



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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Reminders

Reminders - many from me this week:

Junior Next Steps (Parent-Teacher meetings)

- are next Thursday 9th, all junior parents and students are expected to attend, please see below.

Junior Mid-Year Prizegiving - is next Tuesday at 10.45am, and recognises achievement in first semester courses. Prizewinners and parents will be notified by the end of today.

Teacher Only Day - for Juniors during senior exams is next Friday 10th.

Parent Tours - are an opportunity to come and have a look at teaching and learning in our new school. Please email my PA, Karla Dawson kdawson@wakatipu.school.nz.

Principal's Message

Kia ora - welcome again to the Wakatipu High School newsletter. One of the highlights of the week has been the five Excellence and Ad Alta Assemblies, it is always a pleasure to celebrate students 'striving to achieve their best' and congratulations again to all of our recipients (see below for the full list). Of note is that this week we have awarded 127 Excellence awards - our biggest number ever, and with our latest NCEA Prediction tracking well it shows that teaching and learning are going well.

On Tuesday this week was our Option Afternoon, and it was great to see parents attend the various year level presentations. The process of students choosing their 2019 subjects is an important one - please engage with and support your student with this before Friday 17th.

Also this week was the parent meeting for the next World Challenge trip to Mozambique and Swaziland - wow, our students have some amazing opportunities!

LE Reports - will be available on the Portal this evening.

Facebook - lots of great Posts this week including:
Excellence and Ad Alta Awards - list of winners
Study skills - senior exams start next week, some great links to study tips and skills
Pest tracking and trapping

As I write this Break 3 has just finished and it's been all go here - the Jazz combo were playing in the foyer, and they are awesome!; the Environmental Council were doing a Rubbish Audit in the quad; and the House Basketball was a nail-biter in the gym - all great stuff, and together with Excellence and Ad Alta Awards it makes for a great all-round education here at WHS :)

Speaking of which, this week the band Haven found out they've made it into the Final 30 for Rockquest - an amazing achievement, and as part of this they need your support - text 'Haven' to 407 (texts cost 30c) to vote for them to get the last spot up for grabs in the national top ten. A pretty good weekend weather-wise, a great chance to hit the hills - but make sure seniors spend at least some of it inside studying :)

Steve Hall

Excellence Awards Silver

Name	Year
Jacob Wilkinson	9
Indigo Little	11
Arwyn Donnelly Cranston	11
Daniela Tapper	11
Alex Bailey	11
Briar Greer	11
Aleks Cheifetz	11
Greta Balfour	11
Alice Price	11
Micky Nguyen	11
Hannah Stevens	11
Lucy Tulloch	11
Elliott Allemand	11
Georgie Atkinson-Strang	11
Juliana Rossi Macaes	11
Ryan Connaghan	11
Angelo Santos	11
Nieve Collin	11
Emma Saxon	11
Natsune Suzuki	11
Loic Billoud	11
Isaak Frewen	11
Molly Woodham	11
Gareth Harcombe	12
Jessie Tayler	12
Gracie Hansby	12
Tasman Hughes	12
Katerina Carter	12
Josh Drinkwater	12
Jordan McVicar	12
Noah Gregory	12
Hannah Crump-McKechnie	12
Maria De Medeiros	12
Seth Mawhinney	12
Livvie Thompson	12
Grace Kennedy	12
Maddie Reedy	12
Chantelle Bull	12
Archie Ritchie	12
Ella Numaguchi	12
Kendra McClery	12
Gabe White	12
Racheal Singh	12
Raven Almquist	12
Jemima Stevens	12

