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#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone and welcome again to the Wakatipu High School newsletter. Another big week with many students away on summer sports tournament week as well as the school musical. There is more on the musical below, but my family went along on opening night and it is a truly fantastic show! There are still some tickets available for the final two nights (see below) so get along to be amazed and entertained!

**Junior Next Steps** - a final reminder, are next Wednesday. Junior Next Steps are a 20 minute meeting with the student's Kaiarahi, and we really do want all junior parents to attend. The meetings are 2:30pm - 6:00pm. To book a Next Steps meeting please go to <a href="www.schoolinterviews.co.nz">www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</a> and enter the event code <a href="wwww.school

**Senior Next Steps** - are coming up on Thursday 5 April. These follow the traditional five minute 'speed dating' model, and we encourage senior parents to come along to meet teachers and be engaged with and support their student's learning, progress and achievement.

Bookings are now open at <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz">www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</a> and enter the event code <a href="mailto:s8u2t">s8u2t</a> - get in quick to get your time slots.

**LE Reports** - LE #2 are now up on the Portal and will be emailed out during the evening. Please do have a look at these and check your student's engagement with their learning. They are perfectly timed to fit with Next Steps:)

#### **Upcoming Events**

Otago Anniversary (School closed) - Monday 26 March Junior Next Steps - Wednesday 28 March Easter (school closed) - Friday 30 March, Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 April Senior Next Steps - Thursday 5 April

As per the upcoming events above we now get into two 3-day weeks either side of Easter - which means there are actually only 11 school days left in the term (and there will be no newsletter next Easter Friday).

WHS is certainly a busy place with lots going on for our students. The musical is but one incredible example of the opportunities this school offers and what our amazing students, and staff, are capable of.

A mixed autumn long weekend ahead after the wintry blast of the last few days, but still plenty of good weather to enjoy before daylight savings finishes next week, enjoy:)

#### Steve Hall Principal

#### MUSICAL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

#### Two Nights Left for the Musical!!

As I write this we've just finished another show and the place is humming with excitement. The crowd is once again blown away by another amazing production directed by Kate Moetaua and Alison Price with the huge support of past student Hugh Taylor.

Henry McIntyre, Isobella Morrison, Tucker Paris and Tyrone Henderson stunned the audience with their perfect pitch and wonderful ability to be in character. Zak Komene, Hannah Coombe and Becky Reid were so in-sync with each other you'd think that they were attached by a string.

This show just gets better and better each night. The audience has been amazed at the level of talent that all of our students have.

You only have two nights left to see this amazing production. Buy your tickets before they run out. The word is out and Little Shop of Horrors is a hit!

"A fantastic and fun show, great performances, a wonderful production!" - Steve Hall

Where: Queenstown Memorial Centre

When: Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 March 2018

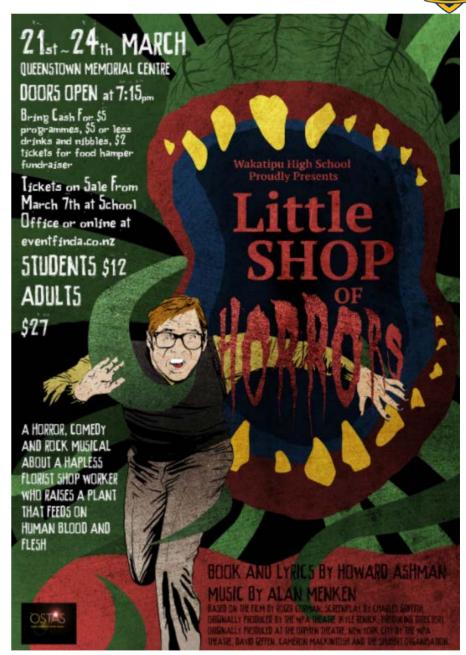
Time: Doors open at 7.15pm

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

Monica Parker Arts Coordinator



# AD ALTA

#### MUSICAL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

#### Photos by June Ha













#### CYCLE SAFETY

We have received the following cycle safety information from Angela Lacey, Customer Liaison & Administrator – Central Otago NOC.

We are concerned to hear that children are choosing to cross the highway near Hardware Lane on their bicycles. While there is a pedestrian refuge at this location, there is currently no pedestrian connectivity to Quail Rise from this location other than the informal cutting down from Jims Way and along the side of the highway. The pedestrian refuge was constructed to provide a crossing point for the bus stop.

