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#### **Notices**

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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. This week, posts include some amazing awards in drama and snowsports, and our first Student Focus subjects, Alex Bailey and Indigo Little.

## **Principal's Message**

Kia Ora - and welcome again to our newsletter on the penultimate week of the term. After the surprise snow day on Monday it has been a very busy week as we head towards the end of a very busy term.

Despite the snow day it was great to see people come along to Yvonne Godfrey's session on parenting 'Yadults' on Monday evening - she was a fantastic speaker with some great insights on parenting. We do hope to get her back next year so watch out for that. It was also great to see such a large turnout at the Branches Parent event last night, and to have parents join us at the Winter Sports assembly this morning - great to see parents being engaged.

I hope you enjoyed the new 'Student Focus' feature in last week's newsletter. This will now be a regular piece, this week featuring our brand new BoT Student representative, Indigo Little. It's been something that we've been planning for a while and it's great to shine a light on some of our wonderful all-round students.

Speaking of all-round education, below are pieces on our students' success in the Arts recently - at last week's One Act Play National Finals in Wellington and Tuesday's SpeechFest Finals, as well as a piece on the Emerging Creatives exhibition which kicks off tonight.

**LE Reports -** are out again this week. Please note that this is the final LE for senior students this year.

**Branches Art Auction -** a big headsup for this great event which happens next Friday night. 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 one week to go this term, with Year 9 Journeys next week - and we wish them well for packing this weekend and for great journeys next week. The end of the year is also approaching for seniors with only 18 days of school left until Tutorial Week! In terms of our great all-round education, here's a Whakatauki I used in the Winter Sports assembly this morning - Mauri tū mauri ora - An active soul is a healthy soul. Tomorrow looks like another great weekend day to head outside, enjoy:)

**Steve Hall, Principal** 

#### **Student Focus - Indigo Little**

Year 11's Indigo Little is WHS's newest - and one of the school's youngest ever - Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. Like the subject of last week's Student Focus, Alex Bailey, she too was a recent winner at the Otago Daily Times Class Act Awards for her all-round excellence - and it isn't hard to see why the engaged, thoughtful student deserves the honour.

"There's been a lot of change with the new school, so I ran for the Board of Trustees Representative to be able to learn why those changes have happened and to offer the student voice," says 15-year-old Indigo. She hopes to spend her tenure understanding her peers' feedback. "I can't give the student voice without any student voices, so please come and talk to me!" she says.



It's a role she'll incorporate into her already bustling agenda - Indi is involved with no fewer than six sports; playing basketball, football, netball, touch rugby and volleyball both at WHS and in the community. "It gets pretty full on... but I just love playing new sports, staying active, and always meeting new people and trying new things!"

Indi excels academically, too. Studying her favourite subjects mathematics and history at a Year 12 level, she's getting ready for her second round of exams this year and, for now, hopes to pursue structural engineering in the future.

"I think that would be quite interesting," she says. "I enjoy Design and Visual Communication as well as maths, so engineering seems like a good fit!"

At just 15, however, she's keeping her options open. "A lot of things interest me. I'm still very much keeping an open mind about what I want to do, and talking to different people about it. I'm open to hearing all the different paths I can take."

All this also coincides with her vision to continue to contribute to her community. A member of World Vision's 40 Hour Famine Leadership Team and a Duke of Edinburgh Student, she hopes to make a difference.

"It's important," she says, "especially living in Queenstown, which is such a beautiful place where we are all so incredibly lucky. We don't have mass poverty here, so it's important to help those in need all around the world and here in New Zealand when we can."

It's a commendable mark of maturity for someone so young to see the benefits of engaging with her community. Congratulations Indi!

## **Uniform Update**

As we near the end of Term 3, and the weather continues to warm up it is probably time to remind parents, caregivers and students about some of our key uniform rules:

#### General

- Puffer jackets are no longer an item of clothing that can be worn to school, from school or at school: they are permitted for the months of June, July and August only.
- Blazers are the primary uniform item, and must be the outermost layer of the uniform. Jerseys or vests may be worn as an optional secondary item only. Blazers are compulsory for formal events such as prizegiving.