Name	Year
Maddie Jones	12
Bonny Koehn-Turton	12
Abby Harford	12
Elise Kennedy	12
Geena Slow	12
Taylah Pedersen	12
Molly Richards	12
Frost Spillane	12
Brydie Macbeth	12
Hylton Brisco	12
Francesca Archibald	12
Jake Finnigan	12
Ruby Hamilton	12
Hannah Coombe	13
Jordyn Clark	13
Isabella Jack	13
Ella Little	13
Alfie Duffy	13
Karina Tickle	13
Tomas Spring	13
Cameron Ryall	13
Ray Crawshaw	13
Jaxon Buchanan	13
Valentina Diaz	13
Bianca Crichton	13
Tom Finlin	13
Eve O'Connor	13
Angela Santos	13
Lana Stevenson	13
Marcus Bongers	13
Chester Rosie	13
Leah Kissick	13
Marina Honda	13
Kate Lambert	13
Akane Suzuki	13
Rafe Swan	13
Ella Windner	13
Reece Collin	13
Olivia Woodham	13
Alexandra Hull	13

Excellence Awards Bronze

Name	Year
Lucas Yoshikane	10
Niki Nakao	10
Zach Key	10
Lachlan Marshall	11
Zak Barham	11
Maggie Frew	11
Liam Climo	11
Emma Bradley	11
Charlie van Asch	11
Haley Adamson	11
Claudia Watts	11
Lexie Allan	11
Jordan Gibbons	11
Alisha McKinney	11
Rei Watanabe	11
Harriet Neilson	11
Ruby Ruski-Jones	11
Annie Fraser	11
Ruby Noton	11
Helena Kennedy	11
Sami Robertson	11
Ella Lanuel	11
Sophie Woodham	11
Hayato Yoneto	12
Patrick Coombe	12
Junbo Pan	12
Sarah Saint-Pere	12
Jack Cleveland	12
Mihindi Kariyawasam	12
June Ha	12
Subin Kim	12
William Houghton	13
Anna Aitken	13
Dain Hong	13
Francesca O'Malley	13
Monique Tickle	13
Rongjie Zhang	13
Nina Johnston	13
Zac Hourston	13

Ad Alta Awards

Name	Year
Naomi Mitchell	9
Jonty Vaivars	9
Harry McVicar	9
Paige Cusiel	9
Nicole Albertini	9
Cole Bramwell	9
Joshua Nyberg	9
Sonya Sunder	9
Hannah Battrick	10
Carmen Woodhouse	10
Todd Vermeir	10
Remy Scarborough	10
Kate Edmonds	10
Indigo Little	11
Daniela Tapper	11
Lucy Tulloch	11
Juliana Rossi Macaes	11
Tasman Hughes	12
Hannah Crump-McKechnie	12
Maria De Medeiros	12
Raven Almquist	12
Subin Kim	12
Anna Aitken	13
Bianca Crichton	13
Ami Ishibashi	13
Maddie McLean	13
Lana Stevenson	13
Courtney Macdonald	13

Ad Alta Blue

Name	Year
Bella Middleton	9
Sade Kaihe	9
Tannin Heeley	9
Helena Hornbacher	9
Linus Ritchie	10
Fineen Hingston	10
Kira Almquist	10
Jasmine Crichton	10
Marigold Kunath	10
Briar Greer	11
Micky Nguyen	11
Annie Fraser	11
Vincent McComb-Frew	11
Sophie Woodham	11
Molly Woodham	11
Gareth Harcombe	12
Josh Drinkwater	12
Archie Ritchie	12
Thomas Hartono	12
Hylton Briscoe	12
Jordyn Clark	13
Leah Kissick	13

Course Option Selection 2019

The Option Afternoon that was held on Tuesday was the start of a very important process of students choosing their subjects for 2019. While there were a good turnout of parents in attendance, please click here for the presentations that were made to students and parents. Additionally, a comprehensive 2019 Course Option Booklet has been uploaded to our website, please click here to view it as there is lots of very important information regarding the range of courses that are on offer at WHS. As I know many of you do, please engage with your child regarding the process of choosing subjects so that they make good choices for next year and their future. Related, Year 10 students will have a 60 minute session with our Careers Adviser, Bronwyn Gardiner, which should be helpful to them in their choices of subjects. All options must be submitted through the Portal by 4:00 pm on Friday, 17 August and feel free to contact the school if you wish to meet up with a staff member to discuss course options for 2019.

