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#### **Notices**

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

# **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 our Te Wiki o te Reo Māori celebratory competitions, and a video of our student musicians performing in the school foyer

Please see our Facebook page

# **Principal's Message**

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori! One of the ways we have celebrated has been with some fine themed bells requested by students this week, including the most played bell of the year today - Poi E, by the Patea Maori Club:)

It was great to see so many parents at Senior Next Steps last night. It was a high turnout, and it is wonderful to see so many families engaged with their students education. Apart from the rain, it was a very positive evening which we hope parents and students found useful.

**BoT Student Representative -** while our annual Head Student selection process begun today with short-listed students speaking at year level assemblies, the other student leadership event that happens in September is the election of student BoT reps. This is a voting process that happens in schools nationally, and it was great this year as we had a high number of students who voted. As a result - It is my pleasure to announce that Indigo Little is the BoT Student Rep for the next 12 months. My thanks to Mio Akiyama for her contribution to this role during the past year.

WHS is a very busy place next week, including a number of important events for parents:

**Monday - Parenting Speaker -** final reminder re our visiting parenting speaker. It is free but you do need to book - see below for more.

**Tuesday - Speechfest Finals and Science Open Evening.** 

**Thursday - Year 10 Branches Camp Parent Evening**, 7pm, and the **Battle of the Musos -** which continues until the Final on Saturday.

**Friday - Winter Sports Assembly.** In the theatre at 0900, this will acknowledge the sporting success of our athletes and teams over the past two terms. Students and parents of students who will be recognised in the assembly will be invited in the coming days. Also on Friday - Emerging Creatives, see below.

**Branches Art Auction -** a big heads up for this great event which happens on the last night of term. It is always a great event and is a very important fundraiser for the Branches Trust which makes a huge contribution to the cost of the camp each year. Put it in your calendar

and make sure you come along. More below. Only two weeks to go in the term now, and with all the events above, senior assessments and Year 9 Journeys, it will fly by.

Another weekend of settled weather ahead, with Saturday looking particularly pleasant. With the ski season now drawing to a close, it should be a great day for some spring turns, enjoy:)

# **Student Focus - Alex Bailey**

as you. We learnt so much."

practicing."

Year 12's Alex Bailey has had a busy couple of weeks. After he was honoured with an Otago Daily Times Class Award, presented by none other than NZ Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, his short story 'Atomic Manipulation Lab' was published as one of 34 previous winners of Southland's Dan Davin Literary Award. Meanwhile, he also ran his own campaign for Student Representative to WHS's Board of Trustees.

16-year-old Alex is no stranger to a full schedule; this summer, he attended the New Zealand Informatics Olympiad Training Camp with 30 other prodigious youngsters from around the country, taught by leading informatics professors from the University of Canterbury.



"The camp was a really great opportunity," he says. "It was about meeting people who are like-minded and who have the same passion

Since WHS Technology Assistant HoLA David Harding suggested Alex try competitive informatics last year, Alex now regularly competes in the online New Zealand Informatics Competition (NZIC) every three months and hopes to make it qualify for the annual International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI). "One day I'd like to do that, but it's a lot of study and there's one more chance this year, so I'm still

Alex's interests aren't all digital, however. When he's not at his laptop, he plays guitar in WHS students punk rock band Rabbit Pilot - recently playing in this year's Smokefree Rockquest - and is an active member of WHS's Table Tennis Team, which recently finished 2nd in the boy's division at last month's Southland Secondary School's Champs. If that wasn't enough - he also works as a lifeguard at Queenstown's Alpine Aqualand outside of his studies.

"It's a great job, I love it," Alex says. "The people there have been really good to me and put me through lifeguard training, for which I also got 25 level 3 credits at school. I got that role through WHS's careers department, and I've since done a few different courses with Aqualand; first aid, the Pool Lifeguard Practicing Certificate (PLPC) and the PLSA, (Pool Lifeguard Skills Award)."

Now a senior student, Alex is focussed on the future. With the recent Class Act Award, Alex also received the University of Otago's Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship, which offers \$6000 towards living costs while studying at university.

"I really want to study computer science, I think that's definitely the route I want to go down," he says. "I want to do that, then get into programming, so I can work doing what I really like."

