



# Wakatipu HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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Please [click here](#) to view  
Wakatipu High School's  
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#### Facebook Page

Please see our [Facebook page](#)  
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take a look at our [sports page](#)  
for news on football, rugby,  
snow sports and more.

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter on Friday 15th November. Today is a special one at WHS - our Orientation Day, when we welcome our incoming students for 2020. This day is always a mix of excitement and a few nerves for the students, as well as parents. The day has gone well and we look forward to welcoming the students back for their first day on Thursday 30th January next year.

Today is also a big day for Branches Camp, with Branches Camp Work Day happening today. This is a very important fundraiser for the camp - please see below for more re Work Day, and Branches Camp in general.

Also below is a piece on the Branches Camp book launch. This beautiful book is a great read and wonderful historical document which celebrates the 50years of Branches Camp. See below for details on the book and launch next Thursday evening.

This week has also been a big one for NCEA exams, with some very big exams on both Tuesday and Wednesday in particular. They have gone well, which was great to see. We have had a number of senior students in studying at school on a regular basis.

As part of today we have had leadership training for our 2020 student leaders. Related, the final 2020 Prefects have now been selected and announced, please see below. My congratulations to these students - and to all of our 2020 student leaders. We have many great students at WHS, and it is a significant honour to be selected as a student leader here.

As is normal at this time of year, this week's newsletter is relatively small. Another very mixed spring weekend ahead unfortunately - mild but a mix of sun and cloud, as well as showers and rain. All the best to everyone running or volunteering for the Queenstown Marathon tomorrow.

**Steve Hall, Principal**



Branches Camp Update #2

As Branches Camp gets closer, preparations are well-advanced. As I write this, Year 10 students are completing their Work Day. This is essential for the Branches Trust to assist with funding the camp, keeping down the individual cost per student. A huge thank you to Bennie Neilson - Volunteer Work Day Coordinator, for her tireless work finding and placing students into jobs.

Pre-Branches tramps are next Friday 22nd November. This is when students are required to bring along their essential clothing/equipment to be checked (highlighted on the gear list). If your daughter/son has not shared it with you already, a copy of the Branches Gear List can be found here: [Branches 2019 Gear List](#)

The Tent Form has now been handed out to students who are bringing a tent to set up at the Branches Base Camp for the duration of the camp. There are separate tent areas for boys and girls. Parents/caregivers - if you are supplying a tent, then please ask your student for the Form as it requires a parent signature before being returned to the HPE office.

We are still short of transport into and out of camp. If you are available to transport students and have a suitable 4WD can you please email Cara at [csibtsen@wakatipu.school.nz](mailto:csibtsen@wakatipu.school.nz) to let her know of your availability. Cara will email the transport plan out to parents and students the week of camp so everyone knows who they are travelling with.

Branches Camp Work Day

Year 10 students have been out in the community working today on behalf of the Branches Trust to help raise funds for Branches Camp.



Davin, Bruce, Spencer and Roberto working hard weeding at Tucker Beach Road.



Blake, Joel, Sebastian and Miguel getting the Nomad vehicles ready for summer.



Jess and Jett at Atley Rd. Carrying out the annual Ute emptying (big job...)

