



# 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,  
and more. Recent posts  
include Participation Day  
Results and more.

**Kia ora** - welcome to the end of the first full week of teaching and learning at WHS. Along with the other senior leaders, I walked around the school quite a bit this week to see how things are going and it has been great to see how quickly and how well the school has settled to teaching and learning. The first week can have a few glitches but in general this week has been very smooth, and it is interesting to reflect just how far we have come in the last 12 months in terms of teaching and learning and operating in the new school. We will continue to monitor the school and things like allocation of classes to spaces. We will offer parent tours again this year, beginning from mid-March - we'll keep you posted.

Congratulations to all students who have been selected on to the Student Councils this year, and well done to everyone who put themselves forward. Also a big thanks to our Head Students for their part in the considerable selection process - see below for more.

After last week's epic a shorter piece from me this week, but there are many great items in the newsletter below.

This time last year I mentioned Alice Robinson skiing at the Winter Olympics. Alice has just finished 17th in the GS at the World Championships in Sweden, including being fastest junior and having the fastest second run in the field - an amazing achievement!

**Extra-curricular Expo** - Extra and co-curricular opportunities, including sports, arts, outdoors, community and leadership are an important opportunity for holistic development and an integral part of our great all-round education. Our annual Extra-curricular Expo highlights all the opportunities WHS has to offer and is on next Wednesday.

New parents in particular should ensure their students are aware of this event and get along and sign up - being involved in these opportunities is key to making the most of WHS!

**WHS Portal** - over the last couple of days all parents have been emailed login details for our Portal. The WHS Portal ([portal.wakatipu.school.nz](http://portal.wakatipu.school.nz)) is where you find the most up-to-date Academic Results, Student Details, Timetable, Attendance, NCEA Summary and Fees. Especially new parents should ensure they have received and read the email and can get in and have a look around. For technical support regarding access to the Portal, or if you have not received the recent email, please contact [portal@wakatipu.school.nz](mailto:portal@wakatipu.school.nz).

**WHS App** - a reminder that the WHS App is an important tool in our communications arsenal. Please ensure that you have it on your devices.

### Upcoming Events

**Year 9 Greenstone Camp Parent Meeting** - Wed 20, 7pm.

**Nathan Mikaere-Wallis, 'The Developing Brain'** - Thursday 21, 7.30pm.

**NCEA Parent Evening - for parents new to NCEA** - Tues 26, 6.30pm.

As I said above, it is really pleasing how well the school has settled this week and my thanks to staff and students for their contribution to this.

A good summer weekend of weather ahead, hope you get to make the most of it :)

**Steve Hall, Principal**

## Student Councils

After reading many applications for the Student Council, the Head Students named their councils and had the first meetings of the year. Congratulations to all those that applied to be a part of Student Council 2019, the number and quality of the applications was outstanding and we hope that whether you were selected to a council or not, you will continue to exercise your leadership to better develop WHS student culture.

We are proud to announce the following student councils:

### Junior Council

Name	Ako Group
Oliver Battrick	DPQA
Lachy Boniface	DJHN
Azaria Briscoe	MRML
Jordan Courtney	MMHA
Elise Edmonds	MYKM
Isadora Figueroa	MMHD
Stefan Hall	ARTN
Gracie Hansby	AAGE
Marco Hartono	HNKU
Helena Hornbacher	HJTH
Mackenzi Jackson	HNKU
Olivia Key	DLRS
Indigo Little	ADRS
Zara Mackley	FRCA
Ayla Nakayama	DAWR
Harrison Rogers	FHWD
Rachel Scobie	DEQD
James Scoles	MLRY
Gracie Seeto	AJGB
Sofia Taquet	FBKL
Sophie Thompson	DARN
Rochelle Tickle	DPQA
Zali Vaivars	FHWD
Alicia Webster	DARN
Katie Westphall	DNPT

### Sports Council

Name	Ako Group
Om Alva	MDHR
Evie Brown	DARN
Nieve Collin	MKJK
McKenzie Galbraith	MLRY
Marco Hartono	HNKU
Anika Moetaua	MMHD
Harrison Rogers	FHWD
Gracie Seeto	AJGB
Livvie Thompson	DCSB

