

TERM 1 2024

Cyber Safety

**John
Parsons**

14 February

BOT Meeting Dates

20 February

19 March

Small Schools Athletics

06 March

Kid's Lit Quiz

14 March

Otago Anniversary No School

25 March

Good Friday

**29 March
No School**

Easter Monday

1 April

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Goal setting Interviews

Thank you for attending the goal setting interviews last week. If you were unable to make it, the teachers will be arranging an alternative time with you over the coming week.

Swimming

Our swimming programme is underway. Please continue to send children to school with their togs everyday as the timetable for lessons varies depending on other commitments.

Garden to Table Programme

Miss Edlin and Nicky Gray (Enviro-Schools) have been working with the Senior Room students out in the garden and in the kitchen as part of the Garden to Table programme. Already they have made apple muffins with the apples from the school trees and kale pesto. They have also been harvesting plums to make relish. It is great to see the students so engaged in these activities.

Wellbeing thorough Art

On Thursday 8 February Kingston Artist Jenny Geelan came to Glenorchy School. She worked with both the Junior Room and Senior Room to create art inspired by our school values of Kindness, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Honesty.

Cyber Safety

A reminder that John Parsons will be at school tomorrow taking cyber safety sessions. A parent session will be taking place at 1:00pm - 2:00pm in the Tech Room. We highly recommend parents attending this session as John has great expertise in this area.

Small Schools Athletic Sports Day

Year 4 - Year 8 students will be attending the Small Schools Athletic Sports Day being held at Kawaru School on Wednesday 6 March. The Senior Room students have started preparing for this event. A separate email will be sent out closer to the time requesting parent support with transport.



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Easter Tuesday

2 April

School Camp Bannockburn

3-5 April

End of Term 1

12 April

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1

30 Jan—12 April

Term 2

29 April—5 July

Term 3

22 July—27 Sept

Term 4

14 Oct—13 Dec

Student of the Week

	Junior Room	Senior Room
Week 1	Maverik - Getting the year off to a great start by being responsible, kind and respectful.	Charlie - Being keen to share and discuss his writing efforts with the class.
Week 2	Kai - Showing responsibility by settling back into the routines of school well.	Hineamaru - showing amazing leadership and kindness especially to younger students in our class.

Paula, Kelly, Sophie, Michelle & Gorettie

A promotional poster for the Jennian Homes Junior Trail Race 2024. The poster features a red background with white text. At the top left, a red ribbon banner reads 'JENNIAN HOMES JUNIOR TRAIL RACE' and 'FINISHER'. Below this is a circular logo with a running figure. The main text reads 'JOIN US FOR 4KM OF TRAIL RUNNING FUN!'. To the right, a black box contains the text 'SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2024'. In the center, two children are running: a boy in a black shirt and blue shorts with bib number 8067, and a girl in an orange shirt and black shorts with bib number 8102. The text 'JENNIAN HOMES JUNIOR TRAIL RACE' is written vertically on the left side. At the bottom, it says 'ENTER ONLINE WWW.MOTATAPU.COM', 'Jennian HOMES', and 'MOTATAPU QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND'.



KIA ORA

Term 1 year 7&8 night activities are now live on our website.

This year we're trying out a new format and we have themed blocks. The theme for term 1 is: **"try something new"**.

Sign up quickly to avoid missing out on these epic activities!

All details can be found on our website. Click on each activity to find out more about the night.

Whakatipu Youth TRUST

YEAR 7 & 8 NIGHTS TERM 1

6pm - 7:30pm

\$5	15-02 SPLISH SPLASH	night out
\$5	29-02 CREATO POTATO	
\$15	14-03 JUMP AROUND	night out
\$15	28-03 DJ WORKSHOP	

TERM 1
THEME:
TRY
SOMETHING
NEW!

All information about each individual night can be found on our website

whakatipuyouthtrust.org.nz

TERM 1 AFTERSCHOOL AT TE ATAMIRA



Drama and Theatre Sports

Mondays

Ages 5-8, 3:30 - 4:15pm

Ages 9-12, 4:15 - 5pm

Children will be guided through an introduction to performing arts where they will explore character building and performance exercises to enhance their confidence.



