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Notices

Please click here to view Wakatipu High School's Student Notice Board.

Facebook Page

Please see our Facebook page for all the latest updates from Wakatipu High School, and take a look at our sports page for news on football, rugby, snow sports and more. Posts this week include an update on #PredatorFree2050 and a photos of our Class Act winners with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Principal's Message

Kia ora - welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter. A busy week at WHS, with even busier ones ahead :)

Senior Exam Reports - will be on the the Portal this evening, please see below.

Senior Next Steps - are timed to follow school exams and reports and are coming up on Thursday 13th September, less than two weeks away now. These are important for students - please see below for more and booking details.

LE Reports - will be available on the Portal by tomorrow.

Uniform - as we are about to get to September and spring, the June-August 'puffer jacket' period is now over for the year. Students have been informed, please support them to get this right.

School Donations - are of course voluntary, but as a Decile 10 school we receive considerably less funding than other schools of a similar size. To deliver the great all-round education that we want for our students requires all the funding we can get so we do encourage parents to please pay the school donation if they are able.

Parenting Speaker - another reminder that coming up is a highly recommended speaker on parenting 'Yadults' (young adults) and preparing them for life. She will speak to senior students but also to parents on the evening of Monday 17th September. While this is free you, do need to book. Please click here to do so.

Branches Parent Meeting - for Year 10 parents is on Thursday 20th September, please put it in your diaries.

Only four weeks to go in the term, an important time for learning, progress and achievement. Winter Tournament is next week - all the very best to the 100 students and staff heading off to various locations to compete.

Make the most of a spring-like weekend, especially tomorrow, before a return to winter (hopefully) from later on Sunday and into next week:)

Steve Hall, Principal

Senior Updates

Senior School Exam Reports - will be available this evening on the WHS Portal.

Senior Next Steps - is on Thursday 13 September. These parent-student-subject teacher meetings are very important for students' learning, progress and achievement, and are carefully timed to follow students receiving their Exam Reports, as above.

We strongly encourage all senior students to attend this evening, and please note that if you did receive a letter expressing concerns at the end of last term we would particularly like to see you there.

School will finish at 1.50pm and buses will also run from this time for all students, and Next Steps will run from 2.30pm-6.00pm.

To book your interviews please click here and use the booking code **zyx42**.

Sonia Panapa, Assistant Principal

Class Act Awards

Massive congratulations to Year 11's Indigo Little and Year 12's Alex Bailey, who officially recieved Otago Daily Times Class Act Awards from Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern last night in an award ceremony at the Otago Museum in Dunedin.

The annual ceremony celebrated the cultural, academic and sporting achievements of 55 pupils from 29 Otago schools, supported by proud parents and family members.

Ms Ardern told the pupils for at least the afternoon they should shun the typical "Kiwi way" and celebrate their own achievements. "We don't need you to be the leaders of tomorrow, we need you to be the leaders of today," she said.

Like all award recipients, Indigo and Alex were awarded the University of Otago's Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship.

You can read more about the awards here. An enormous well done from everyone at WHS!





Extra-Curricular Photos

Please click here to view and purchase the school and extra-curricular photos that were taken earlier this term.

Students have been reminded that the Harmful Digital Communications Act, which has been in NZ Law since July 2015, governs the digital communication and transmition of these photos. You can read the Act in full here.

Oded Nathan, Senior Deputy Principal

Languages Learning Area News

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In the last two weeks the Languages Learning Area and students learning languages welcomed some special guests:

- The Head of Languages, Mrs Passmore, at Avonside Girls High School who was interested about how languages were being taught in an open space.
- The Cultural Attaché from the French Embassy, Mrs Seignolles, who is responsible for the development of bilingual schools in the southern French regions. Both guests were interested in how students were learning in our new school and how technology helped them to extend their learning.

Thank you to the students who came along to meet our special guests, who answered a raft of questions from them.

