



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora everyone. Another 'pre-newsletter' again this week before we get fully underway next week, but there is some important info below. Also below is a piece on Alice Robinson being selected for the Winter Olympics - an amazing achievement!!

It has been fantastic to have students at school with our Year 10-13 students inductions today and yesterday, it was great to see their reactions and excitement. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 9s on Monday.

BMS - one of the features of the building is its Building Management System (BMS) which controls the climate in the building, including measuring and controlling temperature, humidity and CO2 within a defined range, while being highly efficient. It is a clever system but in the first few days of this week's extreme temperatures (a record high for Queenstown on Monday!) the building seemed to struggle, however they discovered a process was not working correctly. As we told students, we have been told that it will take up to three months for 'tuning' of the system to be complete, but it is being monitored and refined constantly.

Balls - another matter you may have noted is re soccer and rugby balls from our fields potentially going on to Hawthorne Drive. The MoE and PPP have been aware of this for some time and are working on the best solution, and the goals and posts are now down for summer and will not be back up until winter.

Drive-Thru - another point to note re the new school is the roading, and the key point is that the road through the school is one-way, ie in Red Oaks Drive and out Mountain Ash Drive. This also includes vehicles coming out of the 'kiss and drop' cul-de-sac, where there is good Visitor parking, in front of the main entrance.

As to be expected with something as big and complex as the new school there are bugs to iron out and that will take a while, and I'm sure we'll find a few more when we get nearly 1100 people in here from next Wednesday.

New School Tours - we know people are keen to have a look around and learn about our new school and we are going to run tours for parents next Friday 9th February and for public and parents on Saturday 10th February. We are still finalising the Participation Day schedule and will then confirm the Friday tour times - we will post them on our website when they are confirmed. The Saturday tours will be at 10.30am and 1.00pm.

Please note that these are guided tours which will take approximately 75mins (there is a lot to see!); people will not be able to look around the school unescorted.

Reminders from last week:

- **Uniform** - all students must be in correct uniform from Monday 5th February. Please see our website for the Term 1 [uniform requirements](#).
- **Buses** - are now running. With the introduction of the 'mixed model' of school transport and the Ministry of Education reviewing their routes there is a lot of change to buses this year - please see below.

A funny week ahead with Waitangi Day on Tuesday next week but a big one for WHS as we welcome Year 9s on Monday, everybody in on Wednesday, and Participation Day on Friday. After the extremes of weather this week we return to sun this weekend, enjoy :)

Steve Hall
Principal



STUDENT WELCOME





2018 BUSES

2018 is the start of the 'mixed model' of school transport. There are a lot of changes and all students need to check if their previous bus run is still being operated by the Ministry and if not to check the public bus system timetables to ensure they know when and where to catch their bus.

Students will have their bus allocation confirmed when they start school and as with previous years, there is likely to be some small amendments to runs made as GoBus works to finalise the numbers for each route over the first few weeks.

Please click [here](#) for the latest 2018 bus information.

LIBRARY & ENGLISH BOOKS

If students have any school library books or English books, please return them to the school library as soon as possible. At the end of next week we will be sending out 'overdue' emails, and will begin the process of charging students for lost books.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERS

2018 Stationery requirements are available for ordering online via the stationery link on our website. This is a quick, easy and affordable way of ordering your children's stationery with convenient delivery to your home. Click [here](#) to go straight to the order page.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open from 10am - 4pm on 5th, 7th and 8th February.

Blazers are stocked at the Uniform Shop until mid February, and following that you will need to purchase online directly from Argyle Schoolwear.

We now stock bucket hats (an optional item) and this is the only hat students are permitted to wear. They are stocked in the Uniform Shop and cost \$20.

SCHOOL LOCKERS

We still have lockers available for students. Lockers are available for hire for the duration of the school year and locker hire includes a padlock which is provided. In addition to the small and large lockers we have had in previous years, we also have a small number of extra large lockers available. As we no longer have a bag shed where students can leave their bags for the duration of the day, the extra large lockers might be a good option for students who need a secure space to leave their gear for the day. Locker hire prices are:

- Small - \$25
- Large - \$50
- Extra Large - \$75

Students who wish to hire a locker can visit our Student Services desk where payment can be made and the lockers will be allocated on a first come first served basis for those who have not prepaid.

WHS PORTAL

Parents/Caregivers and students have received an email with information and instructions on how to access the Portal. Please be sure to read the email for details.



