WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Growing the School

The growth of the school is on a lot of people's minds. There are many moving parts. The demand is high. The next building needs earthquake strengthening. There may be opportunities to buy more buildings. The Ministry of Education needs to support the process and have been very supportive so far. If growth is slowed people miss out. If growth is too fast there are pressures on finance and school culture. A lot of wisdom needs to be applied as we navigate forward.

The Peniel Trust is the engine room of this work. They meet next week. Future planning is a major part of that meeting. Two key bodies supporting this process are the proprietors (NZCPT) and the WHCC board. There are two other groups critical to our future, the parents and the wider friends of the school network.

Over the next few weeks and months, there will be more information on how the parents and friends of the school may help. For now, please pray for the Peniel trust, that they may be filled with wisdom and that God would lead in every step.

Prayer Points

- For wisdom and strength for the Peniel trust
- 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

Notices

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

ICAS Assessments for Yr 3-13

ICAS assessments are being offered at WHCC this year. They are available for students in Yr 3-13 depending on the assessment.
The assessments available are Digital Technologies (Yr3-8), Writing (Yr4-13), English (Yr3-13), Science (Yr3-13), Spelling Bee (Yr3-8) and Mathematics (Yr3-13).
The cost is $22.50 per test, apart from Writing which is $28.75.

More Information can be found here: https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/
The school will handle the purchase and running of the assessments.
If you would like your child to do this, please get them to see Mr Shaw for a Permission Slip.

Kiwi Competition Assessments

For those students in year 7-9 who entered the Kiwi Competition Assessments, these will be held on the following dates at school:
English: Wednesday, 18 June
Mathematics: Thursday, 19 June
Science: Tuesday, 24 June

NZACS Secretary Vacancy

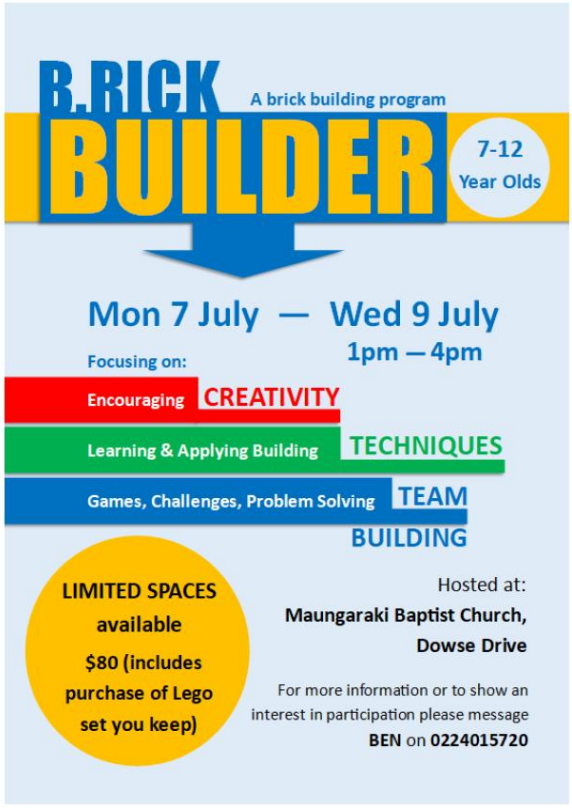
NZACS has a vacancy for a part-time (likely contracted) secretary/administrator to work up to 10 hours per week supporting the Executive and carrying out a range of secretarial and administrative functions. Email the School Office if you need the job description . Applications will close at 9am on Wednesday, 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

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 13 June	Swimming Lessons for Years 1-6, 12:45pm to 3pm @ Keith Spry Pool, Johnsonville
Wednesday 18 June	Kiwi Competition Assessment: English
Thursday 19 June	Kiwi Competition Assessment: Mathematics
Friday 20 June	Matariki Day – School Closed
Tuesday 24 June	Kiwi Competition Assessment: Science
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

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