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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 WHS and take a look at our sports page for football, rugby, snow sports and more. Recent posts include photos from our Extra-Curricular Expo and Alice Robinson's success at the World Junior Ski Championships.

Kia ora - welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of Week 4. Another good week at WHS, with both a continued focus on teaching and learning as well as all-round opportunities. One of the highlights of the week was the Extra-curricular Expo on Wednesday. This is always a great event and it was awesome to see so many students out signing up. We do believe that sport, arts, culture, community and leadership opportunities are not only great fun but are an important medium for students to learn about themselves and others and grow holistically, and hence are a critical part of our all-round education. Below is a piece including a link to the list of opportunities - do speak with your student to see what they were interested in.

It was great to see a good number of parents at the Year 9 Greenstone Camp meeting on Wednesday - this camp is not far away now.

Also this week were Year-level assemblies for Years 10-13, with important messages to set students up for the year. Next week are our Pounamu Assemblies which recognise student academic achievement and excellence for last year. Parents of students receiving awards have been notified.

Finally, last week I mentioned Alice Robinson at the World Championships. This week Alice won the GS at the Junior World Championships in Italy - for a New Zealander to achieve this and be a junior world champion in skiing is a remarkable achievement; congratulations, Alice!

NCEA Assessment - below is an important section on assessment at WHS. It includes our Assessment Policy and Calendars, especially for senior students - please ensure you look through it. Related, on Tuesday next week is our NCEA Parent information evening - especially for parents new to NCEA this is an important meeting to attend.

Uniform - next week is the last week of blazers and junior ties being optional, but please note they they must both be worn for the House Pounamu Assemblies next week.

Board of Trustees Election - 2019 is an election year for BoTs nationally. The election will be held in May and nominations will close in April. We'll inform you of details in due course but do consider if you might be interested in this very important role.

Tomorrow's School Review - you may be aware that a very significant review of the NZ education system is underway. See below for more including links to the Taskforce's report.

Reminders / Upcoming Events

WHS Portal - (portal.wakatipu.school.nz) is where you find the most up-to-date Academic Results, Student Details, Timetable, Atten dance, NCEA Summary and Fees. For technical support regarding access to the Portal, or if you have not received the recent email, please contact portal@wakatipu.school.nz.

WHS App - a reminder that the WHS App is an important communications channel for us, please ensure that you have it on your devices.

NCEA Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 26, 6.30pm. Gifted & Talented Evening - Wednesday 27, 6.30pm.

Another good week at WHS as we well and truly settle in to 2019, both in terms of teaching and learning as well as all-round. A mixed weekend of weather ahead, with much lower temperatures - a reminder that summer has not got too long to run.

Assessments at WHS

NCEA Parent Evening - this is a really useful evening especially for parents new to the NCEA system; next Tuesday 26 February, 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Theatre.

NCEA Assessment Policy

All Senior students have had an assembly in which the NCEA Assessment Policy has been covered. There are lots of details regarding this and we strongly encourage students to read and understand the information. Click here for the full policy. A reminder that students who are absent from an internal assessment must produce a medical certificate and that there are no extensions provided for students going on holidays.

Internal Assessment Calendars for NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 - these calendars, which show students when their assessments are due, will be published and shared with all students on Monday 25 February and links will again be available through next week's newsletter. They are critical for seniors and, while dates can move around a bit, they can play a big part in determining the shape of a senior student's academic year and enable them to plan to ensure they achieve their academic goals. Students should use the calendar to identify all their assessments - particularly noting pinch points when several fall due at the same time, and then put this beside their other commitments eg sport, work, family. We highly recommend that parents support their children to create their individual assessment calendar to better enable them to plan and prioritise. Some assessments are due soon - this process is important now.

Return of external assessment material

All NCEA material including DVC reports and Technology portfolios should have been returned to students or schools by mid-February. Please contact the school as soon as possible if material is missing.

Students who participated in the digital pilots can access their marked work until 23 May. They will need to use their digital exam login. If this has been forgotten, they should phone 0800 222 230. Further details are available here.

Review and Reconsideration applications for 2018 external examination results

It is advisable for students to talk to their teachers prior to applying for a review or reconsideration. The original answer booklet must accompany any application for a review or reconsideration except for Digital Pilot examinations and digitally submitted Technology standards.

