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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of the penultimate week of Term 1. Given that we had no newsletter last week I do want to say a huge congratulations to all the students who competed in Summer Tournament week sports and the Musical in Week 8. There were some great achievements, notably including national medals at Maadi for Oliver Bisley, Oliver Heron, Enzo Wilson, Lucas Erskine and Jackson Rogers (see below for details) - an outstanding achievement, and of course the Musical was absolutely wonderful (also see below for a report and awesome photos).

My sincere thanks to all of our staff, parents and community members who made these opportunities possible for our students. Our all-round education is a very important part of WHS, and all these great opportunities are only possible with your support, thank you very much!

Next Steps - it was great to see so many parents at both junior and senior Next Steps, good on you for being engaged with your student's education. For seniors we do know that some staff were heavily booked, and if you do need to see a specific teacher please do not hesitate to contact them directly (www.wakatipu.school.nz/our-staff).

School Fees - a general reminder to please pay school fees (donations are not compulsory of course, but very gladly received :), and also another reminder to please engage with us if you wish to make an arrangement re payments or require financial support, via our Finance Manager, Michelle Loggenberg. Parents of Year 12 and 13 students should also note that Formal tickets will be on sale in the first week of next term and that there are attendance and fees requirements - we will email details early next week.

There is only one week left in the term. Many seniors in particular are busy now with internal assessments - please support them to do their very best, and support all students to stay focused on their learning until the last day of term next Friday.

A pretty good autumn weekend is forecast - especially Saturday, and we're definitely now at the time of year when you can't take good weather for granted :)

Steve Hall Principal



MUSICAL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

This year's musical, Little Shop of Horrors, was a huge success and all of us involved wish to thank everyone who contributed their time and energy to work together and create a fantastic show!

To all our students, staff, ex-students, parents, sponsors and those dedicated people from our community who gave their time - we couldn't have done it without you. The feedback from those who saw the show has been extremely positive, so, thank you to those of you in the school community who supported us by coming and watching the show and supporting our students who were performing or working hard behind the stage.

We are extremely proud of our students. Their months of hard work paid off greatly.

Kate Moetaua









Photos by Teakura Moetaua



CAREERS UPDATE

Year 12 Students and the importance of NCEA Level 2

The qualification students achieve at the end of Year 12 is the only official qualification they have at the time of applying for courses, accommodation and scholarships when in Year 13. It is really important that students be totally focussed and achieve to the best of their ability to support their plans for beyond school. For those planning on going on to tertiary study at University or Polytech, the better their NCEA Level 2 outcome the better advantaged they will be:

- NCEA Level 2 endorsed with excellence guarantees a place in an accommodation college and often the college of their choice (not guaranteed but a good chance)
- Central Lakes Trust Scholarships based on Year 12 results \$2,500 for top 7 -8 achievers and another approx. 7 scholarships for good results combined
 with contributions to school and community
- UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (based on NCEA Excellence results) as follows:
 - Otago University

New Frontiers \$2,500-\$5,000 based on Level 2 and/or Level 3 Excellence endorsements (not available for Health Science studies) Academic Excellence \$45,000 over three years – based on NCEA Level 2 Excellence credits (need 80+ to be eligible)

• Canterbury University

Undergraduate based on NCEA Level 2 and 3 results – up to \$6,000 depending on Merit and Excellence endorsements

Victoria University

\$5,000 - based on NCEA Level 2 Excellence credits

Massey University

Up to \$7,000 based on NCEA Level 2 Excellence credits

• Auckland University

Up to \$20,000 based on NCEA Level 2 credits

Open Day/Tertiary Information Visits for Year 13s

Year 13 students who are committed and serious about particular Tertiary Study in 2018 are invited to sign up for our school organised visits — we do all the travel and accommodation bookings for these (please do not do your own). Students are subsidised by 50% to attend two experiences. Those who attend more will be asked to pay the full cost for the extra one(s). Planned visits include:

Canterbury University 1 and 2 May
Otago Uni and Otago Poly 7 and 8 May
Auckland Uni and AUT 25 June
Victoria and Massey (Wellington) Unis 30 Aug - 1 Sept

This information is communicated to Year 13 students via e-mail and Year 13 Assemblies. In addition to the school organised trips the Careers Team supports students to attend experiences at other Unis and Polys – please check with us for booking these.

