



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter - the first full one for 2018. Today has been Participation Day which is always a special day at WHS. It was awesome to see students out on the new fields with the new school and the Remarkables in the background - stunning. The weather has been kind and the day has gone well. My thanks to Mrs Laura Nathan, our Deans, House Leaders and everyone who made the day a success. See below for some great photos. As with every year, the last couple of days have been busy setting up the year - ensuring students are all in the correct classes, that the classes are balanced, and that students' timetables are correct and they all know where they are going for each of their lines. While this can feel like organised chaos it is an important process to set us up well for teaching and learning next week.

New School - as well as the usual start of year work this year we have been doing it in the new school for the first time - where everyone is still trying to find their way around and we are applying and adapting our systems and practises. It is no small undertaking and the last few days have had the normal start of year challenges as well as some additional ones. One of the things we have been looking at is the allocation of classes to spaces. We have identified some pinch points in some areas and lines, and will do some redistribution of classes between spaces over the next days and weeks.

Tours - we had a big turnout for the Year 9 parent tour on Monday, and good turnouts again today. It is great to see people interested and keen to come and have a look around. Remember the public and parent tours are 10.30am and 1.00pm tomorrow.

Buses - as with the start of every year there is always a period of settling in with buses, and this year is extra different with the implementation of the mixed-model of school transport as well as the shift to new school. Please see below for more on buses.

Below also are a couple of great pieces on our students. First is a report on the World Challenge trip to Sri Lanka - an incredible opportunity and experience for our students. Also below is a piece on Alice Robinson. Alice is one of our Year 12 students who is currently in Pyeongchang as New Zealand's youngest ever Winter Olympian - an absolutely outstanding achievement! Check out the awesome photo of her racing and her Olympic schedule.

While it has only been four days it has been a significant week as we have welcomed our Year 9 students and got the year underway, as well as Participation Day. It really will be great to settle to teaching and learning next week. A mixed weather weekend - warm, with tomorrow best for outdoor plans and coming in during Sunday; hope you get to enjoy it :)

Steve Hall
Principal



2018 BUSES

Reviewing and sorting the bus routes is a key task at the start of every school year. Due to changes in numbers from different locations, new routes are created and others changed. Names of some bus runs have also changed to accurately reflect the route and to ensure consistency between WHS, the bus company and the Ministry of Education. The biggest change for 2018 is that some routes are now no longer serviced by the Ministry and students from some areas will be on public buses.

While we have tried to be as proactive as possible in working with GoBus to anticipate changes and likely routes, there is always a period of several weeks until all the routes are completely finalised. You will be continuously updated on any changes.

Students have been allocated a bus based on their address where they live and they have been informed of this. Their allocated bus is also indicated on their student ID card which will be available in the next few weeks. We do not have the capacity for students to use different buses to travel to sport, work, friends' places, etc. Students are only allowed on the specific identified bus route that takes them from their home to school and back again. Although there are in some cases (e.g. Shotover Country, Lake Hayes and Arrowtown areas), more than one bus going to the area, it is still essential that students board the bus that they are allocated to in order to avoid overcrowding and minimise the numbers of students standing in the aisle.

A couple of reminders:

Students from the following areas will need to use public buses:

- Fernhill
- Sunshine Bay
- Queenstown/Queenstown Hill
- Kelvin Heights
- Jacks Point (Morning)

Jack's Point Bus - Students living in Jack's Point are eligible for the free Ministry provided bus service in the **AFTERNOON** only. (School to Home). Students must catch a public bus to school in the morning.

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

YEAR 9 PARENT TOUR & BBQ

It was fantastic to see so many Year 9 parents join us for a school tour and the Year 9 BBQ on Monday.





PARTICIPATION DAY

Photos of each House March which demonstrates House spirit.





WORLD CHALLENGE

After a year and a half of fundraising, decision making and preparation, two teams of senior students set out for their month long World Challenge expedition to Sri Lanka over the December holidays. World Challenge is an organisation that facilitates amazing student led expeditions to all types of destinations, with the aim of helping build life, travel and leadership skills in young people. Once in country, pre-departure planning swings into effect and students manage their own budget and itinerary straight from the start. They also take part in at least one community project, and pack their trip with challenging activities as well as visits to natural and cultural highlights. In Sri Lanka we got to experience stunning beaches, expansive hill trails through lush tea plantations, not just one, but multiple World Heritage sites and beautiful religious monuments. We also engaged with local communities as we helped improve facilities at tea plantation and monastery schools. Sometimes being away from home for such a long time, especially over Christmas, and having new levels of responsibility can be tough, however, it is also part of the learning experience and it was wonderful to see both teams bond together, learn how to deal with challenging situations and really squeeze the most out of their time together.





WORLD CHALLENGE *continued...*

Our trip to Sri Lanka was amazing! As soon as we landed, there was such a diverse display of colour, noises, movement and smells completely different to NZ. Our group favourites were the project and elephant safaris. We built a barbed wire fence just over 100m long for a school just on the outskirts of Kandy to keep the stray dogs out. It took us four days to complete and had to work hard to communicate with the principal who only knew “hello” and kept changing his mind on where the fence should be and how to build it. But in the end we finished it and everyone was happy and proud to have given to the school. We also visited many Buddhist and Hindu temples which were amazing and were lucky enough to witness some festivals and ceremonies in the streets. At the end we went and relaxed at the beach in Galle at the south west of the country. We visited a turtle sanctuary and donated our camping gear to a local orphanage / monk monastery. We’d like to say a special thanks to World Challenge for organising this trip and providing us the opportunity to do activities that we as tourists wouldn’t normally do!

