



Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter



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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 photos from our Winter Pride Celebrations, and all the latest fixtures and results from Winter Tournament Week.

Wow - what a week at Wakatipu High School! Pride Week has been big at WHS with some great events - which hopefully you've seen on our [Facebook](#) page, including ex-WHS student and TVNZ presenter Matty McLean's wonderful words for our students, the helicopter lolly drop, signing the Pride Pledge and the rainbow mufti day. One of WHS's values is inclusion and it has been great to focus on making WHS a place where all of our students and staff feel included and safe. See below for photos.

This week has also been Winter Tournament week with over 100 students competing throughout the South Island. Congratulations to all of the students involved, and our thanks to all staff, parents and community members who have coached, managed and supported our students and enabled these great opportunities. Please see this week's sports report for a round up of results.

At the Wakatipu High School Foundation meeting this week Mr Mark Taylor stepped down as Chairman after a number of years at the helm. On behalf of the school I would like to acknowledge all his fantastic work and thank him for his contribution to WHS - thank you very much, Mark!

Reminders this week include:

Senior Next Steps - are next Thursday afternoon, and are important for senior students - please see below for more and booking details. NB School will finish for all students and buses will run from 1.50pm.

Parenting Speaker - coming soon is a highly recommended speaker on parenting 'Yadults' (young adults). She will speak to senior students, and also to parents on the evening of Monday 17th September. It is free but you do need to book [here](#).

Branches Parent Meeting - for Year 10 parents, 7pm Thursday 20th.

Uniform - now we are in September, puffer jackets etc are no longer part of the uniform.

With us moving to our new school we have many visitors who want to look at our school and how we are going in it. This week we had a group from a school in our region who are re-developing one of their classroom blocks and wanted to see an ILE in action. Their

response was typical of nearly all of our visitors - they were blown away by how calm and settled our school is, and how on-task and engaged with their learning our students are. The visitors, who are not a BYOD school, were similarly amazed at our pedagogy (ie how we teach), particularly including the personalised learning and self-management of our students. Humans normalise things quickly but visits like this serve to remind us just how far we have come on our future-focused education journey, and how well that journey is going. Only three weeks to go this term, an important time for learning, progress and achievement. Yet another weekend of settled weather ahead - enjoy :)

Steve Hall, Principal

It's been a busy week at WHS. Along with a rainbow-themed casual-dress 'mufti' day on Friday and a pride logo for the week, WHS's student leaders organised a special assembly featuring TVNZ's Matty McLean on Monday 3rd, and a 'lolly drop' on Tuesday 4th, where sweets rained down from a helicopter, generously provided by Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters and Queenstown's Remarkable Sweet Shop, onto the school's sports field.

Finally, on Thursday 6th, WHS Senior Staff members and student leaders signed the Pride Pledge along with Queenstown Lakes Mayoress Karen Boulton, committing the school to an initiative to increase visibility, inclusion and safety for LGBTIQ+ people in the community.

WHS's student leadership team, led by Head Girl Bianca Crichton - along with Head Boy Jordyn Clark, Deputy Head Boys Chester Rosie and Alfie Duffy and Deputy Head Girls Olivia Woodham and Lexi Rosemoore - have worked tirelessly over the last several weeks with Winter Pride 2018 to make the schedule a reality.

"I am just incredibly happy with how well it has all turned out," said Bianca, Year 13. "We have had amazing support from all of the staff here at school, and from all of the students. This is something that everyone involved has been so passionate about from the start."

TVNZ presenter and former WHS student Matty McLean, who was supported by ASB Bank to fly down especially for the event, spoke to students about the value of individuality during his speech on Monday.

"We should encourage every single person to be themselves, because being yourself is amazing," he said.

After Matty's talk, Deputy Principal James Rasmussen reminded students to be brave and inclusive, sharing the Whakataukī, "He waka eke noa" - A canoe which we are all in with no exception.

