## 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. Posts this week include our Cultural Blues and Sporting Blues Slideshows, photos from the recent Year 13 Rite of Passage Bungy and photos from Senior Prizegiving.

Kia ora everyone and welcome to the newsletter at the end of one of the most important weeks of the year at Wakatipu High School, with two very significant celebrations and ceremonies - Senior Prizegiving and Cultural Blues. In addition we concluded the Excellence and Ad Alta assemblies this week, and we have included these names of these recipients below. Thanks to the many parents who attended these events, it was great to have you with us and we hope you enjoyed them.

Also below are the results of the 2018 House Competition, and the names of the House Leaders and Deputies for 2018 - congratulations to all those students.

Senior Prizegiving - is our most formal and significant ceremony of the year, and an important opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our students' academic, service and leadership achievements.

The pinnacle of the senior prizegiving is the Wayfarer (Real Journeys) Dux Award to our highest academic achiever. This year it was a pleasure to announce our Head Girl, Bianca Crichton as the Dux of WHS for 2018. Following a wonderful haka to honour her, Bianca delivered a powerful valedictory speech - another in a long line of great WHS Dux speeches. We do know just how hard many of our students work and how well-deserved many of these awards are and so we have included the lists of prizewinners below - congratulations to them all.

Cultural Blues - on Tuesday evening was a fantastic and fun event. Opening with the amazing exhibition of students' art is always a great way to kickoff this night. The special guest, ex-student singer-songwriter Sahara Skye, was a great speaker for our students.

Paid Union Meeting - a reminder that there is a Paid Union Meeting for teachers next Wednesday 7th. School and classes will run as normal until 12.30 pm . As the school is still officially 'open for instruction' for the afternoon (and NCEA Exams are still running), any junior students who remain at school will be supervised and buses will run as normal from 3.30 pm .

Reports - the Senior End of Year and Junior LE reports are now available. The Senior report is very comprehensive including a lot of information - please do have a good look at it.

Junior Exams - began today and continue on Monday. These are important for our junior students, and certainly today's ones have gone well.

Branches - with seniors now finished classes, our attention turns to Branches. The first of the regular updates has gone out to Year 10 parents - please see this, particularly for the Consent, Medical, Dietary \& Transport Form. The first of the weekly student Branches meetings is on Monday. Please also ensure students have completed the Workday Google Form by next Tuesday 6th.

Tutorial Week started for senior students today and we hope they make the most of this, please do support them to study well for their exams which start next week.

What a week ... and as I said at Senior Prizegiving, in a very unique year with our move to the new school we are continuing to deliver a great all-round education for our students, and this week showed just how many of them are making the most of the opportunities provided.

After some great weekends this one looks like a bit of a shocker weather-wise with wind and rain forecast :(


## Excellence and Ad Alta Awards

Below is a list of our recent Excellence and Ad Alta Award recipients. It is always a pleasure to celebrate students striving to achieve their best. Congratulations again to all of our recipients.

Excellence Awards - Bronze

## Name Year

Alicia Adamson 13 Mio Akiyama 13 Paulo Bjorck 10 Evie Brown 11 Harry Clark 11 Lachie Clark 13 Sian Davis 12 Sarah Dawson 11 Zavier Gibson 13 Hope Gregory 13
Amy Harrington 13 Joey Huang 13 Ella Jackson 11
Grete Johansson 13 Rubbica Jung 13 Kai Komene 12
Kalani MacDonald 13 Erin McDonald 11 Leah McHugo 13 Carly Mcllroy-Wattam 12 Kiara McPherson 12 Isabelle Painter 13 Lucy Phillips 12
Lexi Rosemoore 13
Cameron Sanford 13 Claudia Snow 11 George St John 11 Jessica Staples 12 Rayna Sunder 12 Runa Taniguchi 13 Sophie Thompson 13 Ann Truong 11 Mika Turnbull 13 Kloe Vermeir 11
Charlotte Wilson 12
Hera Winders 12
Wendy Yang 12

## Excellence Awards - Gold

## Name Year

Eliott Allemand 11 Raven Almquist 12 Alex Bailey 12 Greta Balfour 11 Hylton Briscoe 12
Aleks Cheifetz 11 Jordyn Clark 13 Nieve Collin 11 Reece Collin 13
Ryan Connaghan 11 Hannah Coombe 13 Bianca Crichton 13
Maria De Medeiros 12
Valentina Diaz 13
Josh Drinkwater 12
Tom Finlin 13
Isaak Frewen 11
Briar Greer 11
Gracie Hansby 12
Gareth Harcombe 12
Abby Harford 12
Thomas Hartono 12
Tasman Hughes 12 Alexandra Hull 13 Grace Kennedy 12 Bonny Koehn-Turton 12 Kate Lambert 13

