Hidden beauty and finding your place in the world have been two themes this term. The Hidden Beauty Facebook Photography competition developed by our Teacher Aide, Brenda Meuli, uncovered both budding photographers amongst our students and also how beautiful our campus is, even in the depths of winter. Students took an array of amazing photographs of the natural landscape including blossom, daffodils, moody puddle and cloud shots, flowers, branches and buildings. Well done to all students who took part and in particular to Millie Cameron-Duncan 1st, Bailey Chapman 2nd and Tilly King 3rd.

Some of the photos are displayed within this newsletter for those who didn’t get to see them on Facebook. Well done, also to the Year 10 students in Mrs Johnston’s English Class who took part in the film making competition based on the theme of water. What an amazing group of talented young people. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the premiere evening.

Finding your place in the world means knowing who you are; where you stand; where you come from and where you are going. For many teenagers this is a time for developing themselves as young adults and finding their place in the world. It is always a privilege as an educator to be a part of this process and get to watch it unfold. It has been wonderful to see the Mana Wahine programme go from strength to strength this year with extensions into flax making and the opportunity for some to be part of Waka Ama and the Kaupapa Festival. Our Pasifika students have been benefiting from the Pasifika Power Up programme hosted at OIS every Wednesday in which Pasifika families enjoy time together to explore all things educational. Our Year 13 students are exploring life after school and what that involves as they prepare themselves for the next exciting stage of their lives. Congratulations to Ruby Boon-Mathews who has been selected for a Wie CAN Women in Engineering Residential Programme at the University of Canterbury in January 2019. There were many applications for limited places so well done to Ruby as her passion for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) was clearly communicated and she won a place.

As predicted term three was a challenging and busy one. Well done to our Tournament teams who all conducted themselves with resilience and fair play in their various tournaments. Congratulations to Taneisha Fifita who has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Netball team who will be
Coming up…

- **1 - 12 October**
  School holidays
- **12 - 30 October**
  Thai tour group
- **15 October**
  Term 4 commences
- **16 October**
  Otago Planning visit
  PTA Meeting
- **19 October**
  School scholarship interviews
- **22 October**
  Labour Day: no school
- **24 October**
  Y10 option book available
- **25 October**
  Senior awards assembly
- **27 October**
  Mana Pounamu awards
- **31 October**
  Science Roadshow
  Y10 option choices due
- **2 November**
  Aoraki sports awards
- **5 November**
  Boarders Feast
- **6 November**
  Senior Prize giving
- **7 November**
  Final day for seniors
- **8 November**
  NCEA exams begin
  Y10 exams begin
- **13 November**
  PTA meeting
- **14 November**
  Aoraki Junior volleyball
- **15 November**
  Aoraki Junior touch
- **20 November**
  Aoraki Junior tennis
- **22 November**
  White ribbon riders
- **3 December**
  Y12 Leadership Day
- **4 December**
  Y8 Transition Day
- **7-12 December**
  Y10 Camp

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playing in Australia over the holidays. This is an awesome achievement and so encouraging to know that a small south island high school can nurture talent to this degree. A tribute to Taneisha, her family and her coaching team. Given that we also have a former student, Jennifer O’Connell, also playing netball at national level for the Steel Franchise, confirms that great sports women come out of Waitaki!

Seniors have now completed benchmark NCEA exams and teachers are busy marking scripts and putting grades and feedback on to the portal. Please take time over the holidays to discuss with your daughter how she is tracking and put in place revision programmes for next term. Ensure you are aware of when NCEA exams are on in November and help your daughter be as prepared as possible. If you have concerns about using the portal or your daughter’s progress please ring the office and ask to speak to respective Year Level Deans.

We have ended the term as we began, with the message, ‘Drop your device and play’. Fun, Fitness Friday was a great way for the whole school to come together in physical activity. My thanks to Lynne Hamilton and Di Talanoa for running the Body Balance session in Wilson park. It was a great way to unwind after the busyness of exams. All the evidence points to the importance of physical exercise for managing well-being. Thanks also to the Student Health Committee for organizing it.

