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. Recent posts include pictures from the 2019 Musical *Dusty* and Archie Ritchie's trip to Outward Bound, courtesy of **Colliers International**



Principal's Message

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of Term 1. I want to start with some words re our Musical, Dusty. I attended the closing night on Saturday and was blown away but how fantastic it was - it is amazing what our students, staff and community can create. There were some tremendous individual performances, but it was also an amazing effort by so many people, and my thanks and congratulations go to all of them. My particular thanks go to Directors, Mrs Price, Mr Hansen and Hugh Taylor for their exceptional contribution and commitment to this event.

Senior Next Steps on Tuesday was well-attended - thanks to everyone who came along to support their student's education. On Wednesday night the Ministry of Education hosted the Pasifika Education awards - a lovely evening and celebration (see below for a photo).

Board of Trustees Elections - as referred to previously, this year is election year for BoTs nationally. During the school holidays, you will receive a nomination form and information by post. Again, key milestones and dates to note are:

- Nominations close Friday 10 May.
- Election day (voting closes) Friday 24 May.

LE Reports - LE #3 will be up on the Portal and emailed out by this evening. Please do look at these and check your student's engagement with their learning, and have a conversations with them about it - particularly if there are areas which are consistently of concern.

Term 1 has been a big and busy term with a number of highs and a few lows. Highlights include our 2018 academic results, Greenstone camp, our school's response to events in Christchurch - particularly making 'Kotahitanga' on the front field, summer Tournament week and the Musical.

Term 2 is always a busy one with the formal at the end of Week 4 and a busy House competition. In May we also have a number of great events and speakers for students as well as parents - please see below for more.

I spoke to two House assemblies this morning and noted that a highlight of this term was the schools' focus on teaching and learning. We have some aspirational academic goals this year, which are to give our students the best possible education, qualification and opportunities for their futures, and we look forward to continuing this work in Term 2. My thanks to staff and students for their efforts this term, and I wish everyone a great break. We look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready to go on Monday 29.

Steve Hall, Principal

We would like to thank everyone who was involved with our production of Dusty. The many weeks of hard work shown by cast and crew culminated in four nights of strong performances and we congratulate the students for their efforts and commitment. Our thanks to the community, staff and parents who came on board to support us in so many ways.

Thank you!

Jake Hansen, Alison Price and Monica Parker, Arts

Wakatipu High School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of six parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 10 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 24 May 2019.

Karla Dawson, Principal's PA and Returning Officer

Winter Uniform

Make sure you don't get left out in the cold in Term 2. Order your winter kilt now!

The blue winter kilt can be ordered from Argyle Online.

Sizing guide: if the summer kilt is a good fit, order a size up for the kilt eg. size 10 summer skirt will require a size 12 winter kilt. Knee high socks (\$15 for 3 pairs) and tights (\$18 per pair) are available in the uniform shop. Winter jerseys (\$90) are also available for purchase in the uniform shop.

The uniform shop will reopen on Monday, 29 April from 8.30am to 3pm.

Peer Mentoring Programme 2019

This year Wakatipu High School is piloting a Peer Mentoring programme whereby groups of Year 12 and 13 students work with Year 9 students to help them fulfill their potential as they transition to secondary school.

During the peer mentoring sessions in term 1 and 2, the seniors lead activities that help the Year 9s develop key life skills such as resilience, teamwork, positive relationships and good study habits. The community projects in term 3 will help them to develop a sense of responsibility and connectedness to the school and the wider community. On that note, if you have a good cause that would benefit from student volunteers, please get in touch with me via email - **hjermy@wakatipu.school.nz**.

The start of term saw the seniors undergoing their peer mentor training, enabling them to start working with the Year 9s over the last few weeks. So far so good, with lots of learning happening on both fronts. Thanks also go to the Whanaungatanga Council who have run an Easter egg hunt for the Year 9 peer mentees this week.

Helen Jermy, Peer Mentoring Programme Coordinator

Central Otago Pasifika Service and Awards

On Wednesday night the Ministry of Education hosted the Pasifika Education awards - a lovely evening and celebration. Well done to all involved!



Pupils Get All Shakespearean

WHS Drama Students were featured in the Otago Daily Times after they took part in the 2019 Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival held in Dunedin this week.

Ten schools participated in the annual Otago regional event held at King's and Queen's Performing Arts Centre, all hoping to make it to the national competition in Wellington at Queen's Birthday weekend.

More than 120 secondary school pupils spent the day acting out various scenes from Shakespeare's plays, while three finalists in each category performed in an evening showcase.

