



## Wild School - Values

### Our Values:

### Being Curious. Demonstrating Courage. Living with Care.

**Whakatipu Wild School Charitable Trust is built on the foundation of three core values that have been proven to transect time, culture and circumstance. We believe these core values underpin a meaningful existence. We believe that when we develop these core values, we can live continually growing in wonder and wellness.**

**Being Curious:** to wonder, being marked by a desire to expand ideas and feelings, inquisitive, enquiring, probing, engrossed and fascinated in concepts larger than our own, seeing life as a treasure chest, being charmed by possibilities. Being curious is indulging possibilities and questions that arise, like 'in autumn, do the leaves let go of the trees, or do the trees let go of the leaves?'

"I have no special talents, I am just passionately curious." Albert Einstein

"Curiosity... is what separates the truly alive from those merely going through the motions." Tom Robbins

**Demonstrating Courage:** bravery, pluck, valour, a resilient spirit, daring to engage with whole-heartedness, complete resolution towards a cause, to withstand fear or difficulty, having the guts to show up when you can't control the outcome, dwelling in your true source of strength, to live through the fortitude within your heart. Demonstrating courage is all about being the person you were truly meant to be, without bending to any other force.

"What good are wings without the courage to fly?" Atticus

"The word courage comes from the same root as coeur, the French word for heart. We need all the courage of which the human heart is capable, forged into both weapon and shield. And the lifeblood of courage is, of course, love." Derrick Jensen

**Living with Care:** being careful with others and the environment, sharing genuine kindness, living with an attentive spirit, considerate, being responsive to needs greater than your own, being attentive, and noticing places and moments where you can offer love. Sharing your majestic personal beauty in places that need to experience it. Living with care is about giving of yourself, so that beautiful things will be written on the pages of history today, both for people and the earth.

"Wherever you stand, be the soul of that place." Rumi

"Wash the plate not because it is dirty, nor because you were told to wash it, but because you love the person who will use it next." Mother Teresa

Our Wild School team could chat for hours about these values. In essence, our personal spheres and our entire planet is a much sweeter place and more hospitable to sustaining life, every single time we act with curiosity, courage and care. Thank you for bringing your curious mind, your courageous soul and your caring heart!