Merci beaucoup,

Guillaume Charton, HoLA Languages



Year 9 Ski Programme

WHS's Year 9 Students left early this morning for both the ski and non-ski programmes, which will run every Friday for the next four weeks. Today, our non skiers spent the day hiking and learning about camp craft, and they'll undertake a variety of activities throughout the programme. Our skiers and boarders, meanwhile, will spend their time on Coronet Peak practicing and finessing their snow sports skills. Here are some excellent photos from last week on the hill, as the Level 6 group worked with snowsports instructor Jan on edge control and weight transfer.







Mountain Expedition

Another week, another incredible expedition from WHS's Year 13 Outdoor Recreation. This week, the team headed up the Remarkables for an overnight stay, learning everything from igloo building, camp-setting, outdoor cooking, alpine health and safety – and the fact that Mr McIntyre brews a mean cup of coffee. Photos courtesy of alpineworks.co.nz









Cultural Blues Awards

Nominations are now open for Wakatipu High School's Cultural Blues Awards. Cultural Blues are a celebration of the Arts which recognise contribution, leadership and achievement in Visual Arts (Painting, Drawing and Photography), Performing Arts (Drama, Speech and Drama, Dance and Kapa Haka) and Music.

You may nominate yourself or someone else to receive an award. Recipients include students from Years 9 - 13. Nominations must be submitted no later than 4pm on Friday, 7th of September. Please click here to view the nomination form with additional information.

Nominees will be notified if their application has been successful.

This year the Cultural Blues will be held at WHS in the theatre on Tuesday, 30th October. Remember to save the date.

Please contact Monica Parker at mparker@wakatipu.school.nz with any further questions.

Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator

Wakatipu Reforestation Trust

Kia ora,

This coming Saturday is our first spring planting day, and we will be at Lake Hayes South Shore. This site is our special wetland site and has some beautiful Kahikitea that are really starting to do well. Make a morning of it and bike, walk, run, bird watch, plant and help restore habitat. Feel free to bring a thermos or baking to share.

Please note, that all parking is at the Lake Hayes Pavilion and walk approx 5 mins south (left) down the trail. There is no parking at the site and the planting area is near a very busy main road so we ask that everyone stays well back from the road and all children are well supervised. Below are all the details.

For updates please check our Facebook Page.

Lake Hayes South- Sat 1st Sept WHERE: Lake Hayes South Shore Road Side (please park at Lake Hayes Pavilion and walk 5/10mins back along track towards south shore as there is no parking at the site)
WHEN: Sat 1st Sept, 9am - 12noon BRING: Gloves, shovel, water, thermos flask/snacks, good footwear..... and friends, family and enthusiasm!



Nursery WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS
Every Wednesday morning the
nursery is open and we are in need
of more volunteers. Located in
Kelvin Heights, the nursery is a
lovely sun trap so a great place to
hang out and help out.
WHEN: Every Wed morning 9am 12noon. Morning tea provided
WHERE: Jardine Park, Poplar
Drive, Kelvin Heights

Head Student's Update

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Good afternoon all,

I hope you've all had a fantastic time with the past few days of decent weather. We are over the halfway mark for Term 3 now, with this marking the end of week six. For senior students there are now less than seven weeks left of classes and for Year 13's, that's it for high school! Plans for next year are dominating a large part of time now for Year 13's, whether they're planning gap years, apprenticeships, jobs or tertiary courses. This week we had university advisors from the universities of Auckland and Canterbury running course counselling sessions, and Otago planning the week before, which was a massive benefit to all involved. So a massive thank you to Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Glanfield in Careers for setting that up. They are currently away on yet another university trip to Wellington and Palmerston North. I've said it before and I'll say it again, these trips are an enormous advantage to the students. There are very few schools across the country who do as good a job as Mrs Glanfield and Mrs Gardiner when it comes to helping students plan their next steps, and even less actually run school trips to the campuses. Hopefully everybody involved realises the hard work they put in and the effect of their dedication.

Last week a Whanaungatanga Council initiative called 'Guess Who' wrapped up. This was a game where students filled out some details about themselves and then other people throughout the school had to guess who the details belonged to. This was a fun new event, and one that highlights the kindness and respect themes that this week's house assemblies are focusing on.

