WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Faith

The first of WHCCs five values is Faith. What has tested your faith recently? For me there have been tests on many levels. Sometimes I feel like a very mature Christian, peacefully resting and trusting in God and his timing. It's a great place to be. Lately, two issues have boiled my blood. It's taken a fair bit of effort to calm the emotions and come to a point of entrusting it to God. I don't feel mature in those moments, often a belated sense of embarrassment sets in. Thank God for his grace.

It reminds me of an illustration. Sometimes we are like a child taking a toy to her father to fix. After placing it in his care, the child becomes impatient and takes it back to fix by herself. The father watches on patiently and lovingly for the child too, in desperation, once again place it in the father's care.

The journey of faith is lifelong. I'm fifty and still learning. Our children are young and need both our encouragement and patience, just as God is with us. Faith is a rich value to mine treasures from.

Monday Assemblies

Whole school assemblies will be held in the Broderick Street Chapel from 2:00pm each Monday. Parents are welcome. We will see how well we fit this coming Monday, depending on parent numbers. Let's hope it works.

We had our first assembly this past Monday morning. I asked the students, "what is faith?". They gave some great answers. Hebrews 11:1 has an inspired answer. "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

The rest of the chapter goes on to explain how this worked itself out in the lives of our spiritual ancestors – people like Abraham, Sarah, Rahab and Enoch. I will use these stories as the source of inspiration for our whole school assemblies most of this term.

Stories are powerful. They embed in the mind and the soul can draw from them time and time again. God's spirit keeps teaching as we bring them to mind in the different stages and experiences of life.

I hope the telling of these stories builds the children's identity, building their spiritual resilience and faith in our great God.

Prayer Points

Thanks for peace and strong school culture in our first week. God has been very generous in answering this prayer.

Pray for teachers whose minds are racing with ideas that sleeping has been a challenge.

Prayer that the new pedestrian access can be made available to the school very soon.

Thanks for the beautiful buildings and play areas we can work and play in each day.

Pray for strong and positive relationships with our neighbours.

Notices

Peanut Free School

We have several children with peanut allergies. This means we need to be a peanut free school. Thankfully we are people lovers more than peanut butter lovers.

Emergency Supplies

Can students please bring in the emergency supplies mentioned on the stationery list and a box of tissues

Hats

Year 7-9 need to bring a hat for PE. Year 7-8 are on Wed and Thurs, Yr 9 on Tuesday and Friday. They can use it at break times as well, though they will self-manage this.

Glass Jars

Our creative space in the junior school requires some glass jars (large as well as regular sized). If you have any and are happy to donate them to the school, please bring them to the school office and put them in the box labelled "Glass Jars".

We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Thank you- Parking and Entering the School

Thank you for your cooperation in this area. By using the narrow way, you show your care for our neighbours, some of whom are anxious about safety. We have had some recent good news about the pedestrian access on the other side of the chapel. It will take some time to sign off and construct the steps, but we can look forward to a more permanent and easy solution in some months from now.

Key Dates

Calendar

Our google calendar is linked to the front page of our website. You can also access it here CALENDAR LINK. Term dates and events are already in place.

Friday 28 March

We will be holding a teacher only day on Friday 28 March. This is so we may join in with the Lower North Island Christian School Community of Learning collaboration day. School will be closed on this day.