### Academic Council

Name	Ako Group
Lachy Boniface	DJHN
Jasmine Crichton	FRND
Maria De Medeiros	DAWR
Gareth Harcombe	ADDW
Zachary Key	DPQA
Indigo Little	ADRS
Alice Price	DNPT
Archie Ritchie	DLRS
Zali Vaivars	FHWD
Alicia Webster	DARN

### Arts and Cultural Council

Name	Ako Group
Greta Balfour	DNPT
Azaria Briscoe	MRML
Aimee Clark	DJHN
Ryan Connaghan	HLKN
June Ha	HNKU
Helena Hornbacher	HJTH
Tasman Hughes	AAKU
James Scoles	MLRY
Racheal Singh	FJDC
Rochelle Tickle	DPQA

### Community and Service Council

Name	Ako Group
Alex Bailey	DPQA
Hannah Battrick	DCSB
Hylton Briscoe	MBJN
Thomas Hartono	HBLE
Ella Lanuel	MLHI
Zara Mackley	FRCA
Alisha McKinney	FSTM
Rachel Scobie	DEQD
Daniela Tapper	DARN
Sofia Taquet	FBKL
Carmen Woodhouse	DJHN

### Support/Whanaugatanga Council

Name	Ako Group
Emma Bradley	DARN
Jordan Courtney	MMHA
Angus Forrest	MLRY
Grace Hall	FJDC
Stefan Hall	ARTN
Ruby Hamilton	MYKM
Gracie Hansby	AAGE
Seth Mawhinney	DCSB
Mucha Milne	FBKL
Ayla Nakayama	DAWR
Emma Saxon	MKJK
Sophie Thompson	DARN

James Rasmussen, Deputy Principal

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Extra Curricular Expo

All students are welcome to attend the Extra-Curricular Expo. The expo gives everyone the opportunity to sign up and ask questions about the various activities offered at WHS and in the community. It will be held during Break 3 on Wednesday, 20 February out in Te Kirikiri. The groups attending are:

Arts and Cultural Activities	Academic Activities	Other Activities	Sports Activities (Continued)
Art Club	Academy	40 Hour Famine	Equestrian Club
Bands	Book Club/ Readers' Cup (Year 9)	Duke of Ed	Football Boys
- Jazz	Chess Club	Predator Free Trapping	Football Girls
- Rock	Debating Club	Robotics Club	Golf
Orchestra	Film Club	War Games	Hockey
Singing Group	Model United Nations	World Challenge	Ice Hockey
Performing Arts Groups	Philosophy Fridays	Yoga & Mindfulness Course	Ice Skating
- Musical	Science Buskers		Karate
- One Act Play	Wakatipu Writers		Lawn Bowls
- Sheilah Winn			Mountain Biking
Production Crew - Sound and Lighting	Community Groups	Sports Activities	Netball
Showquest - Dance/Sound/Lighting/Costume	Academic Drawing Course	Adventure Racing and Multi-sport	Rowing
	Danceworks	Athletics	Rugby
	Kate Moetaua Collective (KMC)	Badminton	Sailing
	Lakes Music School	Basketball	Snowsports
	Maya Music	Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ)	Squash
	Student Travel Schools (STS)	Climbing Club	Swimming
	Youth Philanthropy Group	Cricket	Tennis
		Croquet Club	Touch
		Cross Country	Volleyball
		Cycling	Waka Ama

Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator

EXTRA  
CURRICULAR  
EXPO

Wakatipu  
HIGH SCHOOL

WED. 20 FEB. BREAK 3.  
TE KERIKERI.



GET INVOLVED. JUMP IN. LEARN. GROW.



## Head Students' Address

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, Teachers and Students.

Welcome back to another wonderful year at WHS and we hope you all had a fantastic holiday away from school. The Head Student team are super excited for the upcoming year and we'd like to give a warm welcome to all of the Year 9's and new students and staff to WHS. The upcoming weeks are going to be jam-packed with plenty of opportunities to get involved with including the extra-curricular expo, Relay for Life and much more. So we urge you to keep an eye on the notices and take full advantage of these exciting events.

