WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Reports

Our first mid-year reports are coming out today. They will be sent to your emails. We can print hard copies on request. As these are our first reports, I am very keen to hear your feedback. Flick me an email with your thoughts (principal@whcc.school.nz). I love both positive and constructive feedback. This includes your any formatting or other errors as well as comments on content and layout.

The reports include the following:

- Curriculum coverage
- Grades (Reading Writing and Maths for primary and for most other subjects in secondary)
- Work ethic
- Social attitudes
- Attendance
- General comment

I have sought to keep the information in summary form. Teachers are very willing to provide more details about any aspect of your child's learning and progress. Please book a meeting if you wish to go deeper about any aspect.

Prayer Points

- For wisdom and strength for the Peniel Trust as they plan to respond to significant roll growth.
- Thanks for God's sovereign grace and leadership in our lives and the future of the school
- Thanks for a wonderful atmosphere and excellent learning in the classes.
- A time of refreshment for teachers over the holidays – there is a fair amount of weariness and sickness, alongside the devotion and positivity of staff.

Notices

School Board Elections – 10 September 2025

Warm greetings from all of us on the school board.

All state and state-integrated schools in New Zealand are governed by a school board. The board sets the school's strategic direction, develops policies and procedures, and oversees key areas such as curriculum, finance, property, health and safety, and the employment of staff. As an integrated school, we are privileged to operate through the lens of our Christian Special Character. A key responsibility of the board is to ensure this focus is maintained and actively nurtured.

In short, the board sets the direction of the school and monitors progress towards our goals, while the principal and staff manage the day-to-day operations and implementation.

Our board is made up of the principal, a staff representative, elected parent representatives, and proprietor-appointed representatives. Except for the principal, all positions are voluntary, with a small stipend provided to cover basic travel and other expenses. We typically meet in the evenings, around nine times a year, making the commitment manageable even for those with busy schedules.

Board elections are held every three years, and our next election will take place on **10 September 2025**. There are **five positions** available for parent-elected representatives and **one** for a staff representative.

Next month, we will call for nominations. Each nominee will be invited to submit a short background statement to help inform the community's voting decisions.

If you are passionate about Christian education and interested in helping shape the governance of our school, we warmly encourage you to consider standing for election. You're also welcome to attend one of our upcoming board meetings as a guest to see how we work together. Our next meetings are scheduled for:

- **18 August**

Both will be held at the school from **6:30–9:00pm**.

We hope to see you there.

Blessings,
Peter Wilding
Presiding Member / Board Chair

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)

Job Advertisement: Science Technician

Title: Science Technician (Part-Time)
Location: Wellington Hills Christian College
Start Date: Early Term 3, 2025
Salary: Minimum $30/hr
Hours: Approximately 4 hours per week (may vary depending on curriculum needs) Additional paid hours will be available for training.

More Information attached.

Parent Portal

In May, the Ministry launched a new and informative webspace for parents and whānau called the Parent Portal. It's designed to support every child's learning journey by strengthening the relationship between families, schools and kura, and offering tools and resources to make it easier to help with their child's education at home.

It includes:

- **Year-by-year Curriculum Learning Guides:** Parent-friendly versions of both The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, detailing what children are learning, why it's important, and when they'll be learning it.
- **Practice activities:** activities that parents and whānau can use to support their child's learning at home, such as phonics cards with audio files to model correct sounds.
- **Informative videos and resources:** videos explaining new assessments like the Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro, which help identify additional support a child might need, and resources to help parents prepare for the first day of school and parent-teacher interviews.

The Parent Portal can be accessed at: www.parentportal.education.govt.nz

Jumping June

Our Jumping June event was a great success, raising an incredible $6,449.50!

Ancient Egypt

This term, our school has been learning about the amazing world of Ancient Egypt.

We looked at how it connects to the Bible and thought about how God has been at work throughout history. Students enjoyed finding out about the lives of the people, learning about pharaohs, pyramids, mummies, sarcophagi, and more.

From making Egyptian art to discovering what daily life was like by the Nile River, it has been an exciting and enjoyable topic for everyone.

