WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Wisdom and the High Status of Parent-Child Relationships

Proverbs begins with a rhythm that sets our feet right and lays out a golden path to follow.

The precious value of wisdom is declared. The invitation to wisdom is extended to the young and old, simple and wise. The fear of God is signalled as the place to begin our journey; *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline."*

What's next is a timeless message that needs to be amplified in every home and street today.

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.
They are a garland to grace your head
and a chain to adorn your neck."

It is no accident that honouring our parents is placed here. After our relationship with God, the one with our parents is the most important. Marriage comes later. You can see the same flow in the 10 commandments.

Children honouring parents is a foundation stone of a strong society. Children who heed their parents teaching have a beauty about them as though adorned with bejewelled crowns and necklaces. They are royal.

Proverbs is poetry. In these verses we are given a picture of the ideal outcome. In real life, all parents fail, and all children disobey. Things don't go as well as we hope. This does not change the idealised truths expressed. We need a solution.

Enter Jesus. He is the perfect son to a perfect father. We are invited into this divine relationship when we become children of God. We are constantly forgiven, blessed and renewed in the loving embrace of our father, and Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, models and leads us into true sonship. This gives us hope no matter how hard it gets – and parenting can be hard. Praise God. Let's seek his grace and favour in our calling as parents and children.

From the Board

School Board Election – Voting Deadline

Thank you to all who have submitted your votes for our upcoming school board election. We appreciate your participation in this important process.

If you have not yet cast your vote, please be reminded that the deadline for submission is **Wednesday, 3 September 2025 at 4:00 PM**.

All completed voting papers must be returned to the school office and placed in the designated voting box.

Your engagement helps shape the future of our school community. Thank you for your continued support.

Notices

Growing in Jesus Toolkit for Year 6 - 9

Help your children build a strong foundation in the Christian faith with *Growing in Jesus*—a resource designed especially for Kiwi young people aged 11–14. With 52 engaging chapters, thought-provoking questions, and fun family activities, this toolkit is perfect for use at home or in church youth groups.

Churches receive a free package of promotional and support materials, making it easy to introduce *Growing in Jesus* to families. Whether you're a parent or a church leader, this resource will inspire young hearts to follow Jesus with confidence.

Click here or see attached more for more details.

New Lunchbox Policy

We are implementing a new lunchbox policy where students will bring home any uneaten food and packaging from their lunches rather than disposing of it in school bins.

This change will help reduce waste management costs at school while giving families better visibility into their children's eating habits and food preferences.

Parents will be able to see what their child is consuming during lunchtime, which can help with future meal planning and portion sizing. We appreciate your cooperation with this new policy, which begins next week.

School Lunches: Available

We 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

Tuesday 02 Sept	Yr 0/1 - Vision/ Hearing Testing
Monday 08 Sept	Yr 3/4 Futsal Tournament
Wednesday 10 Sept	School Board Elections
	Yr 5-8 Futsal Tournament
Wednesday 17 Sept	Yr 7-9 Science Roadshow
Monday 22 Sept	Team Break Holidays Begin

Community Notices

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.

WELLINGTON BRICKSHOW

2025 | BRICK BUILDING COMPETITION

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD AND BUILD A CREATION OF YOUR OWN OUT OF LEGO® BRICKS

Winners will receive an exclusive **PRIZE PACK** and have their display showcased at the Wellington Brick Show. Plus the school with the most entries will receive a **PRIZE PACK** of LEGO® sets!

BE IN TO WIN!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Four school age groups: Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6, Years 7&8
- Build on a 16x16 baseplate
- Max height 30cm
- Must include Child's Name, School & Age
- Max 3 photos to be submitted

DEADLINE

- Email Entries in by Friday 5 Sept: thewellingtonbrickshow@gmail.com

SATURDAY **13 SEPT** 9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY **14 SEPT** 10AM - 4PM