Presentations at School

Auckland Uni – 6 April, 9.00am in the Coronet Break Out.

Otago Uni – 25 May, 9.00am in the Theatre for Year 13 students and Break 2 in Otaka 1 (large break out space)

AUT (Auckland University of Technology) – 15 June, 9.00am in the Careers Hub



CAREERS UPDATE continued...

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 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 \$84,163. Check Student Allowance Rate Calculator and apply on www.studylink.govt.nz.

Reminder to Year 12 and 13 students - Order Official Record of Learning

Students **need to order their Official Documents** from NZQA if they haven't already done so. These are not mailed out automatically so need to be ordered. This is the only official record to be used as evidence of results for course applications, scholarship applications etc later in the year and in the future. The printout done at home or school is **not** an official transcript. If this hasn't been done the advice is to do this ASAP.

To order the Official Documents the process is as follows:

- 1. Log on to NZQA using your student name and password
- 2. On the left hand side under My School Entries and Results click on Order Documents
- 3. Click on all boxes that say 'cost free'
- 4. Click on Next
- 5. Confirm Delivery Details ie check address and e-mail correct
- 6. Select Standard Post as Delivery Option as this is free
- 7. Click on Next to confirm
- 8. Log out

WHS Assistant - Instructor Programme 2018 - Coronet Peak and The Remarkables Snowsports Schools

A presentation will take place in Otaka 1 on Tuesday 22 May at 3.30pm. This programme is open to students who are 16 years or older, are a student at WHS and hold a NZ or Australian passport. Interested students can get more details and sign up at the Careers Hub.

Bronwyn Gardiner Careers

AD ALTA

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE TRIP

A wonderful group of students headed to Invercargill on Wednesday 28th March to compete in the Sheilah Winn competition and although they did not qualify for the National Festival in June, they performed two powerful performances from Julius Caesar and MacBeth. They were both ably directed by this year's student directors: Nina Johnston and Izzy Jack.

An exciting award for the night was Izzy Jack winning selection to the National production week in October where the Young Shakespeare Company is selected from. A very high achievement for Izzy!

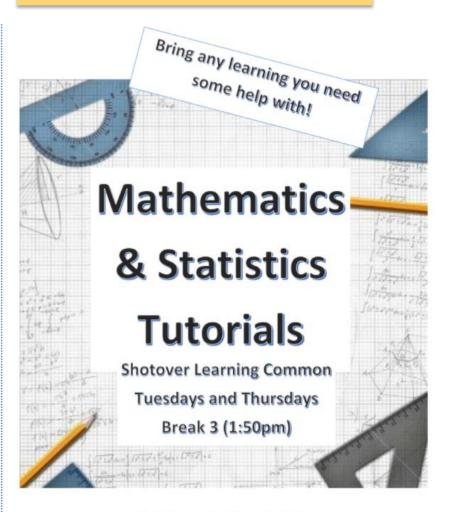
The full cast was - Izzy Jack, Nina Johnston, Tasman Hughes, Annie Black, Adriana Calabrese, Leah McHugo, Gracie Hansby, Brydie MacBeth, Isaiah Morgan-Boniface, Anika Moetaua, Geena Slow, Hera Winders, Jaxon Buchanan, Ryan Connaghan, Ollie McLean and Henry McIntyre.

Kate Moetaua





MATHS & STATS TUTORIALS



Get there before 2:05pm

Or we might have gone!



YR10 ENTERPRISE & INNOVATION CLASS

Year 10 Enterprise and Innovation Class - visit to Shotover Camera Systems

On Tuesday 27th, the Year 10 Enterprise and Innovation class walked to Shotover Camera Systems on Glenda Drive. We looked at the way that a modern business worked and the way that they use innovation in their everyday work. We also learnt about their cameras and how their business became international, and so popular.

