatipu High School hall, Frankton





Have you always wanted to know what it really is like to live in space? US Air Force Colonel and NASA astronaut Michael S Hopkins reveals the ups and downs and the joy and wonder of travelling in space at this Catalyst Trust talk. Followed by Q&A and autographs.

Col Hopkins has logged 166 days in space, including 12 hours of space walking, since being selected as an astronaut in 2009. When not aboard the International Space Station, he's at NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston, where he supports the ISS's operations.

Catalyst Trust thanks NASA, Otago Museum, The Rees Hotel Queenstown and Wakatipu High School. For more info, go to catalystnz.org or fb.com/catalystnzQT





MindPlus is a programme for creatively and intellectually gifted 6-13 year olds that provides intellectual, creative, social and emotional learning and support. Children come together, with a specialist teacher, for one day each week. Together they engage in differentiated, strength-based, learning experiences to further develop their gifts and talents and a greater understanding of what it means to be gifted.

"MindPlus works for me because of the different ways and subjects that we learn and how we do stuff differently from school that makes us think outside of the box" - MindPlus Student

Why MindPlus is great for creatively and academically gifted children:

- Children connect with like-minded peers who think like them and understand each other.
- Learning is challenging and applied, and stretches children's abilities and ways of thinking.
- Small class numbers enable personalised learning that focuses on each child's strengths and interests. (MindPlus class numbers are capped at 1 6 children.)
- Our specialist teachers understand gifted learners and what makes them tick.

Curriculum

Like all programmes delivered by the New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education, all teaching and learning at MindPlus is guided by the Centre's own curriculum. Developed specifically for meeting the needs of gifted children outside of the mainstream classroom, the curriculum is specialised, comprehensive and based on best-practice recommendations in gifted education. It is responsive to the needs and characteristics of each individual gifted learner and fosters challenging learning that connects with children's strengths and interests.

Where MindPlus Operates

Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, Kapiti, Wellington, Lower Hutt, Nelson, Christchurch. The Centre also supports local groups with the delivery of the MindPlus programme in Masterton, Lincoln, mid-Canterbury, Dunedin and Invercargill, with Taranaki opening in 2016.

MindPlus Entry Selection

Through the Entry Selection Process, information regarding a child's intellectual, creative, and personal abilities and traits are collected from their home, school and from the child themselves. This information is analysed to determine whether the child would benefit from attending MindPlus. Referrals can come from either parents or a child's school. (We welcome referrals from home-schooling parents, too.)

The Centre also has a Resource Base available to educators and parents.



Empowering Extraordinary Minds

To find out more about MindPlus, to refer a child or to enquire about MindPlus starting in your region, please contact our office.

0800 769 234 office@nzcge.co.nz







YOUTH MUAY THAI

With coach Rob Horrocks

Muay Thai is an ancient Thai martial art which uses stand up striking as well as various clinching techniques. It is often referred to as 'the science of 8 limbs' because strikes can be delivered from punches, kicks, knees and elbows.

Classes include defensive and striking techniques, fitness drills, pad work and bag work.

Students should expect to gain confidence, hand eye co-ordination, fitness, balance, self-discipline, respect as well as physical and mental strength. Those who enjoy the classes and want the chance to compete will be given the opportunity to do so but there is never any pressure for people to fight.

Rob Horrocks has over 17 years Muay Thai experience winning area and English championship bouts at professional level as well as multi weight British and European championship bouts as an amateur.





Monday and Thursday

4:45-5:45pm

Age 12 and upwards

All ability levels welcome

Wear nonrestricting sportswear (shorts and T-shirt)

For more info

Rob@industrialfitness.co.nz

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Monday/Thursday 4:45-5:45pm



World music, rhythms, listening, concentration and fun!

Making music on drums, percussion and with your voices.

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. We will engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, increasing their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

In this programme we will

- · Have heaps of fun playing drums, glockenspiels and other percussion instruments
- Learn to play rhythms and develop listening skills
- Sing songs from around the world, including Africa and Europe
- · Learn to read and write musical notation
- · Work as a team, playing in time and increasing co-ordination and control

We will be aiming for an informal performance during the final workshop, sharing and celebrating our learning.

Programme length

1.5 hours per week for 6 weeks

Age Group

9-13

Mondays from 1:30-3pm, starting on 26th Feb