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Wakatipu High School, and
take a look at our [sports page](#)
for news on football, rugby,
snow sports and more. Posts
this week include videos from
the recent Battle of the Muso's
Competition and Year 10
Probability Fair, and this year's
Emerging Creatives winner,
Molly Richards.



Principal's Message

Kia ora and a warm welcome to the final newsletter for Term 3. We are certainly going out with a bang, with heaps of all-round action! Last Friday night was the Emerging Creatives competition and exhibition of students' art and design work - it was absolutely amazing, get on down to Fluid over the next month if you missed it. Also last weekend was the Battle of the Muso's, it was fantastic here in our theatre with great sound and lighting to support the awesome performances. Monday was the inaugural Probability Fair, with a huge turnout for an awesome event. Congratulations to all the students involved in these events, and a big thanks to everyone who supported and made them happen. See below for reports on these events and more, and do make sure to check our [Facebook](#) page for all the latest at WHS.

Speaking of awesome opportunities, Year 9 Journeys took place this week. While abbreviated due to weather and conditions it sounds like they all went really well, thanks again to staff and others who made them happen.

2019 Head Students

End of Term 3 is the time of year when we select our Head Students for the following year. It is a very rigorous process, involving an application and shortlisting, speaking to staff and students, as well as an interview. A real privilege of this process is to see what truly amazing young people we have here at WHS and I am delighted to announce the Head Students for 2019:

Head Boy - **Archie Ritchie**

Head Girl - **Gracie Hansby**

Deputy Head Boy - **Thomas Hartono**

Deputy Head Girls - **Tasman Hughes, Livvie Thompson**

My sincere congratulations to these students, and to all of the students who put themselves forward for this process.

As the term draws to a close we look ahead to next term, which will be particularly intense for seniors who have only 13 days of school until prizegiving and tutorial week. Those first three weeks are very busy with a number of ceremonies including Excellence and Ad Alta Assemblies, Sporting and Cultural Blues, and Senior Prizegiving (see below for dates), so along with completing teaching and learning and preparation for external exams it will be 'game on' from the outset.

A reminder that tonight is the wonderful Branches Art Auction - I hope to see many of you there supporting this important event. Also on this weekend is Stars on Ice tomorrow night, and as guest judge I am looking forward to seeing our students in action!

I do hope you enjoy the newsletter below, it is full of great WHS action - starting with this week's focus on the multi-talented Cameron Ryall!

Term 3 is always big, and this one has been no exception. It has been a good term for us delivering a great all-round education as well as continuing to settle in to the new school. My thanks to students, staff and parents for their efforts and contribution, and I wish everyone a great break - see you in two weeks :)

Steve Hall, Principal

Senior Prizegiving

This year has flown by, and for seniors there are only 13 days left of school next term before Senior Prizegiving which is on the afternoon on Thursday November 1. With limited capacity in the theatre we have a new format for this event which is for Y11 and 12 prizewinners and all Y13 students to attend, allowing some room for parents. Please put the date in your calendar, more details will follow early next term.

Justine Duncan, Assistant Principal

Student Focus - Cameron Ryall

Cameron Ryall is a remarkable student - after being selected for the All Stars Band at the Blenheim Jazz Festival for his saxophone performances in August, the Year 13 student was part of the WHS Hockey Team which won the SISS Championships this month. Balancing such incredible all-round achievement with academic success, Cameron is one of eight WHS students this year who will receive an ILT Youthmark Award.

The Youthmark Awards celebrate the sporting, academic and cultural achievements of 50 talented students throughout the region. It's a fitting honour for Cameron - who has excelled in all three fields during his time at WHS.



Cameron was one of three WHS jazz players selected in the All Stars Band at the Blenheim Jazz Festival



Cameron is active in jazz, cricket and hockey at WHS

"I've been doing jazz, mainly saxophone, for around four years," he explains. "But I've been playing guitar for about ten. When I came to high school Mrs Price got me into jazz, so it's been a new thing for me."

"I really like it though, it's cool to play another instrument that's completely different to guitar. I enjoy playing guitar still which I'm more used to, but saxophone has been a fun challenge to learn."

