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Notices

Please <u>click here</u> 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.

Kia ora and welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of Week 6. An especially warm welcome to the newsletter to parents of incoming 2020 Year 9 students - we have had really positive feedback about Orientation Day last Friday. We hope your child had a good day and is looking forward to coming to WHS next year.

This week has been another big week for NCEA exams, which in general seem to be going well for our students. Please support them to keep up the good work with their preparation and study.

Branches Camp Book - last night was the launch of the Branches Trust's book "Long Drops and Hard Knocks - Celebrating 50 years of Wakatipu High School's Branches Camp". It was a wonderful evening which celebrated the successful completion of the Branches Camp book. It is a beautiful book full of stories and photos of Branches Camp throughout its 50 years. A highlight of the evening was Alexa Herron, who lived at Branches Station when the camp first began. She features in the first chapter - but you'll have to read the book to hear her amazing story ...

Branches Camp is very important to WHS and is regarded as a rite of passage for our students. To run a camp as long and significant as Branches is a major undertaking which is very expensive these days, and Branches Trust works hard to raise funds to reduce the cost for families. This book is a key fundraiser for the Trust and the camp so please see below for how you can purchase a copy. The book really is an awesome historical document and a great gift for friends and family - see below for how to buy a book or two and support Branches Camp!

Speaking of Branches, today was Pre-Branches Tramps which included the gear check and students learning their groups. Preparations for the camp are going well, with only one week to go now until the camp heads in next Friday. This weekend is definitely time for finalising and packing items from the gearlist.

LE Reports - #11 for junior students are out today and available on the Portal now. Please check them out and have discussions as appropriate with your student.

WHS Foundation Golf Day - is filling fast. The Foundation are fantastic supporters of WHS and this is an important fundraising event. See below for how to register for a great day of golf at Millbrook!

Junior Prizegivings - dates are:

Year 9 - Wednesday 11th December

Year 10 - Thursday 12th December

Both Prizegivings will begin at 1200. Prizewinners' parents will be notified beforehand as per usual.

A much better weekend of weather ahead, maybe the odd dibble-dop but otherwise mainly warm and sunny, enjoy!

Steve Hall, Principal

Pre-Branches Tramps

Year 10 students were out enjoying a range of walks in the basin today.





Branches Camp Book

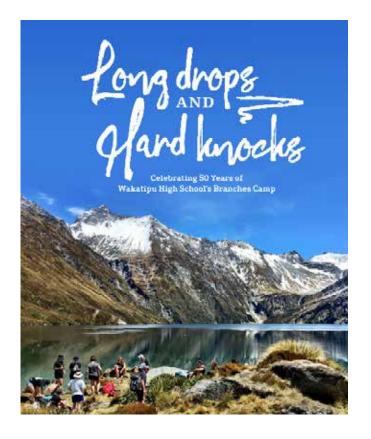
Long Drops and Hard Knocks celebrates 50 years of Branches school camps.

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' is available to purchase \$59.95 purchase from:

- Wakatipu High School
- Arrowtown Museum
- Summerfields Pharmacy
- Remarkables Market
- Online www.branchestrust.co.nz or <u>Branches Facebook page</u>

A big thank you to the businesses and people who have supported this initiative. This would make a wonderful Christmas gift of memories. Please support Branches Trust!



Wakatipu High School Foundation Golf

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

Click here to register your team of 4 today: www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/events



Spirit of Adventure

Last term, Rotary teamed up with the Youth Police initiative 'Blue Light' to give one of our students the opportunity to attend the Spirit Trophy course offered by the Spirit of Adventure Trust. This is a 5-day voyage onboard the Spirit of New Zealand ship, in which students are challenged with ship-handling as well as tasks that involve teamwork, problem-solving, debating and water sports. Following a rigorous selection process amongst a group of very deserving students, Jack McBeth was selected by Rotary to receive the sponsorship. He set sail during Week 3 of Term 4 to embark on an adventure that would develop his leadership and interpersonal skills in a unique and challenging environment.