The extra-curricular expo is coming up in week 4, this is a great opportunity to get involved in activities within the school and the wider community. Also giving you a chance to expand your knowledge in your areas of interests ranging from sports to arts.

Participation day was yet again an amazing way to kick-start the year with every house looking outstanding as always. All of our 5 houses had unique and imaginative themes with each house being super meticulous with how they represented themselves. Hay was themed as 'Emerald City', Arthur as '80's active-wear', Mackenzie as 'Ballers', Duncan as 'Cops and Robbers' and Fox as 'Superheroes'.

Also wrapping up now is the Student Council Application Process. A massive thanks to everyone who applied. The Student Council is a great opportunity to have your say in the changes that occur throughout the school and the wider community. We are looking forward to working with everyone who was successful and discovering the amazing and unique ideas students have at this school. There are lots more leadership opportunities so for those of you who missed out, keep getting involved in other areas of the school.

Lastly, calling all Queenstown Lakes residents and visitors, the Cancer Society is holding their first 'Relay for Life' event in Queenstown and it is a great opportunity to get involved to support cancer patients throughout NZ. 'Relay for Life' involves a team of you taking shifts running/walking around a track for 24 hours with live bands and games taking place throughout the whole event. The Cancer Society is an organisation set out to celebrate and help both cancer survivors and carers by the means of using the money that you raise. To learn about this event further, click on the link:

<http://queenstown.relayforlife.org.nz/event/relayforlifequeenstown2019>

That's all from us! Have a wonderful weekend :)

**The Head Student Team**

## Maths and Statistics Tutorials

Every Thursday during break 3, the Mathematics and Statistics learning area run a drop in tutorial for all students. This is held in the Shotover learning common. Students should bring any questions from their Mathematics or Statistics classes they would like some extra help with.

**Lee Hiestand, Assistant Principal**

## Academic Opportunities

### Curious Minds

All students are invited to join the Curious Minds google classroom. This is a great place to find out about competitions and opportunities from all sorts of places. Currently students can enter in the Otago Junior Mathematics Competition, ICAS assessments, apply for a Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand scholarship to their May conference, and find out about different events in our area. New opportunities are added regularly. Students can access this using the class code fvyhtiz (your student will know how to do this).

### SAT Testing

Thinking about studying at an overseas university? Did you know that Wakatipu High School is a certified SAT Testing Centre?

Future test dates at WHS are as follows; 9 March, 4 May, 1 June.

Go online to register or contact Mr Nathan ([onathan@wakatipu.school.nz](mailto:onathan@wakatipu.school.nz)) for more information.

### Gifted and Talented

Want to know more about Gifted and Talented at WHS?

There is a G&T parent evening at 6:30 pm in the theatre on Wednesday 27 February.

**Lee Hiestand, Assistant Principal**

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## University and Polytech Presentations Term 1

We have a lot of presentations booked for Term 1 either at Break time or AKO time and they will be held in the library. Year 13 students are encouraged to attend the ones they are considering as options. Year 12 students are welcome to attend if they are interested in finding out what is on offer.

### 2019 Presentations

**Monday 18 March AKO** – 9.30am Year 13 meeting  
**Wednesday 27 March Break 3** - Otago Polytech  
**Friday 1 March Break 2** - Defence Force  
**Monday 4 March AKO** - Lincoln Uni  
**Thursday 7 March Break 3** - Auckland Uni  
**Friday 8 March AKO** - Victoria Uni  
**Tuesday 12 March Break 2** - Massey Uni  
**Friday 15 March AKO** - Otago Uni  
**Monday 18 March AKO** – 9.30am - Year 13 meeting  
**Friday 22 March AKO** - Canterbury Uni  
**Friday 22 March Break 3** - AUT

### Uni Open Day/On-site visits

**Tuesday 30 + Wednesday 1 April** - Canterbury University Trip  
**Sunday 5 + Monday 6 May** - Otago Uni / Polytech Open Day  
**Thursday 22, Friday 23 and Saturday 24 August (am only)** - Massey & Victoria Uni Open Day  
**Tuesday 21 May – day trip (early start and late finish)** - Auckland Uni

We will be asking Year 13 students to sign up at different stages – they need to watch out on the daily notices and the Careers board across the front of our desk for details.