Winter Pride 2018 is a week-long festival in Queenstown that celebrates love, community, diversity, visibility and inclusion, and encourages locals and visitors alike to come together and celebrate their diversity. Now in its seventh year, it's recognised as the largest gay pride festival in the Southern Hemisphere.

You can read more about our events on Otago Daily Times [here](#), and [here](#).

Well done to all involved!



Senior Updates

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.

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

NZ Economics Competition 2018

Congratulations to the following students who achieved some great results in this years NZ Economics Competition run by the University of Auckland. A prestigious event that showcases the exceptional talent that New Zealand secondary students have in economics, the competition tests students' knowledge of economic theory and current economic issues.

Credit

Francesca Archibald
Josh Blakeley
June Ha
Chris Hall
Nina Johnston
Kendra McChlery
Racheal Singh
Frost Spillane
Owen Tsai
Rain Zhang

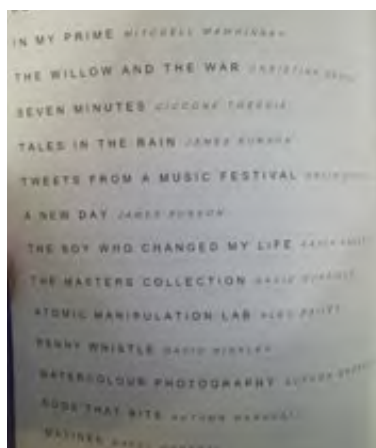
Distinction

Patrick Coombe
Mucha Milne
Archie Richie

Alex Bailey in Print

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Congratulations to Year 12's Alex Bailey, who was featured in last week's newsletter when we won an Otago Daily Times Class Act Award, for having his work published. His short story, 'Atomic Manipulation Lab' was published in the anthology, '34 Short Stories - The Dan Davin Literary Award Winners'. The anthology of previous winners was launched this week at the 2018 Awards Ceremony in Invercargill. Well done Alex!



70ED Snow Caving Assessment Trip - New Dates

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the 70ED overnight Snow Caving trips. These will now occur in week 9 of this term.

70ED - KMT class - Monday 17th - Tuesday 18th September
70ED - BJN class - Tuesday 18th - Wednesday 19th September
More details will be posted on Google classroom.

Ken McIntyre, Health and PE

Theatrefest One Act Play NZ Finals Fundraiser

The Wakatipu High School Drama Department has once again gained selection in the Theatre Federation One Act Play NZ Finals in Wellington on September 15/16 as one of only 8 plays selected nationwide to perform at the in this NZ competition.

To celebrate and raise funds, the cast are performing their play this Saturday September 8th to fundraise for their trip.

Come and enjoy an hours entertainment from our cast of young actors. Be treated to some beautiful original music by Hannah Coombe.

Our two lead actors, Izzy Jack and Leah McHugo, give extremely mature and powerful performances as Tig and Missy and their damaged relationship caused by a sexual assault years earlier. Shunned and excluded by the conservative local community, Tig and Missy must make a decision about their future.

The Cast -

Missy - Izzy Jack
Tig - Leah McHugo
Helen - Annie Black
David - Tucker Paris

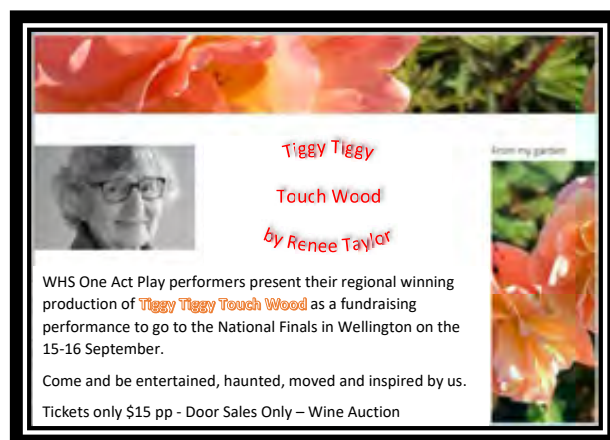
Company - Hannah Coombe, Emeline Lewis, Izzy Morrison, Jensen Forsyth