For Alex, the digital age offers a world of possibilities. He credits this thinking to his dad, a teacher at Arrowtown Primary School and former national table tennis competitor.

A firm advocate of artificial intelligence in computing, he can't wait to see what the future has in store, and sees how is time at WHS has helped him prepare for his passion.

"When I came to Wakatipu, it was the first year that we had BYOD. Now, I literally can't even imagine us not having that anymore. It's such an essential thing. Google Classroom, and all the resources that go along with that, and those that the school has online - we'd be such a different school without it!"

Another incredible WHS student who gets involved with so many of the opportunities available to him, a massive well done to Alex!

#### 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.

# **SpeechFest 2018 Invitation**

The English Learning Area invites you to attend the SpeechFest 2018 finals which will be held on Tuesday 18th September, 6-8pm in the Wakatipu High School Theatre.

The school's most skilled speakers will battle it out for the glory of being titled 'Best Junior/Senior Speaker 2017'.

It will be a fantastic evening with guest judges, music performances and of course, some highly entertaining and informative speeches from a very talented group of students.

We hope to see you there!



# **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

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10 MEMORI*A*L ST. QUEENSTOWN

# **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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# **Aspen Exchange Bake 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

# **Student Stars on Ice**

WHS students Caragh Early, Jorja Frewen, CJ Kemp, Jessica Staples, Alicia Webster and Marsha Gillan are all participating in the annual Stars on Ice fundraiser for the Queenstown Ice Skating Club. Stars on Ice will be held on 29 September at the Queenstown Ice Arena - tickets are on sale now via Stars on Ice facebook page - come and support these amazing students!"

Ang Gibson, Queenstown Ice Skating Club



SHOWCASING TOP STUDENT DESIGNS



# **Branches Camp Fundraiser**

#### Branches Camp Art Auction and hors d'oeuvres' 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'oeurvres' 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'oeurves (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

# Art Auction & Hors d'oeuvres Evening Friday 28th September 2018 Queenstown Memorial Centre 5:30-9:00pm. Cash bar - tickets \$20 See you there! Tickets are available from the Queenstown Arte Centre, the Wakatipu High School Office



# **Scholarship News**

There are two community based scholarships available for students who intend studying at tertiary level in 2019. Details as follows:

David Geddes Memorial Scholarship – details and application process has been e-mailed to all Year 13 students on 11 September. This is a \$1,000 scholarship set up as a memorial to David Geddes. Students can collect information and application form from the Careers Hub and return completed by 3.30 pm on Thursday 27 September.

Margaret Templeton Tertiary Study Scholarship - closes 1 October 2017.

The Value is \$5,000 per annum paid for up to three years, or \$15,000, based on satisfactory course completion/results each year. Residential normal home must be in the Wakatipu basin and proof of parents' income is required as this is a scholarship set up to support young people who would otherwise struggle to afford tertiary studies. Application forms are available from the Careers Office or by e-mailing **jenny.fitzgerald@andersonlloyd.co.nz** Completed applications can either be handed to the Careers Hub by 3.30pm on Thursday 27 September and we will deliver them to Anderson Lloyd, or posted to: Margaret Templeton Education Trust, C/- Jenny Fitzgerald, Anderson Lloyd, Private bag 1959, Dunedin 9054 and must be there by 1 October.

# Bronwyn Gardiner, Careers Advisor

# **One Act Play**

Wishing the 2018 One Act Play Cast the very best of luck for the NZ Theatre Federation One Act Play National Finals at NZ Drama School in Wellington this weekend. The fabulous cast includes-

Izzy Jack
Leah McHugo
Jensen Forsyth
Hannah Coombe
Tucker Paris
Annie Black
Emeline Lewis
Tasman Hughes
Izzy Morrison

A very special thank you to Monica Parker, Jane Hughes and Jake Hansen for all their incredible work in helping these students prepare for and take part in this opportunity.



# Head Student's Update: "Time is Flying by!"

As the end of the term approaches, students can be seen hunched over their schoolwork and the school is starting to buzz with end-of-term energy.

As the Arts and Culture Council Chair, I'd love to say a big good luck to all the visual art students for their upcoming projects and a massive congratulations on their hard work throughout the year. I can't wait to see some of the amazing art you all create! Also a huge congratulations to the One Act Play performers and thanks to everyone who has supported them through their fundraising efforts. We know you'll smash it at Nationals!