Shotover Camera Systems is a business that innovated the gimbal (a camera stabilizer). They are focused on aerial systems and have a very modern approach to teamwork. All the engineers, assembly team and software team are in the same room. This is because they like to have good communication, and by having them all in the same room they can talk to each other rather than 'throwing it over the wall' when there's a problem. The engineers have specialised backgrounds but can do everything in producing the camera systems. This way the workers don't get bored. Shotover Camera Systems are constantly innovating new camera related products.

Shotover Camera Systems had a lot going for them, from their innovative and inventive ways of creating and staying ahead of the trends to the way that they explained and talked about their company in a way that fit perfectly into our current topic - economics, resources and innovation. We definitely enjoyed the little trip and hope that this becomes a field trip open to students taking Enterprise and Innovation in the years to come.

Thank you to Brad Hurndell and the staff at Shotover Camera Systems for having us visit.

By Kate Edmonds, Annabelle Ferguson and Michaela Mclister





AD ALTA

JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The Japanese Exchange programme saw 17 students from Japan join Wakatipu High School last week for seven days. The Japanese students were hosted by Wakatipu High School students that will travel to Japan in September for three weeks. Our students will be hosted by Japanese students for one week and then do a fantastic tour of Japan, it will be a truly unforgettable trip!

Our tour agent, Victoria Keating from xtravel is busy working out a fun packed itinerary for our tour and details of this will be discussed with students before confirmation.

Rebecca Lund



THAI STUDENT VISIT

We recently had a group of Thai students visit and attend WHS for four weeks and they had a fantastic time. Many thanks to the families for supporting us and to Donna Baldey and Joan Potts.





LUMA

LUMA is back this year and bigger and better than ever! Although on maternity leave, I have been involved in working with the primary schools to coordinate an awesome exhibition that will be utterly visually stunning. Now back here at Wakatipu High School, Year 9 hard materials students have been working on a live brief from the LUMA directors. They are currently designing pieces for a forest walk through and here is a sneak peak of some of their developmental planning designs. The theme is 'Sustainability' and these designs will be made into wood sculptures with a LUMA twist!









Rebecca Lund

ICAS ENTRIES

ICAS 2018 entries for Maths, Science, English, Spelling and Writing - a final call to sign up for this. Deadline is 4pm Monday 9th April. Go to Google classroom 'Curious Minds Hunga Mahirahira': code fvyhtiz Select In-school competitions, find the ICAS information. Complete the Google form.

Any questions to <u>jrodgers@wakatipu.school.nz</u>

Jackie Rodgers



HEAD STUDENT UPDATE

Hello people of Wakatipu High School!

Term 1 is almost done and dusted and there's one more week left for this term! The last few weeks have been busy and the workload is starting to pile up. Unfortunately, Mr Mac's dragging me down the Clutha River on a Kayaking trip next week so I won't be able to make much of a dent into it. However, every cloud has its silver lining and we've all been blessed with two weeks to spend at our desks studying!

Councils have been working hard and the Art and Culture Council put together an incredible Bob Ross painting event. Students were brought together by the paintbrush and all left with their very own masterpieces. The Sports Council has been working to creating a fast 5 event to replace the Swim Sports event which will take place in Week 2 of Term 2. More will come out about this later.

Seeing as this is a good opportunity for a bit of free advertising and the WHS rugby season is kicking off on Saturday, I would like to invite you to come and watch the First and Second XV's play their first games. Both will be at the Event Centre with the Second XV playing at 12:00pm and the first XV at 1:45pm. Imagine, in 20 years you could tell all your friends and family that you watched the great All Black Marcus Bongers make his very first rugby game debut.

Here's some motivational quotes to get you through the weekend:

"All people are born equal, some work harder in preseason."

"Every champion was once a contender that refused to give up."

"When you feel like quitting just remember why you started."

