WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Saul's Character Test

This term at assemblies I will be focusing on our value of Character through the eyes of three kings; Saul, David and Jesus.

Saul was the first king of Israel, and a great disappointment. Many will know the story of his attack on the Amalekites. He was commanded to totally destroy them but kept the king alive and some of the best sheep. On his way to setting up a monument in his own honour, Samuel confronted him.

First, he pretended nothing was wrong. "The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord's instructions." But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?"

Saul then lied and sought to manipulate saying, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God…"

Then comes Samuel's famous quote, with its most famous line, "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."

A this point Saul finally acknowledges his sin and begs for forgiveness, giving the excuse that he "feared the men". Then, of all things, he asks Samuel to honour him before the people.

Saul's troubles were many. He wanted honour and earthly treasure. He feared the opinions of men rather than God. There was pride and fear and greed all in the mix. What a mess! I know how he feels. I am tempted to the same things. Praise God for his mercy.

So, what is the alternative to Saul's life. Obedience flowing out of love. Jesus put it this way, "If you love me, you will obey what I commend." In the simple act of obedience lies the truly abundant life.

New Appointments

We are very grateful to have made the following new appointment.

Leanne Kuipers – Teacher Aide for High Health Needs

Leanne will work two days a week in Year 0 & 1 - Wharua (Valley) to support a child with Type 1 diabetes. For much of the time, she will be available to assist other student groups with their learning. Christine Shin (see last newsletter) is working the other three days.

Open Day: Wednesday 04 June

We will have an open day for families considering WHCC for next year. We have many expressions of interest, and this will give those families a chance to see the school operating firsthand. Tour times are: 9:30am, 12:00pm and 2:00pm. We will start advertising this early next week.

Prayer Points

- There is slow progress with the new access way – pray for a speed up.
- For the establishment of a vision and mission statement, currently being worked on.
- Thanks for provision of our new teacher aides.
- Pray we will continue to be guided by God's word and Spirit.

Notices

Student ID's

We are pleased to announce that Student ID's are available for Yr 7-9 students. These will cost approximately $12 each.

There will be a notice coming home with your child next week for anyone who would like to order a student ID.

Sport

Whole School Cross Country

Congratulations to those who have qualified for the Northern Zones Cross Country.

Hector, Josiah, Miche, Sage, Samuel, Logan, Sieun, Zephaniah, Isabella, Asher, Daniel, Tessa, Emily, Heidi.

Netball

The netball season started last Saturday.

Yr 7/8 'WHCC Flyers'

The 'WHCC Flyers' played their first game against Newlands and won 21-3. What a fabulous start to the season!

Yr9 WHCC /Tawa College combined

The Yr9 WHCC/Tawa team won their first game by default. No doubt they are looking forward to taking to court this week.

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Badminton

The badminton team played their first game yesterday with some mixed results.

Basketball and Rugby

These sports start their season this weekend.

Formal School Photos

Formal school photos were taken last week by L C Scott. Each student was given a shootkey code unique to them so you can order their photos online. If you didn't receive your shootkey code or have misplaced it, please contact the school office as they can provide it to you.

You can view your child/ren's photos online using their unique shootkey code at https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/access.

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.

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Tuesday 13 May	Northern Zones Cross Country, 11:30am to 3pm @ Grenada North Park
Wednesday 14 May	Vision and Hearing Screening (New Entrants & Year 7)
Friday 16 May	Swimming Lessons for Years 1-6, 12:45pm to 3pm @ Keith Spry Pool, Johnsonville
Wednesday 21 May	STEMania (Years 5-9)

Community Notices

BIGAIR Gymsports - Jump, Flip, Thrive!

Ready to flip, tumble, and soar? Bigair Gym is the ultimate destination for kids who want to learn cool skills, achieve and build unstoppable confidence! Whether it's cartwheels, flips, tramp tricks, or parkour, Bigair Gyms action packed classes combine fun, fitness, and focus, in a safe, supportive space.

Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

Crashmat Kids Sessions (walking-4 years) – Great for little ones to become familiar with the gym.
Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years) – Start building coordination and confidence early!
Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years) – Learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling.
Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced) – Take your skills to the next level!
Free Running (5+ years) – Parkour + flips = epic agility and body control.
Trampoline (5+ years) – Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.
Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years) – Strength, flexibility, performance—Cheer style!
Tumbling (5+ years) – Learn walkovers, handsprings & aerials—perfect for Cheerleaders and Dancers wanting to boost flexibility and stage skills.

Hurry – Book Online Now for Term 2 Before Spaces Run Out at www.bigairgym.co.nz**!** Don't miss out on the chance to help your child grow, achieve, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym! Contact us at:
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