WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

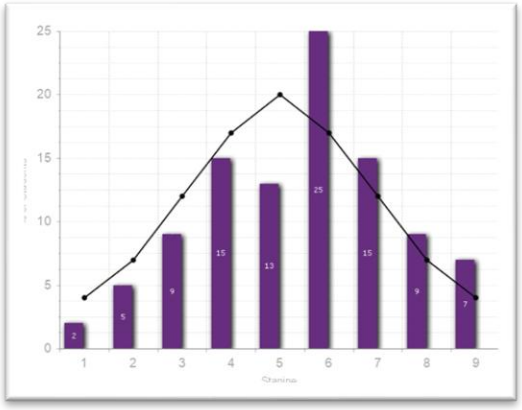
Academic Results

The board received their first data report based on Term 1 data analysis. The report provides baseline data for the academic planning for the remainder of the year. In future reports we will also include year-on-year progress data.

I have included here some of the results of the Progress Achievement Tests. These tests were developed by NZCER and are standardized against other New Zealand students. Here is a link to the full report.

Reading Comprehension

PAT Years 4-10: Percentage of students at each stanine (NZ average in black line)

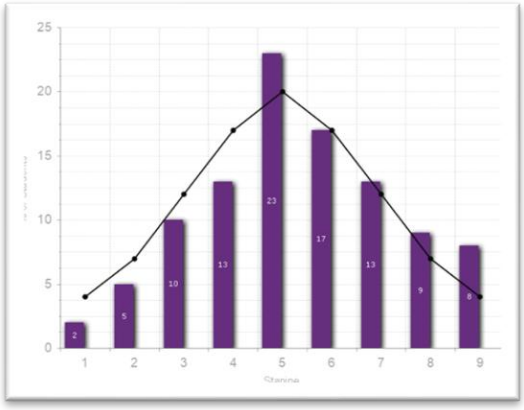


PAT Reading by Curriculum

Level	WHCC	NZ Average
Below	16%	23%
At	53%	54%
Above	31%	23%

Mathematics

PATs Years 4-10: Percentage of students at each stanine (NZ average in black line)



PAT Mathematics by Curriculum

Level	WHCC	NZ Average
Below	17%	23%
At	53%	54%
Above	30%	23%

Our students are performing, on average, above the New Zealand averages in both Reading and Mathematics. This is a good base from which to set high expectations of our students. By going into a deeper dive of the statistics, we also identified various individuals and groups with low and high performance. We respond to this in three ways: 1) Individual Education Plans, 2) Target groups, and 3) Extension programs.

Later this year and at the start of the next, we will do more standardised testing to measure the effectiveness of our supports and programmes.

Open Days and Enrolment Deadlines

IMPORTANT: Please note, the **enrolment deadline for 2026 has changed** for two reasons

1) To match the deadlines of similar schools.
2) We already have sufficient expressions of interest to fill most classes.

Enrolment Timeline for 2026 Entry

04 June	General Public Open Day (9:30am, 11:30am and 2pm)
10 June	Maranatha and WHCC Families Open Day (9:30am)
01 July	**Applications due – Maranatha and WHCC siblings only**
10 July	Maranatha and WHCC sibling places offered
23 July	**General Applications Due**
01 August	Places offered
14 August	Second round of offers sent

The following preference students have priority in this order:

1. Those with siblings already attending WHCC.
2. Children of board employees working half time or more.
3. Maranatha Christian School students moving within zone or graduating from Year 8.

Prayer Points

- Pray we will continually be guided by God's Word and Spirit.
- For the establishment of a vision and mission statement, currently being worked on.
- For the enrolment process – we have many more expressions of interest than we have spaces.

Notices

Before and After School Care option

Some good news. The Kelly Club, which operates out of West Park school, have spaces available for WHCC students. The only issue being arranging transport from WHCC to West Park School. The school can put the call out via SkoolLoop and the newsletter and connect parents. If there are significant numbers, we may be able to explore a roster for drop offs using a school vehicle.

The Kelly Club currently serve children and families from West Park School and St Brigid's School communities. Afternoon operating hours are from 3pm - 6pm, with options for families of a half session (3 - 4:30pm) or a full session (3 – 6:00pm). They provide afternoon tea and an array of different themed activities each day.

You can find further information and enrol your child(ren) on the Kelly Club Website. When enrolling, put the school's initials after your child's name; for example, *Tim Kuipers (WHCC).*

Year 9 - World War 1 school trip

As part of our World War 1 studies, the Year 9 students attended a special talk at The National Library yesterday. We learned about medical innovations, censored letters sent home and took a particular interest in the small Kodak camera marketed to soldiers, along with the photographs it produced, which were on display. Later in the afternoon, we were excited to spot one of these very cameras in the Gallipoli exhibition at Te Papa. The Gallipoli exhibition provided a rich, immersive experience that will continue to enhance our classroom learning.

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. Term dates and events are already in place.

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Friday 30 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 & Yr 8 Maranatha Christian School Families) – 9:30am
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