Cut scores

Cut scores have been released and may be found at the relevant subject link here. These scores may assist students in their decision about whether to request a Review or Reconsideration.

Review application process

In a Review, all sections of a booklet or portfolio are checked to make sure they have been marked and results correctly recorded and transferred. A review does not involve re-marking and there is no charge. Students should print off a copy of the personalised Review form from their Learner Login. Check details for a Review of NCEA examination results here.

Check details for a Review of Scholarship examination results here.

Reconsideration application process

A Reconsideration involves re-marking all answers in the answer booklet and checking mechanical processes (such as transferring grades). NCEA Reconsiderations cost \$20.40 for each standard. The fee for Design and Visual Communication (DVC) and Technology portfolios is \$20.40 for each external achievement standard, not each portfolio. The fee for New Zealand Scholarship Reconsiderations is \$30.70 per standard (subject). Where the Reconsideration leads to a grade change, the fee is refunded. Students must apply for Reconsideration through their Learner Login. Payment should also be made online.

Check details for a Reconsideration of NCEA examination results here.

Check details for a Reconsideration of Scholarship examination results here.

Reconsideration applications for Level 3 and New Zealand Scholarship Visual Arts

These can also be completed from the Learner login. High-quality A4 coloured photographs and an authenticity declaration must be submitted. Scholarship applications must include both photographs and workbook. No portfolios are to be sent to NZQA. Check details for a Reconsideration of Level 3 and NZ Scholarship Visual Arts results here.

Closing dates for review and reconsideration applications

Applications for Review and Reconsiderations for all NCEA externally assessed standards close on 26 February and for Scholarship on 1 March.

Oded Nathan, Senior Deputy Principal

Extra-Curricular Expo

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the Extra-Curricular Expo. Te Kirikiri was filled with keen students interested in joining the variety of sports and activities that WHS has to offer. If you were unable to attend, please follow this link which includes all the programmes and contacts.

Uniform

A couple of reminders as we head into the last week of February from next Monday, 25 February:

1. Next week we are running House Pounamu Assemblies. These are formal school occasions, so ALL students are expected to be turned out in full school uniform at these events. This means ALL students must wear correct school uniform including their tie AND blazer to their House Assembly.

Monday - Arthur (1st half Ako), Duncan (2nd half Ako) Wednesday - Fox (extended Ako) Friday - Hay (1st half Ako), Mackenzie (2nd half Ako)

2. With the exception of Pounamu Assemblies, junior students have one final week of optional tie wearing. Next week is also the last week during which it is optional for blazers to be worn to and from school.

We will be having a full school uniform audit the week beginning Monday 4 March.

Thanks to all parents and caregivers for their continued support of our efforts to keep our students looking impeccable as they represent WHS out in the community.

Justine Duncan, Assistant Principal

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.

Finance Reminder

While the Finance team are still working on fees, please note that the Year 9's have been charged for the upcoming Greenstone camp. This is now due. If you have not received an invoice from Finance please contact us on accounts@wakatipu.school.nz or phone the school office.

Related to this is a reminder of our 'Awhi' Fund; if payments are an issue, please contact our Guidance Counsellors, Vicki Patton or Christopher Tweddell.

The Finance Team

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 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

Purchasing Food at the School Cafe

Did you know you can pre-pay and load money on your students Student ID card for purchasing food at the school cafe! You can eliminate the need to send your student with cash, or having to put money into a bank account that could then be used anywhere for anything. To load money onto their Student ID Card, you can pay at school via cash/eftpos etc or pay online (reference is the Student ID number on their ID card and "cafe" eq 15632 cafe). If you have any questions please email "office @wakatipu.school.nz".

Library News

We have just updated our ebook borrowing platform. Students can borrow ebooks by logging on to wakatipu.wheelers.co. The website has clear instructions on how to get the appropriate app and how to download the books. Students log in to borrow books by using their portal username and the generic password 'library1' which they can change later.

Next week, we will be charging the replacement cost for any books overdue from 2018 to student accounts. If you return the book(s), the charge will be reversed. Students should come and talk to the librarian if they think that they have been charged for a book that they have already returned.

