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.



Principal's Message

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter. A short piece from me today, but there a number of important items below. Strike for Climate was this afternoon and a number of our students attended. We have had assemblies with every year level this week - they went through the Ākonga Profile, which I referenced in Week 2, as well as expectations re uniform, attendance and behaviour.

Vote for WHS Foundation Now! - the WHS Foundation is an incredible supporter of our school. It funds a wide range of initiatives including supporting students and families who are struggling financially, academic achievement and extra and co-curricular activities - as a school we are very fortunate to have their support.

The Foundation is made up of parents and locals who give their time to raise a significant amount of money for WHS each year. They have an important opportunity to raise funds and they need our help - please click here and VOTE WHSF in The Hills/Crux Charity competition. NB Voting closes tonight - please vote now!!!

Junior Next Steps (Parent-Teacher) - are on Tuesday 26th March. For Junior Next Steps, junior students and their parents meet with the Kaiārahi. These meetings are important and we do expect all to attend please - see below for more including booking details. Please note that for all students school will finish at 1:50pm that day, with buses running from that time. Please also note that Senior Next Steps, which are with subject teachers, are on Tuesday 9th April.

Parent Tours - as mentioned previously, we are going to offer parents an opportunity to come and have a look at teaching and learning at WHS. Tours will be at 9.30am on Wednesdays this term, and are 60mins. They will be hosted by members of the senior leadership team, and are limited to 10 parents. You do need to book in - please email my PA, Karla Dawson **kdawson@** wakatipu.school.nz.

Coming up - important to note:

- Otago Anniversary Monday 25th March
- Junior Next Steps Tuesday 26th
- Teacher Only Day Friday 29th
- Musical Wednesday 3rd Saturday 6th April. Tickets on sale now see below.
- Senior Next Steps Tuesday 9th

As I said last week, only four weeks to go in the term now and, as you can see from above, there are a number of events and variations in that time including Tournament Week and the Musical, so students need to ensure they are making the most of their classes and learning - every day will be important.

Another pretty good late summer weekend, although Sunday will be best for outdoor plans. All the very best to students and staff participating in the Relay for Life this weekend to support the work of the Cancer Society. Click here to go to our staff team's page and click here for our students' page to support this great cause!

Ngā mihi,

Steve Hall, Principal

The Wakatipu High School Foundation needs you!

Crux and The Hills golf course are offering the opportunity for a local charity to receive an enormous \$30,000 benefit from their annual Charity Day on April 6.

The Wakatipu High School Foundation is one of the Charities of Choice this year, but to make it a reality the foundation needs you to vote! The WHSF entry is now live on the Crux website.

Voting is between Tuesday 12 and Friday 15 March
One vote per person either via the Crux website, the Crux Facebook page, or by email to editor@crux.org.nz

Wakatipu High School FOUNDATION

Click Here To vote for the WHS Foundation to become the charity of choice

More info on The Hills Charity Day.

Junior Next Steps

Junior Next Steps are now less than two weeks away. For Junior Next Steps each junior student and their parents have a 20 minute meeting with the student's Kaiarahi. The discussion will centre around the student's goals, their learning engagement, and where to find and how to interpret information regarding both standardised tests as well as subject specific learning, progress and achievement.

The meetings are on Tuesday the 26th from 2:30 - 6:30pm. School will finish at 1:50pm that day, with buses running from that time. Next Steps bookings are now open - please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code xbrgz.

This is a really important evening for all Junior students and parents and we do expect all to attend. If you or your child are unable to attend on the evening, please email your child's Kaiarahi directly to arrange another meeting time.

Lee Hiestand, Assistant Principal

Year 9 Greenstone Camp

A great time was had by Year 9s while on camp up on the Greenstone Flats last week. Generally good weather prevailed and students were all able to take part in river swimming (Room of Doom!), kayaking, river crossing and the Lake Rere day walk. The camp was based by the shearing shed this year and this was a great facility to cook from and to help out in wet weather. All 4 groups had their own special experiences and Greenstone Camp remains an important part of inducting the students ... and parents! Into the way of Wakatipu High School Outdoor Education.

