Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today we held our annual Pounamu Assembly. This assembly awards badges to students who have achieved NCEA endorsed with Merit or Excellence. It was great to hold this in our new theatre for the first time, it is a great venue for events such as this, and also wonderful to have so many parents join us, thank you. We had nearly 200 students come across the stage - a wonderful show of student achievement. We have included a list of all of our recipients below, as well as students who achieved Scholarships in 2017.

2017 Results - as a school we work hard to deliver a great all-round education to our students, and central to this is student learning, progress and achievement, and each year we set goals and targets for this. While results are not completely confirmed for a few weeks yet, it is my pleasure to report to you on the highlights of the 2017 Results at this time, beginning with two of our Tier 1 goals:

 NCEA Level 2 - is a very significant qualification which is considered important for young people and their futures, and accordingly it has considerable emphasis from the government, Ministry of Education, schools, students and parents. Again we had an ambitious target of 90% of our Year 12 students achieving NCEA Level 2, and 170 of 186 of our students achieved this, ie 91% - an outstanding result by and for those students. As a school we also work hard to ensure our Maori and Pasifika students achieve and I am also pleased to report that 94% of Maori and 100% of our Pasifika students achieved NCEA Level 2 - again, outstanding.

 University Entrance (UE) - approximately twothirds of our students go on to tertiary study and so UE is a critical qualification for those students and their families, and an important one for the school and community. 108 of 145 students of our students who had a 'UE-capable course' achieved UE, ie 74% again, a great result for those students and their futures. Highlights of our Tier 2 goals include:

- NCEA Level 2 with Excellence particularly for those with tertiary aspirations this is an important achievement that can yield considerable financial scholarships and supports entry into courses and Halls of Residence. Our ambitious target was for 23% of our Year 12 students to achieve this, and 42 students did, ie 23% - which is a fantastic achievement by and for those students. It was also an excellent result compared to other high decile schools.
- NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit or Excellence this goal is about students achieving a quality Level 1 qualification, in part to help set them up for Level 2. 101 students, ie 51%, achieved this.
- Scholarships are the pinnacle of academic achievement, and to gain a Scholarship is a great achievement and honour. Sitting scholarship is optional and undertaken by our top scholars, who work hard with their teachers throughout the year to prepare for them. In 2017 our students achieved 8 scholarships (and eight more are one mark off!). The list of scholarship recipients, as well as their teachers, are listed below.

Overall our 2017 results are excellent, and we are really pleased with them. Given everything else that was going on last year at WHS with preparations for the move to the new school it shows that we were keeping our eyes on the prize. They do represent hardwork and dedication of both students and staff, and my thanks and congratulations go to all of them.

Most importantly these results are about our students and their futures. As a school our efforts mean that large numbers of our students have gained results and qualifications that will support them on their pathways and give them options and opportunities for their futures.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE continued...

Uniform - in one week we have a significant seasonal change with the uniform, which includes blazers and junior ties. Please see the piece below for information regarding this and important other info re the uniform.

It was great to see such a good turnout for the Year 9 Greenstone Camp parent meeting on Wednesday. Next week are the NCEA Parent and G&T meetings - see the dates section at the end of the newsletter and do come along if they are for you.

There are many important items in the newsletter below, including information on the Assessment Calendar, the WHS App and examples of our great all-round education - please do look through it.

Our second full week of teaching and learning in the new school is now done and we are settling really well; it is great to hear the positive feedback from students, staff and parents. The new school is a significant change, and big picture the transition is going very smoothly. There are many things for us to sort and improve and we will continue to do that - it is a matter of direction rather than perfection at this stage, but we are definitely going well in the right direction! A great day ahead tomorrow, with weather coming in later on Sunday. The snow this week (see the great photo by Mr Charton below) reminds us to get out and make the most of summer in the Wakatipu!

Steve Hall Principal

WHS 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

WHS is proud to announce the fantastic achievements by our students who have been awarded 2017 Scholarships.

Arts

Brylee Tuinman Bell – Photography Sofia Machray – Photography Lily Yochay - Art Design **Teachers:** Katie Keane, Leslie Koehn

Social Sciences

Chao Han (Proxime) - Geography **Teacher:** Linda Richards

Maths

Hamish Attenborough (Dux) – Calculus – *Outstanding Scholarship* **Teacher:** J-E McEnerney

Science

Ella Macbeth - Biology Hamish Attenborough (Dux) - Chemistry Hamish Attenborough (Dux) - Physics **Teachers:** Jim Gilbert, Pat Quaid, Hamish Robb