Branches Camp Book Launch

# BOOK LAUNCH

## Thursday November 21st

Join us for a drink, some nibbles and a few yarns to celebrate our new book

Wakatipu High School  
6.30pm-8.30pm

**RSVP:**  
[branchestrust@gmail.com](mailto:branchestrust@gmail.com)

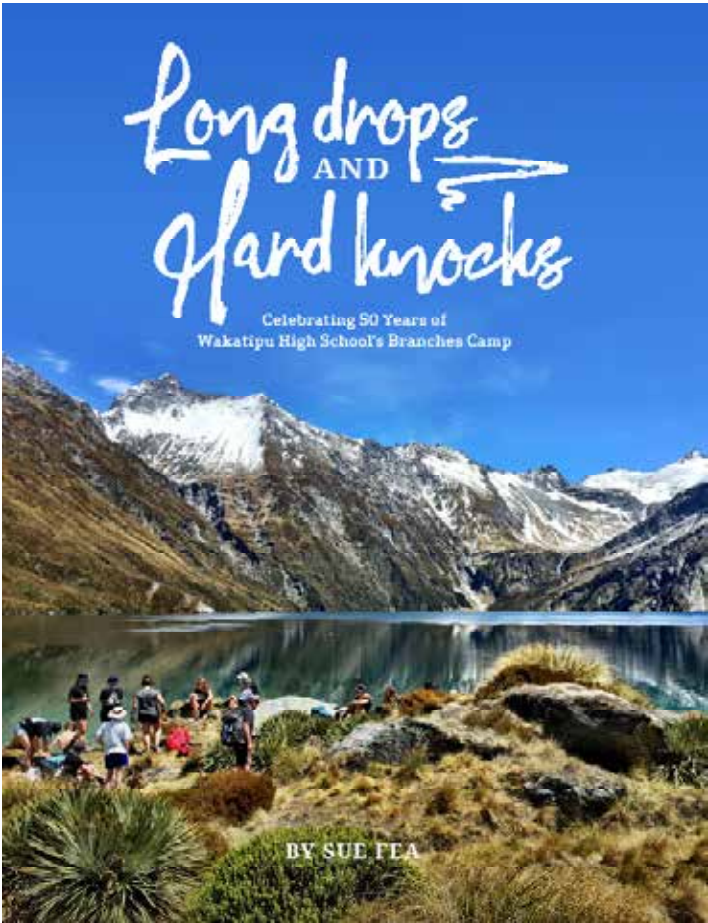
**\$59.95**

Long Drops and Hard Knocks celebrates 50 years of Branches school camps.

Adventure, laughter, danger, romance and intrigue all grace the pages of the Branches Charitable Trust’s greatly anticipated anniversary book, celebrating 50 years of Wakatipu High school Branches Camp memories.

‘Long Drops & Hard Knocks’ will be available to purchase on the night for \$59.95, and post launch books will be available to purchase from:

- Wakatipu High School
- Arrowtown Museum
- Summerfields Pharmacy
- Remarkables Market
- Online [www.branchestrust.co.nz](http://www.branchestrust.co.nz) or [Branches Facebook page](#)



This event is open to all, however for the purposes of catering please RSVP to [branchestrust@gmail.com](mailto:branchestrust@gmail.com) by Friday 15 November.

Lastly, please note this event is restricted to people over the age of 16 years of age, all children under 16 years of age must be supervised by their parents.

A big thank you to the businesses and people who have made recent donations to make this event possible.

This would make a wonderful Christmas gift of memories.

## 2020 Prefects

It gives me great pleasure to announce the final WHS prefects for 2020. This strong group of leaders will provide additional support to those leaders previously announced and completes the 2020 leadership team.

Emma Bradley  
Aleks Cheifetz  
Louis Conway  
Isaak Frewen  
Vincent McComb-Frew  
Alisha McKinney  
Ruby Ruski-Jones  
Natsune Suzuki  
Max Vang

**James Rasmussen, Deputy Principal**

## Competition Winners Re-Draft 2019!

Congratulations to the following WHS students who were winners in the Re-Draft 2019 Competition for Creative Writers. Each student will have their work published in the anthology, 'Hypnopompia - the thoughts of dawning minds' published by Clerestory Press early next year. The book is a stunning collection of the best teenage writing from around New Zealand and publication in it is highly coveted. Awesome!

Raven Almquist, Y13 - ['The Journal of a 13-year-old/The 17th Crisis this Week'](#)

Om Alva, Y12 - 'The Syrian Story'

Maria De Medeiros, Y13 - 'Before I was Born I was Buried'

Madison Jones, Y13 - ['Steak on a Stick'](#)

Isabelle Ralston, Y13 - ['Siblings'](#)

Buddy Rich, Y13 - 'Glass Half Full'

Rayna Sunder Y13 - ['Fooled'](#)

**Ruth Needham, English Teacher**

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## Job Opportunities

Placemakers and MICO have three roles available:

MICO Counter - Saturdays 8am - 2 pm

Tasks include - serving customers, stocking shelves, money handling

Placemakers Counter - Saturdays 8am - 2pm

Tasks include - serving customers, cleaning and labelling, using eftpos

Placemakers After School Crew - Monday and Tuesday 3.45 - 5.30

Task include - shocking shelves, helping with displays

Please contact [rachel.mansfield@placemakers.co.nz](mailto:rachel.mansfield@placemakers.co.nz) for more information or to apply.