"It was a truly amazing experience to get on board with the Spirit of Adventure crew; during our six days on the ship we learned everything from how to tie knots to how to identify seabirds. It was extra special for me to be able to experience the ocean wildlife and environment, both of which I had little experience with before the trip. My overall highlight was without a doubt getting to see pods of dolphins jumping along with the bow of the ship. I highly recommend the Spirit of Adventure to anyone considering getting on board." Jack McBeth, Y10 AJGB

Jack delivered an inspiring and comical speech to Rotary members on Tuesday night, which was received with enthusiasm and admiration by all of those present. A huge thank you to Rotary, in particular Lee-Ann Lines, and Youth Police for making this life-changing opportunity possible.

Kayleigh Murray, Dean of Arthur





Recognising Excellence in Chinese

A huge congratulations goes to Helena Hornbacher and Isadora Figueroa for receiving awards from the Confucius Institute of New Zealand. These two students were selected for their ability in the Chinese language as well as their attitude and diligence to study.

Michael Ngaei, Chinese Teacher



Otago Uni Physics Dept Visit

Dr Inga Smith and Solomon Ringland Stewart from Otago University Physics Department visited the Science Department to run a workshop on Climate Change and the effects of Polar Caps melting on water levels. They ran three workshops for Year 9s and 10s and students developed their understanding of how the changes in climate will affect water levels of the Ocean.

Kate Jackson



QPS Thank You

Queenstown Primary School would like to acknowledge and thank WHS Year 13 student Jessica Staples for taking time out from her study leave to present her art portfolio to our Year 7 and 8 students.

Jessica described the different media (materials) used and the story behind her artworks which depicts endangered animals and the impact humans are having on them and their environment.

The QPS students are about to start a 4-week art PBL (Project Based Learning) activity and were incredibly inspired and motivated by Jessica's work.



Sports Coordinator Report

Junior Volleyball Champs

The WHS Junior A Girls Volleyball team had a massive weekend recently. The team competed at the Otago Junior Champs last Friday and Saturday, finishing 11th in a very strong competition. They then traveled to Invercargill to compete in the Southland Junior Champs on the Sunday, finishing second, losing to James Hargest in the final. Three other WHS teams played in the Southland Junior Champs, two girls and a boys team. The Junior Girls B team lost their semi final to James Hargest. It was an awesome day for players who all improved dramatically across a large number of games. A huge thank you to Mrs Panapa and Ms Lawniczak for all of their coaching and organisation. Thank you to Indi Little and Natsune Suzuki who were student coaches on the day.

Junior Cricket vs Kings High School

WHS hosted the annual junior cricket exchange vs Kings High School on Monday and Tuesday. The game was a two day/two innings format, a rare and unique opportunity for all players. Teams were playing for the Cushen-Mawhinney Cup, an annual fixture between the two schools.

Kings batted first and declared at 202 runs. The top WHS bowlers were Subath Wijerathna (2 for 33 off 10), Miguel Deveraturda (2 for 30 off 9) and Fletcher Marshall (2 for 47 off 11). WHS began the chase and got through to 142/6 at the end of play. Top batters were Fletcher Marshall 66no and Aiden Young 25.

Unfortunately the weather did not allow the game to continue on day 2, which was set to allow either team to play strategically with declarations and chase a win. The game was played in great spirit and the boys enjoyed competing on the field and having fun together off, while billeting the guests from Kings. We look forward to playing Kings next year in Dunedin.

A big thank you to Russell Mawinney, Matt Hollyer and Tim Young for all of their organisation and Angus Herron and Finley Young for umpiring on Monday.









Student Job Opportunities

Mantra Restaurant Arrowtown

Looking for casual/part-time Kitchen Hand and Front of House staff, immediate start.

if anyone is interested, please contact Shammi Sandhu on 021468463.