Talk about finding your place in the world, the Student Leaders had fun exploring this theme with their celebration of 125 years of Womens’ Suffrage in assembly this week. Theatrix was again, a great night. The students continue to impress with their imagination, creativity and collaboration in putting together their House Plays. Again, young woman finding their place in the world through play, work, culture and sport. Ka Pai!

Ngā Mihi Nui

Tracy Walker

Principal
Here are a few of the Hidden Beauty photography competition photos. We had 85 stunning entries by some very clever, thoughtful and talented budding photographers. Our six judges selected six top photos each and scores were added together to give us our finalists. As you will see, the standard is high and choosing was hard. Well done all of you. Congratulations to our winners!

First - Millie Cameron Duncan - Year 10, Second - Bailey Chapman - Year 9 and third - Tilly King - Year 10.
**Filmmakers in Schools Festival 2018**

**Left:** Anthea Gosling, Holly Spivey, Isabelle Crane, Brooke Bennie (The Adventures of Hydro Hero & Puddle—3rd Place, High School)

**Right:** Cleo Wilson, Sahara Geary, Alice Petrie, Tilly King (Tidy Turtles—Best in Theme 2nd Place, High School)

**Bottom:** Isabelle Crane (Most Promising Film Maker—The Adventures of Hydro Hero & Puddle)

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**Inter house debate results**

1st Wilson: *(left to right)* Hannah Acheson, Leandri Botha, Emma Borrie

2nd Gibson

3rd Ferguson

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**Respectful, Responsible, Resilient**

*Kia kaha Whakaute, Kia Haepapa, Kia Kaha i kā katoa*
Our Kapa Haka group had the honour of being invited to the Waitaki South Schools Kaupapa festival hosted by Hampden School. This past month, WGHS and WBHS have combined kapa haka groups and this was our first performance together. We are so proud of how hard our rōpū have worked in such a short space of time! We look forward to practicing together on a more regular basis.

**Kaupapa Festival**

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A select group of Mana Wahine students have had the privilege of taking part in a Waka Ama program, run by Suzi and Brendan Flack of Karitane. The program includes learning tikanga and the kaupapa behind Waka Ama, and then putting this into practice on the water! The photos below are some of their first encounters on the water down at Karitane.

Respectful, Responsible, Resilient

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**Power Up!**

Every Wednesday the Pasifika community meet at Oamaru Intermediate from 5-7pm to support Pasifika students with their learning. This initiative is supported by the Ministry of Education. During these sessions afternoon tea is provided and the students are split into their schooling age group. There are teachers, who offer their time and expertise to help support students with areas of their learning. After the homework the students interact with fun games. This is an open group to any Pasifika students and their families. Many Waitaki Pasifika girls and some of their teachers have been part of the program to date.

Sagatasi Robert

**Pasifika FieFia - Celebration**

This year our awards went to:

**Auiluma Pasoni** - exemplifies our three core values—Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.
A quiet achiever, Auiluma always gives her best. She is determined to achieve academically at the highest levels. With her peers she is kind, supportive and inclusive

**Ruby Perkins** - exemplifies our three core values—Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.
A quiet achiever, she leads by example in the classroom, around the campus and on the sport’s field.
Congratulations to all participants of Theatrix for 2018

- Best Direction: Jasmine Hunter
- Best Script: Burn
- Best Actress: India McLay
- Winning House: WILSON

SADD - Students Against Dangerous Driving
This lunchtime display was set up by the SADD student committee and Elton Crane from Road Safety Waitaki. The focus was on speed and distractions. Too many serious car accidents happen in NZ with people being distracted by things like, changing music in the car, checking cell phones, looking at scenery and not watching the road. If you are travelling in the car, be mindful of your driver and do not cause any distractions.

Technology free activities!
If you are wanting something to do during your breaks, head down to the library to issue board games. There are a variety to choose from including chess, twister, monopoly and cluedo. Don’t forget the library is cellphone free and we also have puzzles and colouring pages available, as well as library books.
Exam feedback and reporting
With our senior benchmark exams having just been completed, parents and students will be able to receive feedback from these by accessing our parent portal. Results and feedback comments will be available on the portal once staff mark and moderate this work. All results and comments will be available by Friday 19 October, however it is likely that many will be posted earlier than this.