POUNAMU ASSEMBLY

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NCEA Level 1

Katerina Carter	Yr 12
Patrick Coombe	Yr 12
Josh Drinkwater	Yr 12
Noah Gregory	Yr 12
Gracie Hansby	Yr 12
Gareth Harcombe	Yr 12
Tasman Hughes	Yr 12
Jordan McVicar	Yr 12
Lucy Phillips	Yr 12
Chantelle Bull	Yr 12
Natalie Clearwater	Yr 12
Hannah Crump-McKechnie	Yr 12
Medeiros Maria De	Yr 12
Grace Kennedy	Yr 12
Seth Mawhinney	Yr 12
Carly McIlroy-Wattam	Yr 12
Ella Numaguchi	Yr 12
Archie Ritchie	Yr 12
Livvie Thompson	Yr 12
Raven Almquist	Yr 12
Kendra McChlery	Yr 12
Racheal Singh	Yr 12
Gabby White	Yr 12
Gabe White	Yr 12
Abby Harford	Yr 12
Thomas Hartono	Yr 12
Maddie Jones	Yr 12
Elise Kennedy	Yr 12
Bonny Koehn-Turton	Yr 12
Taylah Pedersen	Yr 12
Lydia Richards	Yr 12
Molly Richards	Yr 12
Geena Slow	Yr 12

Olivia Waters

Yr 12

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1	Om Alva	Yr 12	
1	Hylton Briscoe	Yr 12	
1	Cilla Clarke	Yr 12	
1	Jake Finnigan	Yr 12	
1	Smith Lucia King	Yr 12	
1	Brydie Macbeth	Yr 12	
1	Jessica Staples	Yr 12	
1	Hannah Witheford	Yr 12	
1	Brooke Bennett	Yr 12	
1	Benjamin Britton	Yr 12	
1	Samantha Bunyard	Yr 12	
1	Michael Chisholm	Yr 12	
1	Sian Davis	Yr 12	
1	Chris Hall	Yr 12	
1	Wang Zun Kim	Yr 12	
1	Jacque Lattimore	Yr 12	
1	Katie Stevens	Yr 12	
1	Jessie Tayler	Yr 12	
1	Hayato Yoneto	Yr 12	
1	Milena Bevan	Yr 12	
1	Talia Bodle-Nathan	Yr 12	
1	Jamie Coyle	Yr 12	
1	Angus Herron	Yr 12	
1	Litogi Isamaeli	Yr 12	
1	Kendall Liscom	Yr 12	
1	Luke Rainbow	Yr 12	
1	Maddie Reedy	Yr 12	
1	Hannah Ryall	Yr 12	
1	Adriana Calabrese	Yr 12	
1	Alexander Eastlake	Yr 12	
1	Isla Gourlay	Yr 12	
1	Uta Higuchi	Yr 12	
1	Kai Komene	Yr 12	_
1	Regan McIntyre	<u>Yr 1</u> 2	3

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NCEA Level 1	Charlie Paddon
NCEA Level 1	Nik Rooney
NCEA Level 1	Nina Smith
NCEA Level 1	Nick Thompson
NCEA Level 1	Owen Tsai
NCEA Level 1	Hera Winders
NCEA Level 1	Annie Black
NCEA Level 1	Will Booker
NCEA Level 1	Emma Cordelle
NCEA Level 1	June Ha
NCEA Level 1	Jack James
NCEA Level 1	Kiara McPherson
NCEA Level 1	Isobella Morrison
NCEA Level 1	Natty Raymond
NCEA Level 1	Frost Spillane
NCEA Level 1	Jemima Stevens
NCEA Level 1	Jack Wilson
NCEA Level 1	Rain Zhang
NCEA Level 1	Charlie Andrews
NCEA Level 1	Francesca Archibald
NCEA Level 1	Samuel Chan
NCEA Level 1	Natayla Emanuel
NCEA Level 1	Ruby Hamilton
NCEA Level 1	Tyrone Henderson
NCEA Level 1	Holly Ingram
NCEA Level 1	Subin Kim
NCEA Level 1	Sienna Le-Gall
NCEA Level 1	Jack McCorkindale
NCEA Level 1	Rayna Sunder
NCEA Level 1	Ella Walker-Smith
NCEA Level 1	Charlotte Wilson
NCEA Level 2	Anna Aitken
NCEA Level 2	Jordyn Clark
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Hannah Coombe