One more from my Mother Jeanet - "Be kind and love your Mothers."

Alfie Duffy Deputy Head Boy



SPORTS UPDATE

Maadi Cup - Rowing

WHS sent a group of 31 rowers to this years Maadi Cup at Lake Ruataniwha in Twizel. The squad had a successful campaign throughout the week with many crews making finals. However there were four crews who made A finals and two medals were won on the final Saturday of the regatta. Highlights were:

- Silver: Boys U15 double sculls Oliver Bisley and Oliver Herron
- Bronze: Boys U15 coxed quad sculls Oliver Bisley, Oliver Herron, Enzo Wilson, Lucas Erskine and Jackson Rogers (cox)
- 6th A Final: Girls U18 coxed 4 Sophie Thompson, Bella Jolly, Amelia Hide, Lucia King Smith and Eloise Bloomfield (cox)
- 8th A Final: Boys U16 coxed quad sculls Jesse Heal, Rohan Key, Loic Billoud, Charlie Campbell and Jackson Rogers (cox)

These are fantastic results which are hard earned over a demanding summer training schedule requiring sacrifice and discipline. Congratulations to these rowers and all who attended Maadi Cup.

A massive thank you on behalf of Wakatipu High School to the rowing coaches, committee, house parents and Caroline Abbiss who worked tirelessly behind

the scenes for the club.



Oliver Bisley and Oliver Herron receiving silver medals at the Maadi Cup.

First XI Cup - Cricket

The First XI Cricket team finished off their season by snaring the sixth and final spot in the First XI Cup which is comprised of the top five high school cricket teams in Otago and Southland. The tournament was played in Dunedin across Otago anniversary weekend. The team started out with a heavy defeat to Southland Boys which automatically put the boys into the 5th and 6th playoff against Waitaki. Our lads manage to bowl Waitaki out for 95 with Jaxon Collins and Quinn McDonald taking four wickets each. The team comfortably achieved the run chase to secure fifth spot and automatically qualify for the tournament next year, a great improvement on the last season.

A massive thank you to Daniel Gibbons, Ian Collin and Russell Mawhinney for their contributions in making quality cricket at WHS happen. Thank you also to Richard Ryall for the transport and the parents for great support throughout the season.

AD ALTA

SPORTS UPDATE continued...

South Island Touch Champs

WHS sent a mixed team to compete at the South Island Champs in Christchurch as part of summer tournament week at the end of March. The six boys and seven girls developed significantly over the course of the tournament and had two wins finishing 10th out of 12 teams, losing a very tight playoff match to Cromwell 2-1, which was a good measure of progress made from last year where the team was unable to win a game. Huge efforts from captain Xavier Sadler, Jordan Boland and Kane Hoskin who lead the way for the team.

A big thank you to coaches Joe Panapa and Jerram Hill and for Mike Daish for driving the van. Looking forward to next year already!



WHS mixed Touch Team

Division II National Swimming Champs

WHS had five swimmers spend four days competing at the Division II National swimming competition in Rotorua. Swimmers achieved personal bests and made huge leaps up in their rankings over this intense national meet, in which they had to meet strict qualifying times to attend.

Some highlights as follows:

Sophie: Team captain, 15 swims. Placed 4th 50m butterfly, 4th 50m freestyle, missing a medal by

0.02sec. 6th in the 800m free. Selected for the South Island relay team.

Gabbi: 9 swims - 6th 200m breaststroke & 9th 100m breaststroke

Dylan: 8 swims - 9th 100IM, 50m & 200m breaststroke

Jett: 12 swims - 7th 200m back & 7th 50m free

Tasmin: 5 swims



Back row Gabbi Barr, Jett Fa'amalepe, Dylan Foote Front row: Tasmin Hepburn & Sophie Adamson



SPORTS UPDATE continued...

National Secondary Schools MTB Champs and Crankworx

The Professional National Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships were held in Rotorua 19th - 21st March. WHS was represented by a team of six, with riders in both the XC and DH race categories. Both race days were part of the International Crankworx Festival adding to a very exciting race atmosphere. Rotorua weather played nice, which made a pleasant change from the mud fest of last year, so the trails were fast.