While Cameron has earned distinction playing with WHS Jazz Band and Jazz Combo, he's also been noted for his academic success. At 18, he's studying for his final round of exams and has already been accepted to study biomedicine at the University of Auckland.

"I've been set on it for quite a long time now really," he says. "I've always thought it was really interesting to see how things we don't think about - me having red hair, or how tall we are - stem from genetics. That really fascinated me, and it's also such a popular field with heaps of opportunity. It's just an open book with lots to be done."

After positive reassurance from his teachers at WHS, Cameron is focussed on a career in bio-medicine.

"What I'm most interested in is pathogen research. When the Ebola Crisis was happening, and during the Zika outbreak, you would hear about geneticists working on it to make a difference. My great uncle was a microbiologist working on enzymes related to cancer study, so that has really inspired me, and is something I'd be interested to go into."

While in school Cameron enjoys theory-based, analytical subjects like calculus and chemistry, he's also active in sports.

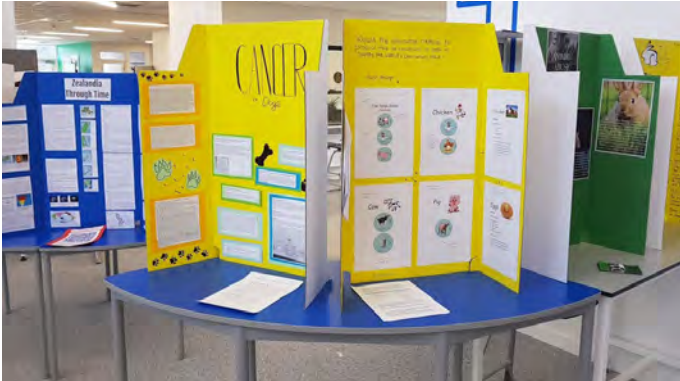
"I took up hockey as a winter sport this year, which I really enjoy, but cricket is my huge passion outside of genetics and music. I really like the social side of it too. A lot of the time you're just hanging out with your mates having fun, so I really enjoy it."

Enormous congratulations to Cameron for his all-round success at WHS. We're incredibly excited to see what his future has in store!

Fast Forward - Science Open Evening

Tuesday evening last week saw the Science area opened up to the public with presentations of student work and a fiery show called 'Hot Stuff' performed by the WHS Science Buskers. Paddy Lawn stole the show with his somewhat controlled bench fire and outstanding delivery of scientific knowledge. Student work was completed by Year 9 and 10 students on the theme of 'Connected Journeys'. The range of topics explored by students under this theme was impressive. From Solar trees to Maglev trains and everything in between. Big Projects are completed as part of the semester 2 Science courses and the quality of student work continues to demonstrate the depth of talent we have here at Wakatipu High School.

Jim Gilbert, HoLA Science



Emerging Creatives

The opening night of the EMERGING CREATIVES exhibition/competition was very successful, with a great turnout from parents and students.

The judges decided on a winner but made a point about recognising many other works also that showed great potential. The winner of the best poster in the competition went to Molly Richards. Well done Molly!

The exhibition will be open for the public to view until the 19th of October.

Leslie Koehn, Assistant HoLA Arts



Year 10 Probability Fair

On Monday afternoon, Year 10 students got to put their learning about probability in to practice. For the last three weeks, the students have been working in small groups to design and make a probability game to be played at the Fair. As part of their learning, they had to calculate and adjust the odds of winning, so the game was fair for the players but still ran efficiently enough to turn a small profit in their favour. The evening was a roaring success with a wonderful turnout of families, students and staff - all keen to try and beat the odds! There were some incredibly well-thought out and creative games produced and the level of enjoyment was excellent. Thank you to everyone who supported this very successful, Year 10 initiative.

Dianne Erickson, Maths



Music Update

A busy time in the music department, which carries on into next term!