Original Music performed by Hannah Coombe

Lighting - Tasman Hughes

Director - Kate Moetaua

Kate Moetaua, Drama



WHEN – Saturday 8th September

WHERE – Remarkables Primary School Hall

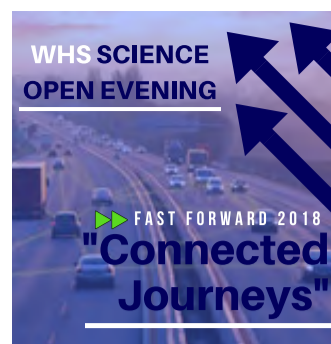
TIME – Doors open 7.15pm, Show starts 7.30pm

WHO – Suitable for High School Aged students and most Adults

Science Open Evening

We would like to invite students and their families to the Science Learning Area on Tuesday 18th September between 4:30 and 6:30pm to see and hear about some of the exciting projects students have been working on as part of "Connected Journeys".

Jim Gilbert, HoLA Sciences



TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
4:30PM-6:30PM
SCIENCE BUSKERS 5:00PM-5:30PM
PROJECTS AND DISPLAYS
TED TALKS

Creatives Poster Competition & Art Exhibition

The WHS Design and DVC students will be exhibiting their work at Fluid's Frontroom Sharespace located at 10 Memorial Street in Queenstown from the 21st of September to the 21st of October.

The Arts Department is excited to invite you to the opening of 'Emerging Creatives', our Design Competition/Exhibition, at 6.30pm on Friday the 21st of September. Drinks and canapes will be offered before the awards which begin at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

Poster Competition

At the beginning of the year, the Year 12 and 13 design students construct individualised briefs which they create a series of promotional work throughout the year. One of the brief specifications is to design a poster. The students are required to create a series of potential ideas and to work in a development sequence where they work toward a final resolved poster. We have named the competition 'Emerging Creatives'. In this competition they will be presenting their best five pieces.

Design Visual Communication

DVC students will be displaying their spatial design projects as part of a presentation assessment, giving a real world environment.

Alison Price, HoLA Arts



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Junior Social

Year 9 and 10's it's Junior Social time! Friday the 21st of September (Week 9) the theatre will be transformed into a dance hall just for you. Dress up how you want to, dance how you want to and party with your friends to celebrate the end of term. The Aspen Exchange students have worked hard to bring you a night you will remember. Music, Photos, Food and Soft drinks to ensure you have a blast on your special night. Tickets are \$15 - and include your photos and food. Water will be available for free, soft drinks will cost \$2 cash or eftpos payments.

Your parents will be emailed a permission slip to allow you to buy a ticket. Payment to The Portal, or you can pay in cash/efpos at Student Services from Monday 10th - Friday 14th break 2 and 3.

You must give your permission slips to Student Services to gain access to your ticket.
NO PERMISSION SLIP, NO TICKET.

Rachael Bell - TIC of the Junior Social

Aspen Exchange Sale

Aspen Exchange students are fundraising by making the jewel of the south on Sunday the 16th of September. Cheese Rolls, that classic snack that keeps in the freezer for those guests that just "pop over." The students will be taking over the Food Technology kitchen to create the 100's of dozens of Cheese Rolls already sold. This is your last chance to get your orders in for these indulgent South Island delicacies.

If you are interested in support the students get to USA in January 2019 or you just want some cheese rolls, a dozen will cost you \$8 and you can order as many dozens as you like. The students are offering a choice of bread flavour: brown, white and gluten free. Pick up will be Sunday the 16th of September from 3 - 4pm from Wakatipu High School staff car park. [Click here](#) to place your order today.

Rachael Bell - TIC of Aspen Exchange



Media Studies students on the Frontier

On Monday Tomas Whelan-Henderson, Jackson Rogers and Lachie Clark formed part of a production crew at The Remarkables for the North Face Frontier 2* Freeride Event. The Event is a qualifier for the Freeride World Tour so a large international contingent turned up to compete.