Oded Nathan

Junior Next Steps

Once again our upcoming Junior Next Steps meetings will comprise a 20 minute meeting with students, parents and Kaiārahi. They are on Thursday 9 August, from 2:30pm - 6:00pm. School will finish at 1.50pm but buses will only be running at the normal time of 3.30pm. Students need to make alternative arrangements if they plan to leave school at 1.50pm but they are welcome to use the library and gymnasium while they wait for their scheduled meeting time.

Next Steps are really important for all Junior students and parents and we do expect all to attend. If you or your child are unable to attend on the day please email your child's Kaiārahi directly to arrange another time.

Schedule an appointment with your Kaiārahi at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, using the code 39m2w.

Senior Exams

Senior Exams are being held from Thursday 9 to Tuesday 14 August. The timetable has been finalised and sent out to all students and is on our school website. Please click here to view the exam timetable and associated details. Morning exams begin at 9:15 am and afternoon exams begin at 1:15 pm. Buses run as normal throughout the Senior Exams.

Students should now be preparing a plan and beginning their study. Click here for a study calendar template. School exams are important for a number of reasons, including for students to practise the art of performing well in an exam environment, and they are used for 'derived grades' for the number of students who are always unable to sit external exams at the end of the year due to illness, injury, accident etc. Additionally, these results are used to determine end of year prizes.

NZQA Fees & Financial Assistance for NCEA Exams 2018

Paying your fees will enable your results to be recorded on your Record of Achievement and to receive any certificates.

Domestic Students pay \$76.70 for all standards

International students pay \$383.30 for all standards.

Scholarship exam fees are \$30 per subject but this will be charged later once students are attached to those standards. If you are a domestic student you can apply for Financial Assistance, to see if you meet the conditions please click here for further information. To get Financial Assistance you need to complete the Financial Assistance form and hand it in to the school office. You can get this form from the office or the NZQA website [here](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz).

All fees are due by Thursday 30th August 2018.

Sonia Panapa

Smokefree Rockquest

Congratulations to Haven who have made it through to the next stage of the national Rockquest competition. This recognises the top 30 acts which consists of the top 20 bands and 10 solo/duo acts. This is a significant achievement given the huge profile Rockquest has across the country. From here, the bands get re-judged to find the top 10 finalists. Good luck!

Haven - Ryan Connaghan, Jack Wilson, Harrison Maguire

Alison Price

New International Students

New International Students Orientation Outing. We are pleased to welcome 22 new internationals from Germany, Italy, Belgium, Czech Republic, Chile, Japan, China and Thailand - A real Kiwi introduction on the Earnslaw to Walter Peak. Thanks Real Journeys for supporting us!

Joan Potts



Student Work Published

Earlier this month, the work of four senior students was published in the Otago Daily Times Feature, 'Secondary Scene'. Congratulations to Angela Santos (Year 13); Leah Kissick (Year 13); Sian Davis (Year 12) and Maria De Medeiros (Year 12). Check out a copy of the finished articles [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)!

Ruth Needham

Mountain Expedition

Year 13 Outdoor Recreation overnight Mountain Expedition trip at Lake Alta, Remarkable Mountains on Monday and Tuesday (30, 31 July, 1 August. Students walked up to Lake Alta, established tent camps then overnighted in very challenging alpine weather conditions! Great learning and experience for the students! These beautiful photos were taken by Bella Jolley

Ken McKyntire



Job Opportunities

- NZ Couriers are looking for Freight Handlers in the mornings. Hours 6.30 -8.30am, Monday to Friday (may include Saturday), but can job share. Physical job including lifting of heavy items.

- K-Mart store in Queenstown due to open in October and are now looking for a number of part time team members. A variety of shifts and roles will be available between the hours of 6am to midnight.

- Looking for applicants that are available to work after school at nights/and or during the weekend. Casual positions are also available to work one day a week or more.

- Flooring Xtra has apprenticeships available for any keen student ready to get out into the workforce.

- Pandora – are looking for a Part Time Retail Assistant in there beautiful store based in Queenstown, the role is ideal for someone looking Sunday work 10am – 6pm in a fantastic environment.