We would like to encourage children to use the alternate cycle trail, which would be under the Shotover Bridge and up the off road trail to Glenda Drive. On this route there is no need to interact with the highway. It would be a much safer and more enjoyable route that would not add much travel time to your journey.

The NZ Transport Agency are currently progressing with investigation and design to upgrade the Tucker Beach Road intersection with the State Highway.

As part of this project access for pedestrians and cyclists across the highway at this intersection will be considered. However the off road trail will always provide a more comfortable journey for cycle users.

http://nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/tucker-beach-road-intersection-with-sh6-frankton-planning-progresses/





#### BUSINESS & BANTER EVENT

Last Friday 16 March, Bianca and I were extremely lucky to receive the opportunity to attend the Deloitte's Business and Banter function at the Gibbston Winehouse, along with a few members of staff.

An event packed with informative and inspiring presentations from New Zealand's leading entrepreneurs, business people and sports people, it was hosted by Newshub reporter and utter legend, Patrick Gower, who made sure there was some decent banter as well as business. There were some incredible people who presented; two-time Olympic rowing champion Mahé Drysdale, All Blacks Manager Gilbert Enoka, and Sir Ray Avery, founder of Auckland School of Medicine, just to name a few.

It was an amazing chance to be exposed to such pioneers, and especially some of the new ideas coming out. A particular favourite was Liesl Eichholz, who, at just 23 years old, is a leader in the field of virtual currencies and is heavily involved in a multimillion dollar company.

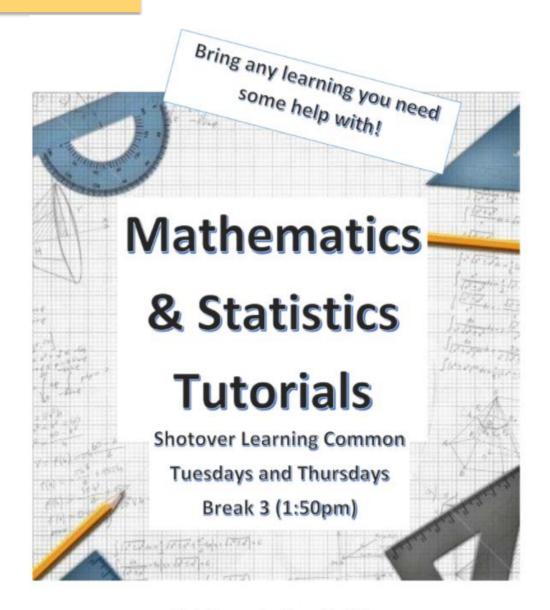
A huge thank you to Queenstown's Chamber of Commerce who generously donated the tickets to WHS, and also giving us the slideshow that was presented at the event. Keep an eye on the notices for a presentation at school of this slideshow, as some of the ideas are certainly worth sharing.

#### **Jordyn Clark and Bianca Crichton**





#### MATHS & STATS TUTORIALS



Get there before 2:05pm

# AD ALTA

#### HEAD STUDENT UPDATE

Hello hello everyone!

This week is without a doubt one of the busiest of the year! With various sporting teams away and the musical in full swing, there is a smaller student body around the school. I hope everyone who has been involved in sport or musical this week has had a ball and come away from it being really proud of yourselves as I know our whole school community is!

Walking out of my house this morning prompted a bit of a shiver and a wow moment. Snow on the hills in March is pretty unheard of but it's making me look forward to bluebird powder days this winter...

I hope everyone is working hard coming into the final stretch before the holidays, this term has gone by so quickly! Today, the Community and Service Council ran a blue themed mufti day with donations going towards Blue Day for Plunket. Thank you to everyone who dressed in blue and had a small donation to give. Every little donation counts!

Last Thursday we had an awesome event - MingleMatch run by the Support Council which was really successful!! Here are a few photos from the event:

The Student Volunteer Army has been working hard raising money for the Cancer Society and volunteering for the QPS Fair last Sunday. If you have any community events/initiatives that require students/manpower please email: <a href="mailto:14crosie@wakatipu.school.nz">14crosie@wakatipu.school.nz</a> with information about the event and what you need.

The Art and Culture Council Bob Ross painting therapy session is coming up on Thursday 5 April at Break 2. Come along for some painting therapy to relieve the stresses of school. BYO brushes and paint if you can. If not bring along a gold coin donation for the use of the councils.

#### \*SHAMELESS PLUG FOR MUSICAL\*

Please come along to the final two nights of our musical this year - Little Shop of Horrors! A horror, comedy and rock musical about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on humans. The first two nights have had awesome responses, they are getting better by the night. Everyone this year has put in hours of time and effort so please come along to see the final shows!

