WHCC Newsletter

28 March 2025

Principal's Pen

Faith to take the crazy road

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

A thousand years ago there were no humans in this land. All of us are migrants or ancestors of migrants looking for a better life or taking up an opportunity. I don't personally know anyone who came here to get a more difficult life.

So why would Abraham leave the luxury of his homeland to go to an unknown place and live in a tent? It doesn't make sense, unless you are serving a bigger purpose than this life. Abraham acted in faith because of a promise. He was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Following Christ may well cost. As the adults in our children's world, we need to be real about this. Jesus was real. To some would-be followers he said things like this:

Luke 9:23 – "deny [yourself] and take up [your] cross daily"

Luke 18:22 – "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Luke 9:58 – "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Matthew 10:22 – "And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

I put this reality to the students and asked if they still wanted to follow him. The hands shot up. I pray that such enthusiasm is a mark of this generation as we seek to bring Christ to the nation. It will take some sacrifice. But let's remember that Jesus also said things like, "come to me and I will give you rest" and many other such comforting inviting statements.

Prayer Points

Please continue to pray for wisdom in the task of building the school, as we seek to establish the school strongly on its values and on the principles of a good education.

Teachers thank you for your prayers. Please continue to uphold them.

Continue to pray for the details of the new entrance way to be worked through at good speed.

Diary

I will be away on Thursday 03 and Friday 04 April visiting my mother in Australia for her 75th birthday.

Notices

School Roll

We have a lot of interest for next year. This will mean we cannot take all students who apply to come in 2025. Our decision will be based on the enrolment scheme.

If you know of families who have children in Years 1, 3, 4, 9 or are turning five between 1 July and 31 December (Year 0), they can still enroll *this* year and beat the rush.

Year 1-8 Maths Programme

Please read the separate letter explaining Maths No Problem!

Year 7 to 10 BYOD

Here is an update:

WHO

- BYOD is Years 7 to 9 only.

SINGLE DEVICE

- The school is still committed to iPads as the cheapest and most functional option for Years 7 to 10.
- They are cheaper than a suitable lower end laptop.
- They are more expensive than a Chromebook but are more functional, last longer, and have better resale. This means they are cheaper and better overall than a Chromebook.

WHEN

- Our ICT provider will be developing a new ICT platform due to complications with the system brought over from last year. This delays the rollout of BYOD.
- We are aiming for mid to late term two for devices to be purchased so they are setup and usable by the end of term.

SUPPLIER AND SETUP

- We would like all families to have a specific iPad supplied through Aiscorp for the following reasons:

    - Fully set up to the school's specifications
    - Preinstalled with apps required
    - Set up allows them to be fully controllable by school to minimise distraction and maximise beneficial use of device as a tool.
- We will release information on the devices required and their prices in Term 2. If you already have one, we may be able to integrate it.

FUNDING

- We are applying for funding to help a limited number of families where buying an iPad is difficult financially. We will let you know if we are successful.

WHCC Policies

If you would like to view any of the WHCC policies, please contact the school office.

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.

Some Key Dates

Monday 31 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 09 April	Year 7 Vaccinations
07-10 April	Cultural Celebrations (see notice above)
Friday 11 April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28 April	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 14 May	Vision and Hearing Screening for New Entrants & Year 7