-Odyssey Sensory Maze based in Queenstown is after a diligent senior student to join their team on a part time basis as a Front Desk Attendant. Working weekends and /or evenings.

- For information and contact details for any of these positions please come by the Careers Hub

Hands on at Otago 13-18 January 2019

University of Otago are offering a Hands-On Programme with 36 projects this year in Sciences, Humanities and Business. The programme is designed to allow students to experience a week of the Otago student life, living in a residential College, and undertaking detailed studies. To qualify for the programme, students must be entering Year 12 or 13 in 2019. The Programme fee is \$675 which includes meals, accommodation and programme activities. There are several scholarships available. The Careers Hub has the application forms and more details for the programme. Or go to otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago

Women in Engineering Residential Programme 21-24 January 2019 University of Canterbury – Join them for Free hands on programme for female students completing Year 12 in 2018, who are studying maths and science at High School. This is a new initiative programme for the University. Spaces are limited and applications close on Friday 17 August. Cost: FREE
More information visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/wiecan

Tanya Glanfield

Branches Trust AGM

The Branches Camp Charitable Trust will be holding its AGM on Monday 13th August at 5.30pm to be held at Limousine South offices, 37 Brookes Road, Shotover Park, Frankton. All are welcome.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the Branches Charitable Trust AGM you can contact Louise Ward, Chairperson, on 027 664 1001.

Belinda Crichton

Luma Continued

after ten of thousands of locals and visitors saw the LUMA 2018 exhibition, a visitor of the exhibition contacted Wakatipu High School to asked students to create some pieces for their own miniature Luma in Dunedin at Glenfalloch Woodland Garden. Students were asked to produce pieces for Glenfalloch Woodland Garden based on birds and particularly peacocks which the gardens are known for attracting. Naturally, our Year 9's were up for the challenge. The exhibition at Glenfalloch Woodland Garden will run in September, see thier website for details.

Luma 2019 concept meetings are taking place next week to decide the theme and possible pieces that Wakatipu High School can contribute to LUMA 2019. Updates on the theme and process will be in the newsletters early next year.

Rebecca Lund



Head Student's Update

Wow what a year!

It seems like only yesterday we entered the new school for the first time and now we are two weeks into our third term- more than half-way through the entire academic year! It does seem as if time has been put on fast forward and I know many seniors, including myself, will be beginning to freak out at the fact that mock exams are only 4 days away (eek).

Interestingly,the definition of 'mock' is to 'tease or laugh at in a scornful or contemptuous manner', a response often seen in students when we are told the phrase 'these practice exams are actually important and you need to study'. Unfortunately, the teachers are right again with this one. These upcoming exams are not only important to help you suss your exam strategy, get an accurate reflection of where you are at and find out what you need to learn for the end of year exams. If there is an alien invasion or a volcanic eruption that simultaneously burns all WHS NCEA exam papers in a pit of fiery lava, you will sadly need to use the grades you get during these exams- which you may then need for university applications, course selection or bragging rights depending on your plans for next year. Moral of the story is try to overcome the temptation to ski your life away and do a bit of study before next week!!

In other, cooler news, our School Councils are hard at work putting on some groovy events for students to get involved in! The Sports Council is in the middle of running the very competitive house basketball. Environmental Council is hard at work organising a rubbish audit for enviroschools- stay tuned on the results next week! Arts and Culture council are improving the wellbeing of students with their Bob Ross painting sessions, as well as congratulating Leah McHugo on her amazing Wearable Arts piece. Whanaungatanga Council is planning the first school wide Guess Who event (oooo)- students will be receiving an email about that shortly!

All in all it's a very busy time so make sure you get enough sleep, hang out with friends and study (but not too hard), and GOOD LUCK FOR MOCKS!!

Bianca Crichton, Head Girl

Vacancy

**Looking for a role that gives you the flexibility of spending school holidays with your children?
We have available a fixed term, full time, term time only, role in our Cafe as Cafe Assistant.**

The hours are 8am - 4pm Monday to Friday. Barista skills would be a bonus but full training will be provided. For full position description please send an email to apply@wakatipu.school.nz

Andrea Wilton-Connell