Their brief was to capture the 'whole event' so the students were positioned at the drop in, at the finish line and halfway down the course. Thrills, spills and crowd reactions were captured by the students and their work will now go into an edit for the website and overseas broadcasts.



Jennifer Smart, English

Head Student's Update

Well well well!! What a fantastic week it has been here at WHS!! It has definitely been one of the most extravagant, action packed weeks that I have had in my time here at school. Winter Pride week has seen the whole of Queenstown donning the rainbow flag to celebrate pride- the rainbow has covered pedestrian crossings, police cars, taxis, shop windows and has even made its way into our beautiful school campus. From having ex WHS student and TVNZ Broadcaster Matty McLean speak at assembly, to a rainbow mufti day raising money for the Spectrum Club to dropping 14kgs of Remarkables Sweet Shop lollies onto the school field out of a Glacier Southern Lakes helicopter, it's safe to say that we go big or go home here at WHS.

A massive thanks to Matty McLean for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and deliver a pretty inspiring speech about his experience at school, and to ASB for sponsoring Matty's flights down from Auckland. I would also like to thank Remarkables Sweet Shop for donating a crazy amount of lollies and Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters for throwing the lollies out of their state of the art helicopter! It's not often that high school students get a rainbow lolly scramble so safe to say this event was very well received!! These events were aimed at creating a supportive, inclusive environment at school where everyone can feel comfortable in their own skin.

Along with these events the school have signed the Pride Pledge, which commits to 'all LGBTTTQ+ people having the freedom to be safe, healthy and visible. We will use our voice and influence to support visibility, safety, tolerance, love, diversity and inclusion of all LGBTTTQ+ people.' At the signing of the Pledge, Mayoress and Patron of the Pride Pledge Karen Boulton spoke powerfully about how this shows the level of support and acceptance that we have here at WHS, and although there is always space for improvement I think that we can be proud of ourselves as a community at how far we have come in being kind and loving towards each other regardless of our differences.

There are still a few awesome activities you can get behind before Winter Pride week ends! Namely an awesome retro ice skating disco 12-5pm on Saturday 8th September. This is a super cool event so make sure you get involved!!!!

Although Winter Pride week is nearly at a close, it is important that we keep up this amazingly supportive attitude around school; say a compliment to someone you don't know or smile at the person in the class next to you. Making people feel welcome and included will get you very far in life so make sure you get in the habit early!

In other news, our athletic superstars have been competing their hearts out at Winter Tournament week. Congratulations to these all stars- I hope that you all had fun!!!

We have 70 amazing students and staff participate in September this month- an initiative setup to raise money for children with Cerebral Palsy. Students have to walk 10,000 steps a day- so if you see people pacing around the school looking a bit strange, go give them words of encouragement for being such a good generous citizen and participating in such a great cause. If you haven't signed up to September DON'T WORRY!! You can put your guilty conscience at ease by donating money to any one of the school teams. Next week is Maori Language Week so sign up to the google classroom (code is on the posters around school) to get involved and celebrate one of our National Languages- you might even win a prize!!!

I'd like to leave you for the weekend to ponder a pretty awesome whakataukī, used by Mr Rasmussen in the assembly on Monday.

He waka eke noa - A canoe which we are all in with no exception.

Happy Pride!!

Bianca Crichton, Head Girl

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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.

"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.



Hamish Walker
MP for Clutha-Southland

Daffodil Day

Last Friday a group of students volunteered for the annual Daffodil Day. Operating a stall in the Queenstown Airport, we raised funds and awareness for the Cancer Society. In total, WHS raised \$640, an amount that will benefit New Zealanders diagnosed with cancer. In the Otago-Southland Division, the organisation helps by providing accommodation during treatment, one on one support and transport to treatment. A big thank you to Sophie Woodham, Daniella Tapper, Brydie Macbeth, Gracie Hansby, Thomas Hartono, Anna Laurysen, Jasmine Crichton, Hannah Battrick, Linh Nguyen, Ann Truong, Ryan Youngman, Jamie Williams and Marcus Jenner for their help.