**Bronwyn Gardiner, Careers Advisor**

## Speech and Drama Lessons

Space available for after school Speech and Drama lessons for one or two senior students. Students will learn to communicate with clarity and confidence as they work towards their Speech New Zealand qualification. For more information, please contact Lucy on 027 463 4335.

**Lucy Ford, English**

## Musical Rehearsal Reminder

A reminder to all Cast and Band members that there will be a musical rehearsal this Sunday at WHS starting at 10am. Remember to check the 2019 Musical Classroom and Teamup Calendar for updates.

**Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator**

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## Sports Report - Week 3

### Snow Skiing - Junior World Championships Half Pipe Event

Ruby Andrews recently claimed a bronze medal in halfpipe at the FIS Junior World Championships in Leysin, Switzerland. Ruby, who is a member of Snow Sports NZ's national development squad, was also one of the youngest in the field. But she pulled off an upset, taking out third place. Amazing effort Ruby!

### Snow Skiing - Alpine World Ski Championships 2019

Alice Robinson continues her success on the world stage, with a huge 17th place in the Ladies Giant Slalom Event at the Alpine World Ski Championships held in Are, Sweden on the 14th of Feb. Incredibly Alice posted the fastest time in the field on her 2nd run. Well done Alice!

### Sailing - New Zealand Laser National Champs

Well done to Aidan Gordon who travelled up to Auckland during the School Holidays to compete in the New Zealand Laser National Champs. Aidan placed 2nd in the 4.7, U18 fleet and was the only sailor from the South Island. Awesome effort Aidan!

### Triathlon - Otago Secondary Schools Challenge Wanaka Triathlon

Awesome effort from the following athletes who competed in the Otago Secondary Schools Challenge Wanaka Triathlon on Thursday, in some testing conditions. Logan Campbell 1st U14 Boys, Eva Bogue 5th U14 Girls, Sam Davis 9th U16 Boys, Jett Fa'amalepe and Gabbi Barr 18th U16 Girls team.

### Athletics Club

Meets on Tuesday morning - 7:45am-8:45am. Meet outside the PE office, all years and abilities welcome. Training will not be weather dependent as we will be using the fitness studio if it is too wet. See Miss Lawniczak for queries or any other details.

**Alexa Peters, Sports Coordinator**



Eva Bogue finished 5th in U14 Girls



WHS's OSS Challenge Wanaka Triathlon Team

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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
Wednesday 20 Febraury	Extra Curricular Expo	Everyone
Tuesday 26 February	NCEA Parent Evening	NCEA Students
Wednesday 27 February	Otago Polytechnic Presentation	Seniors
Wednesay 27 February	Gifted and Talented Parents' Evening	G&T Students
Saturday 2 March	Greenstone Camp Group 1 in	Year 9's
Monday 4 March	Linclon University Presenation	Seniors



# Wakatipu High School FOUNDATION

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

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

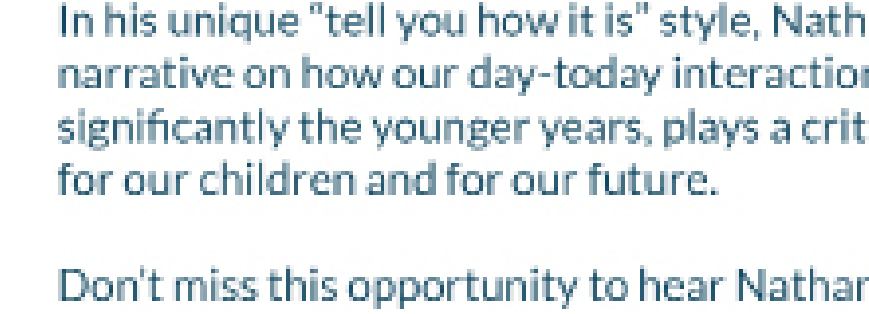
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## The Developing Brain

Host of the TV documentary "All in the Mind" and co-host of the TV series "The Secret Life of Girls", renowned Neuroscience Educator, Nathan Wallis takes his talk "The Developing Brain" on the road and is coming to a town near you.