Well done team WHS! View the full article, including photos and videos, here.

Parenting Podcast

Please check out the amazing podcast 'Voice of Hope on Air', which aims to provide hope for those struggling with mental health issues by promoting mental well-being, empowerment and recovery. The episode on February 11, 'How to talk to your teenager about suicide with Melissa Grant' is particularly powerful - featuring a mental health professional and mother to two teenage boys. They chat about 13 reasons why and how to best approach the subject of suicide with your teenager.

Thank you!

Cara Sibsten, Head of Health & PE Learning Area



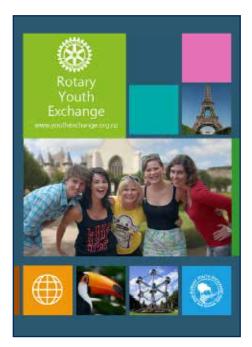
Rotary Youth Exchange Programme 2020

If you are a senior student and want to experience living outside of New Zealand and have a trip of a lifetime apply before the 25th of April for a Rotary Youth Exchange programme.

Information can be found here, or visit the Rotary Exchange website here.

If you are interested contact Mr Guillaume Charton: gcharton@wakatipu.school.nz (the in-school point of contact for Rotary Youth Exchange)

Guillaume Charton, Head of Languages Learning Area





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DoC Project

Level Two Hard Materials students have had a great opportunity this year to work on an authentic brief working with DOC to create traps to humanely kill rats, stoats, weasels and hedgehogs. Working alongside predator Free 2050 brings together central and local government, iwi, philanthropists, non-government organisations, businesses, science and research organisations, communities, landowners and individuals. Using DC200 traps, our class have designed and created traps using advanced procedures. During the project they leant how to set the traps safety and will be using them at their homes to catch pests. They have just completed their first internal, worth 6 achievement credits, with fantastic results for all students.

Rebecca Lund, Technology





Head Students' Address

Hi all,

Wow, Term One has been absolutely fantastic. So many exciting events and opportunities have swept through Wakatipu High School over the past 11 weeks, it's hard to keep up! One of these events was the school musical, 'Dusty'. Nothing I can say can adequately sum up just how magical and brilliant the musical was this year, for everyone involved your hard work most definitely paid off. Mrs Moetaua would have been so proud of everyone.

In other news, Wakatipu High School sent a team to attend the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival in Dunedin on Wednesday. Accompanied by our wonderful drama teacher Jake Hansen and parent help Jane, the team did amazingly. Our hard work landing us a spot on the front page of the Otago Daily Times. Student Directors Annie Black and Tasman Hughes put in many hours perfecting the performances and it showed on the day.

Moving on to councils, the Whanaungatanga Council has been hard at work this term, running events for International Women's Day and most recently putting on an Easter Egg hunt for the Peer Mentoring groups. It was astonishing how fast the 300 Easter Eggs were recovered and devoured! For juniors, we have set up a support group that will run fun activities to make students feel included and make their time at WHS as enjoyable as possible. This group will commence first week back of Term Two.

In more council news, the Junior Council have met fortnightly to discuss the school through their eyes. These meetings have been very productive and help us as a Head Student Team to gain ideas and suggestions from all year groups at WHS. One of our goals this year as a Student Leadership Team was to increase a sense of belonging for students throughout all levels, understanding the views of younger pupils will help us to achieve this.

Finally, the Community and Service Council have put together an event to wrap up the last week of term called Can for a Cause. This event involved students bringing cans along to their Ako classes to help win their house a free pizza lunch in Term Two. All of the cans collected are proceeding towards Happiness House Queenstown - a prominent and valued charity in the Wakatipu Basin. It was great to see so many students go out of their way to bring as many cans along to support this cause and we would like to give a big shoutout to everyone who helped with this cause.

I'd just like to finish off by thanking everyone, students, teachers, parents and caregivers for a great start to the year. For the students, relax, take a well deserved break and go outside and enjoy our wonderful community (remember to put on a jacket first it's getting cold). Have a great holiday and remember, "Sometimes the most productive thing you can do is relax."

Ngā mihi,

Gracie Hansby, Head Girl

Sailing - Wakatipu Yacht Club Junior Sailor of the Year

Well done to Aidan Gordon for being named as the Wakatipu Yacht Club Junior Sailor of the year. The next events coming up for Aidan are the South Island Champs in Te Anau and the NZ Winter Champs in Manly, Auckland.



Triathlon - New Zealand Secondary School Triathlon Champs

Logan Campbell travelled to New Plymouth last week to compete and placed 8th in the U14 boys category. Well done Logan!

