



Wakatipu
HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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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. Recent
posts include WHS students
volunteering in the
community, and our recent
Enviroschools accreditation.

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter - which is somewhat out of sync at the moment.

As per our communications, we have been mourning the loss of our wonderful teacher, Mrs Kate Moetaua, who passed away last Friday. Kate was a very special person and educator who touched the lives of so many students in her work as drama teacher - both in out of class, including the Musicals, Sheilah Winn Shakespeare and One Act Plays, and as a previous Dean of Mackenzie House. Kate was passionate and incredibly dedicated, as well as being remarkable in her ability to engage, empower and impact students. Staff and students, past and present, are deeply saddened by her loss and our thoughts are with her family and friends. Kate's funeral is 1pm Friday at Moonlight Stables, and accordingly the school day on Friday has been altered - for a complete summary please see below.

Friday - while this has been communicated, or is known, just for clarity:

Seniors - no NCEA exams (nationally), and no studying at school this day please.

Year 10s - Branches Camp Workday

Year 9s - Classes until and buses from 11:30

Year 8s - Orientation Day, 09:00-15:30

Branches - please ensure that you keep an eye out for email updates, and that Forms etc are completed on time. Branches Camp Fees are due soon - but as always, if this is an issue please contact us re making an arrangement or Awhi support. Our thanks to those who have supported Branches Workday by employing students :)

Juniors Leaving School - just to clarify, especially with seniors now on exam leave, Junior students are not permitted to leave school during the school day (except for medical and specialist appointments/reasons, and with parent consent).

Next week we'll be back into a normal Friday rhythm for the newsletter.

Ngā mihi,

Steve Hall, Principal

Student Focus - Bianca Crichton

The subject of our third Youthmark Award Recipient *Student Focus* feature has achieved an incredible array of honours during her time at WHS. From academic excellence in the classroom, to student leadership, to extra-curricular activities, she has more than earned every distinction. Now also with the accolade of 2018 Dux of Wakatipu High School - Bianca Crichton.

Even as a Year 9, Bianca was focussed. “I started high school quite ambitious,” she says, “and throughout I’ve set quite high goals for myself. I really wanted to be Head Girl, so as time has gone on I’ve been really happy to achieve those goals.”

“It’s an honour,” she says of her Youthmark win. “I remember seeing photos of former winners, and I’d read about them... It’s very cool to think that that’s me now.”

The Youthmark is in a substantial list of awards she’s received this year. As well as being 2018’s Head Girl, acting in many other leadership roles and achieving Dux, she also received the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Brigade Trophy for Best All Round Student in Year 13 and the Lieutenant Colonel R E Romans Award for Outstanding Leadership at this year’s senior prizegiving. Recently, too, she was presented the Otago University Academic Excellence Scholarship, worth \$35,000.

Outside of school, Bianca is also a talented dancer, studying Advanced 1 Classical Ballet Syllabus in 2017 and Advanced 2 Classical Ballet Syllabus in 2018. She also works as a volunteer in St John’s Youth Cadets, representing the programme at Regional Championships, and was instrumental in organising this year’s Pride Week to celebrate the rainbow community, along with ‘Pink Shirt Day’, which raised awareness of bullying and the effects that it can have on young people. Across the board, she’s made an enormous contribution upon every activity she has embarked.

“Science, all the way,” she says of her potential future. “For quite a while I wanted to be a doctor, but now I’m not so sure - I’m debating whether I want to be a doctor or do neuroscience and psychology, if I get in. Neuroscience would be more research- based, but hopefully I could still do the clinical side with St John.”

For now, however, she plans to take a well-earned break from studying, taking a gap year of travelling in 2019, before heading to Otago University in 2020.

In her remarkable valedictory speech at Senior Prizegiving, Bianca articulated the pressures sometimes associated with achievement, and reminded her fellow students to enjoy their time at school. She repeated the mantra “I am enough” during her speech, revealing an emotional and erudite wisdom well beyond her 17 years. It’s clear she’s destined to continue setting such an incredible standard.

Well done Bianca!