The Cross Country XC event was raced first on Monday 19th March on fast and flowing trails in the iconic Whakarewarewa Forest, at the Waipa site. Cameron Marshall raced well placing 6th in the U16 Boys XC category.

The Downhill DH event, on Wednesday 21st March, was based at Skyline Rotorua, included the established and challenging Mr Black trail with plenty of off camber grass lines, ruts, drops and jumps, raced in front of a large Crankworx crowd. All riders competed well on the technical course with a single race run with some outstanding results.

Max Caulton 1st U15 Boys
Maia Jowett 1st U17 Girls
Nico Fernandez 3rd U20 Boys. Nico is also part of the National Mountain Bike Performance Hub - an outstanding achievement.
Alex Barke 5th U17 Boys
Brin Riley 20th U17 Boys



Other great race results from Crankworx races included Alex Barke placing a 3rd in the Crankworx Rotorua Downhill age group Men Youth 13 - 16, a great result in very wet conditions, and Max Caulton placing 15th in the Redwoods Downhill in a much older age group for him of Men Youth/U17. Recent past student Sam Robbie had an excellent event finishing 1st Giant Toa Enduro Men U21, 2nd Crankworx Air DH, 3rd Redwoods Downhill, 4th Crankworx Rotorua Downhill, all in the Junior Men 17-18 category. WHS placed 8th overall out of 83 schools, an awesome effort.

A big thanks to Mrs Nathan and Miss Keane for organising meetings, accreditation and entries and to the parents for supporting the athletes to and at the event.

Finally a huge congratulations to the athletes for racing so well and calmly managing every aspect of racing at such a huge event.

Mary Jowett

AD ALTA

SPORTS UPDATE continued...

Lap the Lake - Charity Fundraiser

'Lap the Lake' is a 6hr continuous Relay Running event which requires teams to complete as many laps possible of the 10.5km course around the South Mavora Lake held on Saturday the 7th April starting at 10:00am and finishing at 4pm. The Wakatipu High School team (Wakatipu Warriors) is attempting to break both the Secondary Schools Team record of 6 laps and also the Open grade record of 7.5 laps. Our Goal is 8 laps. Our Team consists of Hayato Yoneto, Gareth Harcombe, Archie Ritchie, Aleks Cheifetz, Benjamin Britton, Cool Wakushima, Todd Vermeir and Hannah Battrick.

The event is also a serious Charity Fundraiser which we have elected the Cancer Society as our beneficiary and to also show our ongoing support to Kate Moetaua.

Please visit our page to pledge your support. Any amount is greatly appreciated, no matter how small. https://lapthelake18.everydayhero.com/nz/wakatipu-hs-warriors



WHS Warriors

Gareth Harcombe

South Island Athletics - Timaru

A squad of 10 athletes travelled to this year's South Island Athletics in Timaru. With great weather saw some great results. Everyone tried their best and had a great two days of competing. Thanks to all the parents and supporters who made the long journey and we are all looking forward to next year's athletics.

Todd Vermeir

A very big well done to the following athletes that competed up in Timaru. This is a highly competitive event with up to 15 athletes competing in some fields, the best of the South Island. The competition was strong and the athletes performed very well on the day, some fantastic results!

- Benjamin Britton 1500m (6th) 300m (6th)
- Aleks Cheifetz 800m (6th) 1500m (2nd)
- Levi Collins H/J (4th) L/J (6th) 100m Hurdles (1st)
- Joshua Drinkwater 200m (7th) 4X400m Relay (4th)
- Keely Erskine L/J (12th) 80m Hurdles (5th)
- Gareth Harcombe 800m (6th) 1500m (10th)
- Paige Loggenberg Shot (4th)
- Todd Vermeir 1500m (6th) 3000m (6th)
- Hayato Yoneto 100m (8th) 200m (4th)
- Tasuku Yoneto L/J (7th) 80m Hurdles (3rd) 100m (8th)



Miss Lawniczak

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SPORTS UPDATE continued...