AJ Hackett Bungy NZ

We need:

- A Café Assistant for our Bungy Café starting ASAP
- A Summer Frontline Sales & Service crew member for our Kawarau Bridge site (roughly mid Nov to end Feb)
- A Kitchen Hand for our Bungy Café (starting mid Nov)
- A Photo & Video Operator for our Kawarau Bridge site (starting mid Dec)

Please visit [www.bungy.co.nz/jobs](http://www.bungy.co.nz/jobs) for more information and apply directly to [hrmanager@bungy.co.nz](mailto:hrmanager@bungy.co.nz). If you would like to apply, please also be aware that you must be available full time over Christmas and New Year, as they have a holiday blackout period from mid-December to mid-Jan.

Bath Bed and Beyond are looking for:

- A reliable student to work over the busy Christmas period.
- Start mid-December until end of January

Please call into the store at Five Mile for more information.

Bachcare Holiday Homes

Senior highschool students interested in casual work cleaning Arrowtown holiday homes over the school summer holidays, please text/call Sara on 027 254 9022. \$20 per hour. Attention to detail and time efficiency important. (Possibility of ongoing work available for future school/Uni holidays).

**Tanya Glanfield, Careers Assistant**

## Guidance Counsellor

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation that supports parents in New Zealand by operating a free parenting helpline for parents and caregivers. The helpline provides personalised, practical support and strategies to parents and caregivers on a diverse range of parenting issues and challenges.

**Vicki Patton, Guidance Counsellor**



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# Wakatipu High School Foundation

Don't miss out on the Wakatipu High School Foundation's annual Golf Tournament which will be held at Millbrook Resort in Queenstown on Wednesday 11 December!

Click here to register your team of 4 today: [www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events](http://www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events)



## Wakatipu High School FOUNDATION

### LOOKING FORWARD - GIVING BACK

The WHS Foundation is having a very real and positive impact in our school community, funding the school approx \$200,000 per year and raising over \$1.4 million dollars for Wakatipu High School since 2013.

#### FOCUS 2019



#### AWHI FUND

We understand that on occasion, families may need assistance in meeting the costs of various aspects of school life. Supported by the WHS Foundation, WHS operates the Awhi Fund, named for the Maori word for 'help'. This fund is designed to assist families cover the costs of almost any aspect of school life, such as uniform, fees, 'BYOD' devices, camps and school/extra-curricular trips.

If you would like to get more information about Awhi, please contact a school Guidance Counsellor to arrange a confidential meeting.

### BECOME A BUSINESS PARTNER

The success of the WHS Foundation depends on the strength of its partnerships with community and business leaders. The WHS Foundation business partnership program works with a dynamic group of local companies and professionals who recognise that an exceptional high school offering a great "all-round" education is key to retain families in the region, develop the future employees and entrepreneurs of the Wakatipu Basin and strengthen our local community. Interested in being a part of it? Contact our Executive Officer on [wakatipuhsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:wakatipuhsfoundation@gmail.com) or 022 327 9397

### THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS!

#### PLATINUM PARTNERS



#### GOLD PARTNERS



#### ASSOCIATE PARTNERS



#### PARTNERS

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adventure Group            | Kinloch Lodge               |
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| Anderson Lloyd             | Lakes Weekly Bulletin       |
| Bridgestone Tyrecentre     | Lane Neave                  |
| Black ZQN                  | McCulloch & Partners        |
| Cavell Leitch              | Mitre 10 Mega               |
| Cookie Time                | NZSKI                       |
| Craigs Investment Partners | Pacific Travel Planners     |
| Crowne Howarth             | Placemakers                 |
| Deloitte Queenstown        | Remarkable Park Town Centre |
| Flame Bar & Grill          | Trinity Development         |
| Goldfields Jewellers       | Westwood Group Holdings     |
| Highlands Game Over        |                             |

## Important Dates

Date	Event	Who
Friday 22 November	Pre-Branches tramps	Year 10
Monday 25 November	Junior Music Night	Year 9 & 10
Friday 29 November – Tuesday 10 December	Year 10 Branches Camp	Year 10
Tuesday 3 December	NCEA Exams finish	Year 11, 12, 13
Wednesday 11 December	Year 10 rest day	Year 10
Wednesday 11 December	Graduation	Year 13
Wednesday 11 December	Year 9 Prizegiving	Year 9
Thursday 12 December	Year 10 Prizegiving	Year 10

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**THE SHOW COMES HOME!**

A Jeweller and a Photographer  
find out what happens when  
they let their work go...