WALTER NASH CENTRE
22/26 TAINE ST
LOWER HUTT

WELL-LUG
A WELLINGTON LEGO® USER GROUP EVENT

GET YOUR TICKETS AT WWW.WELL-LUG.NZ/TICKETS | DOORS SALES AVAILABLE

Whānau Sculpture
CLAY DINOSAUR SCULPTING WORKSHOP FOR TAMARIKI & THEIR CAREGIVERS

SUITBLE FOR AGES 6+

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
10 AM - 12 PM OR 1 - 3 PM

Children's Creative Holiday Programme
DAILY CREATIVE TIME

FOR AGES 6-10 YEARS

MON-FRI, 29 SEPT - 3 OCT
9:30-11:30 DAILY

Pinhole Photography for Teens & Tweens
DISCOVER IN THE DARKROOM

FOR AGES 10 +

MON-WEDS, 22-24 SEPT
10 AM - 1 PM DAILY

Sculpting for Tweens & Teens
BUILD A FANTASTICAL CREATURE FROM CLAY

FOR AGES 10+

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
10 AM - 12 PM

Pottery for Teens & Tweens
CREATE A HANGING GARDEN POT

FOR AGES 10 +

MONDAY 22 SEPT
10 AM - 12 PM

Painting & Drawing for Teens & Tweens
DISCOVER YOUR PERSONAL STYLE

FOR AGES 10 +

TUES-WEDS, 23-24 SEPT
10 AM - 1 PM DAILY

Creative Sewing for Teens
WEAR YOUR OWN WORK

FOR AGES 10 - 15

MON - TUES, 29 - 30 SEPT
10 AM - 1 PM DAILY

Pottery Wheel Throwing for Teens
CERAMIC VESSEL MAKING

FOR AGES 12+

TUES-THURS, 30 SEPT - 2 OCT
10 AM - 12 PM DAILY

Intro to 2D Animation for Teens & Tweens
VISUAL STORYTELLING

FOR AGES 12+

TUES-FRIDAY, 30 SEPT - 3 OCT
10 AM - 1 PM

Jewellery Making for Teens
TURN RAW SILVER, COPPER & BRASS INTO SHINY WEARABLE RINGS

FOR AGES 13+

TUES 25 SEPT OR WEDS 1 OCT
10 AM - 1 PM

Inverlochy Art School
3 Inverlochy Place
Te Aro, Wellington

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inverlochyartschool@gmail.com
www.inverlochy.org.nz

KIDS SPRING HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMME

THE LEARNING CONNEXION
School of Creativity and Art

WEEK 1: Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Sept
WEEK 2: Mon 29th to Fri 3rd Oct

TIMES: 9am to 3pm
COST: $65.00 per day

BOOK ANY DAY OVER AT: WWW.TLC.AC.NZ
AGE: 5 to 13 year olds

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	**MARBLE RUN** With cardboard & art supplies, make the marble run of your dreams by letting your creativity roll! What twists and turns will send your marbles on the ultimate adventure?	**TILE MOSAICS** Piece together a masterpiece while crafting vibrant tile mosaics in a day full of colour & creativity! What stunning pattern will emerge from your colourful collection?	**POOL NOODLE SCULPTURES** Dive into a world of colourful creativity as you build the most unique sculptures with pool noodles! What fantastical creature will spring to life from your imagination?	**SILHOUETTE LANTERNS** Light up your world! Craft enchanting silhouette lanterns using some glass jars & your wild imagination. What magical shadows will dance when your lantern glows?	**GLITTER GLOBES** Do you love snow globes? If so, you're going to love making your own miniature world & sprinkling it with glitter. What tiny universe will you shake to life?
WEEK TWO	**TOTE BAG PRINTING** Design your own stylish tote bag! Unleash your creativity with your own personal prints & vibrant patterns. What eye-catching design will carry your treasures in style?	**CLAY NIGHT LIGHTS** Learn the basics of hand-sculpting with clay to mould your very own clay night light, topped with colour of course! What gentle glow will illuminate your clay creation?	**POP ART PLANTS** Using mixed media art supplies & a lot of colour, we will print ourselves some never seen before plant species! What wonderful plant species will you create?	**DIORAMA WORLD** Bring tiny worlds to life with your imagination as we get together to transform a tissue box into a magical diorama! What secret story will unfold inside your miniature realm?	**CANDY SKULL MASKS** Celebrate Día de los Muertos! Design bold, bright, & colourful masks which are full of life & tradition. What vibrant spirit will your mask bring to the celebration?