To buy tickets online click on the following link: <a href="www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/little-shop-of-horrors/queenstown">www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/little-shop-of-horrors/queenstown</a>

I will leave you with this: "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think" - Christopher Robin/Winnie the Pooh.











#### ARTS & CULTURAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Bula and Kia Ora everyone,

We hope you're enjoying the new school and getting involved with many activities to keep you entertained and busy. Adding to the list of fabulous extracurricular activities, is our brand new 'Bob Ross Painting' session brought to you by the Arts and Cultural Council.

This is an opportunity to come along, relax and get creative by painting with inspiration from the amazing Bob Ross. Well known for his zen, 'wet on wet' style art, you can paint anything you want. You don't even need to be good at painting as Bob Ross welcomes everyone and we just want to have some fun with paints.

You don't need to bring anything, however if you have your own brushes, paints etc, feel free to bring them along.

THIS IS AN ACTIVITY FOR ALL SO COME ALONG THURSDAY, BREAK 2, WEEK 10, DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE YOUR PAINTING ABILITIES!

And a gold coin donation would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Tasman and Racheal
Arts and Cultural Council

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our International Student Leaders for 2018: Daniel Bojti of Hungary June Ha from Vietnam

They are our leaders to:

- assist with new student orientation
- be an ongoing support person for all internationals
- be a spokesperson for internationals
- be pro-active in encouraging students to join a club, participate in wider school arena
- organise out-of-hours activities



# AD ALTA

#### COOKIE TIME OFFER

### Earn \$5 for your school with every \$20 Tin-Set purchased!

Celebrate Easter with the yummiest Choc-a-lot cookies and amazing Cookie Time Tins!

Keep them to share or gift them as a fab Easter gift. Each tin-set box includes: 2x Unique Cookie Time Easter Tins — each tin is packed with 10x Choc-a-lot fun size cookies

To purchase this lovely Easter treat and raise money for WHS you need to order online with this this unique link:

https://munchtime.co.nz/wakatipu-high-school

Feel free to pass on to friends and family throughout NZ - any order placed using this will raise \$5 per tin set!

You will need to order by 3pm Monday 26 March to ensure you get the tins before Easter - so hop to it!



#### RICKSHAW RUN FUNDRAISER

A group of us from Queenstown are about to take off on an adventure through India to compete in 'the Rickshaw run'. Although this has been done before, we want our adventure to fund an adventure for your child!

We will be crossing India from the South to the North, from Kochi (Cochin) to Jaisalmer, 3500kms in a Rickshaw (Tuktuk). Armed with a starting point and an end point along with a GPS (driving something similar to a 2 stroke lawnmower), we will race teams from across the globe travelling the fastest route possible!!

Whilst we are racing for Cool Earth, a charity which helps prevent deforestation of our beautiful Earth, we would also like to donate 50% of that money to fund Wakatipu students who struggle to afford attending the Branches Camp!

You can follow us on our journey which starts March 30th through our Facebook page which includes a link to donate. www.facebook.com/Curry-on-running-2019752091626121/

So come on, let our adventure fund your child's adventure and make their dream a reality!!

#### **Juliet Fraser**





#### SPORTS UPDATE

#### **Ice Fernz - Hope Gregory**

WHS's own Hope Gregory is currently overseas training and playing with the New Zealand Women's Ice Hockey team. Hope has completed her training camp in Toronto and is now in preparation for the tournament, having arrived in Spain earlier in the week. The first game is against Romania in a few days.

To watch Hope live please check out the following link:

https://www.voutube.com/channel/UCuys7LUNfFcwwToSG3yMocw

The New Zealand times for the games are as follows:

Sunday 18/3 01:00 NZL vs Romania

Monday 19/3 04:30 NZL vs Iceland

Wednesday 21/3 04:30 NZL vs Chinese Taipei

Thursday 22/3 01:00 NZL vs Turkey

Saturday 24/3 04:30 NZL vs Spain

If you are interested in keeping up with the team's progress,

"Like" the New Zealand Ice Fernz Facebook page.

Stats can also be found at <a href="http://www.iihf.com/competition/660/">http://www.iihf.com/competition/660/</a>



Hope showing her commitment on the ice!