Battle of the Muso’s

This happened over three nights last week with heats and finals for solo/duo and bands. The finals on Saturday saw Haven (Ryan Connaghan, Harrison Maguire, Jack Wilson) win the main prize of a New Years Eve gig in town. Acid Rain (Eliot Allemand, Eric Sebastian, Aidan Gordon, Liam Climo) won Best Performance and Elliott Allemand won the Solo/Duo category. Thanks to Youthbooth for their promotion and running of this event and Paul INger for all his technical support

Primary school visit

On tuesday this week the jazz combo visited primary school in thebasin to perform to the students and raise the profile of jazz. A great day out and thanks to Monica Parker for transport. Well done to Cameron Ryall, Alex Campbell, Rafe Swan, Jack James, Elliott Allemand and Kai Komene who stepped in to play Bass for us. A successful outing.

Upcoming events Term 4

The first week week see the Jazz combo head to Invercargill on Friday 19th to compete in the Jazzfest then both the combo and big band will be performing in the Queenstown jazz festival on Saturday 20th at Earnslaw park from 10.00am - 10.50.

Alison Price, HoLA Arts



Year 9 Journeys

WHS’s Year 9 students had the opportunity to head out on a series of three-day, two-night adventure trips this week, ranging from kayaking, to walking, to camping and mountain biking. These pictures show this week’s kayaking excursion. Well done to all involved!



Special Education Flying Adventure

This week we celebrated Ellen’s last week at Wakatipu High School as our teacher with an exciting day out in Queenstown doing new activities. In the morning we went to iFly and had the most amazing time flying in the wind tunnel, it was very loud and FUN! Blake really liked it when they put the water in, Amos did lots of flights and spins and Louise was blown away! We had a yummy lunch at Fat Badgers, eating pizza and chips. We then went in a boat on the lake and went parasailing! It was awesome seeing Louise overcome hers fears getting on the boat and flying high behind the boat. We had such a great day saying goodbye to Ellen because she moves back to Melbourne - we will miss you!

Thank you iFly Queenstown and Paraflights Queenstown for looking after us, you guys are the best!

Special Education Class - Amos, Blake and Louise



Japan Trip

A quick note from Japan as we are on the bus back from Nikko Shrine in Gunma Provence.

We have had the most fantastic time so far with drum welcoming ceremonies, fantastic food, wonderful homestay families and spending time in school and in lessons with our Japanese hosts.

On Friday, we leave for Mount Fuji and our thrill pack 11 days of exploring the rest of Japan.

Sayonara!

Rebecca Lund and Penny Hearn, TICs Japan Trip



Business Motivation

As part of the final assessment for the year, the Level 2 Business Studies classes have been studying motivational theories that can be applied in business. The theories explored have ranged from Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs which identifies key requirements for people in order to move forward and be effective in their day-to-day lives, to Victor Vroom whose theory is based on the idea that individual motivation depends on how the person views the expected outcome (rewards) of their behaviour, whether it be positive or negative.

Both classes were fortunate to have the opportunity to interview Davey McKenzie - a local hospitality industry entrepreneur. Davey discussed various goals and objectives of his businesses and how he motivates his staff to reach them. Some of the motivational techniques he employs include communication to build relationships, acknowledgement of hard work and the offering of opportunities to invest within the business.

Nicola Proffit, Business Studies



Plans Laid for Great Exchange

A group of six students made a start on a big production project on Wednesday. They are working with students from Mt Aspiring College to produce a documentary about Queenstown and Wanaka that examines the question of whether the two towns are so different from one another.

We kicked off with a workshop lead by Josh Wallace of [Story Works](#) who will produce the documentary.

The crew is as follows:
Director: Eliott Allemand
DoP: Tomas Whelan-Henderson
Sound Director: Aidan Gordon
Presenter: Kasey Bonn
Lucy Glover: Production Assistant/Cam Op
Elissa Blong: Writer



Jennifer Smart, Media Studies

Head Student's Update

Another term is ticked off the list and it has gone very fast! The last few weeks have been very action packed. Make sure to give your children and friends a big pat on the back as the end of term three comes with a massive pile up of work.

Even with the massive commitment to tutorials and their academics, the rugby boys managed to take time away from the pen and paper, take off their glasses and have a clash like the school has never seen before. The Year 12's battled it out with the Year 13's on Wednesday break 3. People came from all stretches of New Zealand to watch the two titans play. The year 13's at the end of the day showed the bigger ticker and came away with the win 12-5. Big thanks to everyone that made it happen.

