WHCC Newsletter

January 27, 2025

Principal's Pen

Greetings

Tēnā koutou. Welcome to the new year and the start of a new era with the opening of WHCC. I hope you have had a great summer. Our family arrived in Wellington on the 16 January to glorious Wellington sunshine. Having unpacked we are beginning to settle in. It is great to be here in this wonderful city.

In this newsletter, a few notices from our December newsletter are updated or new and some are repeated.

Shining Lights and God's Glory

Last newsletter I shared about the verse:

…let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your Father who is in heaven Matthew 5:16 ESV

Our immediate opportunity as a school to demonstrate this is with our neighbours. WHCC is uniquely placed on the same property as businesses. Petzone has customers who come with much loved pets, sometimes feeling anxious. One business is wondering what the 9:00am and 3:00pm routines will look like, and we appreciate them asking. We can hardly have a better opportunity to follow Jesus command to "love your neighbour" and I look forward to the community doing just that.

WHCC Staff (repeat notice)

I am very excited to introduce you to the teaching team. You will be able to meet them all on the 5th and 7th of February at our connection days.

Name	Role	Days
Kerrin Allott	Office Manager	3
Dominique de la Hunt	ne-Y1 (four days)	4
Mel Shoemark	ne-Y1 (one day) and Year 2 (two days)	3
Betsy Anderson	Lead Teacher Primary Y2 (three days), SENCO, SCT	Full time
Sarah Grant	Y3-4	Full time
Emma Wadsworth	Y5-6	Full time

Christine Dowell	Year 7/8 homeroom, Science and Social Studies	Full time
Moira Ashdown	Primary Release (two days)	2
Hannah Buchanan	Art and English (three days)	3
Kate Price	Music	1
Adele Southerton	Biblical Studies, Food Tech	1
Dan Shaw	Head of Secondary Development Maths and PE, Year 9 homeroom	Full time
Krizelda Smit	Teacher Aid	Part Time
Cheree Graham	Teacher Aid	Part Time
Tim Kuipers	Principal	Full time

Enrolments (updated)

We are thankful to have 116 enrolments for the start of the year. We are full at years 5-8 and have a waitlist in place at these levels, but have spaces in years 0-4 and year 9.

Key Dates

Calendar (updated)

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.

Mon 27 Jan	Teacher Only Day
Tue 28 Jan	Teacher Only Day
Sat 01 Feb	Working Bee – Moving furniture into building
Wed 05 Feb	Connection Day (see notice below)
Fri 07 Feb	Connection Day (see notice below)
Mon 10 Feb	First Full day of classes (NO OPENING CEREMONY THIS DAY – see notice)

Connection Days Program (repeat)

We invite all students and available parents to have a class session and tour of the school on either Wednesday 05 February or Friday 07 February. You only need to come to one of the class sessions. The timetable is the same for both days.

Time	**Event**
11:30	Doors open
11:40	Class session 1
12:00	Class session 2
12:20	Time to wander and chat
1:00	Finish

Opening Ceremony (changed)

We will have an official opening on a date to be advised. There are some logistics issues we wish to plan for effectively.

Notices

Uniform (new notice)

We are pleased to advise that uniform is now ready to purchase. As per the list below, some of the items are still outstanding, but the core items are ready to go. Please visit NZ Uniforms in Thorndon for fittings. You can backorder items that are not in stock by trying other schools' similar items.

Senior boys – unfortunately the white shirts required another round of refinement, so these will not be ready until early March. In the meantime, please use existing white (light coloured) shirts/polos (even if they have a logo). We are sorry for the inconvenience.

The **PE uniform** is delayed. You can get a fitting recommendation with the staff at NZU and then order your sizes and have it delivered to you to save a second visit to the store if you prefer. It is anticipated it will be ready approx. early March. Students can wear mufti in the meantime.

Jerseys will be available in time for the cooler weather in term 2.

Here is an update on availability of all items:

Junior Uniform – Year 1-8
Polo – In store
Softshell Jacket – in store
Elasticated shorts – In store
Flat Front Skort – In store
Elasticated Trousers – In store
PE Tee – Early March
PE Shorts – Due next week
Wide Brim Hat – In Store
Jersey – We can take back-orders. Term 2 delivery (if not sooner)

Senior Uniform – Year 9-13
SS Blouse– In store (girls)
LS Blouse – In store (girls)
SS Shirt (boys) – Term 2
LS Shirt – (boys)- Term 2
Fitted Blazer– In store
Blazer– In store
Softshell Jacket– In store
Skirt– In store
Shorts – In store
Trousers – On Hold
PE Tee – Early March
PE Shorts – Due next week
Tie – ETA 4-6 Weeks
Jersey- We can take back-orders. Term 2 delivery (if not sooner)

Stationery (repeat)

The stationery lists will be available on Friday 31 January at the latest, once all the teachers have confirmed their requirements.