Paula Bell. Librarian

Generation Give YPNZ

Generation Give is based upon highly successful youth philanthropy programmes throughout the US where students learn nonprofit governance and grant making skills to make funding decisions. Because of the skills the students will learn and the grant dollars awarded, this programme will have a significant impact on real issues facing the Wakatipu.

With generous donations to Wakatipu Community Foundation from local residents, Dick and Diana Hubbard, local corporate sponsors Roost Mortgage Brokers and Craigs Investment Partners, as well as support from a national foundation, the students will have \$10k to grant to local successful applicant charities at the end of the course. Twenty students from Wakatipu High School will be selected for the seven month high engagement programme through an application process beginning in February.

YPNZ have applications available at the school front office now with submissions due by 27 February. From more visit YPNZ.org



Tomorrow's Schools Review

In April 2018 the Minister of Education appointed an independent taskforce to review 'Tomorrow's Schools' - the name for the system of education we currently have in NZ (which particularly included boards of trustees), which was established in 1989. The Taskforce has now released its report. It is transformational rather than tweaks, and it proposes an overhaul of many parts of the NZ education system.

Please click here for a summary of the Taskforce's Report.

In addition, click here for the official Tomorrow's Schools Review website.

In terms of consultation and feedback, there are a series of Taskforce-led public consultation meetings around the country, including one in Queenstown at 7pm on Monday 4 March (venue TBC). Related, the National Party are holding a public meeting on the Taskforce's report / Future of Education on the evening of Thursday 28th February at 7pm at Shotover Primary School.

The public can also have input via an online survey which is open until 31 March (Click here to have your say).

Head Students' Address

Good afternoon everyone!

What a jam-packed week this has been! From the Extra-Curricular Expo, to the second Student Council meetings of the year, and many other things, this has definitely been the busiest week yet. It was so awesome to see everyone signing up for all the different types of extracurricular activities our school, and the wider community has to offer. They are all a great way for everyone to meet new people, make new friends, and find something to be passionate about.

This week has also been great for the Student Councils. Not only was there the first Junior Council meeting, but all the Student Councils have met, and started to plan their events for the year. I am super excited to see what every council has to offer!

Additionally, House Leader duty rolled out this week. With this starting, House Leaders will be roaming around the school between 12 and 12:25 pm every day. This will allow the House Leaders to get to know more of the students within Wakatipu High School, and the individuals to get to know them as well. It is a great way to strengthen the bonds between our juniors and seniors.

Next week we kick off with our first Pounamu Assemblies for the year. These assemblies are a great way to recognise and congratulate students on their academic success from 2019. It will be incredible to see the number of students that have gained a merit or excellence endorsement in NCEA level 1 or 2. Well done to everyone that will be walking across the stage next week!

That's all from me, have a lovely weekend:)

Livvie Thompson, Deputy Head Girl

Music Update

Last Friday afternoon saw school bands performing on the village green to a large and appreciative audience. This was an event set up by Rockformation as a fundraiser for the local Search and Rescue organisation. A great event for everyone. (photos by June Ha, Year 13)

Alison Price, Head of Learning Area: Arts







Student Music Release

WHS Students Hannah White and Lucy Glover, both Year 11, had a busy summer holiday. After winning a recording prize for their original songs through the Wakatipu Youth Trust's Battle of the Musos last year, they have now released three songs on Spotify under the cover of their band 'No Man's Land' - an EP called 'A Sense of Belonging?'. Well done girls!

You can listen to them on Spotify here.

WHS Automotive

WHS Automotive is after an outboard motor and trailbike for the practical element of these courses. If you have something in the garage in good condition, you don't need anymore and would like to donate or sell for a reasonable price contact WHS office—thanks so much!

Glenn Brickell, Technology Teacher

Climbing Festival

Today, a group of WHS students had the opportunity to 'learn the ropes' and reach for their heights - as they learned to safely belay each other on the bouldering wall in our school gym. This was a training excercise ahead of the Queenstown Climbing Festival next weekend. Well done all budding climbers and all the best with the upcoming event!