Ella Little 13 Indigo Little 11
Brydie Macbeth 12
Seth Mawhinney 12
Kendra McChlery 12
Jordan McVicar 12
Micky Nguyen 11
Ella Numaguchi 12 Eve O'Connor 13

Alice Price 11
Lydia Richards 12
Molly Richards 12 Archie Ritchie 12 Chester Rosie 13
Juliana Rossi Macaes 11 Cameron Ryall 13
Angela Santos 13
Racheal Singh 12
Geena Slow 12
Frost Spillane 12
Hannah Stevens 11
Jemima Stevens 12 Akane Suzuki 13
Natsune Suzuki 11
Daniela Tapper 11
Livvie Thompson 12 Lucy Tulloch 11
Molly Woodham 11

Excellence Awards - Silver

## Name Year

Anna Aitken 13
Lexie Allan 11
Francesca Archibald 12
Mia Bisley 13
Eloise Bloomfield 13
Talia Bodle-Nathan 12
Marcus Bongers 13
Adriana Calabrese 12
Patrick Coombe 12
Ray Crawshay 13
Hannah Crump-McKechnie 12 Alfie Duffy 13 Annie Fraser 11
Ruby Hamilton 12
Tom Happs 13
Ami Ishibashi 13
Isabella Jack 13
Nina Johnston 13
Callum Judkins 13
Helena Kennedy 11
Maya Kiddle 13
Subin Kim 12
Leah Kissick 13
Zak Komene 13
Poppy Lake 13
Ella Lanuel 11
Lachlan Marshall 11 Vincent McComb-Frew 11

Jack McCorkindale 12
Alisha McKinney 11
Kairi Nakayama 13
Junbo Pan 12
Maddie Reedy 12
Becky Reid 13
Ruby Ruski-Jones 11
Tomas Spring 13
Lana Stevenson 13
Rafe Swan 13
Hugo Wallace 13 Rei Watanabe 11 Ella Windner 13
Olivia Woodham 13
Sophie Woodham 11 Hayato Yoneto 12

## Ad Alta Award

## Name Yea

Georgie Atkinson-Strang 11
Benjamin Britton 12
Alex Campbell 13
Hannah Coombe 13
Sian Davis 12
Amy Harrington 13
Katelyn McIntyre 12
Katie Molloy 11
Cameron Ryall 13
Frost Spillane 12
Rayna Sunder 12
Rafe Swan 13
Maryke Van Schalkwyk 13
Rei Watanabe 11
Wendy Yang 12

Ad Alta Award - Blue

## Name Year

Ami Ishibashi 13
Isabella Jack 13
Jordan McVicar 12
Chester Rosie 13
Akane Suzuki 13
Daniela Tapper 11
Lucy Tulloch 11

Ad Alta Award - Gold

Hylton Briscoe 12 Annie Fraser 11 Briar Greer 11
Gareth Harcombe 12
Thomas Hartono 12
Micky Nguyen 11
Archie Ritchie 12
Molly Woodham 11
Sophie Woodham 11

## Mana Pounamu Awards

Last Friday, the prestigious Mana Pounamu Awards were held in Dunedin. This award recognises the top Junior (Years 9-11) and Senior (Years 12-13) Maori students in each school in the Otago region. Award winners must have achieved in one or more of the following areas; academic, sport, cultural, community and leadership. This year the Wakatipu High School Mana Pounamu recipients were:

Lucas Erskine (Junior Award)
Zak Komene (Senior Award)
Both Lucas and Zak exemplify the Wakatipu High School vision of a great all-round education. They achieve fantastic results in their academic work demonstrating diligence and resilience, and they participate in a range of extra and co-curricular activities with determination and pride. They are excellent role models and very deserving recipients of the Mana Pounamu Award for 2018.


## House Competition



## Congratulations Mackenzie



House Competition Winners 2018

| Fox | Arthur | Mackenzie <br> 35 | Hay <br> 42 | Duncan <br> 42 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## House Leaders 2019

Following the result of this year's House competition, the following students have been selected as House Leaders for 2019.
Arthur House Leaders
Cassidy Stewart

Benjamin Britton | Arthur Deputy House Leaders |
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| Lucy Phillips |
| Brooke Bennett |
| Hayato Yoneto |

## Year 10 Branches Camp Work Day

This year's Year 10 work day is on Friday 16th November and Year 10 students are looking for jobs to earn money to go towards their Branches camp. If you would like to employ a student or two on this day at a starting rate of $\$ 11$ an hour (payment in the form of a donation) then please contact Bennie Neilson for more details.

Email: bennieandphill@xtra.co.nz

Bennie Neilson, Branches Trust

## Year 13 Bungy

Thank you to AJ Hackett Bungy New Zealand! Some of our bravest Year 13 Students had an amazing time last weekend during WHS's annual rite of passage bungy jump. Thanks as well go to Bronwyn Gardiner and Tanya Glanfield from WHS's Careers team, who were instrumental in organising the experience for our students.