Ken McIntyre, Health & PE



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Musical - Tickets on Sale Now

This year's musical, Dusty - The Original Pop Diva, is two and half weeks away and it is now time to buy your tickets!

This event is held at the Queenstown Memorial Centre and has allocated seating so get in quick and buy your tickets as soon as possible.

Tickets will be sold at Student Services for those students who prefer to pay by cash or want to choose a seat next to a friend. Front reception will also be selling tickets to parents who would like to avoid paying online.

Online tickets are available from Eventfinda. However, ticket sales close at 4pm on the night of each performance.

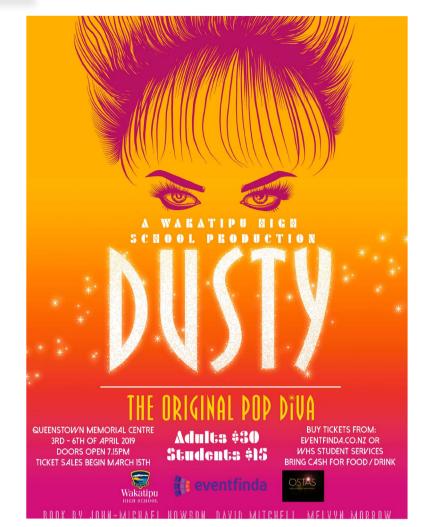
Limited door sales may be available but we are likely to sell out so it's better to pay in advance!

Tickets Prices: Adults \$30 or Students \$15 Where: Queenstown Memorial Centre When: Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 April 2019 Time: Doors open at 7.15pm Bring: Cash for \$10 programmes, drinks and snacks

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Monica Parker at **mparker@wakatipu.school.nz.**

Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator

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 any-where 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" eg 15632 cafe). If you have any questions please email **office@wakatipu.school.nz.**

International Women's Day

On Friday last week the Whanaungatanga/Support Council ran a series of events for International Women's Day; including handing out themed, "Challenges." These challenges involved students taking a small slip of paper which encouraged them to undergo tasks such as, "Tell an important woman/girl in your life that you love and appreciate them." Hopefully lots of mums, sisters, grandmothers (to name a few) received some lovely messages. A "Kahoot" (quiz) was also run during break, the theme was, "Influential Women" and winners received well deserved canteen vouchers.

We collected a large range of clothes, bedding, games, blankets (and so much more!) from students which will be donated to the local Women's Refuge. These items will hopefully help women and their children in crisis feel more comfortable and at home in these centres. We would like to thank everyone who partook, or made this day possible.

The Whanaungatanga Council



Seth Mawhinney and Regan McIntyre

Three Media Studies students had a taste of the sports broadcasting world during the recent NZ Golf Open at The Hills in Arrowtown. The live broadcast was transmitted around the world to millions of viewers and as you may know, showcases the very best of NZ Golf, The Hills, Arrowtown and Queenstown.

Year 12 Media Studies students Tomas Whelan-Henderson, Ben May and Lucy Wild worked as Link Pointers, each assigned to an Radio Frequency Camera Team throughout the broadcast. They were responsible for maintaining the link between the camera and the receiving end and following the camera person to the action. They were also able to get up close to an incredibly complex operation that connects directly with what they're learning in Media Studies. Thanks very much to Sky Sports for allowing our students to have this experience.

Jennifer Smart, Acting HoLA English & Media Studies





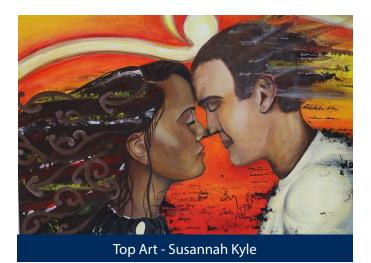
Top Art Exhibition

The Top Art exhibition will be arriving at WHS on Monday. All work will be displayed in the Wakatipu High School Library from Monday the 18th (afternoon only) until Thursday the 21st of March. Visitors may come to the WHS library between 3.30 and 4.30pm to view this exceptional work. Please make sure to stop by the reception and sign in first.

