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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 <u>sports page</u> for news on football, rugby, snow sports and more.



### **Principal's Message**

Kia ora, welcome to the Wakatipu High School newsletter at the end of our penultimate week - only days to go now for our students.

As I'm sure you are all aware, it has been an action-packed week with Branches Camp in particular. My very sincere thanks again to everyone who made yesterday's early out of the students possible and work so smoothly - a fantastic effort by all concerned (click here for our Facebook page). My thanks also to everyone who makes Branches Camp possible - from our staff and contractors who do such an incredible job of running the activities and the camp, Branches Trust who so generously support the camp, members of the community who lend vehicles and support the camp in so many ways, to the Branches Station owners and managers who allow and support us to run the camp there every year - a massive thanks to every one of you for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students!!

This morning I attended a ceremony hosted by Ngāi Tahu to bless our old school site as it begins its journey to become 'Te Pa Tāhuna' - with up to 340 dwellings. It was a wet and muddy morning which seemed fitting for the demolished site of our old school. I certainly have strong memories of the old school, both as a principal and as a young teacher back in the 1990s, as I know many other members of the community do.

**World Challenge** - on Sunday our World Challenge team depart on an incredible journey - a month in Mozambique and Swaziland! The team comprises 11 students, Ms Wood and a World Challenge leader. We wish them all the best on their adventure, as well as a merry Xmas and a happy New Year - safe travels!!

#### Last week of School for Junior students:

- Monday 9th
- Year 10 Prizegiving 2pm (the end of the school year for Year 10s), buses from 3.30pm. - Year 9s - school finishes and buses for Year 9s run from 1.30pm.
- Tuesday 10th Year 9 end of year programme (normal school day times and buses).
- Wednesday 11th Year 9 Prizegiving, 12pm. Buses run from 1.30pm.

Re Prizegivings - please note that: prizewinners and parents have been notified; that these are very formal events and all students need to be in full uniform - including blazer and tie, and correct shoes and socks, and prizewinners not in correct uniform will not be allowed across the stage.

The end of the year is nigh for students, along with Year 13 Graduation next Wednesday, we look forward to celebrating the year(s) with our students next week.

The wet weather continues into the weekend, with Sunday currently looking the best chance for bike-riding and lawn-mowing - fingers crossed.

#### Steve Hall, Principal

#### **World Challenge Expedition**

This weekend has been a long time coming for the 2019 World Challenge group. 18 months ago we started the challenge of fundraising and preparing for an exciting four week expedition to Eswatini and Mozambique in South Eastern Africa and our departure is finally here.

With guidance from World Challenge, the team have assembled an amazing itinerary. After a long flight and acclimatization we will be helping out at a neighborhood care centre in Eswatini. These are places where children affected by the AIDS epidemic can come together and access various services; receiving health care and support, a meal for the day and education. Then it will be off on a multiday trek through one of the beautiful National Parks, before moving onto our second project in Mozambique. Here we will be working with the Marine Research and Whale Shark Conservation Project, based in Tofo, getting involved gathering field data on whale sharks, coral reefs and other marine biodiversity. In amongst all this activity there will be plenty of opportunities for exploring and cultural interaction as the group are in charge of managing their budget and organizing their own day to day essentials like shopping for food in the local markets and learning to braai properly. Of course with a four week window there will be some epic road tripping and time for rest and relaxation too. Popping into South Africa for a safari in Kruger National Park and exploring some of the white sanded beaches of Mozambique are a few of the highlights we are looking forward too.

I'm sure we will have photos and stories galore to share upon our return, but until then Ngiyabonga kakhulu (Thank you) to all the parents and members of our community who have supported the fundraising and helped make this incredible opportunity a reality. Sala kahle!

#### Heidi Wood, TIC World Challenge





#### **Talent Development**

This Semester the Year 9&10 TAD course ran a little differently. By putting the key competences from our Akonga Profile front and centre in our learning program, students had another opportunity to exercise their curiosity and pursue topics they were fascinated or passionate about; developing their problem solving, self-management and critical thinking skills along the way. Completing & presenting 3 inquiry cycles over the semester, with increasing levels of independence, has led to some fantastic outcomes. Learning complex 3D printing, building computers, robots, rockets and games, exploring the origins of beauty, radicalisation or steroid consumption and grappling with the basics of technical photography and architecture were just some of the inspiring inquiries undertaken. The student feedback was really positive too; students "Loved being able to choose what you want to learn about"," Really enjoyed the freedom to explore a topic and have the time to push myself and my understanding to a high level and "I loved working in a high trust model". Thank you to all the members of our community who contributed their time and expertise when the students were problem solving. A sample of the work undertaken is currently on display in the library to view at your leisure!

