WHCC Newsletter

Faith | Character | Wisdom | Excellence | Community

15 August 2025

PPTA Strike –20 August 2025

Please be advised that the PPTA strike scheduled for Wednesday, 20 August will not impact our school. Classes will proceed as usual, and it will be a normal school day for all students.

Principal's Pen

This term the Monday assemblies are focused on our school value of wisdom. Last week we went to Proverbs 8:11-12 where wisdom declares its great **value**:

> *Receive my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold.*
> *For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire compares with her.*

We had Year 9 young man singing baa baa black sheep on his hands and knees to the assembly to win a few dollars from my wallet. He was prepared to embarrass himself for money. Good on him for his courage. How much will we sacrifice for gaining wisdom? How keen are we to chase this greater treasure?

This week we went to chapter 1 where wisdom invites us with her **benefits**:

> for gaining wisdom and discipline, for comprehending words of insight,
> and for receiving instruction in wise living and in righteousness, justice, and equity

We also saw that wisdom's **recipients** include the simple, the young, and those who are already wise and discerning (1:4-5). I picture the wizened elderly and vibrant youth humbly receiving from the same source.

Wisdom is one of God's many free gifts given generously to all who ask (James 1). I'm looking forward to exploring it further with them over the term.

Prayer Points

- There is a lot of work going into the future of the school. Pray for Andrew Kissling and Stephen Geuze in particular for their hours of work on this matter.
- Board elections are in process. Pray for God's guidance in forming the new board team.
- Ongoing prayer for the students in their learning

From the Board

Proposal to Increase Parent-Elected Board Members

Dear WHCC Community,

As our school community has grown significantly over the past three years, the School Board would like to increase the number of parent-elected members on the Board — from three to five. To make this change, we are required to consult with our school community.

If you would like to share your thoughts on this proposal, we invite you to join us for this discussion at our next School Board meeting, which will be held at **6:30pm on Monday, 18 August at WHCC**. We warmly welcome your attendance and input on this topic at the meeting.

We also extend a special invitation to all those who have been nominated for the upcoming board elections. This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for you to observe how the Board operates and gain insight into our governance processes.

Warm regards,
Peter Wilding
Presiding Member/Board Chair
WHCC School Board

School Board Election – Voting Pack

A voting pack has been mailed to your registered postal address. Each parent is entitled to vote. If you have not received your pack, please collect one from the school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Job Advertisements

Science Technician

Wellington Hills Christian College is looking for someone organised, interested in science, and keen to support our science classrooms. If you love the idea of helping students explore the wonders of science, we'd love to hear from you.

🧪 Part-time role (beginning at 4 hours a week, with some flexibility. Hours will increase to 8 over time)
💸 Minimum of $30/hour
📍 Wellington Hills Christian College, 19 Broderick Road
🗓️ Available immediately

A background in Chemistry is important. Training is provided. Download the Job Description here for more details

Join a team that values connection and creativity, and help us make science meaningful and memorable for every student

Closing Date: Friday 29 August, 2025
Email your CV and cover letter to Tim Kuipers at principal@whcc.school.nz

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)

Notices

Badminton Junior Champs

On Tuesday, 12 August 2025, our talented trio—Karaitiana, Hannah, and Samuel—took to the courts to represent our school at the Badminton Junior Champs. They have made us all proud. Their grit, grace, and sportsmanship shone through every match. Ka Pai, team—you've truly lifted our school spirit!

Working Bee – 23 August 2025

Thanks to our Parent Volunteers for kindly offering to assist with our upcoming working bee and for sharing your availability.

Most responses have indicated availability on **Saturday 23 August**, so we will proceed with the working bee on that date, **starting at 10am**.

It's truly heartening to have engaged and supportive parents like yourself contributing to our school community.

If you're also able to lend a hand on Saturday 23 August, please don't hesitate to let us know by emailing our school office. (office@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 Tuesdays, 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)

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

Monday 18 Aug	ICAS Spelling Bee
	Enrolments: Second round offers made to General Public
Friday 22 Aug	ICAS Science
Wednesday 10 Sept	School Board Elections

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.

Name: Kirsten Robertson MMus (Uni. Cant.), PGDip, PGDip adv. (RCM, London)
Contact Number: 021 188 1044
Email: krr.robertson@gmail.com

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/

Tuition in Academic Writing

Enrolling Now
Limited Places Available

Group Classes

Online after-school tuition (one-hour lesson)
Small groups (maximum of 4 students)
Groups: Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8
(For fluent speakers of English)

One-to-One Lessons

One-to-one online after-school tuition (one-hour lesson)
Years 5-10
(For fluent speakers of English or ESOL students)

Master the fundamentals of academic writing:
Developing core writing skills and boosting confidence in academic writing. This tuition covers key areas such as:

- Using a clear, scholarly voice
- Expanding academic vocabulary
- Writing complex, well-structured sentences
- Developing accuracy in punctuation and grammar
- Organising and structuring ideas effectively
- Building the core skills required for the NCEA Literacy Co-Requisite (Writing Assessment)
- Develop critical thinking skills & depth of understanding

Allie Rankine:
Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher
with over 35 years of experience.
Contact: EnglishWithAllie.teacher@gmail.com

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

Building Confidence, Learning & Achievement Through Gym!

From cartwheels, flips, and tumbling, to tramp tricks and parkour — Bigair Gyms classes are all about fun, strength & fitness, and learning & achievement. At Bigair Gym, kids gain more than just gym skills, they build resilience & determination, confidence & assertiveness, and pride & achievement.

Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

Crashmat Kids Sessions (walking-4 years) – Great for little ones to become familiar with the gym.
Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years) – Start building coordination and confidence early!
Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years) – Learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling.
Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced) – Take your skills to the next level!
Free Running (5+ years) – Parkour + flips = epic agility and body control.
Trampoline (5+ years) – Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.
Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years) – Strength, flexibility, performance - Cheer style!
Tumbling (5+ years) – Learn walkovers, handsprings & aerials - perfect for Cheerleaders and Dancers.

Don't miss your chance to help your child grow, achieve, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym!

Booking online for Term 3 is quick and easy at www.bigairgym.co.nz
Bigair Gym Wellington: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

JOHNSONVILLE TENNIS CLUB

LOVE TENNIS – SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE!!!

We will have activities for all ages including coaching sessions, court play, mini games, giveaways, free BBQ sausage sizzle and much more. There are so many reasons to come along and give tennis a go!

We will also have senior and junior raffles with great prizes including junior tennis racquets and balls for kids. Raffle tickets available to purchase with cash only on the day.

We appreciate your support and look forward to meeting community members, family and friends.