The head student team is hard at work thinking of new ideas to make these last couple weeks fun. The Arts and Culture Council have been spotted with funky wigs on outside student services, promoting their next event, a lipsync competition that'll rock the stage of WHS. The Whanaungatanga Council, coming off the back of the fantastic pride week, is already prepping for the next 'Guess Who' event. The Academic Council is using their smart noggins to come up with innovative ways to support senior students with their exams. On top of this, Steptember is still well on it's way, so feel free to donate to your favourite team.

Keep on keeping on!

#### **NZ U19 Golf Champs**

Congratulations to Danielle Bailey for her awesome result in the recent NZ U19 Ladies Open Golf Champs in Palmerston North last week. Danielle finished third in the U19 event after shooting three rounds of 78. Callum Judkins competed in the men's U19 division and made the cut to finish 25th. Liam Judkins unfortunately missed the cut after the first two rounds.

#### **Junior Sports Academy - Term 4**

WHS is running a reduced Level 1 course for seven weeks in Term 4 for junior students only. This will consist of practical sessions only and will be run in the school fitness studio by WHS Sports Academy coach, Kelsie Campbell, on Monday and Wednesday mornings before school. This is open to Year 9 and 10 students, boys and girls, from any sport, at any level. Great for those wanting some off season training for winter sports. 10 spots available only. First in first served. For more information about the sports academy and an application form, please email Mrs Nathan; Inathan@wakatipu.school.nz. Applications close Friday 28th September.

#### **Summer Sports Opportunities at WHS**

Winter sport is all but over for another year, apart from representative season fixtures and tournaments for some codes. Summer is around the corner and these sports are ramping up as we speak.

Please see below for the sporting opportunities available through WHS this coming Term 4 for the 2018/19 summer season. Take the bull by the horns, get involved and make contact with the key person or club below. There are more details for each sport on the school website.

#### **Athletics:**

Secondary School Squad Trainings: Tuesday 4-5:30pm at the Event Centre

Secondary School Athletics: NZSS - December, Southland and SISS - March

Organised in conjunction with Remarkable Runners:

www.remarkablerunners.co.nz

Contact: Neville Britton - neville@attention2detail.co.nz

#### **Cricket:**

Teams entered into senior, senior reserve and colts grade. Organised in conjunction with Queenstown Cricket Club:

www.queenstowncricketclub.co.nz

Secondary School Cricket: Year 9 Boys - Term 4, First XI Boys and First XI Girls - Term 1

#### **Rowing**

Organised in conjunction with the Wakatipu Rowing Club:

wakatipurowing@gmail.com

Open Day: Sunday 16th September, 10am to the early afternoon. More information on FB page.

Secondary School Events: SISS Champs and Maadi Cup - March

#### **Swimming**

Fitness and Competitive options.

Fitness Squad: caters for those swimmers who are 12 years and over and wish to maintain the benefits associated with regular swimming for other sports or general fitness, yet do not wish to compete.

Senior Squad: caters for a focused team of age group swimmers who target national age group and division 2 meets.

Contact: Albert Szilagyi - qtswimcoach@gmail.com

#### Golf

Individual and team events.

Secondary School Golf: Otago Champs - March. NZSS or NZ U19 Champs - September.

Organised in conjunction with Queenstown Junior Golf Club. Contact: Simon Boland - simon.wjgc@gmail.com

# **Mountain Biking**

Individual events with some team trainings/rides.
WHS MTB Club: rides every second Wednesday 3:45-6pm.
Secondary School MTB: SISS Champs - October,
National Champs - February, NZSS Champs - March. Cost - per event.Contact: Mary Jowett - mjowett@queenstown.co.nz

#### **Tennis**

Social and Competitive options.

Social: After school sessions on a Monday at school courts for 90 minutes for basic skill and game play development mixed with doubles match play. Runs for six weeks starting Monday 15th October. Cost: approx \$30-\$40 for six weeks.

Contact: Laura Nathan - Inathan@wakatipu.school.nz
Competitive: Organised in conjunction with the Queenstown
Tennis Club. For coaching: www.queenstowntenniscoaching.com
Interested in playing and competing regularly contact the
Queenstown Tennis Club.