#### Heidi Wood, TAD Teacher

#### **Rocket Lab Scholarship**

Rocket Lab builds and launches rockets in New Zealand. With five successful missions to space this year alone, Rocket Lab as a single company has launched more times than Japan and India and is regarded as the global leader in small satellite launch.

Each year the Rocket Lab Scholarship offers \$20,000 across four years of study for one outstanding student pursuing a degree or course in STEM (science, technology, engineering, or maths). The Scholarship also pairs the recipient with a Rocket Lab mentor towards the end of their degree to enable them to learn from the country's leading space and engineering experts at Rocket Lab.

Rocket Lab scholars must demonstrate an interest in science, technology, engineering, or maths, and be involved in cultural, community, or leadership activities. Any applicant with a strong connection to the Mahia and wider Wairoa District on New Zealand's east coast - where Rocket Lab's Launch Complex 1 is located - will have an advantage.

For more information, and to apply for the Rocket Lab Scholarship, click here: https://www.rocketlabusa.com/careers/scholarships/

Applications are open until 31 December 2019.

- The scholarship is worth \$20,000, covering four years of tertiary study.
- Applications extended until 31 December 2019.
- Available to all New Zealanders pursuing education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).
- Applicants who can demonstrate a strong connection to Māhia and the wider Wairoa District in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, will have an advantage.

Tanya Glanfield, Careers Assistant



#### Wakatipu High School Foundation Lottery

The Wakatipu High School Foundation is selling tickets to win a Toyota Hilux at Placemakers - all proceeds to support the Awhi Fund!



#### **Transit Journal Available For Purchase**

Transit is the inaugural publication of the best work from senior (and some junior) writers in 2019. From Claudia Snow's award-winning poem to an ode to Harrison Maguire's ear lobes by the enraptured Alfie Parvin, the journal showcases some beautiful creative writing. It's also packed with feature articles written and designed by Year 13 Media Studies students: Jack James looks at how social media has disrupted democracy; Geena Slow wonders why philosophy is missing from the curriculum and Kai Komene explains exactly what's gone wrong with the gaming industry. There truly is something for everyone!

Transit is available at reception for \$10. Great stocking stuffer!

Jennifer Smart, HoLA English and Media Studies



#### **Bring Out The Books!**

Now that exams have finished, we would love for senior students to return their English texts to the library. Look out for any copies of Mister Pip, The Kite Runner, Perfume, The Things They Carried, Station Eleven, Night, To Kill A Mockingbird, Purple Hibiscus and any others that might be crammed in the bottom of schoolbags...

We will be charging students for texts that haven't been returned by the start of 2020 so get them to us ASAP!

#### Jennifer Smart, HoLA English and Media Studies



#### **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!



#### **Sick Bay Procedures**

Please note that if students are feeling unwell to the extent they need to leave class that our procedure is to phone parents to come and collect them. Students can come to the sick bay for first aid treatment and will then either be returned to class or we will contact home for them to be collected. We are unable to accomodate having students in the sick bay for an extended time.

#### Andrea Wilton-Connell, Executive Officer

#### **Sports Coordinator Report**

#### Ice Hockey - New Zealand Selections

It has been a big week for WHS Ice Hockey players with a number named in New Zealand representative teams and squads. Well done to you all and to the Queenstown Ice Hockey Club. Details below.

#### **Youth Olympics Selections**

Two WHS students have recently been selected into the New Zealand team to compete at the Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne, Switzerland. A massive congratulations to Tallulah Bryant and Axel Ruski-Jones who will compete in 3x3 Ice Hockey at the games in January. They will be playing in mixed nation teams. This is the highest level of international competition in the world for athletes aged 15-18. Well done to you both on this significant achievement! Tallulah is quoted in the article below:

http://www.olympic.org.nz/news/five-ice-hockey-athletes-named-to-new-zealand-team-for-winter-youth-olympic-games/

#### NZ U18 Women's Team

Congratulations to Tallulah Bryant, Caitlin Hollyer and Gabby Mills who have been named in the New Zealand U18 Women's Ice Hockey team to compete in the IIHF Women's Under 18 Division II Group B World Championship to be held from 28 January - 2 February 2020 in Mexico City, Mexico. Gabby has also been named as a reserve for the New Zealand Women's national team. Best of luck to you all.

