WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Open Days

We will have an open day for families considering WHCC for next year on Wednesday, 04 June 2025 at 9:30am, 11:30am and 2:00pm. We have many expressions of interest, and this will give those families a chance to see the school operating firsthand. Feel free to pass the message on to friends and family.

Please note that **we have another Open Day for WHCC Families** and Year 8 Marantha Christian School Families **on Tuesday, 10 June, 9:30am.**

Enrolment Deadlines

Year 9 expressions of interest for 2026 are likely to outstrip places available. Priority enrolments for Year 9 in 2026 go to those who:

- have a sibling already attending
- are children of those on the board, proprietor or land trust of the school
- are enrolled in Year 8 at Maranatha Christian School

We will look to allocate those places after 01 July so that we can give certainty to those looking for a High School. If you have a child you wish to enroll in Year 9 for 2026 that meets the above criteria, please have your application in by 01 July 2025.

All other enrolments must be in by 01 September 2025. If spaces remain for Year 9, they will then be filled according to the same priority list.

David and ~~Goliath~~ The Overlooked Things

At whole school assemblies, I'm working my way through the lives of the Kings to draw out our value of Character.

The gruesome killing of Goliath often out shadows some of the more subtle messages in 1 Samuel 17. Consider these:

Verses 17-20 "Early in the morning [DILIGENT] David left the flock with a shepherd [RESPONSIBLE], loaded up, and set out as Jesse directed [OBEDIENT]".

Verses 23-26 Everyone ran from Goliath. When David heard him, he was indignant, jealous for God's name [GOD HONOURING] and saw, not a giant, but a mortal man to be defeated [GODLY PERSPECTIVE].

Verses 28-29 When his brother falsely accused him with scathing words, rather than shrivel back, he stood up to him [NOT FEARING MEN and GUIDED BY TRUTH].

Verse 33 When Saul said David could not defeat Goliath he said, "…The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from this Philistine" [CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S DELIVERANCE].

Verses 45-47 When speaking to Goliath he said “This day the LORD will hand you over to me…for the battle is the LORD’s” [GIVING GLORY TO GOD].

Saul, by contrast, was disobedient, feared the opinions of men, was guided by lies, and wanted the glory for himself.

David was a man of exceptional gifts and talents. He was a musician, a soldier, a leader, a poet, a judge, an orator. We have students like that. As we strive to bring out the best of their gifts and talents, let’s pray that their hearts, too, would be after God's own heart and their gifts directed to God’s honour. And that God would help us as parents and teachers to model such devotion.

Prayer Points

- Pray we will continually be guided by God’s Word and Spirit.
- 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 the provision of our new teacher aides and office administrator.

Notices

Student ID’s

We are pleased to announce that Student ID’s are available for Yr 7-9 students. These will cost $11 each.

A notice has gone home this week for you to fill out and order a student ID. The order form needs to be returned by Monday 19th May 2025.

Please contact the school office (office@whcc.school.nz) if you need a copy of this form.

Sport

Northern Zone Cross Country

This week, we took a team of Year 4-8 students to compete in the Northern Zone Cross Country. A huge congratulations to Samuel, Heidi, and Tessa for their outstanding performances, securing their qualification for the Interzone Cross Country on Tuesday, 10th June.

We commend all our participants for their dedication, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done to everyone involved!

Formal School Photos

Formal school photos were taken the first week of Term 2 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.

If you would like your school photos to be delivered to the school with free delivery, your order will need to be placed with L C Scott no later than Wednesday, 21st May 2025. You can still order photos after this date, but you would have to pay for postage and they would have to be delivered straight to your home.

Relieving Teachers

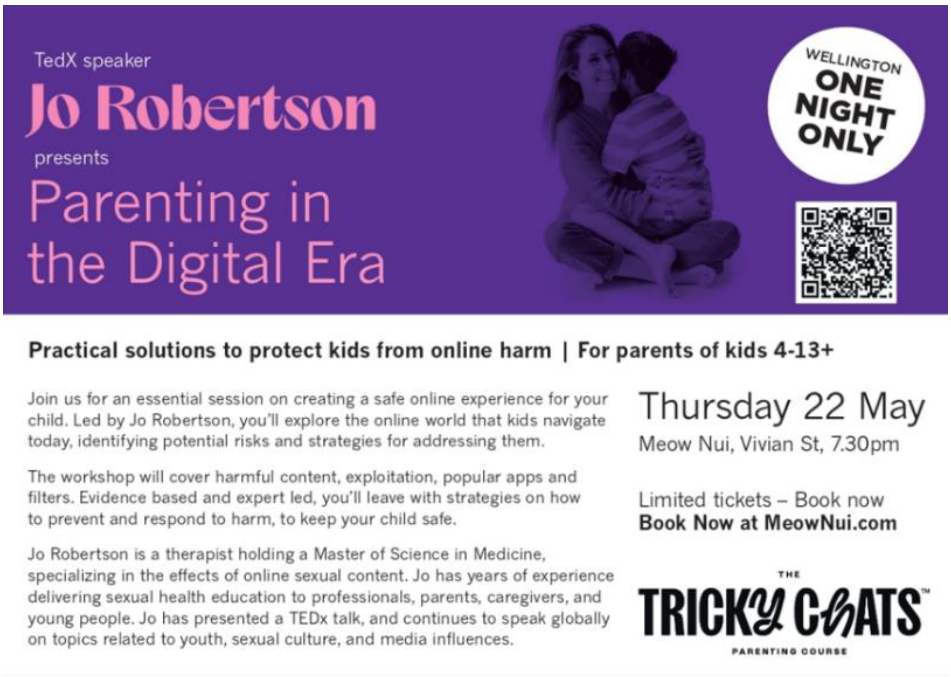
We would like to increase the size of our teacher relief pool. If you know of anyone available, please contact the school office or email Dan Shaw (dan.shaw@whcc.school.nz)

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.

Key Dates

Wednesday 21 May	STEMania (Years 5-9)
Thursday 22 May	Year 9's at Alexander Turnbull National Library/Bolton Street Cemetery/Te Papa
Friday 23 May	Swimming Lessons for Years 1-6, 12:45pm to 3pm @ Keith Spry Pool, Johnsonville
Monday 02 June	King's Birthday – School Closed
Wednesday 04 June	WHCC Open Day (for General Public) – 9:30AM | 11:30AM | 2:00PM
Tuesday 10 June	WHCC Open Day (for WHCC Families & Yr 8 Maranatha Christian School Families) – 9:30AM

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