Likewise, after our Year 9 and 10 exams have been held (8, 9 & 12 November) exam feedback and comments will be available on the parent portal.

In addition to the comments and results available on the portal, all students at each year level will receive a final report which will have a comment from their Whānau teacher and Dean. This will be available after 27 November and for students returning in 2018, will also include start of year information. Year 13 students will be provided with a Leaver’s Profile and these will be given to the girls at the Leaver’s Dinner (date to be confirmed).

If you are unsure how to access the parent portal or have any queries about our reporting process, please contact the school office or Deputy Principal mwilliams@waitakigirlshigh.school.nz

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 1 pm - 2 pm during Term time or by arrangement every Thursday 3pm-4pm (term time)

Extra hours as follows:

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It can get very busy at the uniform shop—if you know what you need you are welcome to email your order. Once we confirm your order, you are able to collect and pay from the school office uniform@waitakigirlshigh.school.nz

We accept cash, cheque, eftpos, credit cards, and pre-approved school accounts. We also provide WINZ quotes.

Note: a 2% surcharge applies on credit card payments.

Layby is also available upon enquiry.

Phone Dixie Boraman on 4348429 for any enquiries.

Congratulations!
Ruby Matthews-Boon has been accepted into the Women in Engineering (WiE) CAN summer programme. UC’s first ever Women in Engineering Residential Programme, held in January 2019. This is a hands-on programme, featuring interactive sessions to uncover what engineers ‘do’, a range of guest speakers (including lecturers, current students and industry experts), plus plenty of social activities for you to connect with like-minded students from around the country.

https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/engineering/information-for-schools/wie-can/

UC ENGINEERING
Te Rangai Pukaha

Waitaki Girls’ High School
Young women well equipped for the world
During tournament week this year we took a team of 5 girls to the NZSS Badminton tournament in Auckland. The team, Simone Hamilton, Mackenzie Phillips, Renata Burnett, Storm Voyce-McCulloch and Annah Brown competed in the second division with 10 other teams and finished a creditable 6th.

In pool play, on the first three days, the girls had great matches defeating Onehunga High School 6-0, Taupo 5-1, and Ormiston Senior school 4-2. On the second day they had tough competition losing to the two top Wellington/Hutt Valley schools, St Orans College and Wellington East Girls who finished 2nd and 3rd in the grade. However, the girls played really well and gave these more experienced girls some hard games.

In the 5th-8th play-offs we beat Carmel College 6-0 but unfortunately lost our replay with Ormiston Senior school on a count-back at 3-3 to finish 6th out of 11 teams.

Over the four days the girls played 7 singles and 7 doubles matches spending 6-7 hours at the badminton hall each day so there were a few sore bodies afterwards! Everyone had moments of brilliance, winning their matches against much more experienced players and have learnt a lot about match play which is difficult to experience in the Aoraki region. It was great to see the girls being competitive against regional representatives.

The trip was not only about badminton – it really was a life experience. Flying to Auckland, figuring out the motorways, driving over the Harbour Bridge and seeing the Sky Tower, shopping in Queen Street with all the people! Hopefully the girls came to realise the potential they possess as young people – that after being competitive at this level in Badminton without much experience, they can achieve success in anything they want to do.

Well done girls – you finished 14th in New Zealand!!! You always gave your best and represented the school well. I was very proud of you. Mrs Roberts

Aoraki Secondary Schools Badminton Championships

On Thursday August 16th, Waitaki Girls HS took 11 teams of four or five players each to Timaru to take part in the Aoraki SS tournament. This tournament was a great opportunity for players who had been training all season to put their skills into practice. As there is no local competition for badminton in Oamaru it is difficult for our players to play games of badminton against other schools so this was a big challenge for them. Each team played four or five matches involving both singles and doubles over the day against schools from Oamaru, Timaru and South Canterbury. The competition was tough and the day was exhausting for the players but Waitaki played strongly to achieve great results.