OREC Kayaking Trip

Thanks to Outdoor Recreation for the great photos below from Year 13 Outdoor Recreation's sunrise Clutha River kayaking trip!

Basketball Club

A notice from Queenstown Junior Basketball Club: "Want to play Basketball? Come join our club!!! Queenstown Junior Basketball Registrations for 2019 are now open. The club is a social Friday night competition for children in Year 7 through to year 13. There is also a mini ball session for years 4, 5 & 6. 2019 season will run from May until August. For all information visit our website Please follow our facebook page. All levels welcome."

Mountain Biking - Naseby 12 Hour Relay

Four riders from WHS competed in the Naseby 12 hour lap race on Saturday the 6th of April. The day started at 9am with a Le Manns style mass start, with riders running to their bikes before taking off onto the course. The temperature was measured at a very challenging -3 ° for a large portion of the day. Ruby Dawson, Zara Mackley, Neve Bates and Phoebe Cavanagh, joined by Mara Bentley from Columba, formed a team named Junior Eggs and completed 14, 11km single track laps. Finishing as the first all-girls Junior team home, a great effort!

Mountain Biking - Oceania Mountain Bike Championships

Well done to Alex Barke who travelled over to Bright, Victoria to compete in the Oceania Mountain Bike Championships to represent NZ in the Downhill team. Alex competed in the Junior Mens category and placed 26th on the day.

Football - Help Wanted

Next term we are looking for some support to help run the WHS Girls Football team. If anyone is interested in either coaching or managing the team, please get in contact with Alexa Peters for more information: **apeters@wakatipu.school.nz**

Alexa Peters, Sports Coordinator





WHS Mobile App Upcoming events and important dates now available on the WHS App Calendar



You can now get information on our important upcoming events on the 'Calendar' section of our WHS App. It's free to download and use for iOS and Android devices. Once you have the app on your smartphone or tablet, simply hit 'Calendar' to view important upcoming events. You can also tap on the three bars in the top left to bring up the menu, then use the 'Alert Subscriptions' option to select what groups, years, or subjects apply to you. The WHS App is recommended for both students and parents.

Push Notifications

The app allows you to select alert groups so that you only get notifications relevant to you such as:

- Whole School information alerts
- Sports and activities reminders
- Year level events
- House announcements
- Buses updates, such as lateness or breakdowns

This feature will help ensure that you receive only messages that are applicable to you.

Other Features

- The app also gives you quick links to:
- Report your child's absence
- Log into the WHS Portal
- Access the school notices
- Read the latest newsletter
- Quick link to the school website
- Check upcoming calendar events
- Contact the school

Date	Event	Who
Monday 29 April	Term 2 Begins	Everyone
Wednesday 8 May	Sexuality, the law and psychology information evening with expert panel	Parents and students
Friday 10 May	Sporting Excellence & Participation Assembly	Sports Students and Parents (by invite)
Friday 10 May	Board of Trustees Elections - Nominations Close	BoT Candidates
Monday 13 - Friday 17 May	Excellence and Ad Alta House Assemblies	Everyone (Parents by invite)
Tuesday 21 May	Wellbeing Evening with Dr Denise Quinlan	Parents
Monday 27 May	John Parsons - Cybersafety talk	Parents and Students





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 Mia McGregor (Executive Officer): wakatipuhsfoundation@gmail.com + 64 22 037 8993

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Just Cuts in Frankton is offering a \$1 donation to WHS for all services over \$20 from now until the end of June. A style is \$30 for adults and \$25 for teenagers. All people have to do is mention that they are part of WHS and \$1 of the fee will be donated back to the school.

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DOC's DILEMMA: balancing biodiversity and visitors.

The Department of Conservation manages almost one third of New Zealand's land area, including some of our most visited spots and iconic scenery will. Legally, it is required to protect fragile ecosystems and threatened species AND manage the ever-increasing demands for visitor access to them.

Its budget is split roughly 50:50 between these conservation and visitor management roles. Criticism – often trenchant and emotional – comes from both sides of this divide.

In this Catalyst Conversation, DOC's director-general Lou Sanson will look at the issues, ways forward and how the community can help.

Thursday, May 2, 6-7.30 PM, The Rees Hotel Queenstown conference room, \$5 koha at door. Registration is required as seating will be limited, with tickets available through Catalyst Trust's <u>Eventbrite page</u> from April 2. Please bring your tickets (printed, emailed or Eventbrite app).



