



Wakatipu
HIGH SCHOOL

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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 this week's [#spaghettichallenge](#) and our student focus subject - Year 13's [Olivia Woodham](#).

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 2019 Year 9 students. We hope your child enjoyed Orientation Day last Friday - despite the revised programme the day went very well and the students were great, we look forward to having them join us next year.

School is now well and truly in that unique mode that is the second half of term four in a secondary school - with seniors coming and going morning and afternoon as they study and sit their exams, which now have less than a week to go, and just the juniors at school full-time. Here at WHS the other flavour that is increasingly in the mix is the upcoming Branches Camp. Accordingly the newsletter does get smaller, and there are only a few editions left this year.

'Bouncing Back' - I am excited to announce a very special event which is coming up on Tuesday 11th December. AJ Hackett Bungy have put together an awesome evening which we are hosting in our theatre. 'Building resilience in busy times' features three fantastic speakers - Nigel Latta, Lisa O'Neill and Gilbert Enoka who are all amazing orators in their own right, but to have all three together on this important topic on one night is an amazing opportunity. Aimed at parents and teens, entry is by gold coin donation (with proceeds going to the Kate Moetaua Foundation) but you do have to register at events@bungy.co.nz.

NB- this opportunity will go out to all schools in the Basin early next week so get in quick. See flyer below for more. Our thanks to AJ Hackett Bungy for this wonderful initiative and opportunity for our community.

Junior Prizegivings - we are now confirming our arrangements for the end of year and have made some changes. While some details are to be finalised the end of year Junior Prizegiving dates are confirmed:

Year 9 - Monday 17 December.

Year 10 - Tuesday 18 December.

Both Prizegivings will be at midday, and prizewinners' parents will be notified beforehand as per usual. More details to follow next week.

Branches Camp - is now less than two weeks away, and Pre-Branches tramps, including the gear check and the naming of the Groups, is next Friday. Payment of Camp fees was due today - thanks to all those who have done this, and if this is an issue please contact us re making an arrangement or Awhi support.

Finally a reasonable weekend of weather ahead where hopefully we'll see more sun than showers :)

Ngā mihi,

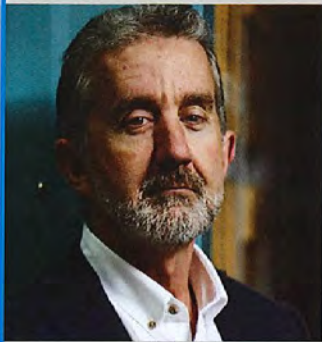
Steve Hall, Principal

BOUNCING BACK



BUILDING RESILIENCE IN BUSY TIMES

An evening for parents & teens with Nigel Latta,
Lisa O'Neill, Gilbert Enoka.



At AJ Hackett Bungy New Zealand, we know that everyone needs a little help 'bouncing back' sometimes. So we're bringing this world class line-up to Queenstown, to share their resilience knowledge with our community.

Bring your teenager and join us for a special evening with renowned child psychologist Nigel Latta, mentor and author Lisa O'Neill and current All Blacks manager - leadership, Gilbert Enoka.

Koha entry, with all funds donated to the
KATE MOETAUA FOUNDATION

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11TH
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Student Focus - Olivia Woodham

Olivia Woodham, WHS's fourth Youthmark *Student Focus* feature, is described by her teachers as hard-working, diligent and focussed. Such praise, however, only partly explains the enormous impact the 18-year-old has made during her time at Wakatipu High School.

Friendly, enthusiastic and humble by nature, Olivia has combined a careful commitment to academic excellence with a number of all-round activities.

In sports, she's participated widely; "I'm a bit of a try-everything-out sort of a person," she says, "so I've done netball from when I was five, rowing for about three years, volleyball and a bit of athletics too when I was a junior."

"I really like the social aspect of sports - I'm not the most decorated sports person, but I love them because they bring people together."

Off the field, It's been in community leadership that Olivia has excelled. Olivia was an integral member of the Wakatipu High School 40-Hour Famine 'cook for a cause' campaign that saw six thousand meals produced for families in need throughout New Zealand over a 40-hour period last June.

This year, Olivia has juggled the demands of her studies with a variety of leadership responsibilities; she is a Deputy Head Girl, Chair of the Community and Service Council and was also a 40-Hour Famine Leader, attending a conference earlier in the year. Recently, too, she organised with her fellow council members WHS's Breast Cancer Brunch which supported the Breast Cancer Foundation of New Zealand.

"I like the organisation side of things, but it's also the sense of satisfaction you feel from being able to help people in our own community who need support," she says. "That's really important to me. I've lived in Queenstown my whole life, so it's important for me to give back to my own community; one that has given me so much."

Her incredible contribution was acknowledged at this year's Senior Prizegiving, where she received the Wakatipu High School Principal's Award for Outstanding Service.

It's hardly affected her studies - last year, Olivia achieved NCEA Level 2 with Excellence and was one of Wakatipu High School's top academic performers in Level 2 History. As a result, she's already been accepted to study politics at the University of Otago next year.

"In the future, I'd love to combine my passion for social justice with working between New Zealand and other countries," she says. "NZ takes a lot of responsibility in the region and we're quite aware of that, so I think we have a big international scope."

"I've really enjoyed being deputy head girl at WHS and being here. It's been such a great opportunity and I'm so thankful for being given that opportunity."

If her time at high school is anything to go by, she's sure to continue to make an enthusiastic and worthwhile contribution to anything she sets her mind to.

Well done Olivia!



Olivia, a keen netball player, has also been a 40-hour famine leader for the last two years.

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Sports Report - Week 6

Cricket - Kings Exchange

On Wednesday 14, WHS took a team of 12 cricketers to Dunedin to play in an annual Cricket Exchange against Kings College over two days. This exchange provides an excellent opportunity for the WHS boys and girls to have some valuable game time against some tough competition. After Wakatipu lost early wickets and were 3 for 25. They hunkered down and Kings were unable to get a break through, until a brilliant run out. This year Kings managed to retain the Cushen-Mawhinney Cup for the second consecutive year. However the cricketers are already training hard for a rematch next year on home turf. Bring it on!

Year 9 Participation Day

On Thursday 15 November, 54 year 9 students travelled down to the impressive ILT Stadium in Invercargill to participate in a sports day run by Sport Southland. We had teams playing Futsal, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Table Tennis, Badminton and Basketball in tournament style matches against other Southland Schools. The day provided a great opportunity for students to try out different sports and get involved in an organised activity outside normal school sport structure. Although no formal scores were recorded, we had a number of students receive prizes for their sportsmanship, effort and enthusiasm in the games. Well done to all those who got involved.

Alexa Peters, Sports Coordinator



WHS faced off against Kings College in cricket



Futsal during the Year 9 Participation Day

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 - Friday 30 November

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 30 November, 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 Aspen Exchange**



Vacancy at WHS

We are seeking a permanent, part-time Attendance/Uniform Shop Officer commencing in 2019. The role is 30 hours per week 9 - 3.30pm, Monday-Friday, during term time only.

This position requires strong organisation, strong computer literacy, strong people skills, attention to detail and the ability to work with students, staff and parents/caregivers.

For additional details and to apply please visit our job post on seek.co.nz.

Andrea Wilton-Connell, Executive Officer

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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 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 |
| Sunday 16 December | Branches Camp All Out | Year 10s |
| Monday 17 December | Year 13 Graduation | Year 13s |
| Monday 17 December | Year 9 Prizegiving | Year 9s |
| Tuesday 18 December | Year 10 Prizegiving | Year 10s |

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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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