Bianca with Andrew Husheer, Queenstown Operations Manager for Wayfare Group, which lends its name to the Dux Award

Trades Academy - Otago Secondary Tertiary College

This year we had 23 students enrolled with OSTC. A huge congratulations to Skye Spokes, who was awarded the Otago Polytech Scholarship for one year fees or equivalent, and to the Year 3 students who left school during this year to undertake apprenticeships. The following 20 students also acheived:

National Certificate in Building (Level 2)
Harlem Green, Ben Wilkinson, Benji Murdoch.

National Certificate in Hospitality (Level 2)
Katie Campbell, Sophie Cooper, Francys Olimpio Do Carmo, Shikyla McEntyre-Harding, Jamaica Dela Cruz, Yaksha Narayan, Sian Davis, Andy McDermott, Malcolm Hubber.

National Certificate in Automotive (Level 2)
Jayd Adlam-Kennedy and partial completion Karlos Cooper, Robbie Iva.

National Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)
Elmer Lagasca, Yasmin Magalhaes, Skye Spokes and partial completion Evan Dyangco, Earon Tanghal.

Bonwyn Gardiner, Careers Advisor



Skye Spokes with representatives from Otago Secondary Tertiary College

WHS- Now a Bronze Enviroschool

WHS officially became an Bronze Enviroschool in week three - after long-term hard work from a dedicated team of staff and students.

Enviroschools is an action-based education programme where young people plan, design and implement sustainability projects and become catalysts for change in their families and within the wider New Zealand community. Enviroschools engages with children, young people and their communities through the formal education system of early childhood education (ECE) centers, primary and secondary schools.

Each school’s journey is unique and usually develops from small beginnings, gaining strength and depth over time. Ongoing reflection is an essential part of the Enviroschools journey, and there are three ‘reflection stages’ – Bronze, Silver and Green-Gold.

Well done everyone!



Musical Auditions

It's that time of year again! The Arts Department will be holding Junior Auditions for the 2019 Musical.

Junior Auditions will be held Week 6 on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 November during breaks two and three.

Please come to the Performing Arts Office to sign up. There will be a list of time slots available but the spaces are limited so sign up as soon as possible.

Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator

The Naked Truth

On Sunday November 4, TV1 aired, on their Sunday Programme, a documentary called *The Naked Truth*, which investigated the rise of online pornography and the impact this is having on young people and their relationships with others. It questioned what could happen if young people use online pornography as their primary source of sexuality education and how this is influencing their views on sexual activity and consent.

It would be great if you could take this opportunity to view the documentary and have an open conversation with your rangitahi about the issues raised. The documentary is available on [YouTube](#).

Cara Sibsten, HoLA Health and Physical Education

Student Holiday Work and Full-time Apprenticeships

We have the following positions which we have been asked to advertise.

Hannahs Footwear - Remarkables Park: part-time Sales consultant - call at the store and ask for Emma.

Arrowtown Night'nDay: full-time shop assistant during school holidays. Full training will be provided. Please e-mail CV to Karen at arrowtown@nightnday.co.nz.

Skyline Luge operator: e-mail CV and cover letter to stuart.gilchrist@skyline.co.nz.

Anderson's Lawn Care and Cleaning Services: part-time summer position email lawncare@maxnet.co.nz.

Cotton On opening soon: part-time positions for summer holidays- apply on-line to www.cottonon.com - keyword Queenstown.

We have been approached by local employers: Electrical and Plumbing. Contact the Careers Hub for information.

Skyline: Maintenance Engineering Level 4 certificate. Building and maintaining luge carts and progressing on to chairlift, gondola and building maintenance. Contact the Careers Hub for information.

Bonwyn Gardiner, Careers Advisor

Aspen Fundraiser

Bling Bingo is coming to the Wakatipu Basin. It will be a glitzy night fundraising to support our students to get to Aspen in January 2019. \$25 per ticket gets you supper and two game cards. The families of the students have organised a glam event with raffles, spot prizes, local adventure tourism prizes all wrapped up into a witty and entertaining night at the Wakatipu Rugby Club rooms on November 30, 2018. A cash bar will operate for the evening. Get a group of friends together or take the whole staff out for the best Christmas Party your workplace has ever had! Get in touch with Mandy Erskine for more information and tickets 0274966801. Don't miss out on this fantastic start to the festive season!