The Senior A team of Simone Hamilton, Mackenzie Phillips, Renata Burnett, Taylah Arlidge and Holly Rayne won the A section for the tenth year in a row. Simone was the top player at the tournament winning all her games at Number 1. The Senior B team of Storm Voyce-McCulloch, Alyssa Greaney, Breanna Greaney and Alice Zhong were second in the A Section and the Year 10 team of Minetta Martin, Losa Fifita, Abigail Schaffer, Brylee Milmine and Kaitlyn King finished 1st in B Grade which was a strong performance for all these teams.
OGHS Junior Interschool
Our final interschool of the year was held on 29 August. This interschool against Otago Girls’ High School is an opportunity for junior teams to compete in an interschool fixture. This year involved Junior A Basketball, Year 9 & 10 Badminton, 9A and 10A Netball. Badminton players were victorious in all of their matches, while Netball and Basketball were unable to secure a win. A great day was had by all and we look forward to hosting OGHS here next year.

WGHS Basketball
This year saw 5 senior and 2 collegiate social teams as well as our Junior and Senior A teams competing in the local midweek competitions. Great to see so many social players, allowing opportunities for social interaction, fitness and fun without having the pressure of being competitive. Well done to the Junior A team who took out the Collegiate competition. Brylee Milmine was named most improved collegiate player. Thank you to all those who refereed games and did score bench duty, the competition would not be able to run without your help. Mackenzee Campbell was named most improved referee of the competition.

WGHS Hockey
WGHS 1st XI hockey finished 2nd in the North Otago Senior Women’s competition losing 3-2 in the 2nd round of drop offs after a stellar season. We picked up 3 trophies in the prize giving:
- Trophy for finishing 1st in Round 1
- The Oamaru Licensing Trust Challenge Trophy
- Senior Representative player of the year trophy (Jordan Cunningham)

Winter Tournament Week
This year we had 4 teams head away to their respective competition for tournament week. Thanks to all those members of the community who donated to their fundraising efforts.
- Hockey - Placed 3rd at Jenny McDonald Cup in Gore.
- Jordon Cunningham top goal scorer for tournament scoring 9 goals!
- Connie Searle named player of the day for day 2 of tournament.
- Badminton - Placed 6th in division 2 at NZ Secondary School Championship in Auckland.
- Netball - Placed 13th in A grade at SISS Tournament in Dunedin.
- Taneisha Fifita named in the tournament squad.
- Basketball - Placed 7th at Schick Southern Cup in Ashburton.
Well done to all those who represented WGHS at tournament week.

Aoraki Table Tennis
Eight WGHS students headed to Timaru for the Aoraki Secondary Schools Table Tennis Champs on 14 September. Mackenzie Campbell and Kate Moffat won Third placed girls. Well done to them.

NZSS Swimming Champs
Alice Petrie has recently competed for WGHS at the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Champs, finishing with two top 10 placings. 8th in 200m Butterfly and 10th in 200m Backstroke in addition to breaking personal best times. Alice also finished 12th in the 100 Individual Medley (IM) and 13th in the 200m IM. Congratulations Alice, we know you have been working hard leading up to this meet.

**Trapshooting**

Year 10 student Mikayla Bryant has recently competed for WGHS at the Oamaru-Waimate trapshooting interschool, and is training hard for the upcoming Secondary Schools National trapshooting event held in Christchurch 29 September – 1 October. Good luck Mikayla!

If any other students are interested in trapshooting, weekly coaching is available on Wednesday’s at WBHS. Gear can be supplied if you are interested in having a go. Please see the sports co-ordinator for more details.

**Sports Uniforms**

Now that Winter sports have finished, could all students please return their washed uniforms to the teacher in charge of their sport as soon as possible, there are still a number outstanding.

**Otago Secondary Schools Duathlon**

On Sunday 23 September a group of 9 Waitaki multi-sporters loaded up their bikes and headed to Mosgiel for the OSS Duathlon. Waitaki had entered three junior girls teams and one senior team. TJ Arlidge was our only individual duathlete completing in the senior section.

On a good day our students took off with participants from schools all over Otago.