## Duke of Edinburgh Tramp

Last weekend, a group of Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver participants went on a tramp up into the Mutukituki valley. On the first day, we tramped up to a camping spot in the mountains near the Mt Aspiring Hut. When we arrived we set up our tents and managed to cook our meals on our camping stoves despite the strong winds. The next morning we woke to a light shower of rain and a bitter cold. We packed up and the bronze participants got ready to walk back out, while the silver participants had another day of tramping before they walked out. A highlight for me was the stunning views of the valley and the biggest challenge I faced was probably trying to cook a packet of mac and cheese without properly reading the instructions (we got there in the end). All in all, it was a great trip and thank you so much to all the teachers who came with us and organised the trip, your help is very much appreciated.

## Jasmine Crichton, Year 10



## Vacancy at WHS

We are seeking a fixed-term, part-time Student Records Officer through until December 2019. This role is 30 hours per week ( 9.30 am $4 \mathrm{pm})$, Monday-Friday during term time only.

This key role in the support staff team is to carry out student information-related data entry, management and reporting using the school's paper-based and electronic student management systems. This includes following procedures to create and modify records for new enrolments and current students, verifying data and producing reports for the senior leadership team. There will also be a general administration element to the position, including occasional reception cover and other office duties.

This position requires strong organisation, typing and data entry skills, attention to detail, confidentiality, privacy, and the ability to work with students, staff and parents/caregivers.

Applicants should send a CV and covering letter to apply@wakatipu.school.nz by 9.00am Monday 12th November.

## Rugby Sevens - Otago Girls u15 Squad

Congratulations to Alicia Robert, Anika Moetaua and Kasey Bonn who have all been named in the under 15 Otago Sevens Girls Rugby Squad. These girls will be travelling to Dunedin 3 days a week for training sessions and matches with the team. We look forward to keeping up with your results girls, well done!

## Golf - South Island Interprovincial Team Tournament

Well done to Callum Judkin for being named as number 4 in the 8 man Mens Otago Team to play in Methven at the interprovincial tournament over the weekend. The team had mixed results with wins against Aorangi and Southland and losses against Tasman and Canterbury. Awesome effort Callum.

## Cycling - Junior Tour of Southland

Awesome effort from Oliver Watson-Palmer at the Junior Tour of Southland. His overall place for Under 15 boys was 5th and was 1 minute 25 seconds behind the Tour winner. In recognition for his overall efforts in the Tour he was the rider presented with the \$1 Award. Each year during the Yunca Junior Tour of Southland, the Chief Commissaire (Judge) selects the rider over the whole three-day tour who he deemed featured strongly throughout the event. This was by just missing out on making the podium or winning sprints or King of the Mountain stages. Oliver battled very competitively during the event and due to his constant, combative riding he just missed finishing at the top of the Under 15 boys. He was presented the \$1 Award in recognition of his overall efforts.


Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards
Congratulations to Alice Robinson for winning the Senior Female Sports Person of the Year Award at the Southland Secondary School Sports Awards. Alice was attending our own Sports Blues Awards, so was unfortunately not able to be there in person to receive this extremely well deserved award for her efforts and achievements in Alpine Skiing.

## Cricket - District Secondary Schools Girls Tournament

 Kloe Vermeir, Paige Loggenberg \& Lucy Viggers were selected and played for the Otago Country Secondary School Girls team this past weekend in the District Secondary School Girls Tournament in Dunedin. They played 3 games, won 2 and lost 1 . The last game was rained out and they came second by default to Dunedin.All 3 girls did well with bowling. Kloe took 4 wickets over the tournament (best was $3 / 9$ ), while Paige took $2 / 7$ and a catch and Lucy took 2 (best $1 / 6$ ). Paige also did well with the bat, highest scoring in the last game (19 runs) and second highest overall for the tournament.


## Mountain Biking - New Zealand Downhill Series Round 2

Well done to Max Caulton who competed in the 2018 NZDH SERIES Round 2 in Wellington on a steep and wet "K Hole" Trail in Karori, winning the Under 15 Boys category. An awesome effort in some testing conditions, keep it up Max!


## Important Dates

| Date | Event | Who |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Friday 2 and <br> Monday 5 November | Junior Exams | Year 9 and 10 |
| Friday 2 <br> Tuesday 6 <br> November | Tutorial Week | Seniors |
| Wednesday 7 November | NCEA Exams Begin | NCEA Students |
| Friday 16 November | Year 10 Branches Workday | Year 10 |
| Friday 30 November | Last Day of NCEA Exams | NCEA Students |
| Wednesday 5 December | Branches Camp All In | Year 10s |

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