Sports Report - Week 4

Triathlon - Challenge Wanaka School Team

Sam Davis, Logan Campbell, Zoe Crawford and Linus Ritchie swam, biked and ran into 3rd place in the Schools Team Category at the Challenge Wanaka Half Event last weekend. Awesome effort from these keen Triathletes who competed alongside competitive teams and individual athletes from all over New Zealand.

Swimming - Junior NZ Swimming Championships - Makos

Well done to Sara Jameson who placed second in the following events at the Junior New Zealand Swimming Championships. 50m breaststroke, 100m fly, 100m IM, 50m fly and 200m fly. Sara also came third in the 200m IM and achieved 12 personal bests from 13 events. Sara who trains with the Queenstown Swim Club had a great weekend of racing and is now looking forward to Div2s in March.

Snow Skiing - Alpine World Junior Championships

Alice Robinson has been crowned Junior World Champion in Giant Slalom! Alice went into the race ranked as the world number one U18 racer for ladies Giant Slalom and managed to secure the win in her second run by 1.06s. Alice is the first New Zealander to win a Junior World title in alpine ski racing.

Southland Secondary Schools Athletics - Friday 15 March in Invercargill

Students attending training this Tuesday morning at school will have an opportunity to express an interest in which events they may like to compete in for the Southland event. Athletes not attending training this week MUST attend a meeting at the start of Break 3 on Tues so entries can be confirmed. A permission slip and further details will follow shortly. See Miss Lawniczak if you have any other queries regarding athletics.



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 guick 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 25 February	Pounamu Assembly	Arthur and Duncan
Tuesday 26 February	NCEA Parent Evening	NCEA Students
Wednesday 27 February	Pounamu Assembly	Fox
Wednesday 27 February	Otago Polytechnic Presentation	Seniors
Wednesday 27 February	Gifted and Talented Parents' Evening	G&T Students
Friday 1 March	Pounamu Assembly	Hay and Mackenzie
Saturday 2 March	Greenstone Camp Group 1 in	Year 9's
Monday 4 March	Lincoln University Presentation	Seniors

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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