#### **NZ MTB Nationals**

WHS had a team of six riders travel to Rotorua to compete in the NZ Schools MTB Championships at the beginning of the week as part of Summer Tournament week across the country. Our sole Cross Country competitor, Cameron Marshall had a stellar run finishing 6th out of a 56 strong field for the U16 boys. The five strong Downhill team all competed well and had some great results on the course. Their results are below:

Max Caulton: 1st of 15 riders - U15 Boys Alex Barke: 5th of 27 riders - U16 Boys Brin Riley: 20th of 27 riders - U16 Boys Maia Jowett: 1st of 2 riders - U17 Girls Nico Fernandez: 3rd of 26 riders - U20 Boys

#### **New Zealand Secondary School Triathlon Results**

WHS had two boys compete at the NZSS Triathlon Champs in Nelson earlier this week. Well done to Sam Davis and Hayden Thompson for competing in this event. Results below:

Sam Davis: 7th out of 11 - U14 Boys Traithlon Sam Davis: 8th out of 12 - U14 Aquathon

Hayden Thompson: 19th out of 34 - U16 Boys Triathlon

# AD ALTA

#### SPORTS UPDATE continued...

#### **Otago Golf Champs**

It was a lovely day out on Friday for the WHS A Golf team who competed in the Otago Secondary School Champs in Roxburgh. Callum Judkins won the individual title with an incredible 3 under 65. Danielle Bailey, the only girl playing shot a 71 and had to play sudden death playoff for fourth place where she ended up she finished 5th overall. The other team members, Liam Judkin shot 79 and Joel Malcolm-Smith 80. The WHS team finished second to OBHS and missed out on qualifying for the National Schools tournament in September as part of Winter Tournament week. A big thank you to Leanne Malcolm for taking the team over to Roxburgh.

Picture: Callum, Liam, Danielle and Joel - 2nd Place in the Otago Champs



On Monday Mr Rasmussen and Miss Sibsten took a group of Year 13 Physical Education students to compete in the Southland Secondary School's Lawn Bowls Champs in Invercargill as part of their practical performance standard. The players did really well and ended up in second place overall, losing to Central Southland College.

#### Top results were:

- Girls Singles: 2nd Sofie Archanic
- Girls Pairs: 1st Courtney Macdonald and Maryke van Schalkwyk
- Girls Pairs: 2nd Brooke Spencer and Renae Spencer
- Boys Pairs: 2nd Olly Price and Lewis Deeman

#### **Southern Steel Come To School**

Four Southern Steel players made a quick appearance at school on Wednesday to meet some eager junior players. The girls enjoyed a couple of quick games, and grabbed some photos and autographs with the team before they continued on their promotional duties.

Picture: Captain Wendy Frew and some of her Southern Steel team mates with junior netballers







#### SPORTS UPDATE continued...

#### **Equestrian**

The Equestrian Team had a great first weekend away at the Taieri District Pony Club Schools Teams Event at the A&P Showgrounds in Dunedin on 18 March. Our three riders joined with two other schools from the Catlins and Tokomairiro to make for a strong chance of being competitive.

We camped the night before and had a blast getting to Dunedin and had a lovely day relaxing in Dunedin city. At the crack of dawn on Sunday, the students were awoken by people arriving and the preparation beginning for a long day of riding. Up first was our dressage tests, Catherine Guilfoyle was first to go, and her beautiful chestnut pony Glen Cree Bazooka showed beautiful strides, placing Catherine 10th after that round. Next up was the little pony with the even smaller Amber Jarvis strutting their stuff, after this graceful display Amber and Taipo were placed 4th in their class. Last up was our exchange student who is a National Junior rider from the Czech Republic. Johana Zizakova with the multicoloured royal, Dutchess. Having only worked together twice before Johana and Dutchess showed promise with some beautiful lines and a lovely friendship began. Show Jumping was up next, this is where we saw some of the other school riders come into their own and some lose their chance of a top 3 placing. Catherine and Glen Cree Bazooka blasted around the ring with a double clear jumping round. Followed by Amber and Taipo who roared around the jumps and set the pace with a double clear round. Lastly was our new dream team, after a beautiful clear round Dutchess decided to be in charge and Johana came unseated, meaning her round did not count to our overall score. Games up next, Catherine and Zuki did their best but had a tough group to compete against. Overall they ended up 4th out of 22 riders. Taipo and Amber are in their element with games and this earned them the 1st place overall in their class. A massive win for Amber and Taipo and the Equestrian Team. Johana and Dutchess did not compete in games, they wanted to make sure they finished their new friendship on a high.

The team finished third overall which was a great result. With the long 4-5 hour drive home, all riders, parents and ponies were very tired and are probably having flashbacks of a great weekend away. Until next time.