**Leah Kissick, Community and Service Council
Deputy Chair, Year 13**

GrowingNZ Innovation

It's so stimulating to spend the day surrounded by other students, coming together and creating innovative solutions to problems we could be faced with in the future, and that's exactly what Annabelle Ferguson, Sam Rogers, Paulo Bjork and I were given the opportunity to do on Wednesday. Courtesy of our Business and Economics teacher Mrs Boel (BIG THANK YOU). We spent the day down in Invercargill learning about NZ's primary industries and the more relevant (than ever) scenarios we could be faced with in the future and how to prevent them from effecting us. It was an eye opening and exciting day, new friends were made and I know that all four of us would happily attend another event by Growing NZ again in future. Annabelle and I won our challenge on the day (one out of four operating) by coming up with a solution to help prevent the introduction of the Stink Bug at our borders. Congratulations to Annabelle Ferguson who was selected as the top team member of the day out of all the students attending.

Kate Edmonds, Year 10

Branches Camp Fundraiser

BRANCHES CAMP FUNDRAISER
'ART AUCTION & HORS D'OEURVES' EVENING
Friday 28th September 2018
5.30 - 9pm, Queenstown Memorial Centre
Tickets \$20, cash bar

THE school social event of the year is back by popular demand!! The Branches Trust 'Art Auction and Hors D'oeuvres' Evening is kicking off the Term 3 holidays with a bang! Head down to the Queenstown Memorial Centre early evening on Friday 28th September, the last day of Term 3, for a fantastic night of art, hors d'oeuvres (fancy pants nibbles) and mingling with other parents!! There really is no other night like it in the school calendar, it's fun, relaxed and all for a great cause, the upcoming BRANCHES CAMP! Year 10 parents are encouraged to attend but don't let them have all the fun, all are welcome and at just \$20 per ticket you'd be crazy to miss out!

Tickets are ON SALE NOW from the WHS office, so be in quick and make sure you get yourself a ticket and while you're at it get one for your friends too! See you there.

The Branches Trustees

Stronger Families Tour

Author, speaker and media personality Yvonne Godfrey is coming to Wakatipu High School on Monday, 17th September for a public parents evening on 'Parenting Yadults', which aims to help families to thrive, not just survive. In the session, parents will discover how to develop responsibility and independence, gain cooperation, and how to avoid common parenting traps. Tickets are free - however attendees are asked to book online by clicking [here](#).

Winter Tournament Week Results

It was a big week for the 113 representatives across eight sports, all taking part in winter tournament week 2018. A tough week of competition for all of our teams as the winter competitive season came to a conclusion. It was a week full of ups and downs on the field, court and ice. Check out the results below. The basketball and golf wrap will be posted to our [Facebook page](#) tomorrow.

Mixed Hockey:

beat Northern Southland College 15-0
beat Grey High 2-1
beat East Otago High School 19-0
beat Kavanagh College 1-0
beat St Peter's College 3-1 in semi-final
beat Dunstan High School 3-0 in final
**Finished winners of SISS Mixed Hockey Champs
(out of 11 teams) Well done #TEAMWHS!**

Ice Hockey Juniors:

beat Dunstan High School 9-3
beat Mackenzie College 7-1
beat Avonside/Shirley combined 4-1
beat Mackenzie College 4-1 in semi final
lost to Dunstan High School 3-1 in final
Finished 2nd out of 4 teams in SISS B Grade Championships

Ice Hockey Seniors:

drew with Christchurch Boys High School 6-6
beat St Andrews College combined 14-5
beat Kings/John McGlashan combined 3-1
beat St Andrew's College 7-5 in semi final
beat Christchurch Boys High School 4-1 in final
Finished SISS A Grade Champs (out of 4 teams)