# Touch

Social and Competitive options.

Social: Monday night competition at Frankton, starts Term 4. Students make their own teams for the mixed adult competition run by Touch Southland. Cost: approx \$30 a term.

Competitive: Regular team trainings for a mixed and a girls team. This team goes to tournaments. Central Otago - November, Southland and SISS Champs - March.

Contact: Laura Nathan - Inathan@wakatipu.school.nz

# **Boys 1st XI Football Team 2018**

The WHS 1st XI qualified to compete at the Premier National Schools Football Tournament this year in Christchurch. The team exceeded expectations and had a number of close competitive matches and two wins to finish 28th out of the 32 teams competing. The team would like to thank the following sponsors who helped to make this amazing opportunity happen.



First XI Football Team



















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# **Important Dates**

Date	Event	Who
Monday 17	Yvonne Godfrey- Stronger Families Talk	Everyone
Thursday 20	Branches Parents Evening	Year 10s
Tuesday 25 - Thursday 27	Year 9 Journeys	Year 9s
Friday 28	Branches Art Auction	Year 10s
Monday 1 - Wendesday 31 October	WHS Foundation Annual Spring Appeal	Everyone

Save the date: WHS Foundation Annual Golf Day: Wednesday 12 December



# 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 (Trustee): chris.duffy@crowehorwath.co.nz +64 3 450 1801

Josie Debenham (Executive Officer): josiedebenham@gmail.com + 64 22 037 8993

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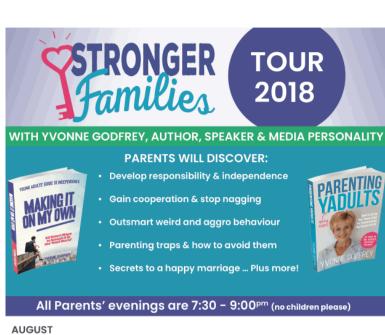
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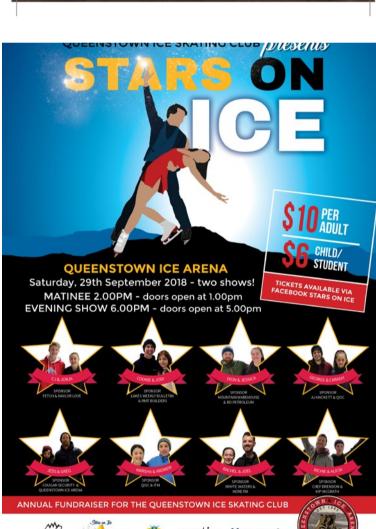
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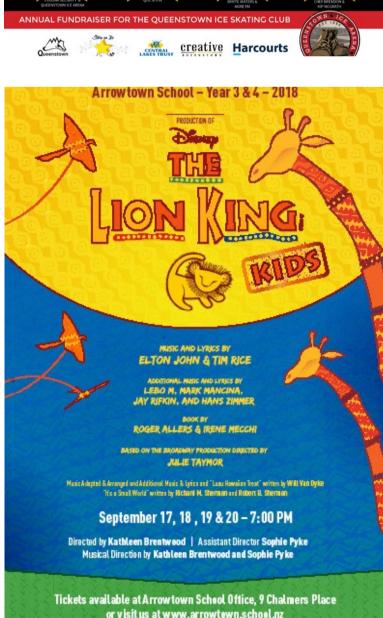
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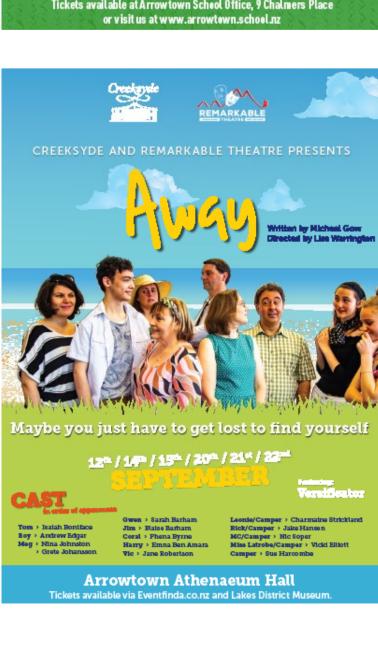
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