Sports Notices

Sports Socks

The new WHS sports socks are now available for purchase from the uniform shop for \$15.00. All students who play rugby, football and hockey for the school will need to purchase a new pair of these as part of the new WHS sports uniform roll out. Please purchase these in break times on Monday, Wednesday or Friday before your competition season begins.

Nowra Anglican College Exchange

On Tuesday 17th April a touring Australian school is playing a range of sports teams from WHS. This includes Year 10 netball, U15 girls rugby 7's, U14/15 rugby and junior XI mixed football. Games will take place at the Event Centre from 3pm.

Queenstown Junior Basketball Club

The Queenstown Junior Basketball Club is in need of some support from volunteers (parents) to run its competition this year or this may be at risk of not happening. If you have a child who enjoys their competitive or social basketball and are in a position to offer some support to the already hardworking volunteers who make these opportunities happen, then please take a look at the links below and do your bit for secondary school sport. Links to website:

https://bballcentralotago.wordpress.com/2018/03/28/agm-new-officers/

https://bballcentralotago.wordpress.com/2018/03/28/i-can-help-by-filling-in-this-form-to-start-with/

Mixed Hockey - Goalie Wanted

The WHS Mixed B Hockey team is on the hunt for a new goalie. If you are interested in playing this position or giving it a go, please see Mrs Nathan before the end of Term 1.

Laura Nathan Sports Coordinator

NZ SKI PASSES

NZSKI are offering Local School Passes this year for the same low price as last year. \$100 for primary aged children (5 years and under are just \$20) and \$165 for secondary school aged children.

Passes will be available from the Queenstown Snow Centre from 8 May and there is no deadline for purchase. Passes **DO NOT** need to be purchased before the end the general early bird sale which is 5 April.



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





Important dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT	WHO
Wed 11 Apr	Astronaut Encounter – WHS Theatre 7pm	All
Fri 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1	All
Mon 30 Apr	First day of Term 2	All
Sat 26 May	WHS Formal	Yr 12&13

BRANCHES 2017 PHOTOS

If you ordered Branches 2017 photographs, they are available from the school library (\$20). This is a Branches Trust fundraiser so please don't forget to come and collect them.

Meet the Staff... **Jackie Rodgers**

How long have you been at WHS? I have been at WHS since the middle of January

What is your position? I am an English teacher, I have an Ako group (who I adore!) and I help coordinate the Gifted and

Talented Programme. What do you love about the job?

I love literature! So I love "trying" to convince my students that poetry and Shakespeare are very cool and that books teach you about the human condition!

What do you like doing in your free time? I love to read, explore and mosaic.

What item could you not live without? My photo albums

What do you like about Queenstown?

Cloudscapes and landscapes. Feels like I'm living in a postcard!

Describe yourself in three words:

'Glass-half-full!'





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

Our Current Partner List:

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

AJ Hackett Bungy New Zealand





Astronaut Encounter



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





Catalyst's April 11 event features NASA astronaut and US Air Force Colonel Michael S Hopkins, in Queenstown between flights to the International Space Station, speaking on the ups and downs, and joy and wonder of travelling in space.

7-8.30pm at Wakatipu High School Theatre, Frankton. See <u>catalystnz.org</u> or <u>fb.com/catalystnzQT</u> for details. https://www.facebook.com/events/331496984039006/

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.