Our Current Partner List: Crowe Horwath McCullouch & Partners

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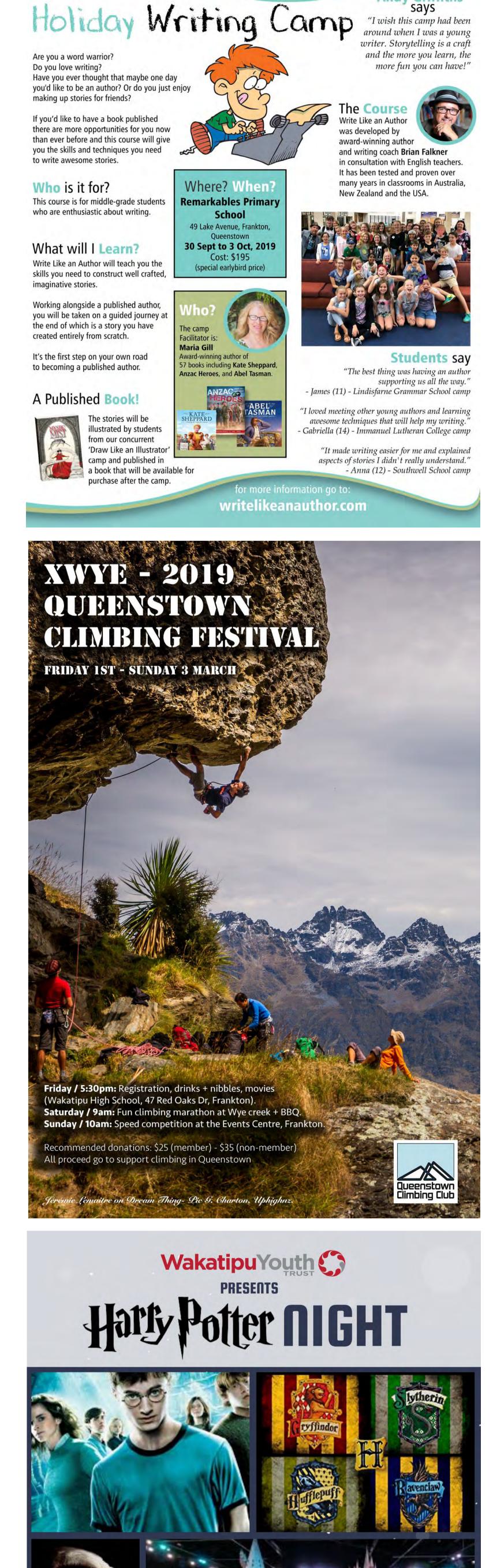
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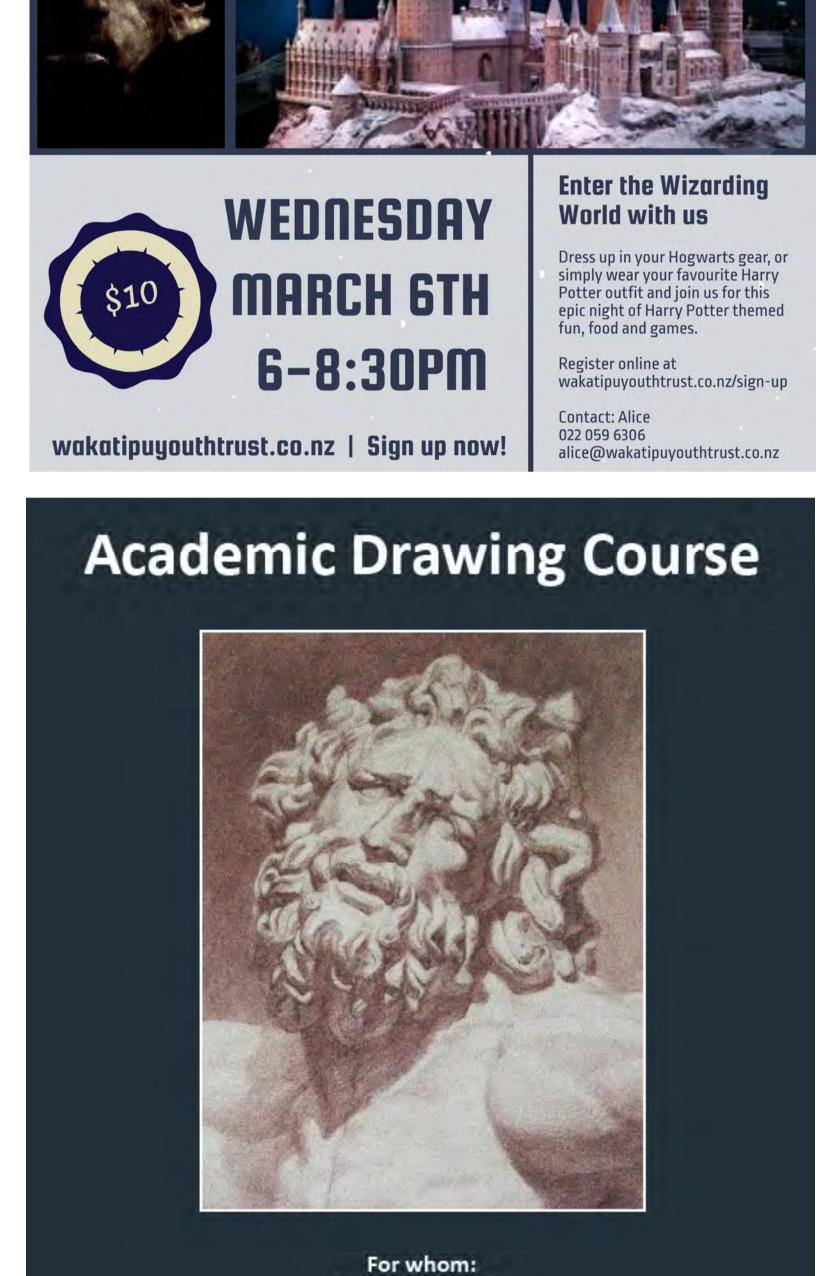
New World Wakatipu

Pacific Travel Planners

NZSki

Andy Griffiths says





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

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

Email: kuzmenkova.m@gmail.com

Mobile: +64 2102590062



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.