Senior A Netball:

lost to Villa Maria 55-20
lost to Waitaki Girls High School 49-23
beat Kaiapoi High School 34-30
lost to St Peter's College 36-25
lost to Mt Aspiring College 40-21
lost to Craighead Diocesan 41-22
beat Verdon College 42-28
drew with Waimea College 29-29
finished 29th= out of 32 teams in SISS A Grade Champs

Senior Boys Basketball:

lost to Cashmere High School 96-36
lost to Waitaki Boys High School 69-33
lost to Waimea College 114-79
lost to St Bedes College 84-49

1st XI Boys Football:

lost to Kings College 3-0
lost to St Pat's Silverstream 3-0
beat Palmerston North Boys 4-2
lost to Macleans College 2-0
beat Lincoln High School 3-2
lost to Palmerston North Boys 3-1
lost to Christchurch Boy 4-1
Finished 28th out of 32 teams at national tournament



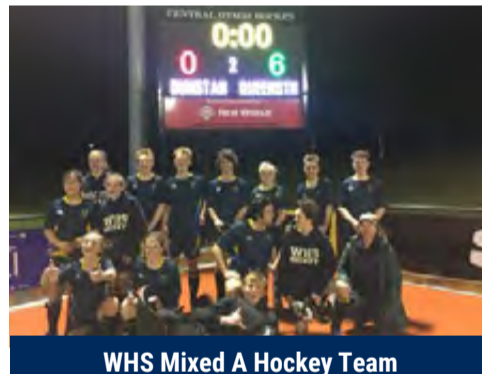
WHS's Hockey SSIS A Grade Champs

U15 Rugby:

beat Rangiora High School 25-5
lost to Ashburton High School 30-14
beat Papanui High School 29-0
lost to Lincoln High School 45-5
lost to St Kevin's 21-12
Finished in top 8 of 27 teams

Hockey - Central Otago Champs

After a competitive season of mixed hockey, the WHS A team took out the Central Otago competition against arch rivals, Dunstan 1st XI last Friday night. These two teams have been incredibly competitive throughout the season and games have gone either way. The 6-0 win took everyone by surprise and was a great last game to have before the team headed to Oamaru for the SISS Champs this week. Congratulations to all the players, coach Kim Boyd and manager, Lisa Cooke for winning this competition.



WHS Mixed A Hockey Team

Rowing - Club Open Days

The Wakatipu Rowing Club is starting the season with two open days for students who are interested in rowing. The days are Sunday 9th and Sunday 16th September from 10am to the early afternoon. This is an opportunity for students to come to the club, have a quick row and put their names forward for selection into one of the five boat classes. There is a lot of interest in the sport for the 2018/19 season and the club has a limited number of spaces available for novice rowers. As a result there will be a tougher criteria for new recruits to be accepted into the club. Check out the WRC Facebook page to keep up to date with further information including weather on the day.

Cricket - Cushen-Mawhinney Cup

The recently established King's High School exchange for the junior cricket team continues to develop and evolve and this year there is a sparkling new trophy to play for, the Cushen-Mawhinney Cup. John Cushen lives locally now and was a teacher at Kings for many years. He is the father of Simon Cushen, the current Kings cricket coach. John along with WHS's own Russell Mawhinney, are both passionate about fostering the relationship between WHS and Kings. Both men played cricket at the provincial level for many years. Let's hope it's WHS who is engraved on it first.

Under 15 Rugby South Island Co-Ed Tournament

A good week for the Under 15 Wakatipu team with it making the top 8/Division 1 section for the first time! An amazing win first up against a very big and strong Rangiora High was followed by a gutting loss to a powerful Ashburton College side. Then a solid win over Papanui High resulted in a quarter final against the highly rated Lincoln High side. Injuries and tiredness saw Wakatipu well beaten. In the play off for 7th/8th saw us lose to a committed St Kevins side. Overall the team and players progressed their skills and commitment over the tournament. Oliver Herron, Lucas Erskine and Toby Duffy were named in the Tournament 15...a just reward for their outstanding play.



Important Dates This Term

Date	Event	Who
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