NCEA Level 2

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NCEA Level 2 NCEA Level 2

2	Ella Little	Yr 13
2	Isaac Norton	Yr 13
2	Alicia Adamson	Yr 13
2	Maya Kiddle	Yr 13
2	Lexi Rosemoore	Yr 13
2	Cameron Ryall	Yr 13
2	Cameron Sanford	Yr 13
2	Karina Tickle	Yr 13
2	Monique Tickle	Yr 13
2	Mio Akiyama	Yr 13
2	Ray Crawshay	Yr 13
2	Bianca Crichton	Yr 13
2	Valentina Diaz	Yr 13
2	Ami Ishibashi	Yr 13
2	Zak Komene	Yr 13
2	Henry McIntyre	Yr 13
2	Eve O'Connor	Yr 13
2	Isabelle Painter	Yr 13
2	Renae Spencer	Yr 13
2	Marcus Bongers	Yr 13
2	Alex Booker	Yr 13
2	Amelia Freeman	Yr 13
2	Callum Judkins	Yr 13
2	Leah Kissick	Yr 13
2	Poppy Lake	Yr 13
2	Kalani MacDonald	Yr 13
2	Maddie McLean	Yr 13
2	Chester Rosie	Yr 13
2	Angela Santos	Yr 13
2	Lana Stevenson	Yr 13
2	Reece Collin	Yr 13
2	Rubbica Jung	Yr 13
2	Kate Lambert	Yr 13

Becky Reid

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NCEA Level 2	Akane Suzuki
NCEA Level 2	Rafe Swan
NCEA Level 2	Ella Windner
NCEA Level 2	Olivia Woodham
NCEA Level 2	Lachie Clark
NCEA Level 2	Hope Gregory
NCEA Level 2	Isabella Jack
NCEA Level 2	Cameron Jackson
NCEA Level 2	Quinn McDonald
NCEA Level 2	Francesca O'Malley
NCEA Level 2	Daniel Stokes
NCEA Level 2	Mika Turnbull
NCEA Level 2	Troy Anstiss
NCEA Level 2	Brenna Black
NCEA Level 2	Molly Campbell
NCEA Level 2	Alfie Duffy
NCEA Level 2	Shion Forsyth-Kuroiwa
NCEA Level 2	Jensen Forsyth
NCEA Level 2	Tom Happs
NCEA Level 2	Harrison Mills
NCEA Level 2	Kairi Nakayama
NCEA Level 2	Harriet Nickels
NCEA Level 2	Tomas Spring
NCEA Level 2	Sophie Thompson
NCEA Level 2	Nigella Woodhouse
NCEA Level 2	Griffin Almquist
NCEA Level 2	Jaxon Buchanan
NCEA Level 2	Tom Finlin
NCEA Level 2	Daniel Glanfield
NCEA Level 2	Marcus Jenner
NCEA Level 2	Joshua Perry
NCEA Level 2	Mia Bisley
NCEA Level 2	Ayden Boyd
NCEA Level 2	Britta Collins

Merit Endorsement
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Yr 13

NCEA Level 2	Amelia Hide	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Zac Hourston	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Nina Johnston	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Nina Peachey	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Emy-Jane Robert	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Katie Robertson	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Ruby Tall	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Hugo Wallace	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Sylvio Billoud	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Eloise Bloomfield	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Alex Campbell	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Marina Honda	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Alexandra Hull	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Leah McHugo	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Tucker Paris	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Freddie Rive	Yr 13
NCEA Level 2	Manon Wilson	Yr 13

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT CALENDARS

Internal Assessment Calendars for NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 - these calendars, which show students when their assessments are due, have now been published. They are critical for seniors and, while dates can move around a bit, they can play a big part in determining the shape of a senior student's academic year and enable them to plan to ensure they achieve their academic goals.

Students should use the calendar to identify all their assessments - particularly noting pinchpoints when several fall due at the same time, and then put this beside their other commitments eg sport, work, family. We highly recommend that parents support their children to create their individual assessment calendar to better enable them to plan and prioritise. Some assessments are due soon - this process is important now.

A reminder that students who are absent from an internal assessment must produce a medical certificate and that there are no extensions provided for students going on holidays.

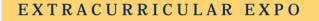
Click <u>here</u> for the NCEA Level 1 Internal Assessment Calendar Click <u>here</u> for the NCEA Level 2 Internal Assessment Calendar Click <u>here</u> for the NCEA Level 3 Internal Assessment Calendar

Click <u>here</u> to see a copy of the school calendar, including Term dates, Field Trips, School exams, etc. As per above, some of these dates are subject to change.

Oded Nathan Senior Deputy Principal

READER/WRITERS

Wakatipu High School is seeking Reader/Writers to work on a casual basis, term-time only. Reader/ Writers have an important role in supporting students to overcome their learning difficulties during an assessment activity for both internal and external examinations. The position would suit a semi-retired or retired person. For more information and to express your interest, please visit our <u>website</u> for further information and to sign up.



Extracurricular Expo

The annual extracurricular expo was a great success this year held indoors in the stadium due to poor weather. There were over 50 different activities from WHS and the community that students could find out information about and register their interest. There is a wide range of activities available for students in the Arts, Academic, Cultural, Leadership, Outdoor, Community and Sports realms, as well as an "Other" category. If you missed signing up, then make direct contact with the Teacher In Charge of that activity or listen out on the notices across the term for opportunities that become available.