Matariki – Korowai Collaboration

Our students have been enjoying finding their names on our whole school collaborative artwork for Matariki. You may have spotted our korowai displaying the names of all our tamariki in our hallway.

Psalm 147:4 He counts the stars and calls them all by name.

We have been learning that just as God made and knows all of the stars, He made and knows all of us.

WHCC Facebook Community Group

Our APT (Parent Support) Group has established a Facebook group to help keep our school community connected. For school-related updates and communications, please search for and follow "**Wellington Hills Christian College Community**" on Facebook.

Girl Empowerment Conference

Calling All Future Changemakers! The Girl Empowerment Conference

The **Girl Empowerment Conference 2025** is happening on **19–20 July at AUT City Campus** — and female high school students are invited!

This **FREE two-day event**, run by youth, for youth, empowers young women passionate about business, leadership, STEM, and social impact.

1. Students will team up to solve a real-world issue and pitch their idea to leading female entrepreneurs and business professionals.
2. Inspiring guest speakers and mentorship from industry experts.
3. No prior experience needed and completely free!

Spaces are limited – register now!
Register here: https://p5kkfmte98m.typeform.com/to/uGJ6uomp
Event info: https://drive.google.com/file/d/13In76JEjidXjtSvqbvR5MEdXzvsLNUsn/view?usp=sharing
Questions? Email: nztgec@gmail.com

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons for all levels, from beginners to advanced with professional pianist and experienced piano teacher, Kirsten Robertson. Learn for fun with a lesson book, or work towards a graded exam. Kirsten teaches the ABRSM, Trinity College London syllabus and AMEB syllabus'. Kirsten will be available to teach at WHCC on Wednesdays and Fridays, during school hours.
Kirsten is a classically trained pianist and she studied postgraduate performance piano at the Royal College of Music in London. Kirsten plays regularly with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra as Principal Keyboard.

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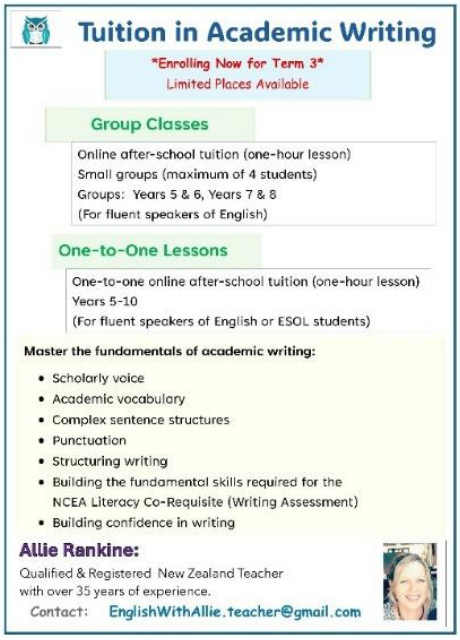
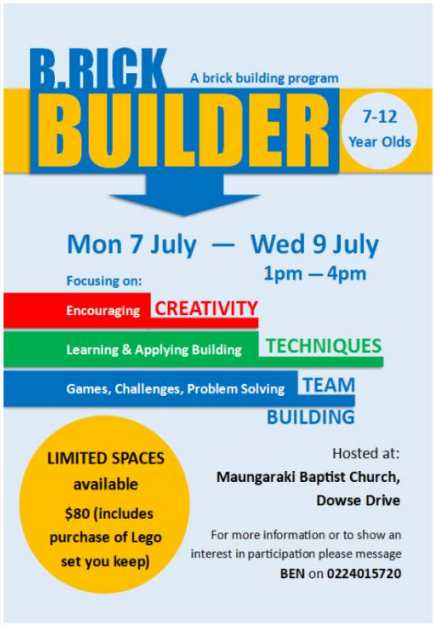
Calendar

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 30 June	Term break starts
Tuesday 01 July	Enrolment Applications due for WHCC and MCS families
Thursday 10 July	WHCC and MCS sibling places offered as per enrolment policy
Monday 14 July	Term 3 Begins - School resumes
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

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