Top Art is an annual touring exhibition featuring some of New Zealand's top secondary school art portfolios. The exhibition is a selection of the Level 3 Visual Arts (sculpture, painting, photography, printmaking and design) portfolios that gained Excellence in NCEA in 2018.

This exhibition provides an opportunity for secondary students and teachers to view the high standard of art produced in schools and gain an understanding of what is required to achieve excellence. It is also an opportunity for members of the public to see the quality of art being created in schools. We hope that you can come for a visit.

Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator





Top Art - Angus Edwards

Homestay Family Wanted

We are looking for a Queenstown family who would like to host a year 11 female student. She is a originally from Queenstown and her parents are living in Japan.

If you are interested please contact: Fumie Kondo (Mother) Email: **funfumy@gmail.com**

Irena Jackson, Student Record Officer

Good Afternoon Everyone,

It has been yet another full on week for the students, with Musical rehearsals starting to heat up, Southland Athletics and the Global Schools Strike 4 Climate.

The Global Schools Strike 4 Climate was on today, there will be a write up next week on this.

The musical is fast approaching, now only 3 weeks away. This week the band and cast have begun to work with one another to create perfect synchrony. Rehearsals are now ramping up to 5 times a week, adding to the workload of approaching assignments.

The Academic Council this week started its new Career talks, with the first speakers coming in on Wednesday. Justin Ralston and Glyn Lewers both engineers from Airey Consultants, came in and talked about their journey in Engineering. It was greatly appreciated and many students I have spoken to are now excited at the prospect of studying engineering. There will be more to come from a wide range of careers! If you want to share your experience or have any recommendations about potential speakers, please contact me at **15aritchie@wakatipu.school.nz**.

The Relay for Life starts tomorrow, with many of the staff and students taking on the challenge. It's an event where we get a chance to celebrate cancer survivors and carers; remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight back by raising awareness and the funds that are raised will be going towards supporting the work of Cancer Society. Teams will be doing laps of the showgrounds for 24 hours with many activities to get involved with and live music. If you would like to have a look or get involved, pop by the Lake Hayes Pavilion either Saturday or Sunday.

Last thing from me. There is a mufti day on the 5th of April which coincides with Gumboot Friday, an initiative led by Mike King, New Zealander of the year. He said, "For many, having depression is like walking through the mud every day, Walk-in their shoes for a day: put on your gumboots, give a gold coin and help us provide free counselling to any kid in need."

That's all from me, Have a great weekend.

Archie Ritchie, Head Boy

Gold in USASA Snowboarding

We are very proud of Meila Stalker who has won gold in the USASA Snowboarding Competition. She has this to say...

"Whilst I was in the States, I competed in 2 competitions. The first competition was a part of the Rocky Mountain Snowboard and Free Ski Series which is the largest and longest running amateur snowboard and ski series in the States. I competed in Winter Parks in the Intermediate Line, where I was supposed to compete against 3 other girls, however, none of them showed due to weather conditions, with a one metre dump while we were riding. The second competition was set in Aspen, where we competed in the Snowmass section, in the Intermediate Line. Once again no girls showed, but I had the highest score (81.67) throughout the age group of both boys and girls aged 14-15, so again won gold x 2. I also qualified for the US junior nationals. There are 40 girls in the junior national series, but I won't be competing against them this time - more fundraising for next year needed!"