For a full list of activities and contacts please click: here



UNIFORM UPDATE



We have had a great start to the year, and for the most part students are doing an excellent job of wearing the correct uniform correctly. As February draws to a close it is time to dust off the blazers, because as of **Monday 5 March** all students must wear their blazers to and from school, and between classes. From that time it will also be compulsory for our junior students to wear the school tie (NB this is a change from previous years).

Although most students are wearing the school uniform correctly, there are a few inconsistencies that we have noticed, so for clarity:

Boys

- Must wear a belt with their shorts and trousers.
- Must have their shirts tucked in.
- Need to have their top buttons done up and their tie up to the collar.

Girls

- May wear the skirt or blue kilt year round. The green kilt may be worn only in Terms 2 and 3, by Year 12 and 13 students only.
- Skirts must not be shortened by rolling, hemming or cutting. In the event that a skirt has been permanently modified please be aware that you will be required to purchase a replacement.
- Only ankle socks may be worn with the skirt. Tights or knee length socks may be worn with the kilt.
- If girls choose to wear trousers they must be worn without modification in any way (including cuffing or cropping) other than hemming them so that they sit just above the sole of the school shoes. As with skirts, if pants are permanently modified you will be required to purchase a replacement pair.
- Only ankle socks may be worn with shorts.

Boys and Girls

- Blazers are the primary uniform item, and must be the outermost layer of the uniform. Jerseys or vests may be worn as an optional secondary item only. Blazers are compulsory for formal events such as prizegiving.
- Socks and tights must be navy and worn with plain black polishable shoes (see website for complete footwear rules). Socks can be purchased from the Uniform Shop, and cost \$15 for a pack of 3.

For a more detailed breakdown of the school uniform, please refer to our <u>website</u>. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep all students looking neat and tidy as they represent our school out in the community.

Uniform Shop Update

- Blazers will be returned to the Online Uniform Shop on Tuesday 27 February, and from then will be available online only.
- Bucket hats are back in stock.
- Uniform Shop hours are now Wednesday and Fridays, Break 3 (1:50 2:30 pm).

Justine Duncan Assistant Principal





Photo by Guillaume Charton

NQZA NEWS

Review and Reconsideration applications for 2017 external examination results

It is advisable for students to talk to their teachers prior to applying for a review or reconsideration. The original answer booklet must accompany any application for a review or reconsideration except for Digital Pilot examinations and digitally submitted Technology standards.

Cut scores

Cut scores have been released and may be found at the relevant subject link <u>here</u>. These scores may assist students in their decision about whether to request a Review or Reconsideration.

Review application process

In a Review, all sections of a booklet or portfolio are checked to make sure they have been marked and results correctly recorded and transferred. A review does not involve re-marking and there is no charge. Students should print off a copy of the personalised Review form from their Learner Login. Check details for a Review of NCEA examination results <u>here.</u> Check details for a Review of Scholarship examination results here.

Applications for Reviews of NCEA externally assessed standards close on 21 February and for New Zealand Scholarship on 2 March.

Reconsideration application process

A Reconsideration involves re-marking all answers in the answer booklet and checking mechanical processes (such as transferring grades). NCEA Reconsiderations cost \$20.40 for each standard. The fee for Design and Visual Communication (DVC) and Technology portfolios is \$20.40 for each external achievement standard, not each portfolio. The fee for New Zealand Scholarship Reconsiderations is \$30.70 per standard (subject). Where the Reconsideration becomes successful, the fee is refunded. Students must apply for Reconsideration through their Learner Login. Payment should also be made online.

Check details for a Reconsideration of NCEA examination results here.

Check details for a Reconsideration of Scholarship examination results here.

Applications for Reconsiderations of NCEA externally assessed standards close on 16 February and for New Zealand Scholarship on 2 March.

Reconsideration applications for Level 3 and New Zealand Scholarship Visual Arts

These can also be completed from the Learner login. High-quality A4 coloured photographs and an authenticity declaration must be submitted. Scholarship applications must include both photographs and workbook. No portfolios are to be sent to NZQA. Check details for a Reconsideration of Level 3 and NZ Scholarship Visual Arts results <u>here.</u>

Applications for Reconsiderations for NCEA externally assessed standards close on 21 February and for Scholarship on 2 March.