## Girls

- Girls may continue to wear either the blue kilt or the skirt. Navy knee high socks or tights are to be worn with the kilt, and navy ankle socks with the skirt.
- The green winter kilt is to be worn during Terms 2 and 3 only, so should not be worn in Term 4. From 2019, only Year 13 girls will be permitted to wear this. From 2020 the green kilt will no longer be a part of the WHS uniform.

Most of our students responded positively when we began a school-wide focus on uniform earlier in the term. There are still some non-regulation items (including socks and shoes) making an appearance each day, so we would like to encourage all parents and caregivers to take the time to read our uniform requirements on the school website here. If finances are making it difficult for you to support your child to meet these requirements, please contact their kaiarahi confidentially to discuss financial assistance.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep all students looking neat and tidy as they represent our school out in the community.

# Justine Duncan, Assistant Principal

# 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

# **Students Stealing the Spotlight in "AWAY"**

Tomorrow night will be the final night of the Remarkable Theatre's season of away. We have had four WHS students performing - Isaiah Morgan-Boniface, Greta Johansson, Nina Johnston, and Zoe Barham. They have produced amazing performances of the past four shows and tonight and tomorrow will be no different. Tickets are still on offer for the final show so come and support!

# Jake Hansen, Drama





#### **Year 10 Probability Fair**

WHS's Year 10 Probability Fair is coming up, and will take place on Monday 24th, 4:30pm until 7pm in the school foyer. Please bring along some cash to try your luck with the wonderful games invented by some of our amazingly creative Year 10 students. Tokens will be available for purchase on the night at a cost of \$5 for 10 games or \$10 for 20 games. Winnings will be paid in tokens which can be cashed in at the end of the night.

In the photo on the right, WHS Students Lexie Weaver and Kyla Santos are putting some last minute detail on their game.

See you there!

#### Lee Hiestand, HoLA Maths

# 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**

# **One Act Play Finalists**

Over the course of the term, eight talented performers and one amazing tech wiz have been working hard towards competing in the TheatreFest One Act Play (OAP) competition. The group's hard work paid off when they succeeded in progressing from locals to regionals, and from regionals to nationals. At nationals, only seven other groups were selected to travel to Wellington and compete, gaining valuable experience surrounding the (semi) professional acting world, while proudly representing Wakatipu High School on a national platform.

This year's OAP was certainly one to remember, and a very successful round out of the four times the WHS troupe has gone to nationals. Hannah Coombe and Leah McHugo both took out the prestigious 'Distinctive Emerging Talent' award - Hannah, for her beautifully haunting original piece of music composed specifically for the play, and Leah for her amazing and heart wrenchingly sincere portrayal of the lead character, 'Tig'. Tasman Hughes, our talented technical whiz, also took out the 'Best Design/Technical' award, for her clever usage of lighting and staging.

But we would be nowhere without the sheer genius of our director, Kate Moetaua. One of the strongest, most talented people we've ever had the pleasure of working with.

There was not one weak member in the eight strong cast, and I couldn't be prouder of every single member that imbued their passion and talent into every performance.

I'd also like to acknowledge Monica Parker and Jane Hughes - Monica, for making our Wellington trip possible despite battling rugby season, and Jane, for her incredible effort in organising fundraising in such a short time - and to both of them, **#TeamJonica**, for supporting us and putting up with us and all of our teenage antics in Wellington. Special thanks also to Jake Hansen for always opening up the theatre and drama room for us to practise in.

To those who supported us - whether it be via encouraging emails, watching our show or buying a sausage - thank you. You helped make this happen.

#### A Recap of the Drama Nerds

Director - Kate Moetaua
Tig - Leah McHugo
Missy - Izzy Jack
Helen Robb - Annie Black
David Morse - Tucker Paris
Company - Jensen Forsyth, Isobella Morrison, Emeline Lewis,
Hannah Coombe
Music - Hannah Coombe
Tech - Tasman Hughes

Tour Guides - Monica Parker & Jane Hughes (#TeamJonica)

Izzy Jack, Year 13







## SpeechFest 2018

WHS SpeechFest 2018 was held on Tuesday evening and it was a fantastic event with guest judges, Craig "Ferg" Ferguson and Henry Youngman, music performances from Cherry Moon (Hannah Coombe, Zak Komene and Becky Reid) and of course some highly entertaining and informative speeches from a very talented group of students. There was a Junior and a Senior division and the competition was fierce, with topics ranging from breaking stereotypes, to the importance of gratitude and self-love and even some tips from a pro on how to prevent home burglary!