Queenstown Flooring Xtra

Looking for senior students for holiday work

Please contact Lee on 03 442 2036

Just Cuts Queenstown Central

Weekend work - greeting customers, cleaning the salon, helping the stylists.

Contact Jo at <u>justcutsqt@gmail.com</u>

Hadley Consultants

An engineering firm looking for someone to work approximately 30 hours per week scanning archive documents over the summer months (around 2 months). It would suit a student with an interest in engineering and there is the potential to attend site visits and have other engineering related exposure. It is also a good opportunity for some office based experience for those with an interest in that. Call Alice on 03 450 2140 or email <u>alice@hadleys.co.nz</u> if you'd like more information.

Kennards Hire Queenstown

Are often looking for part time Customer Service Specialists to work on the weekends. We provide an hourly rate of \$20 and ongoing training / career progression to our permanent part time employees.

Contact sophiestananought@kennardshire.co.nz

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 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 for more information and apply directly to 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

Job Opportunity at Wakatipu High School - Communications Officer and Administration Support

Wakatipu High School is Queenstown's secondary school of over 1000 students and 100 staff, and is a dynamic and rewarding place to work. We are looking for an experienced person to fill the role of Communications Officer and Administrative Support. The successful applicant will lead the planning and implementation of a communications plan that incorporates a number of channels including Facebook, newsletter, website and intranet. There are also administrative support functions associated with the role, including reception cover and general admin support.

The successful candidate will have experience and skill in the following areas:

- Communications, from planning to implementation in a range of mediums
- Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, Web content management, including basic HTML knowledge
- MS Office/Google Office Suites
- Strong English language skills
- Attention to detail

This is a permanent position which commences January 2020 and is Monday to Friday 10am - 4.30pm in term-time only. Some flexibility in hours may be required. The hours will be 30 hours per week.

To receive the full position description and for all applications (CV and cover letter), please email apply@wakatipu.school.nz. Applications close 12pm on Wednesday 4 December 2019 with interviews being scheduled on Wednesday 18 December.

Please note, as this is a permanent position that people on temporary work visas (e.g. Working Holiday Visas) need not apply.

Andrea Wilton-Connell, Executive Officer

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



Important Dates

Date	Event	Who
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



LOOKING FORWARD - GIVING BACK

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

MAKING AN IMPACT 2019

We are proud to have funded a large selection of projects in 2019 with a total of \$200,000 donated throughout the year. These projects include:

- · Awhi and BYOD financial hardship
- Akonga passport
- Extra and Co curricular managers, coaches, volunteers support
- · Student Software
- Teacher Aide
- Leadership development programme
- · Peer support programme
- · English language support
- · Scholarship classes



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Kinloch Lodge
KJet
Lakes Weekly Bulletin
Lane Neave
McCulloch & Partners
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Pacific Travel Planners
Placemakers
Remarkable Park Town Centre
Trinity Development
Westwood Group Holdings

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 or 022 327 9397





"AOTEAROA"

VENUE: SKYLINE THEATRE

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER MATINEE - 1.30PM EVENING - 6PM SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER EVENING - 6PM SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER MATINEE - 12PM EVENING - 6PM

ADULT - S15 SCHOOL AGE CHILD - S5 UNDER 5 - FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE BY EMAIL THEDRAMACOLLECTIVE@GMAIL.COM

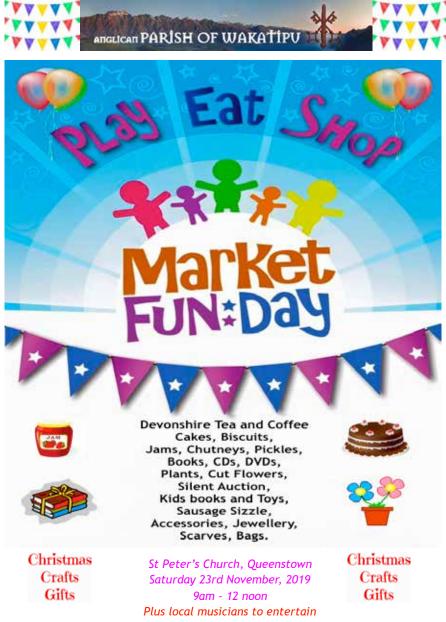
TICKET HOLDERS SHOULD ALLOW 20MIN TO GET UP THE GONDOLA AND BE SEATED BEFORE START TIME.