MUSICAL CASTLIST

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS - 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 Tristan Tarquet Cameron Kennedy Brown-B Izzy Jack Raven Almquist** Adriana Calabrese Jordan McVicar **Annie Black** Hera Winders Sarah Dawson Savannah Bowman **Yvette Mitchell Kasey Bonn Bianca** Crichton **Emeline Lewis** Anika Moetaua **Claudia Watts Brydie Macbeth Greta Balfour** Leah McHugo, Mika Turnbull Lana Stevens. Maggie Frew, Emma Saxon. Ella Lanuel **Eve O'Connor**

Band 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

OSTA THEATRE NOMINATIONS

Following the release of the 2017 Otago Southland Theatre nominations in December, the awards will be presented this weekend. All the best to those who have been nominated below for the WHS 2017 production of Fame.

The nominations are as follows:

- Best Wardrobe Ali Soper, Becky Paris, Abbey Soper
- Best set Di Griffiths
- Best ensemble number "Hard Work"
- Best supporting female in a play of musical Beatrice Onions
- Best choreography Sienna Strachan, Sienna Simpson
- Best Musical direction Alison Price

The awards above reflect the incredible commitment from the whole cast of Fame and especially the wonderful leadership and vision of our director Kate Moetaua.

Alison Price HoLA Arts

HEAD STUDENT UPDATE



Kia Ora! What a crazy start to the year we have had here at WHS! It is not every year that we get a shiny brand new campus to call home, and consequently the move to the new school has brought its fair share of excitement, discovery and of course a little chaos.

After almost four weeks of school I know that many people, including myself, are still getting used to the flow of how everything works so I have decided to make a quick list of some of the little things that will make your life at the new school just that extra bit better.

- 1. If you bring your own mug to school you get 20 cents off your coffee (if you are like me and really like your coffee, this can save you a lot of money in the long run plus you get to help save the environment yay!)
- 2. Take advantage of the microwaves and kettles in the common room imagine all the new lunch possibilities that are now open to you (I'm thinking pasta, soup, warm cookies...)
- 3. If you are really starving just pop round to one of the common room areas after break and you'll be likely to find some chips or crumbs lying around that are free for the taking
- 4. No amount of pleading or persuasion can get you to cross the science departments megalab aka 'no student land' regardless of how desperately you need to get to the class on the other side... trust me I've tried.

Amongst the turmoil of moving, school life still continues, so here's a little update on what's been happening. If you happen to float past the Performing Arts Department during the upcoming weeks you may be lucky enough to hear the harmonious tunes of the Musical band and ensemble tirelessly rehearsing songs about a man eating plant, sadistic dentist and a gullible florist. Paired with some wicked choreography, this musical will definitely be one to remember so make sure you go see it!

WHS better watch out! Our Student Councils have just had their second meeting yesterday and from the sounds of it they've got some pretty awesome ideas for events and competitions this year so keep checking the notices and your emails for information on how to participate!

What do Debating, Rugby and War Games all have in common? They were all stalls at the annual WHS Extra Curricular Expo last Tuesday 20 February. This was a really cool opportunity to see all the different clubs and activities that the school has to offer.

If you like air hockey, pool, ping pong, free food and hot chocolates as much as I do, I'm sure you'll like the new space set up by the Wakatipu Youth Trust beside Site Trampoline and Chipmunks. This area (yet to be named) is for high school students only and will be open after school from 3.30pm-6.00pm as well as being open for Year 13s during Break 3 so go on over and check it out!

To finish off this week we have had a Year 12 and 13 Pounamu Assembly, with an incredible amount of students being recognised for obtaining Level 1 or 2 endorsements. Well done again to those of you who worked hard last year.

That's all from me!! Have a great term :)

Bianca Crichton Head Girl

SPORTS UPDATE

Challenge Wanaka

The WHS boys team won the Challenge Wanaka Secondary School division on Saturday and came an amazing 4th place out of 230 teams overall! Secondary school teams are allowed four competitors and to split the distance of the bike/run legs to make it achievable. WHS had Sam Davis complete the swim, Archie Ritchie complete the first half of the ride and Hayden Thompson the second half. Aleks Cheiftz completed the first half of the run and Archie the second half.



Sam Davis, Hayden Thompson, Aleks Cheiftz and Archie Ritchie

Wakatipu High School Sports Academy

The WHS Sports Academy is back in 2018 and will start up in Term 2. More information will be in newsletters to come and there will be a meeting for any students interested in early March. Watch this space.

Mountain Biking - Oceania Champs

The Altherm Oceania Mountain Biking Championships were held in Dunedin at Signal Hill from 9-11 February. WHS had a number of riders competing; Jayd Adlam, Nico Fernandaz, Alex Barke, Riley Adlam, Jordan Fernandaz, Hannah White and Will Adamson. A gorgeous day on Saturday was followed by wet and challenging conditions on Sunday.