Kalani McDonald



My name is Will, along with 19 others I left Queenstown in December of 2017 bound for Sri Lanka. We spent a month trekking, experiencing a new culture, seeing incredible sights and we also helped out a couple of local schools in the tea plantations. When I left New Zealand I only a little bit of experience with travelling in developing countries like Sri Lanka, but the student based nature of the trip meant I had to learn quickly to navigate my way around the culture. We made all the decisions about our trip itinerary as well as taking responsibility for arranging all the logistics such as booking hotels, organising food and transportation. As a result I came home feeling far more confident!

Will Booker



SCIENCE WELCOMES YEAR 9s

Monday was the first day for Year 9s and even though lessons were brief for day, 1 we couldn't resist the opportunity to get them into the lab and doing some chemistry. Students made precipitates of Lead iodide as the first stage of a two part experiment which will be completed during their next Science lesson. It was a great chance to introduce some simple laboratory protocols and to familiarise them with the new facilities.



Mr Gilbert

G & T UPDATE – WELCOME TO 2018

The Team:

I would like to introduce the team heading up Gifted and Talented this year. I am continuing with oversight, and am being joined by Mrs Jackie Rodgers.

Jackie is part of the English Learning Area and comes to us this year after successfully heading the International Baccalaureate Programme at Takapuna Grammar School in Auckland for the past five years. Prior to this she has had experience in schools in Hong Kong and was, for a time, the Director for Advanced Learning at St Cuthbert's College in Auckland where one of her responsibilities included the overseeing of the school's Gifted and Talented Programme.

I am really excited to be working with Jackie to continue to develop our gifted and talented provisions at WHS. Mrs Linda Richards is continuing to take the Talent Development programme. This is a great team which now has perspectives from vastly different learning areas.

What's Next:

Classroom teachers have seen their classes briefly this week. Next week we get into a more normal structure and teachers begin to get to know their students better. Part of this process is informed by data provided from contributing schools, enrolment information, assessment results, students surveys, and information from previous teachers. The learning needs of students are then more individually determined. Students with potential gifts and talents will be highlighted to their classroom teachers. We then look carefully at students whose needs perhaps can not be met within regular teaching and learning programs and identify further opportunities.

If you have any questions or would like to highlight particular information, please email me at lhiestand@wakatipu.school.nz.

Lee Hiestand
Gifted and Talented Coordinator



SPORTS UPDATE

Winter Olympics

Alice Robinson has arrived in Pyeongchang, South Korea in preparation for the Winter Olympics.

Alice is competing in the following races:

Women's Giant Slalom First Run Sunday 12 February 2.10pm

Women's Giant Slalom Second Run Sunday 12 February 5.40pm

Women's Slalom First Run Wednesday 14 February 2.10pm

Women's Slalom Second Run Wednesday 14 February 5.40pm

We wish Alice all the very best across the next couple of weeks for what will be an absolutely amazing experience.



Alice Robinson racing her debut World Cup in Kranjska Gora Slovenia

Swimming

A number of WHS swimmers competed in the Otago/Canterbury/West Coast Championships in Dunedin over four days in mid-January against the South Island's best. The swimmers were all working towards gaining and sustaining Div1 & Div2 National times, for upcoming meets in March and April. Medals were won, and times achieved. An awesome effort by all these WHS swimmers.



Back row: Tasmin Hepburn, Dylan Foote, Isaak Frewen, Sophie Adamson, Molly Woodham
Front row: Gabbi Barr, Charlotte Payne, Gabby White



Important dates for your diary...

DATE	EVENT	WHO
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
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

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPO

The 2018 WHS Extracurricular Expo is being held in Te Kirikiri, the courtyard, at Break 2 on Tuesday 20 February. There will be a range of sports, arts, cultural and community groups present. This is the best opportunity students will have to see all of the activities available to participate in at Wakatipu High School. We encourage all of our students to participate and contribute to life at WHS and be part of an area of passion.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We are extremely pleased to welcome 15 new international students to our school. They are from Japan, Germany, Vietnam, Chile, Brazil, Czech Republic, USA, China, Taiwan, Thailand and Italy. As a welcome outing we took the Walter Peak Farm Tour to give them a "real" New Zealand introduction to Queenstown. Thank you Real Journeys for supporting us.

Joan Potts
Director of International Students





COMMUNITY NOTICES – WHS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dan Gerard

DRIVING 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



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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 sky!

Process

1. 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 www.warbirdsoverwanaka.com. 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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEW KAWARAU FALLS BRIDGE CHANGES TO BRIDGE ACCESS PATH

Work to temporarily move a small section of the Queenstown Trail link will start today and take about a week to complete.

The trail which runs from Bridge Street to the Heritage Bridge is being relocated so work excavating the new underpass can progress.

The area will be fenced off from construction but please take care walking or cycling through the area.

Once the underpass is complete a permanent walking and cycling pathway will be constructed linking the Queenstown Trail and the Heritage Bridge.

If you have any questions, please contact the project team on **0508 KAWARAU** (or 0508 528 2728).



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

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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

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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

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