# unloosed

Opens 6pm Thursday  
November 14

Queenstown Contemporary,  
36 Grant Road, Five Mile Centre,  
Frankton, Queenstown

JEWELLERY JESSICA WINCHCOMBE  
PHOTOGRAPHS PAUL GREEN



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## GOOD MEDICINE

An exhibition by

**SARAH BULTITUDE**

15-28 Nov

Queenstown Contemporary  
Gallery

Wed-Sun 12-4pm  
Ground Floor, Craigs Investment Partners Bldg  
Grant Road, Five Mile Centre  
(Same building as Boardertown)  
Frankton







## Wakatipu High School Foundation's ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ambrose Format followed by a BBQ & Auction  
Wednesday 11th December, 12pm

**MILLBROOK**  
*Escape the everyday*

REGISTER YOUR TEAM BEFORE 11 NOVEMBER -  
[www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events](http://www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events)  
\$200 per person includes light lunch, Golf and BBQ  
\$1,200 for Hole Sponsorship including team of 4



## Calming Anxiety the ABC guide

Join us to explore how to calm and steady the over-thinking mind by anchoring in the background presence of the Heart. An interactive learning session blending modern science, Chinese medical viewpoints, practices of Medical Qigong and the ABC of Mindfulness

**Friday 22 November, 7 - 8.15pm, Frankton Facilitator:** Cameron Tukapua offering 30 years of Wellbeing & Chinese Medicine experience

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/calming-anxiety-using-mindfulness-tickets-81412391655>

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# Raise funds in your sleep

Real Journeys is giving away two entire Overnight Cruises, one in Milford Sound and one in Doubtful Sound, to two worthy causes or charitable organisations. Over the last four years these cruises have raised over \$230,000 for nine amazing organisations. We are offering this unique fundraising opportunity again in 2020.

To learn more and apply, visit [cruiseforacause.co.nz](http://cruiseforacause.co.nz)  
Applications close Sunday 15 December 2019

[www.cruiseforacause.co.nz](http://www.cruiseforacause.co.nz)



 **ORANGA TAMARIKI**  
Ministry for Children

## WE NEED MORE CAREGIVERS

Can you provide a stable and loving environment for tamariki until it's safe for them to return home?

All children need a place where they can feel at home with their wider whānau or caregivers. Those who can give them aroha, a place of belonging and connection with family, whakapapa and culture

Caregiving can be hard at times but the rewards can be amazing. Your aroha can make all the difference.

For more information about becoming an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, please get in touch anytime on:



**0508 CARERS (0508 227 377)**  
[www.orangatamariki.govt.nz](http://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz)

# HOWS LIFE?

## QLDC WANTS TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT LIFE IN OUR DISTRICT - WHAT YOU LOVE AND WHAT NEEDS ATTENTION.

This is the second Quality of Life survey and last year we got some really useful insights from our community. The data highlighted a number of key issues which are now being addressed such as a need to take climate action, provide more active transport options, and address a shortfall in maternity and healthcare.

By taking part you will help guide Council and social service decisions, and what issues should be prioritised.

The survey is open from 1 November until 5.00pm 1 December.  
For more information or to complete the survey, head to:  
[www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/qol](http://www.letstalk.qldc.govt.nz/qol)

Take the survey today and be in to win a Prezzy Card or family pass to the Christmas Show!

 **QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL**



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# hey, students of Wakatipu!

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## BREAKFAST ON THE GO



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, it gives your child the best start by providing them with energy to play, learn and have fun!

Mornings are a busy time, so start your day on the right track with a quick, easy and healthy breakfast!

**Here are some healthy on the go breakfast options to try:**



### Smoothie

- Fruit or vegetable smoothie using milk or yoghurt. Try tinned or frozen fruit.

### Toast

- Peanut butter and sliced banana
- Fruit toast, plus a piece of fresh fruit
- Avocado & sliced tomato

### Prepare in advance

- Fruit pikelets or pancakes
- Overnight oats, cereal or porridge
- Fruit, cereal and yoghurt

Check out: [fuelled4life.org.nz/resources](http://fuelled4life.org.nz/resources) for recipes

## PLANNING FUNDRAISING



Changing the way that we approach fundraising can send a clear message to our community and help to create an environment that support our childrens health.

It might be time to start planning your service or school's fundraising for 2020. How about trying the following ideas?