Top 10 finishes in the Downhill were:

- Alex Barke 3rd out of 17 competitors U17 Men
- Will Adamson 5th out of 6 competitors U15 Men
- Jayd Adlam 7th out of 21 competitors U19 Men
- Hamish McLeod 8th out of 21 competitors U19 Men Ex student Sam Robbie won the U19 Men's category. The National Downhill Championships are being held at Cardrona this weekend.

All the best to the riders competing.



Smash Fit

The ladies at Remarkable Women's Health and Fitness ran a free taster session earlier this week in the stadium for girls. A number of girls attended and had a great time being active. The Smash Fit class is run two days a week after school at Remarkable Women's Health and Fitness in Remarkables Park. The sessions are \$5 for high school students or free as part of a membership.



SPORTS UPDATE continued...

Girls Cricket

The WHS Girls Cricket team travelled to Ranfurly this morning to play a combined East Otago/Maniototo Side in Round 1 of the NZCT Bates Cup. It is fair to say the girls cleaned up this T20 game posting 225 in the first innings and getting the opposition all out for 26! Yes you read that right. Nieve Collin top scored with 40 runs and everyone contributed to the wicket taking. The girls now move on to Round 2. A big thanks to Matt Hollyer for taking the girls for the day.

Sports NoticesNetball Trials - Dates for the 2018 Netball Trials are below:Senior Competitive Girls - Tuesday 27th February and Thursday 1st March - 5-7pmYear 10 Girls - Tuesday 6th March and Thursday 8th March - 5-7pmYear 9 Girls - Tuesday 13th March and Thursday 15th March - 5-7pmAll trials will take place at the WHS gymnasium. Girls are to meet on the netball courts outside at 4:30pm to warm up.

Hockey Coaches Wanted - WHS are looking for keen parents or volunteers to assist in coaching the secondary school hockey teams this year. These teams train in Queenstown and play in Cromwell during the week in Term 2 and 3. If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Queenstown Hockey Club via email: <u>queenstownhockeyclub@gmail.com</u>

Rugby Registrations - All players who signed up at the Extracurricular Expo have been sent a link to complete the 2018 NZRU registration form. This is to be completed by Friday 2nd March.

Girls Only Football Sessions - This year a Girls Football clinic will be run by Jamie Whitmarsh of the QAFC on Mondays from 3:45-4:45pm on the school field in Term 1 and 2. These sessions are free and all girls interested in learning and developing football skills and knowledge are encouraged to attend as well as those wanting to represent the school in football. The sessions will start on Monday 5th March and will run through to Monday 28th May, minus holidays. If you are wanting to take part, please email Mrs Nathan (<u>Inathan@wakatipu.school.nz</u>) by Friday 2nd March.

2018 Football Registration Now Open - Registration for the Queenstown Associated Football Club (QAFC) 2018 Season Junior Club is now open. QAFC will be fielding junior teams in the following age groups. U14 and U17. Registration closes on the Thursday 1st March. Anyone who registers after this time will be placed on a waiting list. Trials for U8 to U17 are scheduled for 4th and 11th March with the first practice being on 22nd March. All registrations must be made online. For more information and to register, please go to the QAFC website at <u>www.queenstownfootball.com</u>

Laura Nathan Sports Coordinator





MINDFULNESS & YOGA

Mondays after school at Wakatipu High School: meet at Student Services - 3.45pm to 4:30pm

4 week course starts: Monday 5 March. \$80 per person

All funds benefit The Kindness Institute's **<u>charity</u>** work with marginalised youth.

The Kindness Institute specialises in mindfulness education and our students report a reduction in stress and anxiety, improved learning, confidence, sleep, focus, calm and compassion.

Mindfulness is being practiced in many schools and is an evidence based tool that can be used over a lifetime to reduce stress and anxiety (which isn't unique to adults) and support people's ability to flourish. Our programme has been developed with long term outcomes in mind and is based on world leading models in Mindfulness and stress reduction education.

A main focus of our kaupapa is training the trainer; youth are empowered to teach mindfulness and yoga to their community. This model has been hugely successful and has seen our work having a much wider impact.

In this fun course, we explore mindfulness and yoga in a hands-on way through group and partner activities in a non competitive environment. Students will learn about focus, calmness, gratitude, self love, stress management and yoga asanas. <u>See here</u> to watch a recent piece on our work on The Sunday Programme.

All year levels are welcome in this course. No experience is necessary.

Click link below to make a booking.

(Booking info: When you sign up on mindbody following the link, you will create your own account and from there you can choose which class you would like your child to attend. Click 'I am paying for someone else' and you will enter their name. By paying for one course your child is automatically signed up to all 4 classes.)

