WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Welcome Back

Welcome to our first Term 2 ever as WHCC. We continue to focus on our three main goals; classroom programmes, special character, and systems. Ensuring each of these are strong allows for a great base to build the school.

I would like to acknowledge the teachers. From when they were employed, they have done a marvellous job setting up the new programs and establishing positive cultures in their rooms. They have evaluated those programs with an approach of constant improvement. This has come with giving in many extra hours of work in the drive to do well.

Please pray for each of them. Please also keep communicating with us. Parent input continues to be invaluable in the quality of the school and its development.

New Appointments

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

Zipporah Lee – Office Administrator

Zipporah has taken on the part-time office administrator role. She will be working in the front office, relieving Kerrin part of the time so Kerrin can focus on her finance role. In the near future, Kerrin will be changing her working days to be on-site from Monday to Wednesday. Zipporah will work half days on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and full days on Thursdays and Fridays. She has experience working as a qualified nurse, an administrator, and a ministry coordinator.

Christine Shin – Teacher Aide for High Health Needs

Christine will work 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 has been an English tutor and holds a primary teaching degree. She is passionate about helping children.

Rachel Garrett – Teacher Aide for Year 5-6 In-Class Support

Rachel will assist with the Reading, Writing, and Maths programs in Year 5-6. She has held various roles, including tutoring, photography, and administration. Rachel has experience providing learning support for students from Year 1 to Year 13, specializing in helping students with English comprehension, spelling, reading, and writing, as well as those with learning difficulties such as dyslexia.

Prayer Points

- For the teaching programme ahead.
- For 2026 planning. We have more expressions of interest than we have spaces.
- Thanks for teachers and prayer for their energy for the term.
- That we would keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make every day and strategic decisions.

Notices

Whole School Cross Country

Next Wednesday 7 May is the whole school Cross Country at Alex Moore Park. The 1st race will start at approximately 1:30pm, with the school departing at 1pm to walk to the park. We will finish around 2:30pm and then head back to school. If you can assist with this please let your child's teacher know.

Races will take place in the following order: - Yr 1/2, Yr 3/4, Yr 5/6, Yr 7/8, Yr 9

Yr 4 - 8 can qualify for the Northern Zones will be on Tuesday 13th May in the afternoon. I will be looking for the top 2-3 boys and girls from yr 4 -8 to take to this.

Students need to wear their PE uniform to school on this day please.

Formal School Photos

Formal school photos were taken this 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.

Sport at WHCC

We have a number of students either playing for our very own teams or other schools starting this term.

Tomorrow the Netball team (Yr 7 & 8) start their grading games. Our Junior Mixed Badminton (Yr 9) team starts their competition games next Thursday at Onslow. Then we have a number of our Yr 9's playing Rugby, Netball and Basketball for other high school's starting tomorrow or next week.

As the school grows, we will look to add more teams or partner with schools for our students to compete in their teams if we don't have the player numbers to field our own team.

Our Culture Celebration

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the wonderful parents who helped make our recent cultural celebration such a memorable and meaningful day. A special thank you to those who presented and shared about their culture and to everyone else who so generously contributed delicious food — we were truly spoiled for choice and a foodie's delight!

It was incredibly special to see the students proudly wearing their colourful cultural costumes and celebrating their heritage. The day was a beautiful reminder of the diversity that God brought together to make up our new school community and the strength that comes from sharing and appreciating one another's cultures.

Thank you again for creating such a memorable and joyful experience for our students.

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 7 May	Whole School Cross Country, 1pm to 2:30pm @ Alex Moore Park
Wednesday 14 May	Vision and Hearing Screening (New Entrants & Year 7)
Wednesday 21 May	STEMania (Years 5-9)

Community

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: Bigair Gym Wellington: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.