Creative Clay

Wednesdays

Ages 5-12, 3:30pm - 5pm

In this programme children will take inspiration from a range of artists, art styles and their own imagination as they explore form and structure. This ceramics programme aims to enhance and inspire young people on their artistic journey.



Mixed Media

Thursdays

Ages 5-12, 3:30pm - 5pm

This mixed media arts programme aims to enhance and inspire young people on their artistic journey.

Different techniques that may be explored include drawing, painting, textiles, print-making.



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Enviroschools update Queenstown Lakes District



Celebrating Enviroschools in Queenstown Lakes District in 2023

Schools in Queenstown Lakes District (QLD) continue to embrace the Enviroschool's kaupapa on their journey to creating resilient, sustainable communities. 2023 has been a year for connection and celebration for the Enviroschools programme with the Otago Enviroschools holding 21st celebrations in Queenstown in November.

Connections continue to be made through school hui and community engagements. Many schools are including the Enviroschool's kaupapa and sustainability into their school strategy and vision, so the Enviroschool's kaupapa becomes part of business as usual and integrated into daily practices and inquiry topics. The guiding principle of Te Ao Māori, valuing and honouring indigenous knowledge, is a key focus for many schools.

A big mihi to kaiako and ākonga for their on-going mahi of creating healthy, peaceful, and sustainable communities. In 2024 our Enviroschools facilitators will continue to focus on supporting schools their Enviroschools journey. This pānui summarises the 2023 highlights of the mahi from Tāhuna and Wānaka schools.



Glenorchy School ākonga cutting the cake with Dame Suki Turner and Enviroschools Facilitator Nicky Gray.

Empowered Students

Students continue to engage and drive sustainability initiatives across the Queenstown Lakes District schools with support from their teachers and Enviroschools facilitators. This support enables students to really get their hands dirty and in doing so, see the results of their

sustainability initiatives. These have included school garden development, native plantings, recycling stations and running school envirogroups. Students at **Mount Aspiring College** took action through their Team Green – they took part in the Climate Action Strike, attended the Wānaka A&P show on behalf of the school, were involved in native plantings and setting up a recycling station at the school.

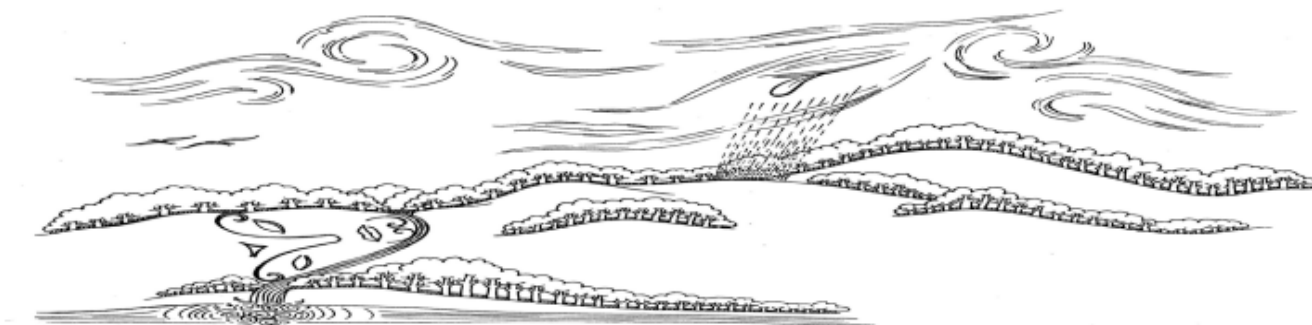


Students at Wānaka Schools hui exploring macroinvertebrates from the lake with assistance from Wai Wanaka.

