



Wakatipu
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[#BranchesCamp](#) preparations.



Principal's Message

Kia ora and welcome to Wakatipu High School's newsletter at the end of Week 7. As per last week, Branches Camp increasingly features at school at this time of year, especially with today being Pre-Branches tramps - see our [Facebook page](#) for more.

Another key feature of this time of year actually comes to an end today, with the very last NCEA exam underway as I write.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending a lovely ceremony at the RSA where Chester Rosie was awarded the Dave Geddes RSA Memorial Scholarship. Chester has been our Deputy Head Boy this year and has done an outstanding job of leading students in service and environmental causes, as well as being involved in sport at school. Our thanks to Maryann Geddes and the RSA, and congratulations to Chester - see photo below.

This week featured one of my favourite times of the year - the Year 10 Food Technology class' ice cream sales. There were some excellent flavours, the Whitakers one I chose was outstanding!

'Bouncing Back' - the evening on resilience that AJ Hackett Bungy have put together is now completely full, 440 people! It should be an awesome event, and I do believe that people can still put their names on a waitlist by emailing events@bungy.co.nz. We are very grateful to AJ Hackett Bungy for making this great opportunity possible.

Branches Camp - is now only five days away, and Pre-Branches tramps and the gear check and naming of the Groups was today. An email about transport arrangements went out to all parents today - please ensure you look at this. This weekend is final preparations and packing before it all gets underway next week :)

Junior Prizegivings - as per last week, end of year Junior Prizegiving dates are:

Year 9 - Monday 17/12, 11:45am.

Year 10 - Tuesday 18/12, 11:45am.

Prizewinners' parents will be notified beforehand as per usual.

Student Feedback - last week I received a wonderful email from an ex-WHS teacher who is on the selection panel of a local group who generously provide scholarships for our students. He was very complimentary about our students and I thought I would share some of his words below:

"It has been a sheer pleasure to meet these fine young adults over the past few days. They have, without exception, been articulate, focused, ambitious, driven and inspiring. They are a huge credit to you and the school. Not only were their academic credentials impressive it was the sheer scope of their extra curricular activities within the school and in the community that must have made for a busy busy life for those students and for your staff just keeping up with them! Every year we are blown away by just how impressive the applicants are and every year they just get better and better. In their hands the world is going to be a better place."

I will be in Branches next Friday and with the smaller content at this time of year there won't be a newsletter next week. Another mixed weekend ahead, although the mornings look ok for getting out and about :)

Ngā mihi

Steve Hall, Principal

Dave Geddes RSA Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Year 13's Chester Rosie, who received the Dave Geddes RSA Memorial Scholarship this week which will support him in further education. Chester has been our Deputy Head Boy this year and has done an outstanding job of leading students in service and environmental causes, as well as being involved in sport at school. Our thanks to Maryann Geddes and the RSA, and congratulations to Chester.



Student Focus - Isabella Jack

Some students' personality, passions and ambitions appear almost custom-built for excellence in a particular area. Our fifth Youthmark *Student Focus* Feature, Isabella Jack, certainly gives such an impression; in drama and the arts, she's found an enduring enthusiasm she appears to have been destined for.

"I've always been willing to stand up and be excited about doing a play or drama," she says. "I just always wanted to give it my all!"

And she has given it her all throughout her time at WHS - this year she student-directed the 2018 Wakatipu High School Musical - 'Little Shop of Horrors', and was also a co-director for two plays, playing the lead role in one, at the 2018 Sheilah Winn competition. Her performance at Sheilah Winn was so outstanding that she was selected for Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand's National Shakespeare Schools Production.

While attending NSSP this term, her talents were again selected; Izzy will be one of just 24 students nationally to be part of the Young Shakespeare Company visiting London next July for intensive drama training - where she'll have the opportunity to perform at the world-renowned Globe Theatre.

She's also found dramatic success as part of WHS's One Act Play. She played the lead in 2017's "Can You Keep A Secret", receiving an "Excellence in Acting" acknowledgement in the process, and finished as a national finalist in this year's adaptation of NZ playwright Renee's 'Tiggy Tiggy Touchwood'. It was the fourth year out of five that WHS students had reached the national One Act Play finals.

For the 18-year old, who also received the Wakatipu High School Arts Cup for All Round Commitment to Drama at this year's Senior Prizegiving, it's been a long-term devotion.

"When I was 11 I got involved with the Queenstown School of Drama, which Kate Moetaua, our lovely drama teacher, ran. I've always had a passion for singing too - I did singing lessons for a number of years, and just recently I taught myself guitar."

"Kate was just a pinnacle of support for me, and I owe a lot of where I am today to her, because it was her who first got me into drama."

Describing her acting style as 'Stanislvskian' - after early-20th century russian playwright Konstantin Stanislavski - Isabella clearly understands her passion for arts comes from an inquisitive curiosity about human nature. As a result, she's considering pursuing psychology or criminology at university in 2020, following a gap year during which she'll head abroad as part of the Young Shakespeare Company.

"I like the idea of helping people - we have such a massive mental health crisis in New Zealand, with very high suicide rates, and if I can contribute to advance a better future then I'd love to."

Of course, she'll continue to pursue drama, either as a career choice or a part-time passion.

"I know acting is a fickle industry, but I've never tried to let that put me off... I am so so passionate about performance, and shakespeare, and there is a great window of opportunity - especially in this community where we have so many talented people - to make the arts grow."

Ultimately, she says, "you've just got to do what you love - because life is short - even if it doesn't feel like it at my age. You've just got to seize the day and do what you're passionate about."

Well done Izzy!



Izzy recieved the Wakatipu High School Arts Cup for All Round Commitment to Drama this year.

Aspen Exchange Fundraiser - Tonight!