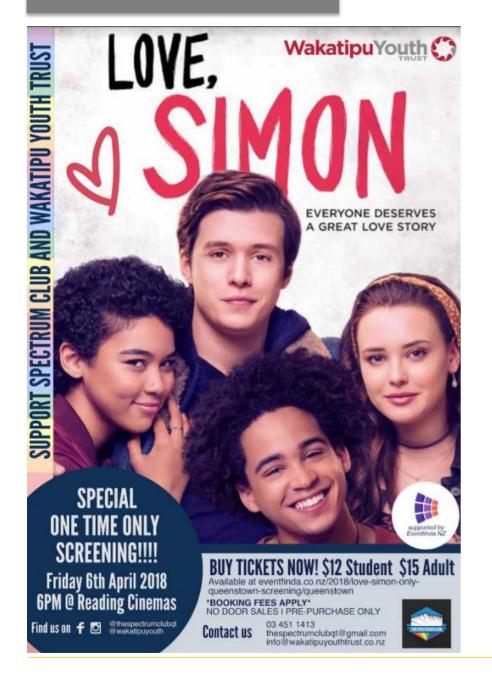
Catalyst Trust thanks NASA, Otago Museum, The Rees Hotel Queenstown and Wakatipu High School. For more info, go to catalystnz.org or fb.com/catalystnzQT

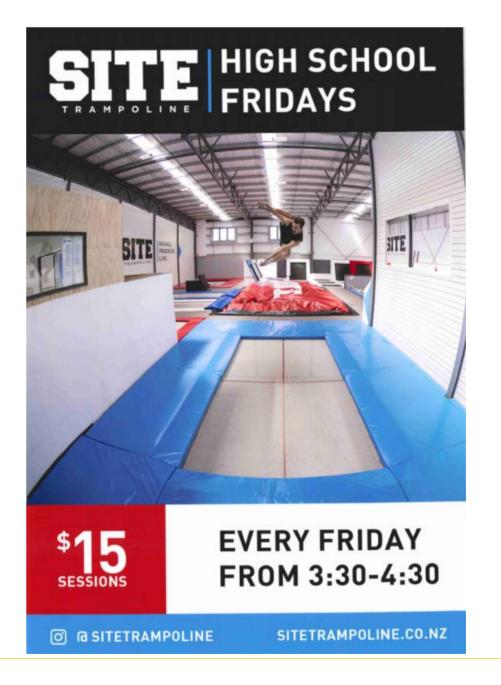


















Support Wakatipu High School and you'll be rewarded!

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

AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course - the next course is to be held on April 17,19,24 & 26 (inclusive) from 7.00-9.00pm in Queenstown.

For further information please email kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz or text 027 623 3534

Kaye Rowell Lakes Driving School





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.

The Gypsy Fair is a great day out for the family and it is free entry. The fair has something for everyone, handmade crafts of all types, many being made before your eyes, Clothing, a unique obstacle bounce for the kids. awesome coffee, food, face painting, candy floss, music, which you can come up and have a go too, if you feel so inclined and lots of good old fashioned tovs and entertainment in the green. So come along for a couple of hours or even the day and soak up the atmosphere of the Gypsy Fair.

> Wanaka - 21-22 April Wanaka Showgrounds, Ardmore Street, Wanaka





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.

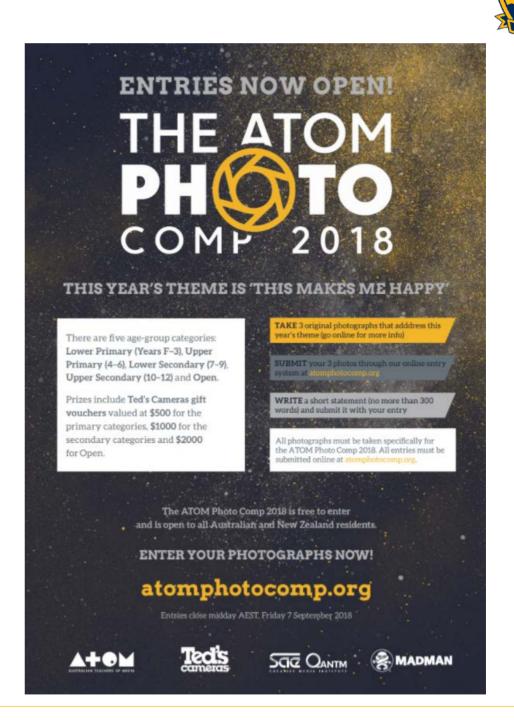
Students benefit from personal growth and development, independence and self confidence while making worldwide friendships and learning a new language. If you want to gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others, have fun and a whole lot of new experiences consider being a Rotary Youth Exchange 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 www.rotaryyouthexchange9980.wordpress.com or contact us for more information and an initial application form.