Miss Bell TIC Equestrian



WHS riders at Taieri Pony Club Champs

# AD ALTA

#### SPORTS UPDATE continued...

#### **Southland Athletic Champs**

It was an early start for the bus load of students from WHS who went to Invercargill to compete in this year's Southland Secondary School Athletic Champs last Friday. This year WHS had 39 students, twice as many as 2017. After a very cold and wet start to the day WHS had some great results across a range of disciplines. The top three finishers qualified through to the South Island Athletic Champs this weekend in Timaru. Good luck to the 10 athletes heading to Timaru this weekend.

A big thank you to Ms Lawniczak, Ms Scott, Neville Britton and all other parents that went down to Surrey Park.

- Paige Loggenberg 1st U15 Girls Shotput
- Anika Moetaua 3rd U15 Girls Shotput
- Keely Erskine 1st U14 Girls Long Jump, 1st U14 Girls 80m Hurdles
- Tasuku Yoneto 2nd U15 Boys Long Jump, 2nd U15 Boys 100m, 1st U15 Boys 80m Hurdles
- Levi Collins 3rd U16 Boys Long Jump, 2nd U16 Boys High Jump, 1st U16 Boys 80m Hurdles
- Twilo Bevan 2nd U14 Girls High Jump
- Lucy Viggers 1st U15 Girls High Jump
- Brooklyn Mcleod 3rd U15 Girls High Jump
- Hayato Yoneto 1st Senior Boys 100m, 1st Senior Boys 200m
- Todd Vermeir 1st U15 Boys U14 1500m, 2nd U14 Boys 3000m
- Finley Young 3rd U15 Boys 1500m, 3rd U15 Boys 800m
- Aleks Cheiftz 1st U16 Boys 1500m, 1st U16 Boys 800m
- Benjamin Britton 2nd U16 Boys 1500m, 1sy U16 Boys 3000m
- Cool Wakushima 2nd U16 Girls 1500m
- Gareth Harcombe 1st Senior Boys 1500m, 1st Senior Boys 800m
- Jemima Stevens 2nd Senior Girls 1500m
- Joshua Drinkwater 2nd Senior Boys 200m, 1st Senior Boys 400m
- Hannah Battrick 2nd U14 Girls 3000m
- Archie Ritchie 2nd Senior Boys 3000m
- Jakob Downing 3rd U15 Boys 400m
- Carmen Woodhouse 2nd U15 Girls 800m
- Louisa Ellis 3rd U15 Girls 800m
- Senior Boys 4x400m Relay 1st (Hayato Yoneto, Gareth Harcombe, Aleks Cheiftz, Josh Drinkwater)

#### **Cycling**

Congratulations to Oliver Watson-Palmer, Hayden Thompson and Eli Tregidga who competed strongly in the Otago Southland Secondary School Cycling Road Championships on Wednesday.

Oliver won the U15 boys time trial convincingly and placed a close second in the road race to win the overall Otago Southland U15 boys title. This is an outstanding result considering he has only started road racing this year.

Eli placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the U15 boys time trial and 6<sup>th</sup> in the road race for a very pleasing result for a Year 9 student.

Hayden placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the very competitive U17 boys time trial and 4<sup>th</sup> in the road race. This was a great effort considering his age and he will look forward to racing for the overall title in the same grade next year.

Mr Drew TIC

Laura Nathan Sports Coordinator



#### Important dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT	WHO
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	All
Mon 30 Apr	First day of Term 2	All

#### 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.

## Meet the Staff... Jake Hansen



### How long have you been at WHS?

Since Jan 2018

#### What is your position?

Shared TIC of Drama

#### What do you love about the job?

Teaching students who love to learn and have the confidence to be themselves.

#### What do you like doing in your free time?

Drumming, playing rugby/ basketball, socialising, breeding Golden Retrievers.

#### What item could you not live without?

My iPhone, we are in a technological world, connecting with it is a must.

#### What do you like about Queenstown?

The landscape, the views and the cultures of the people living here and visiting.

#### Describe yourself in three words:

Passionate, Confident, Learning.