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 tonight. 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



Year 10 Ice Cream Sale

This term the year 10's have been looking at product development and managing self. The students were tasked with creating recipes that functioned similar to those that you find in the supermarkets. Students were then tasked with how to market and work out costing. Students had to break down costs per 100ml, which they did with ease.

Their secondary project was to manage self. These students are transitioning into year 11, and the Tech department wanted to help them get a feel of how to manage multiple assessments at a time and manage their workload in Food Tech. They have reasearched some of the popular tools for time management.

Finally the day came to sell their ice cream. The junior Food Tech kitchen turned into a market and the boards of students descended on us at 11:50am. Some students made decent money after product deductions, and the understanding and reflection on how to do it better next time seemed to be the lesson learnt.

We would like to thank the teachers and support staff who came to support. A massive thank you to the students who bought multiple ice creams to support our cause.

Mrs Read and I had a lot of fun with this project, and we do not need any gifts of chocolate or ice cream until next year!

Rachael Bell, Food Technology



World Challenge Fundraiser

Hi, we are Kloe Vermeir and Flora Lima. We are two Wakatipu High School Students and we are fundraising to go on a trip of a lifetime in December 2019. We will be spending up to 4 weeks in Mozambique & Swaziland in the south of Africa. This won't be just 4 weeks of holidaying & sightseeing though.

Of course we are going to have fun whilst challenging ourselves by immersing ourselves in the local culture, spending time with local families. Mozambique has a young population and there is a high demand for schooling but limited resources to properly equip schools. We are going to get involved in community efforts by helping build extra classrooms and improving facilities in a local village. We are also going to spend time volunteering on a local Mozambican wildlife project, helping researchers gather data in the Indian Ocean on whale sharks.

Part of the challenge of this trip is raising the funds to enable us to go – this is where you come in! We need to raise close to \$10,000 each & these cakes are one way of us raising funds (yes we need to sell a lot of cakes so go ahead & order). Thank you for buying our cakes – not only are you helping realise the dreams of two local girls, you are also getting a totally yummy cake for X-mas.

Message us on our FB page or come see us this Saturday at the Remarkables Market to place an order (we have tasters available on Saturday but no cakes to buy, these you will need to pre-order).

Thank you!

Kloe Vermeir, Year 11, and Flora Lima, Year 12



Cricket - U15 and U18 Otago Girls Squad

Congratulations to Caitlin Hollyer and Paige Loggenberg who have been selected to play in the Otago Girls U15 Cricket team at the Whanganui Festival of Cricket from January 8-11th, 2019. The Festival of Cricket is a girl's only National Tournament hosted by Cricket Wanganui. Congratulations also to Kloe Vermier who has been selected in the Otago U18 Girls Cricket Team. This team will compete at a National Tournament hosted by Cricket Wellington at Karori Park from January 14-18. Well done girls, we look forward to following your progress!

This week we have a Junior Girls Volleyball team away competing at the South Island Secondary Schools Junior Volleyball Champs in Dunedin. As well as 9 individual students also travelling to Dunedin on Friday to compete at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Track, Field and Road Race Championships. Good luck to all those involved!

Alexa Peters, Sports Coordinator



Paige Loggenberg bowling



Kloe Vermier batting

South Island Volleyball Championships

Yesterday the Junior Girls Volleyball team returned from Dunedin after playing in the South Island Volleyball Championships. There were 36 teams in the competition, spread over three Divisions, including two teams from Melbourne, Australia. Without much previous game experience, the team struggled against some tough competition on the first day but picked up a couple of wins on day two to see them play off for 5th and 6th placing. The final match was an exciting one. After winning the first set 25-5, it looked like it was going to be over pretty quickly, but the opposition (Middleton Grange from Christchurch) won the second set and led most of the way through the third and final set. Down 19-24, Maxime Ehmann stepped up to serve and got 7 straight points to win the game. Players improved immensely over the three days and are looking forward to another season next year.

Sonia Panapa, Assistant Principal



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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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:

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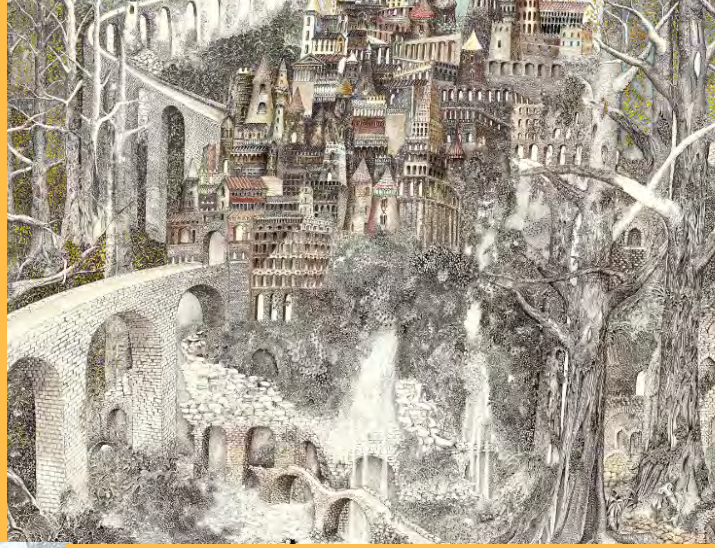
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Different workshops are available for different interests and age groups from **Years 1 - 13**



Spaces are limited to 12 per session.

Bookings are essential and payment in advance is required.

Bookings open on Monday 17th December 2018

Check out the timetable....



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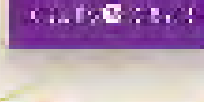
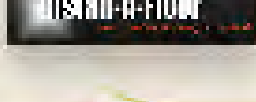
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