CAREERS UPDATE

Studylink

Students who have turned 18 and are still at school may qualify for a Student Allowance (this does not have to be paid back). It is based on parents combined income - If parent joint earnings are less than \$55,027 a year before tax, the rate your child can get for Student Allowance is the maximum and it reduces up to the income level of \$94,884. Check Parents' Income Indicator for specific details re one/two parents supporting child for eligibility of allowance. To apply go to Student Allowance Rate Calculator on www.studylink.govt.nz. It is important to apply for this just prior to the student turning 18 so it can be approved and ready to go as it is not back paid prior to application.

Drivers licence – NZQA Qualification for Recognition of Prior Learning

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

Liaison Visits Coming Up

Students are encouraged and welcome to attend these presentations which have been advertised to Year 13 students via Year 13 Classroom. Year 12 students are also welcome to attend. These visits provide opportunities for students to explore what particular programmes are offered by specific tertiary providers. Most students in Year 13 already have an idea on which presentations they will need to attend. Please check in at the Careers Hub for the venues (yet to be confirmed). Details below for dates and times of the Term 1 presentations:

21 Feb	11.45 (B2)	Lincoln University
26 Feb	2.25-3.25pm	Law Presentation – Professor Henaghan Otago Uni
5 Mar	9.00-10.00am	Otago Polytechnic
12 Mar	9.00-10.00am	Victoria University
6 Apr	9.00-10.00am	Auckland University

MUSIC UPDATE

Gibbston Valley Concert

The first act at the Gibbston Valley Concert this year featured a group of ex WHS Music students ranging from their early to late twenties. Warming up the crowd with a set ranging from Van Morrison to Fleetwood Mac and a rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody to finish with, this was a great performance showcasing a superb array of skills.

The band included the following:

Sam Maxwell, Eby Sebastian, Michael Eden, Josh Baldey, Bryce Baldey, Connor Williams.

Thanks once again to Rockformation for making this opportunity happen.

WHS Musical - Little Shop of Horrors

The Musical process is underway for 2018 and with a tight schedule, the pressure is on! We are delighted to be revisiting Little Shop of Horrors and look forward to creating a great show.

Students are reminded that the rehearsal practises are shown on Classroom and updated regularly. At this stage Sundays and Waitangi Day are the main rehearsal days. After school practises for band are Thursday (Act 1) and Friday (Act 2). Dance and Acting after sessions TBC.

Any questions to Alison Price (aprice@wakatipu.school.nz) or Monica Parker (mparker@wakatipu.school.nz) please.



SPORTS UPDATE

Alpine Ski Racing Update**Alice Robinson - Winter Olympics Selection**

Last week 16 year old Year 12 student Alice Robinson was selected to represent New Zealand at the upcoming Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The XXIII Olympic Winter Games run from February 9th - 25th with Alice competing in the Women's Giant Slalom on February 12th. The first run is down for between 2:15pm and 3:55pm NZ time. Alice becomes New Zealand's youngest ever Winter Olympian and we are absolutely ecstatic for her and wish her all the very best for the games. Alice has had a fantastic northern hemisphere season so far with an impressive win against a strong international field in a North America Cup (NorAm) Giant Slalom race in Panorama, Canada in December, followed by another win and a second place racing in Gaal, Austria early in January. Former WHS students Tiarn Collins and Adam Barwood have also been selected to compete at the Olympic Games for NZ.



Photo: IAIN MCGREGOR/NZ WINTER GAMES

**Alex Hull**

Alex Hull has also been competing overseas this summer in Canada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. Alex's highlight to date has been scoring a 49 FIS points in Slalom and 67 in GS which are great first year FIS athlete results and a new PB for Alex.

**Southland Touch Reps**

Congratulations to the follow six ladies who have been selected to represent the Southland U16 Girls Touch team; Jordan Boland, Olivia Boland, Nieve Collin, Mackenzie Galbrieth, Anika Moetaua and Tsuki Struthers. The girls will be playing at the NZ Junior Nationals Tournament in Auckland from 9th-11th February.

Laura Nathan – Sports Coordinator



Important dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT	WHO
Mon 5 Feb	9am-3.30pm – Orientation then classes – meet in Theatre	Yr 9
Tue 6 Feb	Waitangi Day – No school	All
Wed 7 Feb	All students at school	All
Fri 9 Feb	Participation Day	All
Fri 9 & Sat 10 Feb	WHS Open Day	Parents & Public
Tue 20 Feb	Extra-curricular Expo	All
Thu 22 Feb	Maori & Pasifika BBQ	
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



COMMUNITY NOTICES – WHS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER



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