Lou Sanson has headed DOC since September 2013, after 11 years as chief executive of Antarctica New Zealand. In this latter role, he oversaw the deepest ever multi-national sedimentary science drilling project in Antarctica (ANDRILL) and led the development of Antarctica's largest wind turbine project to reduce fossil fuel use at McMurdo Station and Scott Base.

Prior to this, he was DOC's Southland Conservator, in charge of Fiordland National Park and Stewart Island. During this time, he led the establishment of Rakiura National Park, the sub-Antarctic World Heritage Area, one of the world's largest island pest eradication projects and helped establish the southern network of marine reserves.



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Class	Time	Teacher
11/02 - 08/04	Monday	
Making Magic 10-12yrs	4-5pm	Mla
Bring to Life 7-10yrs	5-6pm	Tas
Creative Writing 10-12yrs	5-6pm	Beatrice
13/02 - 10/04	Wednesday	
Storytelling 5-7yrs	3.30 - 4.30	Bille
Storytelling 7-9yrs	4.30 - 5.30	Bille
Script n Scene 13-15yrs	5.30 - 6.30	Mla
14/02 - 11/04	Thursday	
Musical theatre	3.30 - 4.30	Bille
Bring to life 11-14yrs	4.30 - 5.30	Tas







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Clay is a great way to introduce art to your curious child, or help your budding artist expand his or her creativity. Sign up for a two hour workshop and your child will take away a handmade pottery artwork.

WPG Studio at Queenstown Arts Center, 50 Stanley Street. Ages 7-15 years welcome. 10am - 12pm 15.16 Or 17 April. \$40 per workshop (includes clay, kiln firing and teaching)

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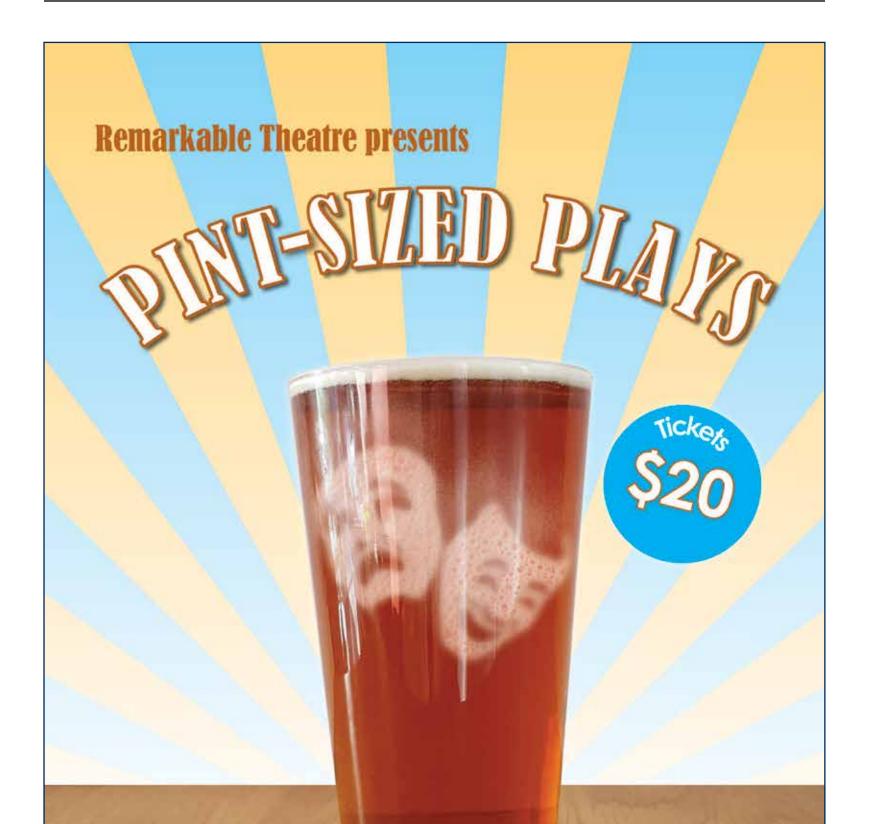
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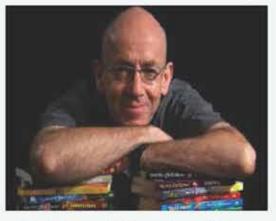
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Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 4pm at Remarkables Primary School, Queenstown



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Venue: Wakatipu High School

Age: 14-18 years

Cost: FREE - limited places available

To book your place contact



SAVE THE DATE

Feels like family 12 MAY 2019 Mother's Day Fun Run

9:00am | Sunday 12th May, 2019 Lake Hayes Pavillion, Queenstown

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