#### NZ U18 Men's Squad Named

A huge congratulations to the following students who have been selected into the New Zealand U18 Men's Ice Hockey Squad:

- **Tyler Challoner**
- Maz Gregory
- CJ Kemp
- Jake Pankhurst
- Axel Ruski-Jones

The final team will be named after three training camps in early 2020. The team will then travel to Luxembourg to compete in the IIHF Division 3 Group B Championships in late March and play against five other nations.

#### **Touch - NZSS Champs**

We wish the Senior A Touch team all the very best as they compete at the New Zealand Secondary School Champs in Rotorua next week from Friday 13th to Sunday 16th December. This is the first time a WHS touch team is ever competing at the national tournament. The 16 players will compete against the 29 best mixed touch teams in the country. Good luck to Jerram Hill (coach) and Mrs Panapa (manager) as they embark on this historical moment for WHS sport.

#### **Touch - Southland Representatives**

Congratulations to the three players selected into Southland representative touch teams for national tournament in Papakura in February 2020.

- George Reedy U18 Mixed •
- Tama Dix U16 Boys
- Connor McIsaac U16 Boys

#### **Rugby - Positions Available 2020**

The WHS Rugby Club is looking for expressions of interest for the following positions in 2020:

- 1st XV Head Coach please state experience and coaching qualifications
- 1st XV Manager
- Girls 1st XV Manager
- U14 Coaches
- U14 Manager •

Boys teams play in the Otago wide competition with the 1st XV playing in the Otago Schools Premier competition. The Girls team play in the Central Otago mid week competition. Coaching positions involve two trainings a week and a commitment to travelling to games with the team on Saturdays. Managers positions involve weekly communication with players and parents and a commitment to travelling to games with the team on Saturdays (Wednesdays for the Girls).

Please make contact with Rugby Administrator; Laura Nathan: Inathan@wakatipu.school.nz

#### Laura Nathan, Sports Coordinator



#### **Student Job Opportunities**

#### **Operations Assistant - Real Journeys**

Are you an energetic, people person who would love to share what Queenstown has to offer with people from all over the world? Real Journeys are looking for a couple of new team members to help out our Queenstown operations where needed. Based primarily at Steamer Wharf, you could be assisting with crowd control at one of our visitor centres, helping with queue management for the TSS Earnslaw or answering customer's questions as they come up. You'll spend your days interacting with customers, whether they're waiting to get on their bus to Milford or checking in for their Walter Peak experience. You will quite often be one of the first people our guests see upon arrival.

This is a part-time role for our busy summer season, starting now and finishing in February 2020. The shifts we be from 9am – 6pm and for the right person, we can be flexible with days.

We are looking for someone who is a people person with excellent communication skills and a natural host. As you'll be part of a big team, you have to have great verbal and written skills. You'll be assisting with crowd control and the unloading and loading of passengers or freight, so you'll also require a good level of fitness. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

In return, you'll be working for one of New Zealand's leading tourism providers so you'll be exposed to an awesome work environment and some really cool perks, such as the ability to try some of our products for free with your friends and family and access to discounts across our wider group (Cardrona, Go Orange, Canyon Food & Brew and the International Antarctic Centre).

So, if you'd love a summer role where you really get to make a difference to people's Queenstown experience, and you think you have what it takes to make our customer experience even more remarkable, then apply today! For more information and to apply online, visit <u>www.careers.realjourneys.co.nz</u> Applications close 16th December, 2019. All applicants must be eligible to work in NZ.

#### **Important Dates**

Date	Event	Who
Monday 9 December	Year 10 Prizegiving	Year 10
Tuesday 10 December	Year 9 Programme	Year 9
Wednesday 11 December	Year 9 Prizegiving	Year 9
Wednesday 11 December	Graduation	Year 13

## 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 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 • Student Software
- Akonga passport

- Extra and Co curricular managers, coaches, volunteers support
- **Teacher Aide**
- Leadership development programme
- · Peer support programme
- English language support
- Scholarship classes
- Thanks TO OUR GENEROUS BUSINESS PARTNERS **PLATINUM PARTNER** olliers QUEENSTOWN realjourneys airport **GOLD PARTNER** PAKń Orange SAVE THE REES HOTEL SKEGGS TRUE SOUTH" ASSOCIATE PARTNER SILVER PARTNER AFFLECK TODD & WALKER law MILLBROOK O'MEARA **lacks** Point ------PARTNER Adventure Group Flame Bar & Grill NZSKI Anderson Lloyd **Goldfields Jewellers Pacific Travel Planners** Bridgestone Tyrecentre Highlands Game Over Placemakers Black ZQN Kinloch Lodge Remarkable Park Town Centre Cavell Leitch **Trinity Development** KJet Lakes Weekly Bulletin Westwood Group Holdings Cookie Time **Craigs Investment Partners** Lane Neave McCulloch & Partners Crowne Howarth Deloitte Queenstown Mitre 10 Mega The success of the WHS Foundation depends on the strength of its partnerships with community and