TICKETS TICKETS TICKETS

Get your tickets folks for the Kate Moetaua Collective's breathtaking end of year production, proudly supported by Skyline Queenstown.

Taster Show - 23rd November, Premier Shows 30th November & 1st December.
All tickets include one show on both weekends.

https://thedramacollective.club/kmc-news/f/aotearoa-tickets-for-end-of-year-production





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, 5th floor, \$5 koha at door. Registration is required on Catalyst Trust's <u>Eventbrite page</u>, 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

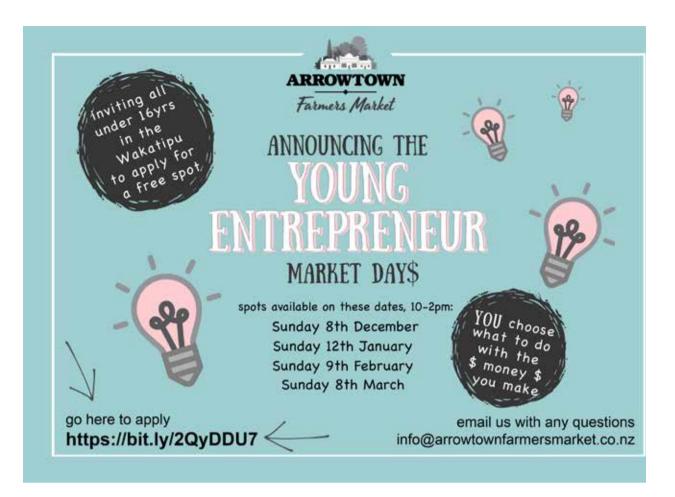
In this provocative Catalyst Trust talk, Cambridge-trained sociologist Anthony Elliott proposes that much of what passes for conventional wisdom about the AI Revolution is either ill-considered or plain wrong.

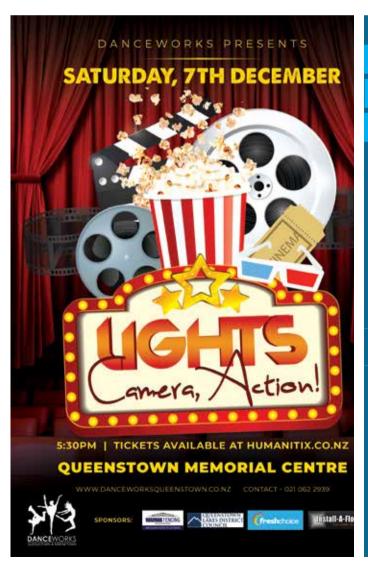
The reason? All is not so much about the future but is rather a revolution already well underway – albeit one that is unfolding in complex and uneven ways across the globe.

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 <u>Eventbrite page</u> (opening a month prior), as numbers are limited. Please bring your tickets (printed, emailed or Eventbrite app).









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

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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 Bidg Grant Road, Five Mile Centre (Same building as Boardertown) Frankton





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: Comeron Tukapua offering 30 years of Wellbeing & Chinese Medicine experience

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/calming-anxiety-usingmindfulness-tickets-81412391655







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

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

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



Getting Started in

Monday 25 November 5.30-6.45pm

Shotover Primary School 57 Stalker Road, Shotover Country

FREE!

Presenter:

Grant Milne, Coach Lead, Sport Otago



- Topics include:

 Why people participate in sport

 Game Sense

 Safety

- Planning Coaching Practical Keep.Sport.Positive.

Register by THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER:

Tiny Carruthers Sport Central tiny@sportotago.co.nz 027 212 4290