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Any questions to Ms Patton - <u>vpatton@wakatipu.school.nz</u>





Important dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT	WHO
Wed 7 Mar	G & T Parent Info Evening	All
Wed 7 Mar	NCEA Parent Info Evening	Yr 11,12,13
Fri 9 Mar	Teacher Only Day – no school	All
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

WHS APP

Hopefully many of you have downloaded our app now, so here's two tips to make sure you are getting the most out of it. If you haven't downloaded it yet, remember it's free and you can find it <u>here for iOS</u> and <u>here for Android</u> devices.

Absences

- Select on the Absentee button and then tap 'Email office' to tell us if your child cannot attend school. Once you've filled the form out once, it will remember all your details for next time.

Join alert groups

Notification alerts are one of the most useful features of the app.

- Tap on the Alerts button and then tap the little tick mark in the top right corner. Use the arrows to expand each group and tap to tick any activity/club that your child is involved in. We suggest that as a minimum you should choose a Year Group and House/Whanau. Select School Buses if your child takes a bus to/from school.
- By sending alerts to these groups, we can make sure that you only get notifications that are important to you and your child.



wakatipuyouthtrust.co.nz

YOUR NEW SPACE

5/15 Red Oaks Drive Down from SITE and Snowpark Underneath Maya Music

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 3:30-6:00PM HIGH SCHOOL AGE ONLY

This space will be available daily to year 13 students during Break 3

WakatipuYouth 🕻

Catch up with your Play pool, table tennis or air hockey

Jam or listen to music

Gaming consoles

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Motor Group

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THE CANSHOP'S BIRTHDAY BIG SUMMER SALE! 50% OFF

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MON 26/2 - SAT 3/3



Cancer Society

ENTRIES NOW OPEN! THE ATOM PHOTO COMP 2018

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS 'THIS MAKES ME HAPPY'

There are five age-group categories: Lower Primary (Years F-3), Upper Primary (4–6), Lower Secondary (7–9), Upper Secondary (10–12) and Open.

Prizes include Ted's Cameras gift vouchers valued at \$500 for the primary categories, \$1000 for the secondary categories and \$2000 for Open.

TAKE 3 original photographs that adddress this year's theme (go online for more info)

WRITE a short statement (no more than 300 words) and submit it with your entry

All photographs must be taken specifically for the ATOM Photo Comp 2018. All entries must be submitted online at atomphotocomp.org.

The ATOM Photo Comp 2018 is free to enter and is open to all Australian and New Zealand residents.

ENTER YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS NOW!

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Entries close midday AEST. Friday 7 September 2018







Dan 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



LEARNING MATTERS QUEENSTOWN OPENING 2018

If you have or know of someone who struggles with reading, spelling, writing and or mathematics give us a call to find out more. We specialise in multisensory language/mathematics instruction for dyslexic and dyscalculic students.

WE WILL OFFER

- Diagnostic Assessments
- 1 1 and small group sessions available
- Catering for Ages 4 years Adult

EVERY CHILD WILL EXCEED THEIR POTENTIAL

WE ARE TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Contact us to find out more:

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Central Otago/Southern Lakes Region Schools Invitation Friday 30th, Saturday 31st, Sunday 1st April 2018

Friday 30th March 2018 – Student's Day

Warbirds Over Wanaka International Airshow 2018 is delighted to extend our schools programme and invites your pupils to our Easter Airshow. We will give each pupil that you register with us a free ticket to the Airshow on Easter Friday.

One of WOW 2018's fundamental objectives is the education of young New Zealanders about New Zealand's aviation history. We aim to inspire young people to take an active interest in all facets of aviation at the airshow.

Tours

We invite all students and parents to join the Air Training Corps, 50th (Alexandra) Squadron cadets on short tours running at 09.30, 10.30 and 11.30am. Students are also welcome at any time during the Friday. The meeting point for the tours is outside the Warbirds Over Wanaka Office in the carpark to the right of the main airport entrance.

The tours will visit:

- The RNZAF, RAAF and French Air Force displays will provide an opportunity to learn about modern aircraft used in the Air Forces today. There is a chance that students might also meet some of the men and women who work in the Air Force and have a look at future careers for themselves.
- Sport Aircraft Display of microlights, homebuilts, replicas, sport aircraft projects and much more....
- · Packard cars from the USA and NZ and stationary engines and the Warhorse (military vehicle) display.

Whilst on the tour, the Air Cadets will be available to answer any questions about the training they receive and their exciting activities. After the tour, students and parents are free to wander around the airshow and visit the market stalls, aviation trade stands and taste the delicious goodies on the food stalls. Many aircraft will also be practising their flight displays so students need also to keep eyes on the skyl

Process

- A ticket order form is enclosed please return this before 28th February 2018 when you know how many students wish to attend. Some brochures and posters are also enclosed. Further brochures may be downloaded from our website homepage on <u>www.warbirdsoverwanaka.com</u> Please make a list of these students and return this list to WOW.
- 2. WOW will print the student tickets and hold them at the Ticket Box at the Main gate (closest to the WOW Office) for each student or student group to collect on Friday. Each student will be ticked off the list. Any parents accompanying them will be able to purchase tickets at the same time. Park in Car Park B if coming from Wanaka or C if coming from the South (see the map enclosed).
- 3. Students then join up with the Air Cadets who will be stationed outside the WOW Office for the Tour.

