WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Choosing to Keep Our Hands Clean

I asked the students if they would take $100 from me if I offered it. I then asked how they would feel if I punched them in the nose and took $100 off them!

Some weeks ago, I read an article of a lady who was wooed by a married man. After being convinced of his love, she gave him 10.1 million to invest. He disappeared. Can you imagine the hurt and anger and deep sense of betrayal.

Two simple stories. But what about this one. You serve your King by playing him music, fighting his battles, defeating a fearsome giant. You are loyal and loving. You marry his daughter. And then he tries to kill you out of jealousy. You escape but he chases you around the countryside, not satisfied until you are dead. You know the story of Saul and David.

Saul then goes into the cave David is hiding in. He can kill him. Instead, he only cuts the corner of his robe and is even distraught at doing that. It says in 1 Samuel 24:

"See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! ... I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you."

Young children can so quickly retaliate. Older children and adults usually show more restraint but can certainly still struggle. David's power to resist taking vengeance comes from his belief that "It is mine to avenge says the Lord, I will repay" (Deuteronomy 32:35 and repeated in Romans 12:19). He is also so keen to keep his own hands clean, not stooping to the level of those who oppose him. This is a man after God's heart.

This story is one well worth knowing because there will be many instances in life where we need to recall its lessons. I hope I told it well enough they will remember. One dear five-year-old fell asleep. His cuteness saved me taking it too hard 😊. Thankfully, he will have other opportunities to hear it again from parents, teachers and preachers.

Prayer Points

- We have many new enrolments. Please pray for God's provision as we navigate the challenges of student demand versus classroom supply
- Pray for more relievers to help the school

Notices

Open Day Program

A few parents have asked about what the open day will look like. Visiting families will be invited into the staff room where the Principal will share about the school. Following this, senior students have volunteered to give visitors guided tours. We have timed the tours to coincide with students being in class, avoiding the busy play times.

Enrolment Timeline for WHCC and Maranatha Christian School (MCS)

10 June: WHCC and MCS Open Day (9:30am)
01 July: Applications due
10 July: WHCC and MCS sibling places offered as per enrolment policy

Enrolment Timeline for all others

04 June: General Public Open Day (9:30am, 11:30am and 2:00pm)
23 July: Applications Due
01 August: Places offered
10 August: Second round offers made

Year 7-10 Devices

Year 7-9 devices can now be purchased and set up for Year 7-9.

- Read Year 7-9 Devices Explained for the information needed.
- There is a Survey Linked to this document due by Wednesday 11 June.

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)

School PE Shirts – The tight neck issue

Many of you will have noted that the PE shirts have very small/tight neck holes. NZU have acknowledged that these aren't an ideal fit and will be happy to replace an existing PE shirt with a new one if you desire (they have ordered a new style with a bigger neck).

If you would like to swap a shirt, can you please do the following:

- Email Renee or Holly at NZU (wellington@nzuniforms.com) with the name and contact number on your NZU account (likely the Parents name/number) and the PE shirt size you currently have;
- Return the PE shirt to school perhaps in a zip lock bag
- Please do this before the 11th of June as the replacements will arrive at the school on Thursday 12th.

If you are interested in purchasing navy sports trackpants for PE, these will be available to order via NZU in the next few weeks. You can order when you email Renee/Holly. We will send out a link to purchase in an upcoming school newsletter.

Potential Bus Update for Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata

The Ministry of Education are working through the final stages of providing a bus for the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata.

They have come up with a route that would start in Wainuiomata, and then currently come up to Naenae College and then head out to the motorway and to WHCC. Mr Shaw has asked for some changes to try and get it coming further up the Hutt Valley. There will be various pick-up points along the route.

Once the changes have been confirmed the final route has to get approval from the Ministry.

There would be no cost for most of those living in the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata, but for some who do not qualify to use the bus (this is those who need to only make one change on public transport to get to WHCC), they can still use the bus but at a cost (which is not yet determined as it is set by the bus contractor).

We need to know as soon as possible how many from your family would use this service.

Please reply to Mr Shaw ASAP at dan.shaw@whcc.school.nz

NZACS Secretary Vacancy

NZACS has a vacancy for a part-time (likely contracted) secretary/administrator to work up to 10 hours per week supporting the Executive and carrying out a range of secretarial and administrative functions. The current job description is attached (full details are being finalised). Applications will close at 9am on Wednesday, 16th July.

Expressions of interest should be emailed to secretary@nzacs.nz

A cover letter and CV should be included.

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.

Key Dates

Monday 02 June	King's Birthday – School Closed
Wednesday 04 June	WHCC Open Day (for General Public) – 9:30am | 11:30am | 2:00pm
Thursday 05 June	Wellington Bowls @ WHCC - Yrs 5 to 8
Friday 06 June	Swimming Lessons for Years 1-6, 12:45pm to 3pm @ Keith Spry Pool, Johnsonville
Tuesday 10 June	WHCC Open Day (for WHCC & Yr 8 Maranatha Christian School Families) – 9:30am
Wednesday 11 June	Last day to return old PE shirts to school office
Thursday 12 June	New PE shirts delivered to school office
Friday 20 June	Matariki Day – School Closed
Tuesday 01 July	Enrolment Applications due for WHCC and MCS families
Thursday 10 July	WHCC and MCS sibling places offered as per enrolment policy
Wednesday 23 July	Enrolment Applications Due for General Public
Friday 01 August	Places offered to General Public
Sunday 10 August	Second round offers made to General Public