Rachael Bell and Ben Leeson, TICs Aspen Exchange, and Families of Apsen Exchange



Sports Report - Weeks 4 & 5

Touch Rugby - Central Otago Touch Tournament

On Wednesday 7 November we took a Mixed A team and a Girls B team along to the Central Otago Touch Tournament in Cromwell. Both teams played incredibly well against some super competitive schools, with the mixed team winning all four of their games in the A grade and the girls team holding their own in the B grade. It was impressive to see the all the time spent practicing and perfecting team tactics coming together for a successful day out.

Volleyball - Southland Volleyball Champs

On Sunday, three junior volleyball teams traveled to Invercargill to play in the Southland Volleyball Championships. There were some great games, lots of learning and overall a very valuable experience for all the players. For most it was their first volleyball tournament. Despite not bringing home any silverware, all three teams improved immensely over the day. The Junior A girls are now training hard in preparation for the South Island Championships, held in Dunedin at the end of November. A big thanks to Ms Lawniczak for all her coaching and organising of volleyball over the year and to Mrs Box for driving and supporting the teams on Sunday.

Sports Uniforms - Outstanding Uniforms

Could you please have a search into the deepest, darkest depths of your drawers and wardrobes for any remaining pieces of outstanding uniform. These need to be returned to the PE office with your name on as soon as possible. Thank you!

Alexa Peters, Sports Coordinator



WHS's Central Otago Touch Teams



Southland Volleyball Tournament Boys

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
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
Wednesday 12 December	WHS Foundation Annual Golf Day	Everyone

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 +64 3 450 1801
Josie Debenham (Executive Officer): josiedebenham@gmail.com + 64 22 037 8993

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Please support these businesses as they are investing in our students and school.

Wakatipu High School Foundation's Annual Golf Day

Wednesday, 12th December 2018, 12pm

BBQ & Auction After Golf

\$150 per person
Includes light lunch, Golf & BBQ

Ambrose Format

Register your team before 12th November
www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events

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What is Venture Up?
Venture Up is Creative HQ's youth accelerator. The 4-week intensive course introducing New Zealand's future innovators to the entrepreneurial ecosystem to learn leadership and collaborative working skills in an immersive environment.

Who is involved?
If you're between 17-22, wanting to make the most of your summer, Venture Up is for you! We're committed to training up our future business leaders through three key themes: education, connection and resilience.

CREATIVE HQ **Deloitte** **Goldfields Jewellers** **KJet** **Mitre 10** **NZSki**

Venture Up was much more than I could have ever dreamed. The breadth and depth of speakers, workshops and organisers was incredible.

Jacob
2018 participant

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CONTACT
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Care Matters Workshop

Current, relevant, practical information for family, whanau and carers of children and adults with disabilities.

Central Otago
Date 19th Nov.2018
Time 9.30am – 2.30pm
Held in Cromwell.

Free
Venue confirmed on registration
Lunch provided
Facilitators with lived experience

Please fill out the [registration form](#) or contact Maureen on:
Freephone: 0508 726 769
Txt: 027 414 5267
Email: samsno@actrix.co.nz

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www.carematters.org.nz

EXPLORE – LEARN – CONNECT
We aim to ensure workshops meet local interests and needs.

Topics identified for Cromwell include:

- What Resources are Available?
- Local networking - Pathways to assistance
- Developing Community Leadership
- Effective communication
- Planning for the Future
- Advocacy – guidance on how to talk to schools/agencies with confidence

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Successful completion of the theory and practical components goes part way to completing Unit Standards 3464 and 3465. It also takes six months off the time required on a Restricted Licence.

➤ **For information and bookings contact:**
KAYE ROWELL 027 623 3534
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AA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must bring your licence with you at the commencement of the course
- All sessions must be completed in order
- Fees must be paid prior to course commencement
- The in-car practical must be completed within 60 days of the final in-class session

SKYCITY nz breakers GOT NEXT

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER
ILT Stadium Southland vs Melbourne United
nzbreakers.basketball
www.ticketdirect.co.nz

The first away game venue of the SKYCITY NZ Breakers season! Rivalry will be high as the boys go head to head against former head coach Dean Vickerman and former SKYCITY Breaker and Southland Shark Alex Pledger. This is a game not to be missed!

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