Any queries to the WOW Office on 03 443 8619 or info@warbirdsoverwanaka.co.nz We hope your students will enjoy their day at the Warbirds Over Wanaka International Airshow.

Please visit the Careers Hub to register to attend this event.





Japanese Summer Festival SATURDAY 3rd March,2018 10am-3pm

@Queenstown Memorial Centre (1 Memorial st.) *Entry - Gold coin donation You are welcome to join



>Japanese Food Stalls >Sake Tasting >Kids Fun Games >Face Painting (10am-1pm) >Kendo & Karate

>Art & Culture Experience >Raffle Prize



the fun of Japanese Fancy Dress "Cosplay"

Stage Program 10:15 Live Music 12:00 Kendo Demo

1:00 Kids Mikoshi

Karate Demo

2:30 Raffle Prize

Japanese Family Society of Queenstown japanesefamilyqueenstown@gmail.com

1:45



NZ CADET FORCES

AIR TRAINING CORPS

Is your teen interested in joining a youth group with a difference?

50 (Alexandra) Squadron is recruiting new members and would like to hear from you.

ATC is here to ...

To develop confident, responsible young citizens who are valued within their community by providing them, within a military framework, safe, enjoyable and challenging opportunities.

Please check out the Cadet forces website for more information

www.cadetforces.mil.nz

Parade nights held Thursday nights from 1830 hrs to 2130 hrs.

For information please contact

Pilot Officer, Carl van Schreven

carl.van.schreven@cadetforces.org.nz

Mob phn.. 027 406 2030

Healthy Eating with **Taste Success**



Many parents are looking for quick and healthy meals to fuel their growing families and children

With increased scrutiny of schools for the provision of healthy food education and healthier canteen options, you can now follow this up by offering your staff, parents. and families the Taste Success Programme.

What we provide is nutrition programmes with a beautiful recipe book, weekly meal plans for breakfast, lunch and dinner with shopping lists.





Plus, appointments with us to get the whole family eating well, improving energy and concentration levels, and improving children's overall health and wellbeing.

We are passionate about family health and wellbeing and would love to share our programme's features and benefits with you and your community.

Be known as a school that supports healthy eating and the wellbeing of your staff, families and children.

For more information on how our programmes can work for your school, contact us at: www.tastesuccess.co.nz @tastesuccessprogramme info@tastesuccess.co.nz



Hands up for hope!

I AM HOPE is a nationwide tour of schools and community groups during March 2018.

Its message is simple: any of us has the power to be the hope that someone needs when facing bullying, depression, low self-worth, anxiety or any other mental health issues.

Want to be someone's hope when they need it? Don't miss this fun free event! For more information please email iamhope@keytolife.org.nz

7.00pm, Monday 5 March When: **Queenstown Memorial Centre** Where **1 Memorial Drive** Queenstown











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.

0800 769 243 | office@nzcge.co.nz | nzcge.co.nz

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 contact Rob Rob@industrialfitness.co.nz

INDUSTRIAL FITNESS

17 Repco Boulevard, Industrial place, Queenstown.

03 441 8311

www.ifyoudare.co.nz Monday/Thursday 4:45-5:45pm



🞜 MUSICAL MONDAYS 🎜

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 selfconfidence, 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

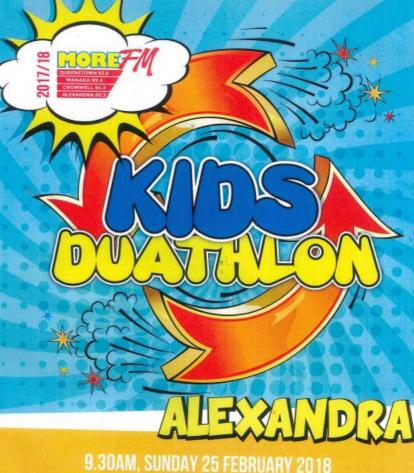


Original Moa Flat Trail Ride 3 & 4 MARCH 2018

521 Wilden School Road, Moa Flat, West Otago 8am sign in, enter on the day

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9.30AM, SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2018 Alexandra Netball Courts

RICE IS \$25 P/PERSON. ALL ONLINE REGISTRATIONS INCLUDES A RACE DAY T-SHIRT. Entries close 5PM wednesday 8th november 2017.

ENTER ONLINE TODAY AT KIDSDUATHLON.CO.NZ