Year 7 to 10 BYOD (repeat)

We have decided that all Year 7 to 10 students will require an iPad with a keyboard. However, please DO NOT buy one yet. They are not needed in term one. We have had 30+ i-macs donated to the school and these will meet our needs in term one.

Delaying the rollout is beneficial for three reasons:

- It spread your costs
- It allows us to set up finance options
- It allows for safety systems and policies to be well set up

The reason for selecting iPads is due to functionality and price:

- They are cheaper than a laptop.
- They are cheaper than a chromebook over their life due to durability
- They have a high resale value
- They have the full functioning of a chromebook
- In addition, they have powerful creative tools
- They have excellent battery life
- They can be locked to the school system for to protect from misuse

Transport options – Miramar and Hutt Valley (repeat)

We have two conversations underway to help solve the transport logistics from Miramar and the Hutt Valley. If you want to join a parent team that is organising this, please email Rachael at office@whcc.school.nz so she can help connect you with our parent volunteers. We are grateful for the help!

School Hours

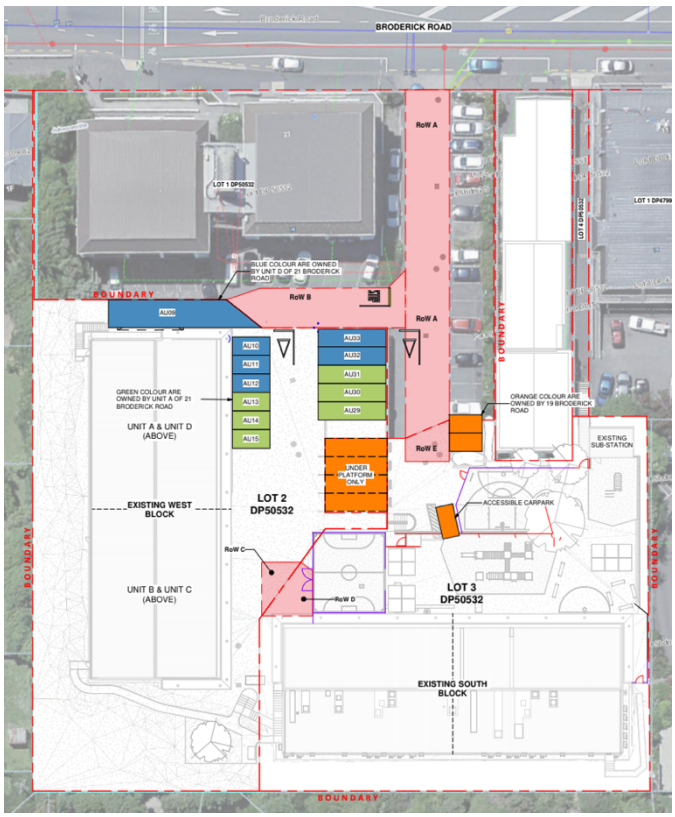
Regular school hours are 9am to 3pm.

Classrooms will be open from 8.30am. Do not drop your children at school before 8.30am as we will not be in a position to care for them. We have sent out an email about Before and After School Care. If you haven't had a chance to contribute to the Survey about regular care offerings. Please do this HERE.

Payment of Attendance Dues

NZCPT are in the process of contacting all families about attendance dues. The school does not directly manage the receipt of attendance dues. Please expect to be contacted by Rene in Auckland at some point, if you haven't already been.

Parking and Entering the School (repeat)



We have limited car parking on site. The blue, green and orange spaces belong to WHCC. These are reserved for staff, parents with infants, or those with accessibility needs. All others need to use the Johnsonville mall and cross at the traffic lights.

We do not yet have access to a potential pedestrian lane. We have an entry and exit plan being developed with the neighbouring businesses. We will publish that when it is approved.

We will need to use the car park entrance as our pedestrian entrance. Teachers will be available to direct people. Could parents of primary students please walk in with their children until we have tested all our systems for safety. If you cannot walk them in, let me know (principal@whcc.school.nz) and I'll arrange for teachers to take them up to the front door.

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