Contact: Gary Williams

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





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Red Alert - Friday 13 April - Catalyst Trust event

Should we fear Russia?

That's the question highly regarded Russian academic Dmitri Trenin, director of the Carnegie Centre Moscow, will address for Catalyst Trust on Friday 13 April. And he should know, he has written the book of that name.

Thanks to a last-minute opportunity offered by Victoria University's Centre for Strategic Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Queenstowners will have the opportunity to hear Dr Trenin analysing Russia's relationship with the West. He will also cover arms control, geo-economics and implications of the recent Russian presidential election. Dr Trenin has been with the Moscow think tank since its inception. He retired from the Russian Army in 1993, where his roles included external relations liaison and nuclear arms talks. He later held posts at the NATO Defense College in Rome and the Institute of Europe in Moscow.

Meet at Red's Bar, QT Hotel, accessed through The Rydges. Friday 13 April, 5:30pm for 6pm start. Please register at register @catalystnz.org \$5 koha at door.





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

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

Why MindPlus is great for creatively and academically gifted children:

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

Curriculum

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

Where MindPlus Operates

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

MindPlus Entry Selection

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

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



Empowering Extraordinary Minds

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

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

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





Monday and Thursday

4:45-5:45pm

Age 12 and upwards

All ability levels welcome

Wear nonrestricting sportswear (shorts and T-shirt)

For more info

Rob@industrialfitness.co.nz

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'Love Learning' Holiday Programmes

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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.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: CAKE DECORATING FOR TEENS!

Hands-on class, limited numbers for maximum personal attention!



We are creating a professional Unicorn, Emoji or Star Wars cake

Learn the Art of Cake Decorating

Cake decoration is creative expression and a skill that lasts a lifetime. Book now for this fun school holiday programme. Nikki Jones, owner of Nikki's Celebration Cakes, teaches her cake decorating tips, tricks and techniques. Perfect for 12-18 year olds.

Each student will be set up with their own decorating station and set of tools. Two 2-hour classes where you will:

- ★ Learn how to stack cakes and achieve square edge buttercream finish ★ Make your own fondant decorations ★ Pipe buttercream or smooth fondant ★ Paint and shimmer your cake
- * Use of professional decorating equipment and metallic edible cake paint, powder, spray
- * Tutorials * One finished cake

Be in quick as class numbers limited to 8 for maximum personal attention.

Two back-to-back classes: Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th April 2.30-4.30pm

Local venue: 33 Onslow Rd. Lake Hayes Estate Price for full course: \$50 + \$30 materials.

Book: FB msg, email, or txt now - class numbers limited!





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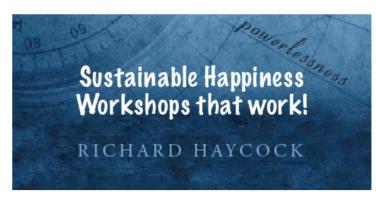






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A workshop in "Sustainable Happiness." Queenstown - Sunday 15th of April

Workshop content is a blend of wisdom (examples of which can be viewed in my videos on Facebook page find happiness and inner peace) combined with practical application. The daily how to's.

Workshops are presented by Richard Haycock author of Sustainable Happiness. I teach from deep personal experience, in a direct matter of fact way. I have personally moved from a place of depression and suicidal tendencies, to a point that these states are no longer a part of my life at all! This stuff works!

These workshops could be described as advanced mindfulness education with a unique perspective of human psychology. Yet they are not based in buddhism or traditional mindfulness at all.

Frankly these workshops are life changing regardless of your feeling state or circumstances!

Bookings essential. Call now to book your place 0273652666. \$119