**BECOME A BUSINESS** PARTNER

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 "allround" 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





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Terms & Conditions Apply. All proceeds will go to the Awhi Hardship Fund. Tickets on sale from 02/12/2019 - 31/01/2020

The winner determined by random draw on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 11am at Queenstown Police Station. Ticket butt drawn from a bucket under Police supervision. Results published in the Mountain Scene newspaper Thursday 6th February 2020. The winner will be contacted by phone. In the event of cancellation notification will be advertised in the Mountain Scene newspaper Thursday 6th February 2020 and all money will be refunded. Employed and contracted PlaceMakers and Micostaff are excluded from winning. Licence number LT80009316

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#### CHRISTMAS TREES!!

Coronet Peak is once again selling wilding pines as Christmas trees to raise money for Happiness House over the holiday period. For a \$20 minimum donation you can order a 'Happiness Tree' online and get it delivered to your door before Christmas. This year the trees will be available in two sizes – medium (between 90cm – 149cm) and large (be-tween 150cm – 200cm+). The delivery dates are Sunday 8th or Sunday 15th December.

This will be the third year we have sold Happiness Trees for Christmas and are aiming to sell over 300 this time round. It's not only a great way to raise money for a good cause but also has a positive impact on our mountain environment by eliminating hundreds of wilding pines. It's been so successful we are having to visit neighbouring properties to find trees as we've removed most of them from Coronet Peak!

To find out more or to purchase a Happiness Tree visit <u>https://shop.coronetpeak.co.nz/happiness-tree-christmas-tree</u>

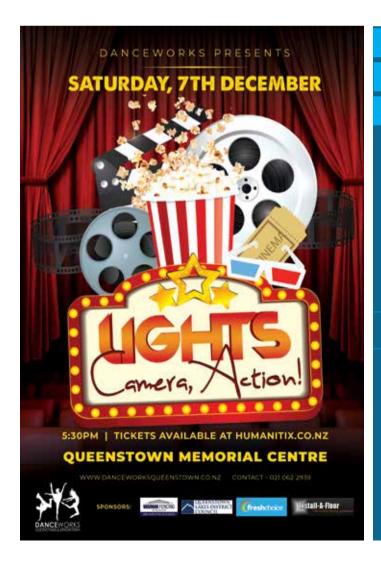
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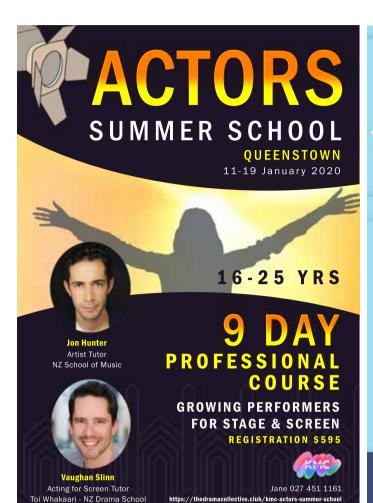


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#### The best things in life are free. That includes the best holidays.

Kids can travel free on selected adventures these school holidays, from 6 - 20 January 2020.

The best sights. Experience the exhilarating natural wonders of Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound, or travel via catamaran to enchanting Stewart Island.

The best way to travel. Cruise across Lake Wakatipu on our vintage steam ship – the renowned TSS Earnslaw.

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The best memories. Make the most of quality time with the family, enjoying a holiday they'll remember forever!

Two children per fare paying adult travel free on selected products and departures. See our website for full terms and conditions.





# Calming Anxiety

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

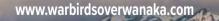
Friday 22 November, 7 - 8.15pm, Frankton Facilitator: Cameron Tukapua offering 30 years of Wellbeing & Chinese Medicine experience

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



Children attend for free!

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2020 SCHOOLS PROGRAMME







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:

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JAN 24-26: FRI 6pm, SAT-SUN 2pm, 4pm, 6pm Starts at Queenstown Gardens Rotunda BYO chair or blanket - Entry by folding koha / donation

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