The sports council also hosted house dodgeball. It was an absolute ball of a time with many people stepping up to the plate and putting their body on the line for their house. Arthur came out on top but dodgeball was the real winner of the day.

Next term is a very short one for the seniors. For myself and other year 13's there's less than three weeks of school in total. They'll absolutely fly by so instead of thinking you can have that extra 20 minute sleep in and rock up to school late, set your alarm for 5 am and get excited for the last three weeks you'll spend with many of these people.

I'd like to say a big thank you for all the teachers putting in a huge effort for the end of term. For seniors looking for a bit of motivation for exams next term, remember that money doesn't sleep. So get studying.

If you want extra motivation though, here's a link to me and my dad's [favourite movie speech](#).

Alfie Duffy, Deputy Head Boy

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Volleyball - Central Otago Tournament

Four WHS teams competed in the annual Central Otago Volleyball tournament which was hosted at the Event Centre last Thursday. 12 teams battled it out for the title. The WHS Boys A team made it through to the finals but were unable to take down Cromwell. Thanks to Mrs Panapa, Ms Lawniczak and our senior boys who helped to coach and referee.



Action from the CO Volleyball Tournament

Mountain Biking - Linger and Die

Six members of the WHS MTB team competed in the Linger and Die race series over the last two weekends. The Downhill (DH) race was hosted in Clyde on 13th Sept, featuring a series of challenging rock features on a fast, dusty trail. The Enduro race on the Sunday was made up of six stages, threading through techy trails in the hills, all to be completed under five hours. The Cross Country (XC) race) was run on the 23rd September through some challenging single track, covering 30km.

DH Results:

U17 Men

Alex Barke 2nd

Alex posted the fastest overall time of the day on seeding run

Max Caulton 7th

Will Adamson 21st

Junior Men

Nico Fernandez 3rd

Junior Women

Maia Jowett 3rd

Enduro Results:

U17 Women

Maia Jowett 1st

U17 Men

Alex Barke 4th

Josh Culling 11th

Max Caulton 20th

XC Results:

U17 women

Maia Jowett 4th



Max Caulton



Alex Barke



Maia Jowett

Rugby - Year 13 vs Year 12

This afternoon was the inaugural Year 13 vs Year 12 rugby match. A great turn out on the sidelines for the 10 aside, 20 minute match. The Year 13's were able to spread the ball wide for a couple of nice tries and a great sideline conversation by Cam Jackson to win 12-5. Thanks to Mr Raz for reffing and Xavier, Ben and Troy for starting this new tradition.



Year 12 and 13 Match

Sports Blues Awards

Students have been notified of their success in receiving a Blues Achievement or Service award. Those that meet the standard over the holidays will be communicated with as they meet the criteria. The last day for the 2018 Blues Awards calendar is Sunday 14th October. Tickets go on sale from the front and student offices at school on Monday 15th October and will be on sale for Week 1 of Term 4. This year's event will be held in the school theatre on Friday 26th October. Tickets cost \$25.00 per person.

Action over the Holidays

There are a number of students competing over the holidays and WHS would like to wish these athletes all the very best for their events. Check out the [Sports Facebook Page](#) to stay up to date with results.

- Oliver Watson-Palmer - NZSS Road Cycling Champs
- National Ice Figure Skating Champs
- National Artistic Swimming Champs
- Otago Country U16 and U18 rugby tournaments
- South Island U17 Rugby League team at national tournament
- SISS Mountain Biking Champs
- NZ Junior Nationals - Free Ski and Snowboard Champs
- NZ Short Course Swimming Champs
- First XI Cricket team in McCullum Cup

Important Dates

Date	Event	Who
Friday 28	Branches Art Auction	Everyone
Wednesday 24 October- Monday 29 October	Excellence and Ad Alta Assemblies	Everyone
Friday 26 October	WHS Sports Blues Awards	Athletes Years 9-13
Tuesday 30 October	WHS Cultural Blues Awards	Years 9-13
Monday 1 - Wednesday 31 October	WHS Foundation Annual Spring Appeal	Everyone
Thursday 1 November	Senior Prizegiving	Seniors

Save the date: WHS Foundation Annual Golf Day: Wednesday 12 December