In his unique "tell you how it is" style, Nathan Wallis provide an informative narrative on how our day-to-day interactions with children and young people, significantly the younger years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children and for our future.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Nathan Wallis speak.

For more information and to get your ticket go to [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz).

### Tour Dates - South Island

**Feb 18** - Timaru Boys High School, Timaru  
**Feb 19** - Waitaki Boys High School, Oamaru  
**Feb 20** - Otago Boys High School, Dunedin  
**Feb 21** - Wakatipu High School, Queenstown  
**Apr 08** - Kiakoura High School, Kiakoura  
**Apr 10** - Nelson College, Nelson  
**Apr 11** - Regent Theatre, Hokitika

Facebook: [@nathanwallisxfactoreducation](https://www.facebook.com/nathanwallisxfactoreducation)

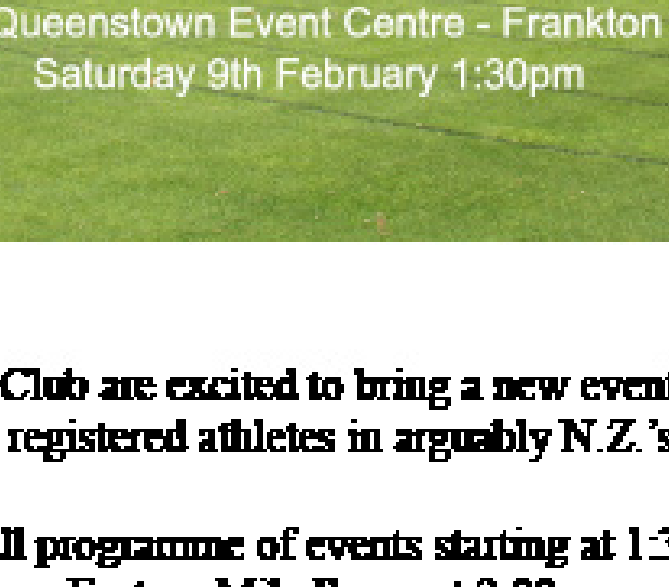


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- Report writing
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- Exam preparation
- Internal assessments

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or email at [amber.cole@windowslive.com](mailto:amber.cole@windowslive.com)  
for more information



## Queenstown Athletic Club's Classic Grass Track Meet

With feature Men's and Womens Mile races  
Queenstown Event Centre - Frankton  
Saturday 9th February 1:30pm

**Queenstown Athletic Club are excited to bring a new event to the region for both registered and non registered athletes in arguably N.Z.'s most scenic arena.**