See https://usasa.org/regions/rockies/rocky-mountain for more detail about this competition. Meila currently trains with the Cardrona HPC programme over winter on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Amanda Robinson, DARN Ako Teacher





Sports Report - Week 7

Rowing - South Island Secondary School Champs

Congratulations to the following medal winners at last weekend's South Island Secondary School Rowing Champs in Twizel:

Gold:

Oliver Herron Boys - U16 Single Sculls Gigi Thomson, Alicia Webster- U18 Novice Double

Silver:

Oliver Bisley, Oliver Herron - Boys U16 Double Sculls Loic Billoud, Charlie Campbell - Boys U17 Double Sculls Enzo Wilson, Oliver Bisley, Oliver Heron, Lucas Erskine, Alex Thomson (cox) - Boys U16 Coxed Quad Sculls Jessie Heal, Loic Billoud, Rohan Key, Charlie Campbell, Alex Thomson (cox) - Boys U17 Coxed Quad Sculls

Bronze:

Loic Billoud - Boys U17 Single Sculls



Alex Thomson, Lucas Erskine, Oliver Bisley, Oliver Herron and Enzo Wilson



Oliver Bisley and Oliver Herron

Touch - Southland Secondary School Touch Champs

Well done to the WHS mixed Touch team for taking second place in the Southland Secondary School Touch Tournament on Monday. Great effort from George Reedy, George St John, Charlie Hogan, Levi Collins, Alesana Tulafono, Connor McIsaac, Sam McAtamney, Tama Dix, Matthew Attenborough, Anika Moetaua, McKenzie Galbraith, Olive Watherston, Alice Price, Sami Robertson, Eva Bogue, Grace Hastie and Phoebe Cavanagh.

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 18 March	Top Art Exhibition	Everyone
Friday 22 March	South Island Touch	Students in Touch
Friday 22 March	AUT Presentation	Seniors
Friday 22 March	Canturbury University Presentation	Seniors
Monday 25 March	Otago Anniversary Day - No School	Everyone
Tuesday 26 March	Junior Next Steps	Year 9 and 10
Friday 29 March	Teacher Only Day	Everyone
Wednesday 3 - Saturday 6 April	Musical	Everyone
Tuesday 9 April	Senior Next Steps	Years 11, 12, 13





Wakatipu High School Foundation **Business Partnership Programme**

The success of Wakatipu High School Foundation depends on the strength of its partnerships - with our schools, our community and business leaders. The WHSF Business Partnership Program is comprised of a dynamic group of local companies and professionals who, through their financial support, share in its success. Partnering with WHSF is a great way to invest in our schools and promote your business. Outstanding schools help strengthen the entire community including the business community.

If you would like more information on how your business can participate in this vital programme, please contact:

Chris Duffy (Trustee): chris.duffy@crowehorwath.co.nz +64 3 450 1801 Josie Debenham (Executive Officer): josiedebenham@gmail.com + 64 22 037 8993

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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 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
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



You're invited to Glenorchy Primary School's Avtumn Fair Monday 25" March 2019 (Otago Anniversary Day) 10:000m - 3:00pm

come support our school and enjoy local wares, homemade cakes and preserves, produce, sausage sizzle, games and lots of other fun activities. Entry with a gold coin donation.

If you wish to be a stall holder, please register with Nicola on 021 110 1414. (or email nicolacharlottenash@hotmail.com) by Friday 15" March 2019. There will be a flat fee of \$10 per stall holders (but you are welcome to donate more 0. Grounds will be open to stall holders from 8:30am and you will need to provide your own setup (e.g. table, swning, cash flost etc). Please note there will be limited power available.



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Andy Griffiths says Holiday Writing Camp "I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer. Storytelling is a craft and the more you learn, the Are you a word warrior? more fun you can have!" Do you love writing? Have you ever thought that maybe one day you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy making up stories for friends? If you'd like to have a book published there are more opportunities for you now than ever before and this course will give you the skills and techniques you need to write awesome stories. many years in classrooms in Australia, Where? When? Who is it for? New Zealand and the USA. **Remarkables Primary** This course is for middle-grade students who are enthusiastic about writing. School 49 Lake Avenue, Frankton, Queenstown What will I Learn? 30 Sept to 3 Oct, 2019 Cost: \$195 Write Like an Author will teach you the (special earlybird price) skills you need to construct well crafted, imaginative stories. Working alongside a published author, Who you will be taken on a guided journey at the end of which is a story you have The camp created entirely from scratch. Facilitator is: Maria Gill Awate winning author of It's the first step on your own road 57 books including Kate Sheppard, to becoming a published author. Annac Hernes, and Abel Tasman A Published Book!