#### Wakatipu High School Foundation Business Partnership Programme

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

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















#### 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





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 4th April 5.30-7.30pm at Queenstown Ice Arena or contact us at <a href="mailto:queenstownicehockey@gmail.com">queenstownicehockey@gmail.com</a> 2018 registrations are open online at <a href="https://www.queenstownicehockey.co.nz">www.queenstownicehockey.co.nz</a>





### 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



#### 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.

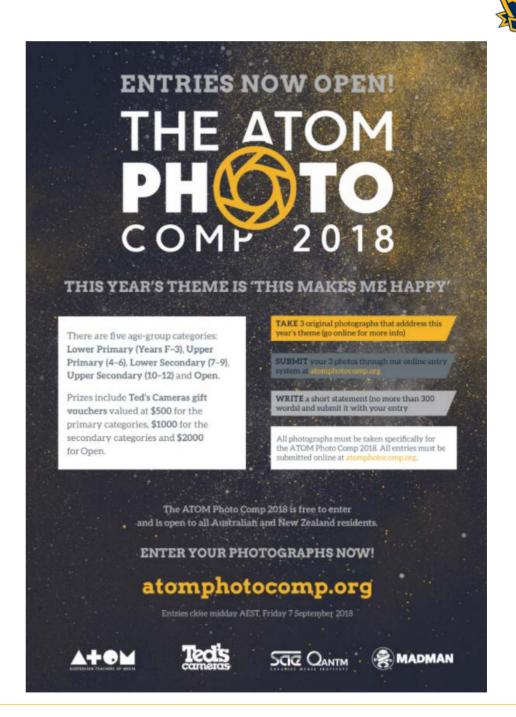
Students benefit from personal growth and development, independence and self confidence while making worldwide friendships and learning a new language. If you want to gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others, have fun and a whole lot of new experiences consider being a Rotary Youth Exchange 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 <a href="https://www.rotaryyouthexchange9980.wordpress.com">www.rotaryyouthexchange9980.wordpress.com</a> 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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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 <a href="mailto:connect@catalystnz.org">connect@catalystnz.org</a> and more info on <a href="mailto:www.catalystnz.org">www.catalystnz.org</a>

See <a href="https://qz.com/1183559/if-youre-using-an-android-phone-google-may-be-tracking-every-move-you-make/">https://qz.com/1183559/if-youre-using-an-android-phone-google-may-be-tracking-every-move-you-make/</a>



### **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 16 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.

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### 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 eve 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** GYM

17 Repco Boulevard, Industrial place, Queenstown.

03 441 8311

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Monday/Thursday 4:45-5:45pm



Further details available on The Academy website https://www.theacademyatkip.co.nz

#### **Building Blocks for Building Buddies**

A social development programme that helps children build buddies through structured Lego sessions. Children that typically benefit most might have individual needs, social communication issues, sensory needs or language delay. The programme is based on the highly structured, systematic and predictable nature of LEGO play, which appeals to children with social communication difficulties who are particularly attracted to systems. Much more than simply playing with building blocks, Building Blocks for Building Buddies is structured and guided by trained teachers who direct the children and encourage them to address and resolve problems. Through Building Blocks children learn to communicate with others, express their feelings, change their behaviour, develop problem-solving skills and develop a

#### All the World's a Stage - Creative Writing



relationship with the world around them.

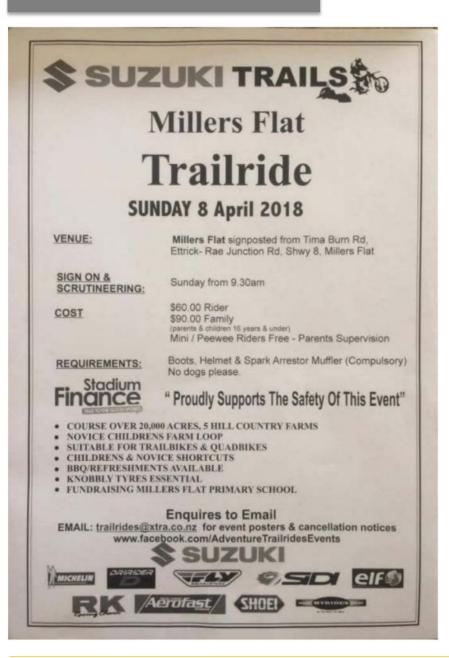
We will develop creative writing skills, learn how to structure play-scripts and embed traditional language into modern scripts. We will share and re-craft scripts, edit and combine our ideas and present a piece of Masterpiece Readers' Theatre to an audience.

#### **Ancient Civilisations - Exploring Egypt**



Building historical knowledge of how ancient civilisations impact modern life. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) learning really is 5,000 years old! Bringing history and inquiry alive, discovering their hidden secrets through fascinating artefacts, books, websites & e-learning.







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