**A full programme of events starting at 1:30pm  
Feature Mile Races at 2:00pm**

**Trophies to both gender winners.**

**Limited lanes means some events will be graded.**

**Entries: priority entries via email or on the day by 1:00 pm  
Minimum age: 12 years old.**

**Meet Entry Fees: Registered Athletes \$8 Unreg. \$12  
Mile Race additional \$5.00**

**Please bring cash, no electronic payment facilities  
Public and spectators welcome.**

## Academic Drawing Course



**For whom:**  
Youths and Adults

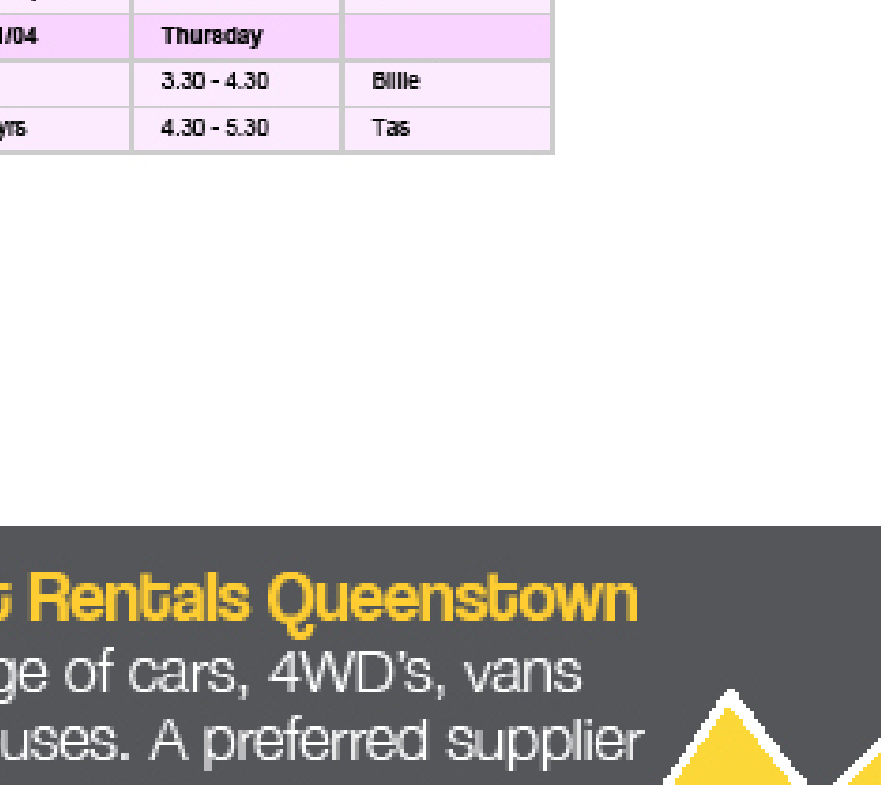
**When:**  
Starts Feb 6th. School terms, weekly 5.30-8.30 pm

**Where:**  
Queenstown Arts Centre, 48-49 Stanley Street  
Find out more at [www.queenstownartscentre.co.nz](http://www.queenstownartscentre.co.nz)

Feel free to contact the tutor if you have any questions.

**Email: [kuzmenkova.m@gmail.com](mailto:kuzmenkova.m@gmail.com)**

**Mobile: +64 2102590062**



### Drama Classes ~ Musical Theatre ~ Creative Writing ~ Performing

Inspired by Kate, our Collective offers a range of performing arts classes for students aged 5-15 years. Register your interest by email to [thedramacollective@gmail.com](mailto:thedramacollective@gmail.com)

More details on our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/thedramacollective/home>

Classes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at St Margaret's Church Hall, private classes by arrangement, including examination tuition and guidance.