**Selling products** such as soaps, reusable food wraps or reusable bags.



**Holding an event** such as a bikeathon, scootathon, car wash or art auction.



What other fundraising ideas can you come up with that promote healthy and active children?

For more information visit: [heartfoundation.org.nz](http://heartfoundation.org.nz)



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust NZ

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren™ Trust NZ (GRG) is a registered Charitable Trust operating throughout New Zealand providing support services to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren on a full-time basis. Our vision is for a community where children and young people in full time grandparent care achieve positive life outcomes by empowering their caregivers through effective support services and caregiver education programmes that enables a safe, secure and nurturing home.

## All Grandparents Raising Grandchildren are invited to an Open Day

at 11.00am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

at Happiness House, 4 Park St, Queenstown

(Refreshments provided)

An opportunity not to be missed for grandparents to receive training on trauma informed care

RSVP by contacting 0800 472 637 (9am-2pm)

Or [office@grg.org.nz](mailto:office@grg.org.nz)

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WRITTEN BY ROGER & CHARLIE MORTIMER, ADAPTED FOR STAGE BY MICHAEL SIMKINS

21 NOV GIN & RASPBERRY, WANAKA

29 NOV SHERWOOD, QUEENSTOWN

23 NOV ARROWTOWN COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

4 DEC EARNSCLEUGH HALL,  
ALEXANDRA

27 NOV CAMP GLENORCHY

7 DEC BANNOCKBURN HALL

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Christmas  
Crafts  
Gifts

St Peter's Church, Queenstown  
Saturday 23rd November, 2019  
9am - 12 noon

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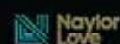
# GREAT GATSBY BALL

Saturday 23rd November 7pm-late  
Queenstown Memorial Centre

Tickets \$165 (Table of 10 for \$1650)

Live music | 3 course dinner | Complimentary refreshments  
Comedy | Theatre | Auction | Dancing

For more information email [shantelle.cq@canoc.org.nz](mailto:shantelle.cq@canoc.org.nz) or visit  
<http://bit.ly/CancerBall> and book your tickets now!







## How Queenstown Shaped Adventure Racing Worldwide

Thirty years since the world's first expedition length adventure race was held in the Southern Alps of New Zealand, sociologist and author Martha Bell will trace the growth of this worldwide endurance phenomenon and its Queenstown roots for Catalyst Trust.

The original Grand Traverse was held in November 1989 and was a media, tourism and sporting spectacular. It spawned a sport that now hosts a World Series, with qualifying races in countries around the world, and New Zealand team Avaya is the world champion.

New Zealanders have dominated racing in various teams over the last three decades, competing in everything from sprint to stage races. Many of our well-known adventure athletes have helped grow the sport at school level and written adventure racing guides for beginners. New Zealand racers are freelance athletes and race directors.

Ms Bell says this many of these athletes and administrators have been Queenstowners, enabled by our freestyle culture of the 1970s, mobile adventure lifestyles of the 1980s and the DIY Kiwi attitude to new technologies of the 1990s.

And, in the very first Raid Gauloises, "The Grand Traverse," it was the Kiwi racers who subverted the original race rules with their own interpretation of the new sport. So what might the future of adventure racing hold - and what might Queenstowners' part be?

**Monday, November 25, 1pm-2pm, Queenstown Resort College meeting room, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, \$5 koha at door. Registration is required on Catalyst Trust's [Eventbrite page](#), as numbers are limited. Please bring your tickets (printed, emailed or Eventbrite app).**



## AI – It's Not What You Think!

*Everyday Life and the Digital Revolution*

In this provocative Catalyst Trust talk, Cambridge-trained sociologist Anthony Elliott proposes that much of what passes for conventional wisdom about the AI Revolution is either ill-considered or plain wrong.

The reason? AI is not so much about the future but is rather a revolution already well underway – albeit one that is unfolding in complex and uneven ways across the globe.

From industrial robots to chatbots, and from driverless cars to military drones, AI is transforming all aspects of our lives.

Elliott explores how intelligent machines, advanced robotics, accelerating automation, big data and the Internet of Everything are bringing new forms of social interaction and transforming private life as much as the world of work.

**Monday, December 2, noon-1pm, Queenstown Resort College meeting room, \$5 koha at door. Registration is required on Catalyst Trust's [Eventbrite page](#) (opening a month prior), as numbers are limited. Please bring your tickets (printed, emailed or Eventbrite app).**