WHCC Newsletter

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From the Board

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.

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 from **6:30–9:00pm**.

We hope to see you there.

Blessings,
Peter Wilding
Presiding Member / Board Chair

Prayer Points

- Please pray particularly for a wise path in growing the school.
- Board elections coming up
- Working bees coming up

URGENT! Working Bee – Futsal Court and Shelving

Two projects

1) The futsal court needs a net roof installed so we can use it.
2) A lundia shelving system is needed in the music storeroom

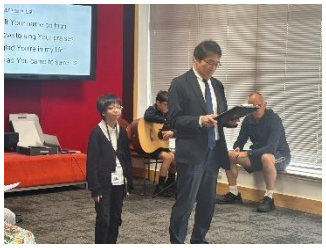
We are desperately short of volunteers. We need:

- 4 helpers for futsal court
- 3 helpers for lundia system.
- We have two supervisors – both of whom are NOT parents of the school
- Volunteer for a morning or afternoon on four possible dates in August
- Allow three hours.

We are very short of volunteers – click here to volunteer

Notices

Japanese Students Visit



Over the past week, we had the pleasure of hosting a group of students from Siegakuin Primary School in Japan, along with their families. During their visit, the students joined our Year 3 to 6 classes, sharing learning experiences and building connections. We also enjoyed wonderful outings together at Te Papa and Zealandia.

Our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful families who generously opened their homes and hosted our guests for dinner — meaningful friendships were formed. We're excited to welcome their school back next year and continue building this special connection.

100th Day Celebration

On Thursday, 30 July 2025, our Tamariki hit an awesome milestone - their 100th day in school! To mark the occasion, our junior classes came dressed as if they were 100 years old, complete with walking sticks, grey hair, and some seriously cool vintage vibes. Even our teachers joined in on the fun, rocking their best "granny" looks.

We also asked the kids to bring along a collection of 100 – anything like beads, cards, puzzle pieces and more. It was one of those unforgettable days filled with giggles, great outfits, and memories that'll stick around well past the school year.

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)

WHCC Facebook Community Group

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, click here to join.

School Lunches: Now Available

We now have a **school lunch ordering and delivery service in school on Thursdays and Fridays.**

To take advantage of this convenient option:

- Visit www.lunchonline.co.nz to create your account.
- Register your child as a **Member** under your account and complete their details.
- Select **Wellington Hills Christian College** as the school and specify their **Year Group/Homeroom**.
- All your orders will be delivered in school before lunch time (12:15pm)

If you have any questions or need help, feel free to contact the school office (office@whcc.school.nz)

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

WHCC – Bank Account Number

For all school banking, such as donation payments and school fundraisers, please make an internet banking payment to:

Wellington Hills Christian College Board
ASB Bank
Account Number: 12-3481-0040719-00

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

Friday 01 August	Places offered to General Public
Tuesday 05 August	ICAS Digital Technology
Friday 08 August	ICAS Writing Test
Sunday 10 August	Second round offers made to General Public
Tuesday 12 August	Yr 9 Junior Badminton Champs
Friday 15 August	Yr 9 Parliament Trip

Community Notices

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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Camp Code for Year 9 Girls

Camp Code for Girls is a FREE week-long program that makes computer programming fun and accessible for girls in Years 9 and 10. Campers gain hands-on experience in coding, while learning how to solve real-world problems, build mobile apps, and make a positive impact.
Instructors and guest speakers—all accomplished tech professionals—connect with the campers to introduce them to the opportunities open to women in tech from programming to engineering to cybersecurity, and more!

Space is limited, apply now at https://www.fastenterprises.com/camp-code-nz/