The junior competitors completed a 2.5km run followed by a 10km cycle and then a 2.5km run with the seniors going further with a 5km run, 20km cycle and 2.5km run.

**Results:**

- **Junior Team:** Brylee Milmine and Shelby Johnston – 3rd
- **Senior Individual:** TJ Arlidge – 3rd
- **Senior Team:** Anna Scott and Kate Galbraith – 3rd

**Winter Sports/Cultural Photos**

To order photos below is the link for the students and parents to order the Winter sports/cultural photos online.

https://fotographix.shootproof.com/WGHSWinterSports2018

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Taneisha will attend the Australian Institute of Sport Development Camp in Canberra in the first week of October with the team. Australia and England will both be attending this camp as well, with match play between the 3 nations.

Taneisha has played for the Netball South Beko team again this year and has also been called in to play for the Southern Steel.

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Get2Go Challenge – Dunedin

At 7am on Monday 17 September 40 excited Year 9 and 10 students (3 teams of 8 from Year 10 and 2 teams from Year 9) set off for an outdoor adventure in Dunedin. The Get2Go Challenge is run throughout the country by Hilary Outdoors to encourage a wider participation in outdoor pursuit activities and is a fun and exciting event open to Year 9 and 10 students only.

Our teams needed to undertake four 45 minute long challenges – problem solving followed by kayaking at Macandrew Bay then a quick trip across town to the Bethunes Gully for mountain-biking and orienteering. To maximise their score in each task the teams needed to work together, using important team skills such as communication, problem solving, planning and decision making.

All teams showed amazing resilience in the pouring rain and freezing cold to complete all the challenges. Waitaki 2 (Brylee Milmine, Ruby Searle, Ciara Turner, Maggie Hartland, Jessica Smaill, Emba Willans, Losa Fifita, Amy Hawkins worked really well together to finish as the first team for the Otago/Southland region in the ‘all girls’ section.

Waitaki 1 (Abbey Wilson, Lily Rawson, Briar Johnston, Shelby Johnston, Tilly King, Grace Kennedy, Greta Leonard, Gracie Haywood) finished in 3rd place in the ‘all girls’ section. We returned home with muddy and wet clothes, grazes and bruises as well as tired muscles – evidence of a fun and challenging event. Well done girls!

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Fun Physical Friday  

a successful initiative by the Student Health Committee involving the whole school and led by Mrs Hamilton and Di Talanoa, manager of the Waitaki Community Recreation Centre. Students and staff came to school in their active wear and participated in Body Balance and Body Jam classes during the lunch hour and Period 5 on Wilson Park.
Singing Lessons

Rebecca of Rebecca Ryan Music has recently shifted from Southland and is setting up her music teaching studio in Weston! Specialising in singing, Rebecca teaches all genres with past students including music theatre performers, Gold Guitar participants, classical singers now performing overseas and those just wanting to improve their singing voice for their own satisfaction. Currently Rebecca is teaching on a part-time basis so places are limited! To book a consultation lesson and for further information email music@rebeccaryan.co.nz or contact 021 0233 6654.

Upcoming course dates
Thurs 27 Sep - Wed 3 Oct
Sun 7 Oct - Sat 13 Oct
To find out more get in touch on 0800 668 927
outwardbound.co.nz

Outward Bound
School Holiday Teen Course
Our Explorer course is the ideal start to life’s great journey for teens aged 14-15 years.
This seven day programme is designed to give you the skills - and friendships - to help you find a clear path for growth.
Activities include tramping, camping, kayaking, running, sailing, swimming, rock climbing and high-ropes.

Waitaki Rec Centre
1. Rec Centre Spring Membership Special - new members pay for 3 months (just $150) during the month of September and get a fourth month FREE! Contact the Rec Centre now 4346932, waitakicrc@xtra.co.nz, or call in at 43 Orwell St, Oamaru
2. Active Kids Holiday Programme - Monday 8th to Friday 12th October at the Rec Centre. Mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Just $7 per child per morning or $30 for the whole week. Register now https://www.sporty.co.nz/waitakicrc/Active-Kids-Holiday-Programme/REGISTRATION

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai
Nurture the seed and it will blossom.

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