Teacher

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Time

4-5pm

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5-6pm

Monday

Wednesday

3.30 - 4.30

4.30 - 5.30

5.30 - 6.30

Thursday

3.30 - 4.30

4.30 - 5.30

Wakatipu

Wakatipu High School Generation Give Application

real issues facing the Wakatipu.

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Community

grant dollars awarded, this programme will have a significant impact on

With generous donations to Wakatipu Community Foundation from

process beginning in February. YPNZ will have applications available

at the school the week of 11th of February with submissions due by 27 February. The curriculum involves weekly sessions in which students will identify community needs, solicit, analyse, and debate and ultimately decide upon the various grant proposals. These weekly sessions will be facilitated by experts in the field, with several

prominent philanthropists already signed up to talk with the students,

The students' efforts will culminate in a celebration of the programme

and the awarding of grants at the WCF inaugural gala 14 September. Additionally, programme graduates may apply to serve on an alumni

15 March - September 13 except during school holidays

On Campus Experience

(OCE) Scholarship

Sunday 5th - Thursday 9th May 2019

Sunday 9th - Thursday 13th June 2019

WCF Youth Board to help facilitate youth causes throughout the

For more information email contact@ypnz.org

or wakatipucommunityfoundation@gmail.com

Meetings are Fridays 3:30-5:00pm at WHS

Programme meets each Friday from

Applications Due 27 February, 3:30pm

Recommended that each student raise \$200

including, Sir Eion and Lady Jan Edgar, Mayor Jim Boult, as well as

programme contributors, Dick and Diana Hubbard. In short the students will be forming, leading, and governing their own mini foundation within Wakatipu High School, all led and directed by

Class

11/02 - 08/04

Making Magic 10-12yrs Bring to Life 7-10yrs

Creative Writing 10-12yrs

Storytelling 5-7yrs

Storytelling 7-9yrs

Musical theatre

Bring to life 11-14yrs

Script n Scene 13-15yrs

13/02 - 10/04

14/02 - 11/04

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Board governance

June

course with additional community leaders. RFPs to charities.

Grant evaluations and decision making. Personal goals and

September

course evaluation.

May

Students work with

nonprofits in the

application proces Site visits to local charities.

July-

August

Grant distributions to successful applicants at the Wakatipu Community Foundation's Annual Gala 14 September.

UNIVERSITY

Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo N E W Z E A L A N D

Generation Give is based upon highly successful youth philanthropy programmes throughout the US where students learn nonprofit governance and grant making skills to make funding decisions. Because of the skills the students will learn and the

Closing date for applications: Friday 15th March 2019 The On Campus Experience (OCE) is a fully funded The OCE allows students to experience life in a residential college and meet the Māori Centre staff who scholarship that provides an amazing opportunity for senior secondary students of Māori descent to provide great support for Māori students when they come to Otago. All successful recipients of the OCE experience learning at the University of Otago. The scholarship covers flight costs, accommodation at a scholarship will travel to Dunedin on one of the two residential college, food, programme activities and light programme dates. entertainment. Students will be selected to participate Entries are sought from Year 13 students of Māori in one of the two OCE scholarship programmes offered descent, who are currently enrolled in a New Zealand in 2019. secondary school, and considering studying at the University of Otago in 2020. All applicants should Students will explore the Otago campus and the student city of Dunedin. They will also have the opportunity to be students who are completing their final year of attend lectures in their areas of interest as well as meet secondary schooling, and are likely to gain University academic staff and students. **ELIGIBILITY** Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents, of Māori descent Applicants must also be students who are attending and completing their final year of secondary schooling For further enquiries, please contact: Grace Latimer | Māori Liaison Officer | Email: auckland.liaison@otago.ac.nz

Please complete an online application at:

otago.ac.nz/future-students/oce.html

GAMEOVERQT.CO.NZ **UKULELE LESSONS:** Location: Frankton (near Remarkables Park Shopping Centre) Cost: \$30 - Half Hour Lisa Cruickshank PH: 021 460 829 email: <u>livemusicqueenstown@yahoo.co.nz</u>

enquire now!

Group Vocal & Guitar lessons also available - please enquire

FACE-PAINTING - Bookings for birthday parties/functions -

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 or txt 0276233534 for course information and an application form.

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Kā Mauka Whakatipu



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