On the topic of kindness and respect, next week is Winter Pride Week, formerly Gay Ski Week. This is a local initiative, centred on increasing inclusion, awareness and support of the LGBTQ+ community. A team of dedicated students have been working around the clock to set up some wicked events throughout the week, including a helicopter lolly-drop, and a TVNZ broadcast just to name a couple. More on this later!

The Environmental Council ran a rubbish audit last week, where they collected all of the rubbish and recycling from the school at the end of one day and counted and categorised the next. What they found was pretty much that a lot of people can be careless. A LOT of recyclables were found in the rubbish, and a large proportion of the waste in the recycle bins were in fact recyclable, but because they were dirty they just became trash. If you put a dirty item in the recycle bin, all of the clean recyclables in that bin just get thrown in the rubbish. So please take a moment to be considerate, it honestly doesn't take long to rinse your yoghurt container, or your sushi box, or to throw that apple core in the rubbish rather than recycling.

Tournament week is almost underway, with numerous sports teams travelling across New Zealand to compete for a week, most leaving on Monday. Good luck to everyone participating! Also, applications for 2019 Head Student and House Leader roles came out this week, if anybody is considering applying I couldn't recommend it enough. There will be more information coming out about this over the next wee while.

That's it from me, rather wordy update but it goes to show how full on things are at this time of year. Have a fabulous weekend, the weather isn't looking too bad at all, especially not tomorrow morning, so make the most of it!

Jordyn Clark, Head Boy

Youth MP Search

Clutha-Southland MP Hamish Walker is on the hunt for a youth MP to take his place during the New Zealand Youth Parliament 2019.

"Youth Parliament is a wonderful opportunity for young people from all over the country to come to Wellington and debate topical issues facing New Zealand, in the heart of Parliament", says Mr Walker.

"It's a great chance for a young person from Clutha-Southland to come and experience the inner workings of Parliament and learn a few new skills.



Hamish Walker
MP for Clutha-Southland

"I am on the search for a young Clutha-Southlander who is keen to give our region a strong voice in Parliament.

"My fiancé Penny was a youth MP for Eric Roy, and she's happy to give advice to anyone who wants to apply, and to the person who will become Clutha-Southland's Youth MP.

"Nominees must be aged 16-18 years old and will come to Wellington in July next year to experience what it's like to be a MP for a couple of days. They will participate in Parliament, debate a number of issues in Select Committees and attend caucus."

Mr Walker is looking forward to reading all the applications to see what issues the young people of Clutha-Southland think are most important to the region to raise at Youth Parliament 2019.

To apply, applicants need to write no more than 750 words to Hamish Walker. It must include what the applicant believes the three biggest issues in Clutha-Southland are, how these issues could be solved and details of their involvement in their local community. Please email your application to **Hamish.walkermp@parliament.govt.nz** before 1 October 2018.

Snowsports - Winter Games

Alice Robinson and Alex Hull both represented New Zealand at the Winter Games held this week at Coronet Peak. The two senior students both competed in the Ladies Giant Slalom as part of the Australia New Zealand Cup. On Monday Alice won gold in the event and Alex finished 15th in the 35 strong international field, which are remarkable achievements with only five New Zealanders in the fields. In Wednesday's racing Alice finished 5th and Alex 10th.Well done girls, we are incredibly proud. For more click here.

Swimming - South Island Champs Christchurch

Seven WHS swimmers competed last weekend over three days against a strong level of competition with the best in the South Island. All swimmers gained personal best times. Highlights were; Isaak, Molly, Gabbi & Jett with top 10 finishes and Isaak placing second in 100m breastroke & third in 50m butterfly. Sophie was selected to compete in the South Island relay teams for her age group. Congratulations to all the swimmers on some great performances at the start of the competitive season.



Basketball - Southland Junior Boys Champions

Congratulations to the WHS Junior Boys Basketball team for winning the Southland Secondary School A Grade Boys Basketball competition. The team beat James Hargest Junior A 47-37 in the final last Friday night. This year has been the first year that WHS has entered a junior team into the weekly competition that is played every Friday night in Invercargill. There were nine teams in the A grade. This is a huge commitment and a big thank you to players, families and especially coach Graham Macdonald in making this happen. Well done boys!