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

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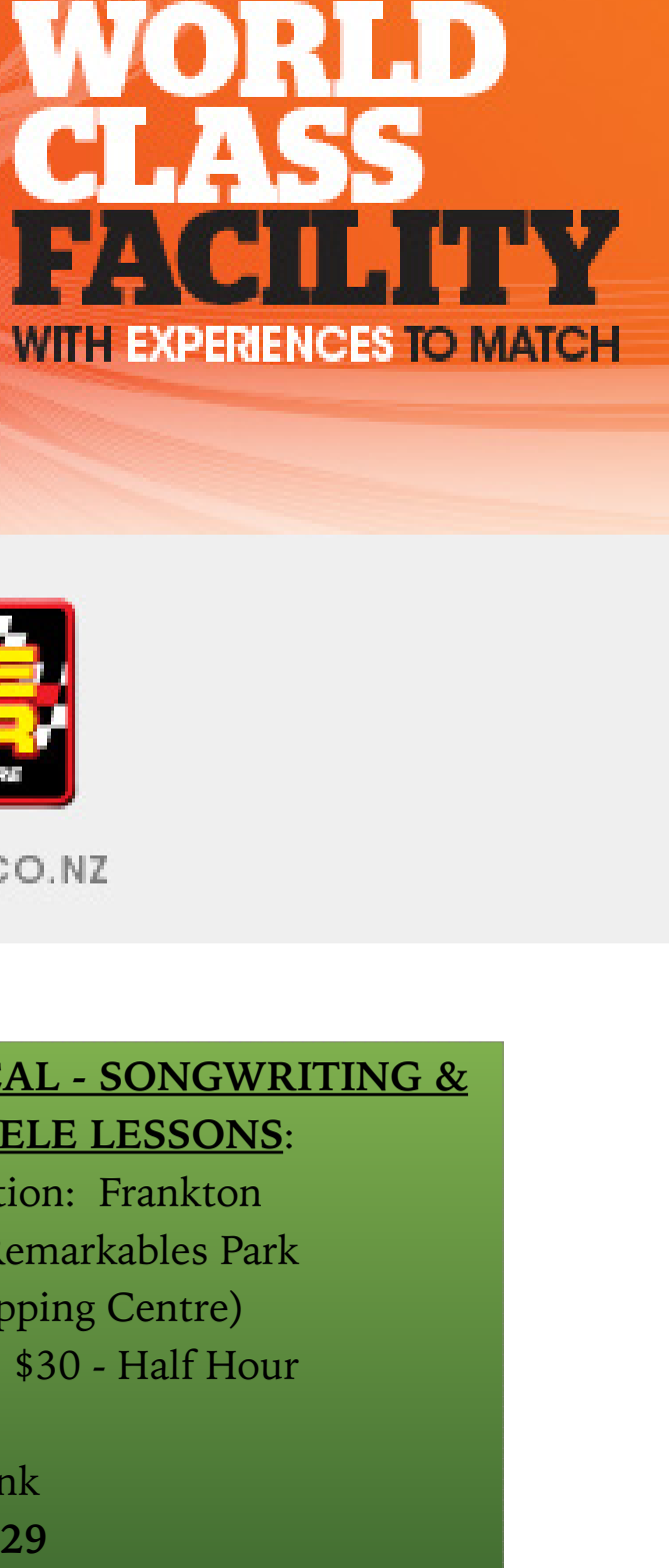
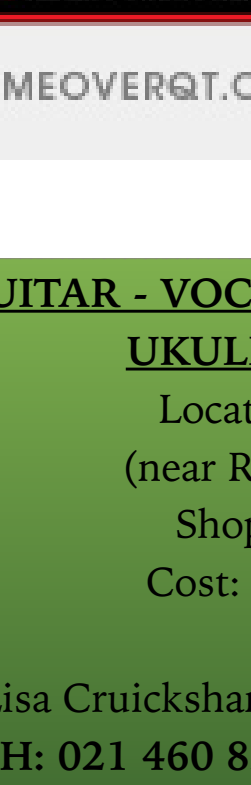
### Queenstown Park Station Fun Ride

The Porters, owners of Queenstown Park Station, invite the community to a 2019 Open Day for a Recreational Fun Bike Ride on Sunday 17 February 2019

- » Pre-registration is requested
- » Riders can check in any time between 9:00am – 11:00am at Boyd Rd, off SH6
- » Riders to finish by 4pm, exiting by returning to Boyd Rd or continuing on to Chard Farm

Riders are welcome to bring a picnic or buy food from a range of vendors at the 9km mark at Midway Beach. Plus water top-up station, toilets, first-aid, mechanical assistance and clear signage provided.

Register to participate at [www.activeqt.co.nz/event/queenstown-park-station-fun-ride](http://www.activeqt.co.nz/event/queenstown-park-station-fun-ride) or for enquiries call 021 991 899.



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Lisa Cruickshank  
PH: 021 460 829

email: [livenmusicqueenstown@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:livenmusicqueenstown@yahoo.co.nz)

Group Vocal & Guitar lessons also available - please enquire  
**FACE-PAINTING** - Bookings for birthday parties/functions - enquire now!

AA DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE: the next AA New Zealand Defensive Driving Course is to be held in Queenstown on February 26 & 28 and March 5 & 7 from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Please email [kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz](mailto:kaye@lakesdrivingschool.nz) or txt 0276233534 for course information and an application form.

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*Kā Mauka Whakatipu*