Every single one of the speakers proved that they really do have the gift of the gab!

The results were as follows:

**Best Junior Speaker:** Rochelle Quiozon **Runner-up Junior:** Fineen Hingston **Best Senior Speaker:** Bianca Crichton **Runner-up Senior:** Grete Johansson **People's Choice:** James Scoles

Congratulations to the winners and all of the Junior and Senior finalists.

#### **Lucy Ford, Assistant HoLA English**

#### **Japan Departure**

The Japanese Exchange trip has departed!

Students flew out on Wednesday to start their journey to Japan. The Exchange trip is a long lasting WHS trip which gives students the once in a lifetime opportunity to stay in a Japanese home for one week and experience a truly authentic cultural experience. WHS students go the the school and take classes as well as particulate in after school activities such as drum lessons and calligraphy lessons.

After one week living with their host family they are whisked away on a 12 day tour of Japan staying in a contemporary capsule hotel to a traditional Ryokan.

They will travel to Kyoto, Tokyo, Mount Fuji, Hiroshima to name but a few. Activities include visiting the ancient temples, statues, shrines, Torii gates to the other end of the spectrum of visiting DisneyLand, DisneySea, Nagashima spa land [highest rollercoaster in the world!] and having dinners with robots!

We look forward to sharing some photos of our adventures in Japan after we return in the second week on the holidays.

#### Rebecca Lund, TIC of the Japan Exchange

#### Civil Emergency Planning

At WHS, we regularly update and revisit our emergency plans to make sure we are prepared in the event of of a wide-scale civil emergency. In such a situation, it's vital that families too are prepared, and have an actionable plan in place to deal with events as and when they happen. Many disasters will affect essential services and possibly disrupt your ability to travel or communicate with each other. You may be confined to your home, or forced to evacuate your neighbourhood. In the immediate aftermath of a disaster, emergency services will not be able to get help to everyone as quickly as needed.

The Government's Get Thru website is an amazing resource for families, full of helpful hints and information on emergency procedures. There, you can also download a free Household Emergency Plan, which helps families alleviate fears about potential disasters, and can help you respond safely and quickly when a disaster happens.







#### **Swimming - NZSS Champs**

Sophie Adamson (Year 12) and Gracie Seeto (Year 9) represented WHS at the three day NZ Secondary Schools meet in Wellington last weekend. It was a good experience for them to compete against top swimmers in a great pool facility. Sophie gained a new personal best time, and both girls achieved top 20 finishes in their 13 & 16 year old age groups. Not all swims went according to plan, but there were a lot of positive parts to their performances. Well done girls!

#### SISS Ski and Snowboard Champs

The South Island Champs took place at Cardrona over the weekend and WHS was at the top end of the results table across all disciplines. Congratulations to all of our competitors. Results below:

#### **Ladies Ski Giant Slalom**

Livvie Thompson - 1st Jess Blewitt - 2nd Sophie Thompson - 4th Georgie Shaw - 6th Winners of Ladies Team Event

#### **Ladies Snowboard Giant Slalom**

Cool Wakushima - 1st

#### **Men's Snowboard Giant Slalom**

Anru Wakushima - 8th

#### **Ladies Ski Slopestyle** Jess Blewitt - 4th

**Ladies Snowboard Slopestyle** Cool Wakushima - 1st

# **Men's Snowboard Slopestyle**

Anru Wakushima - 2nd



Gracie Seeto and Sophie Adamson

# 1st Placed Ladies Giant Slalom Team

#### **Get2Go Challenge**

This year's Get2Go Challenge was held at Lake Hayes on Friday morning. It was a glorious day for our junior students to put their adventure racing skills to the test. The event involved problem solving and orienteering as well as kayak and mountain bike legs. Congratulations to our Year 9 team that finished second and our Year 10 team that finished fifth out of the nine teams competing. A huge thank you to Ms Sibsten for this opportunity.