Sporting Blues Awards 2018

The 2018 Sporting Blues Awards process is underway. The nomination form is still currently open but will close on Monday 3rd September. This form and information will also be sent to coaches and sporting organisations our students are associated with. The nomination form is also available on the school website. There will be a number of students whose competitions are still yet to take place and occur before the end of Term 3 holidays deadline. These results will be included in these awards. To complete a nomination please click here.

Wakatipu High School Sports Facebook Page

Take a look at the new sports Facebook page and follow it on Facebook by clicking "Like" for all of the latest news, results and updates. Please click here.

Laura Nathan, Sports Coordinator



Winter Tournament Week

National winter tournament week takes over the country from Monday and WHS has eight teams heading around the South Island to compete in a range of tournaments at varying levels. This takes out 112 students and we wish them all the very best for this awesome opportunity to compete against other schools, experience tournament competition, challenge themselves and have fun. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, coaches, managers and teachers who have helped to organise each tournament, this requires a huge amount of work and a massive thank you to those taking our teams away to compete, this is a big sacrifice, and is greatly appreciated.

See below for an overview of the WHS teams involved:

1st XI Boys Football - National Premier Secondary School Champs - Christchurch

Golf - New Zealand U19 Golf Champs - Palmerston North

Senior A Netball - South Island Secondary School Champs (A Grade) - Dunedin

Mixed Hockey - South Island Secondary School Champs - Oamaru

Ice Hockey - South Island Secondary School Champs (Seniors - A Grade, Juniors - B Grade) - Dunedin

Senior Boys Basketball - South Island Secondary School Champs - Invercargill

U15 Rugby - South Island Co-educational Schools Tournament - Queenstown

1st XI Girls Football - Lotto Sportswear Tournament (Lower South Island) - Dunedin

To keep up to date with team results, check the WHS Sports Facebook page.

Sports Photos 2018

WHS sports team photos are now available to purchase. Click here to view and purchase the school and extra-curricular photos that were taken earlier this term.

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Weekly Wrap - Week 6 Results and Week 7 Draw

Results:

Basketball - Friday 24th August

Junior A Boys beat James Hargest Junior A Boys - 47-37 -Winners of Junior Boys A Grade Senior A Boys lost to Verdon - 69-60 - Finished 4th

Football - Wednesday 29th August

1st XI Boys beat James Hargest - 2-0

Hockey - Thursday 23rd August

Mixed B lost to Cromwell Blue - 4-1 Friday 4th August Mixed A beat Dunstan 2nd XI - 9-1

Netball - Southern League - Wednesday 29th August Senior A lost to St Peters - 40-38 - 4th place

Draw:

Hockey - Thursday 30th August

Mixed B vs Cromwell Blue - Cromwell 5:45pm
Friday 31st August
Mixed A vs Dunstan High School 1st XI - Cromwell 7pm - Final

Important Dates This Term

Date	Event	Who
Today	Exam Results Published	Seniors
Monday 3rd	Winter Tournament Week Begins	All Students
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th	Pride Week	All Students
Monday 10th - Friday 14th	Maori Language Week	All Students
Monday 10th - Friday 14th	Scholarship and Te Kura Exams	Year 13s and Correspondence Students
Thursday 13th	Senior Next Steps	Seniors
Monday 17th	Yvonne Godfrey- Stronger Families Talk	Everyone
Thursday 20th	Branches Parents Evening	Year 10s
Friday 21st	Junior Social	Juniors
Monday 25th -Wednesday 27th	Year 9 Journeys	Year 9s
Friday 28th	Branches Art Auction	Year 10s



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:

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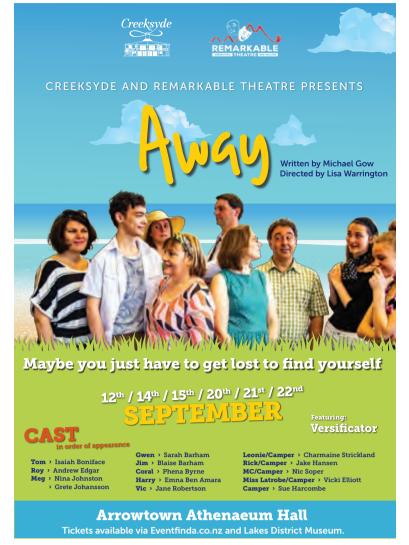
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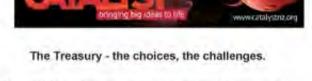
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NZ Treasury CEO Gabs Makhouf will out ine the key policy challenges and choices ahead for New Zealand and our economy at Catalyst Trust's event this Tuesday, September 4. Mr Makhlouf, who grew up in the Pacific as the son of UN diplomats, will also reflect on the sittlerent lens that Telesury's new "Living Standards" framework and his own perspective as an immigrant might provide to both the issues and potential solutions.

As the government's chief economic and financial adviser, he leads Treasury's work to help-raise New Zealanders' Sving standards through a stable, growing economy and a high performing public service Tuesday, September 4, 7 to 8:30 PM, The Rees Hotel Queenstown conference room. \$5 kohe at the door. Registration is required with tilckets available through this timb to our page on Everthrite. Please bring your tickets (printed, emailed or Eventbrite app).

GABS MAKHLOUF

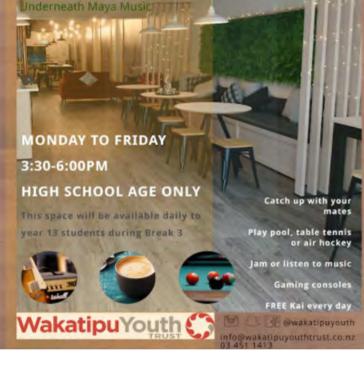


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Mr Malchiour's previous career was in the UK chill service, where his responsibilities ranged from tax and welfare policy development through to large-scale, customer-focused, operational delivery. He was Chair of the world's main tax null-making body – the Committee on Facul Artaris – at the OECD in Paris, 2000-2004, and vas also responsible for the UK's Government Barriong Service. Mr Makhlouf led the UK team that negotiated ar hashroot see the Lot seam that negotiased the current USTUK double tax treaty and served as Principal Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, He has a Bachelor's degree in economics from the Linkvishty of Exeter, a Master's in industrial relations from the ... University of Bath and is an alumnus of international business school INSEAD's Advanced Management Programme. He joined NZ Treasury in 2010.



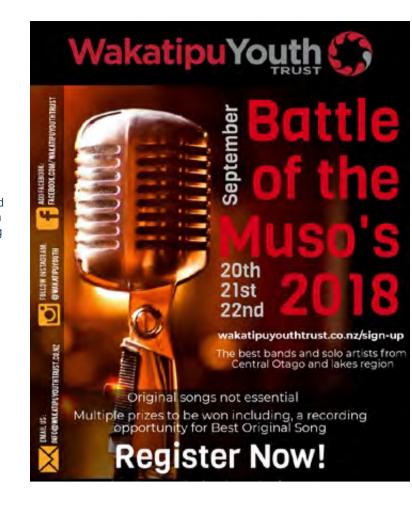
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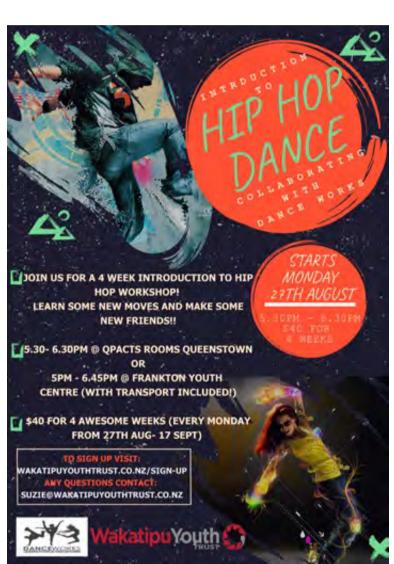


















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