Learning for Sustainability

Many of the QLD schools included sustainability and waste reduction initiatives when planning for their 2023 camps, with waste being monitored on school camps and reduction from year to year being encouraged. **Remarkables Primary School** integrated the Enviroschool's kaupapa into a Sustainable Design Course for year 7/8 students. They researched, designed, and built models of 'living landscape features' to increase the school's biodiversity. Predator control and monitoring remained a key focus for several schools with **Glenorchy School** focused on predator trapping and protecting native flora and fauna as part of their wider learning. The schools drew on the experts from Southern Lakes Sanctuary, QLDC and DOC to help with predator work. **Wakatipu High**





School students are creating space for nature at the school, planting their Paper4trees plants and using the knowledge many had gained from volunteering with the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust.

Te Ao Māori

Te Ao Māori is embraced and honoured in QLD school communities. Engagement with Tangata Whenua continues to develop across many EnviroSchools and the links to place and mana whenua continue to evolve. Te Reo is embedded in all classes and many schools visited marae during 2023. **Hāwea Flat School** took the opportunity of a new school build to create bilingual signage and Matariki celebrations are now a key part of schools' calendars with many schools having community celebrations and looking at plantings according to Maramataka.



St Joseph's School created a school production about Hakitekura, the princess that swam across Lake Whakatipu.

Sustainable Communities

QLD schools embrace opportunities to engage with and assist external programmes that work to enhance their local environment. **Queenstown Primary** students used their local Horn creek for their water inquiry unit resulting in contacting the QLDC with ideas on how they could look after the creek. The students are doing regular water tests and litter removal, and with the help of QLDC have done some riparian planting along the creek. 200 **Shotover Primary** students volunteered autumn and spring native planting days. Trees for Survival have been working with the students and the Kōwhiri graduate programme to learn

botanical drawing, scientific observations to identify species, and propagation of native plants.



Students from Queenstown Primary School looking at Horn Creek with staff from the QLDC.

Holistic Reflection

Personal and group reflection is an important part of the Action Learning Cycle. Reflection can help you to assess and celebrate your progress, change your practice, and plan what comes next for your school community. Students and staff at **Te Kura O Take Kārara** and **Wānaka Primary** both engaged in holistic reflection to consider the past, present, and future of their journey. Both kura were surprised at how much they do and how much learning is linked to their place and sustainability. The ownership of ākonga of the reflection process shows how committed and proud students are of their mahi.

Hui

As well as the two primary hui in term four, during 2023 a secondary hui was held where students got to think about leadership, collaboration, and sustainability as they created lunch for everyone. There was also a teacher hui looking at the holistic reflection process and how EnviroSchools supports Te Mātaiaho.

For ongoing support and resources get in touch with your local EnviroSchools Facilitator:

Queenstown – Nicky Gray nicky@wastebusters.co.nz

Wānaka – Damian Foster damian@wastebusters.co.nz

New Regional Coordinator for Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago EnviroSchools programme:

Chelsea Donnelly Chelsea.donnelly@orc.govt.nz

Ecological Building Resource: Looking at joining the Ōtākou EnviroSchool Ecobuild Challenge? Check out the theme area online www.enviroschools.org.nz/team-area/them-area-ecological-building/

The EnviroSchools kaupapa is creating a healthy, peaceful, and sustainable world through facilitating action-learning; where inter-generations of people work with and learn from nature. It weaves in Māori perspectives, combining traditional wisdoms with new understandings. Importantly our kaupapa reminds us to be in connection; to love, care for and respect ourselves, each other, and our planet.

GUITAR - VOCAL - UKULELE & SONGWRITING LESSONS:



Location: Glenorchy (near Golf Course)

Cost: \$40 - Solo - half hour

\$50 - Duo - half hr (2 people)

Group/Band: 3 or more - taking enquiries

(Tuesdays & Fridays)

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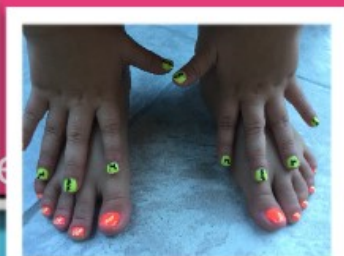
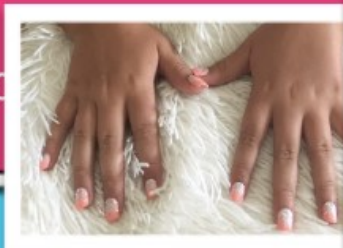
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