#### WHS Rugby Prizegiving 2018

The annual WHS Rugby Prizegiving was held in the school theatre on Sunday. There was a great turn out to celebrate the season's achievements and thank our wonderful coaches and managers. It was a fitting farewell to coaches Grant Scannell and Damien O'Connell who were both presented with a WHS 1st XV cap for their services to rugby over the last decade. Please see below for a list of the award winners from the 2018 season.

#### 1st XV:

Most Valuable Player - Alfie Duffy Player of the Year - Ben Standish and Troy Anstiss **Greatest Contribution - Xavier Sadler** Rookie of the Year - Tom Finlin

#### Girls:

Most Valuable Player - Marina Honda Player of the Year - Renae Spencer Greatest Contribution - Veronica Mitchell Most Improved - Kasey Bonn U15 7's:

Player of the Season - Alicia Robert and Kasey Bonn

## U16:

MVP - Sam McLean Player of the Year - Oliver Herron **Greatest Contribution - Lucas Erskine** Most Improved - DJ van Schalkwyk

#### **U15**:

MVP - Henry Taylor Player of the Year - Will Copper **Greatest Contribution - Marcus Millan** Most Improved - Finn Cartman

#### **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.

#### **Sports Uniform Amnesty**

Currently no sports uniform items are issued, which means that if you/your child has any WHS sports uniforms and/or tracksuit items at home it is time to bring them in. No one should have any remaining sports uniforms in their possession. Please bring these items into the PE office by Wednesday next week. Thank you in advance.

#### **Laura Nathan, Sports Coordinator**

#### **Important Dates This Term**

Date	Event	Who
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.

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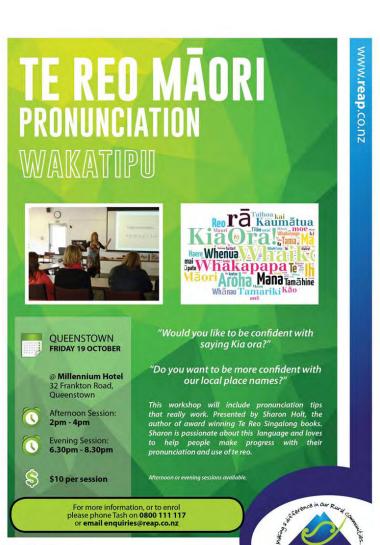
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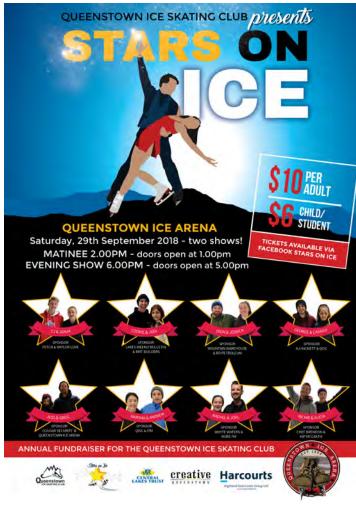
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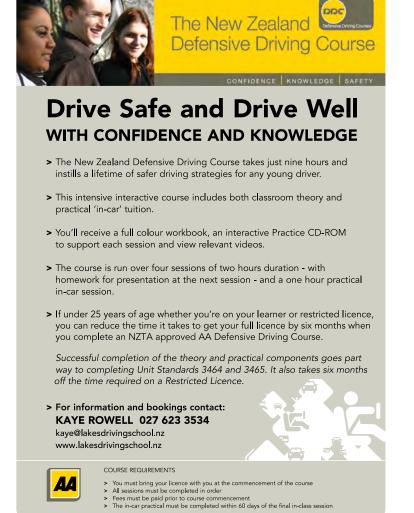
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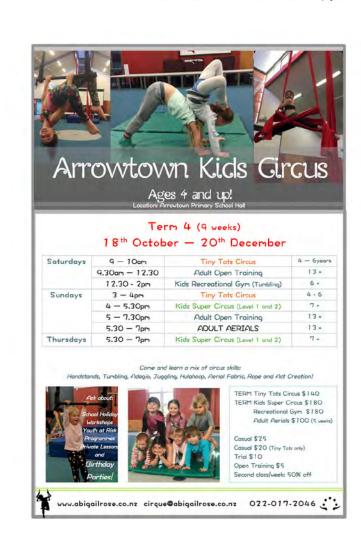














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