The stories will be illustrated by students from our concurrent 'Draw Like an Illustrator' camp and published in a book that will be available for purchase after the camp.

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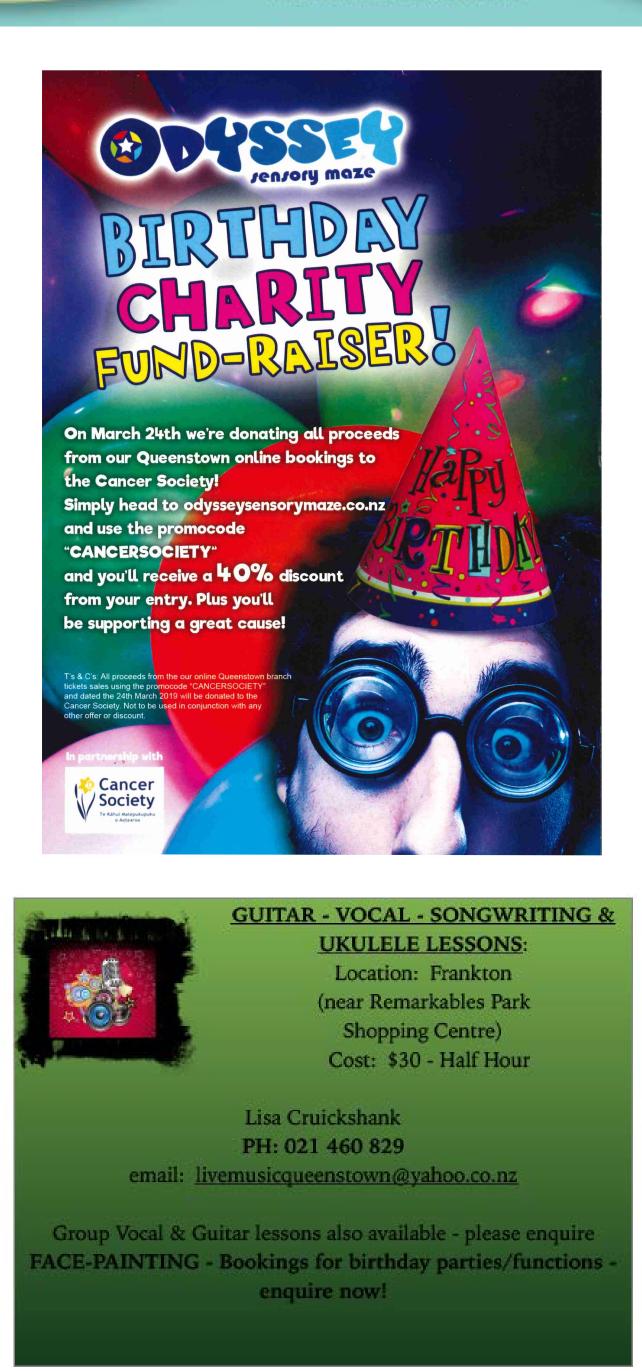
The Course Write Like an Author was developed by award-winning author and writing coach Brian Falkner in consultation with English teachers. It has been tested and proven over



Students say "The best thing was having an author supporting us all the tony." - James (11) - Lindisfarme Grammar School camp "I loved meeting other young authors and learning atoesome techniques that will help my writing. - Gabriella (14) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories 1 didn't really understand." - Anna (12) - Southwell School camp

writelikeanauthor.com



Rachael Gerard (Driving Instructor) is running a Street Talk Course in April. Reduce the time on your Restricted Licence and become a safer driver! For information Email: info@drivinginstruction.co.nz

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