WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Wisdom and Belonging

Some of you will remember the moment Cameron Bancroft, a rookie Australian cricketer, was caught using sandpaper on a cricket ball during a test match against South Africa. He later revealed in an interview with The Sydney Morning Herald (26 December 2018), "I just wanted to fit in and feel valued." His leaders, David Warner and Steve Smith, had directed him to do it.

That statement, "I just wanted to fit in", echoes a deep truth about human nature. Our desire to belong can be so strong that we may compromise our morals to satisfy it. That's why Scripture warns us: "Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33).

In Proverbs chapter 1, we hear a heartfelt plea: "Do not give in to sinners." The writer warns that their promises lead only to destruction. "These men lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush only themselves. Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it."

Proverbs 1:10-19 (NIV)

10 My son, if sinful men entice you,
do not give in to them.
11 If they say, "Come along with us;
let's lie in wait for innocent blood,
let's ambush some harmless soul;
12 let's swallow them alive, like the grave,
and whole, like those who go down to the pit;
13 we will get all sorts of valuable things
and fill our houses with plunder;
14 cast lots with us;
we will all share the loot"—
15 my son, do not go along with them,
do not set foot on their paths;
16 for their feet rush into evil,
they are swift to shed blood.
17 How useless to spread a net
where every bird can see it!
18 These men lie in wait for their own blood;
they ambush only themselves!
19 Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain;
it takes away the life of those who get it.

After reading this passage, I shared of a time when my best friend was inviting me to go places I shouldn't – I can let parents know reading this that it was a night club. After going a few times, I began to wrestle between wanting to belong and knowing that this was not fitting for a Christian. I took a step that risked my friendship. I told him that I would not go again.

My parents, through faithful family devotions and worship times, had taught me all I needed to know to make a good decision. But, looking back, it was something greater than that which guarded me. I knew that I belonged to Christ and his church.

I pray that the words we speak at home, in our churches, and in our schools will lay a strong foundation of truth for our children. More than that, I pray that God will work faith in their hearts; one that leads to courage and conviction.

I can't help but finish with the need to speak to the scenario where a child joins the wrong crowd and is led astray. Cameron Bancroft owned up and took his punishment. He went on to have a successful cricketing career, even leading a team. Can you imagine his dedication to leading with integrity? So it is in the spiritual world. God's grace can call the most wayward back into community with him. There is always hope. So we pray.

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. We will announce the results next week as we have to allow six days after the vote is closed for any postal votes to arrive.

Notices

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.

WHCC – Bank Account Number

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

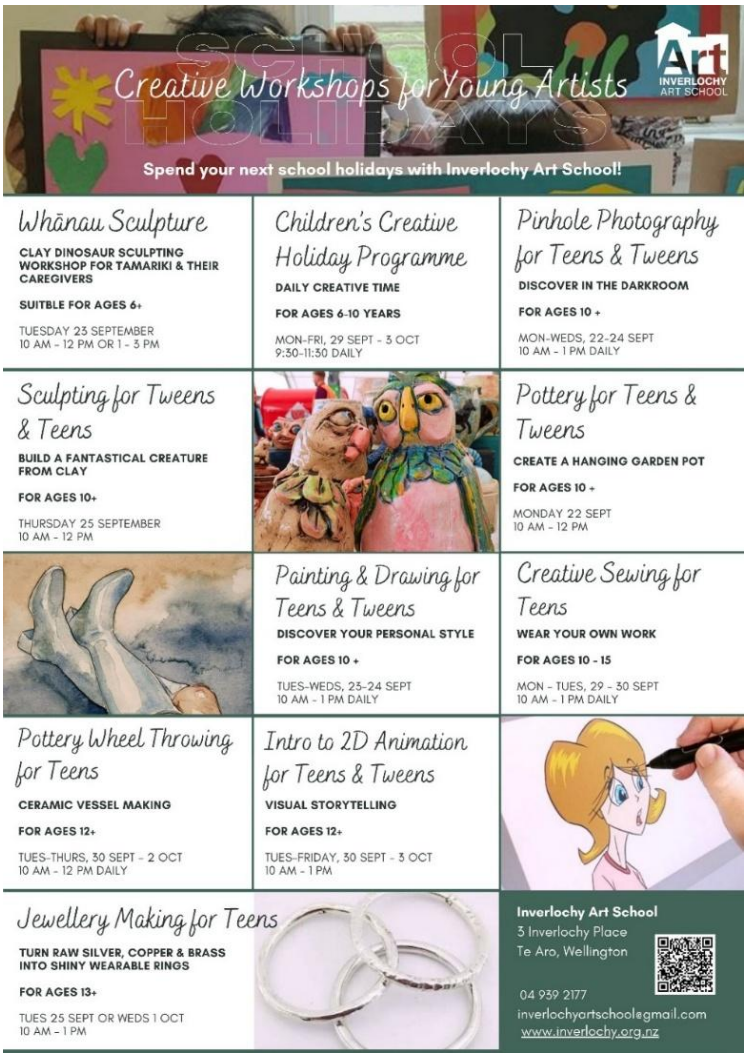
Wellington Hills Christian College Board
ASB Bank
Account Number: 12-3481-0040719-00

Key Dates

Our online Calendar is here

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



KIDS SPRING HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMME

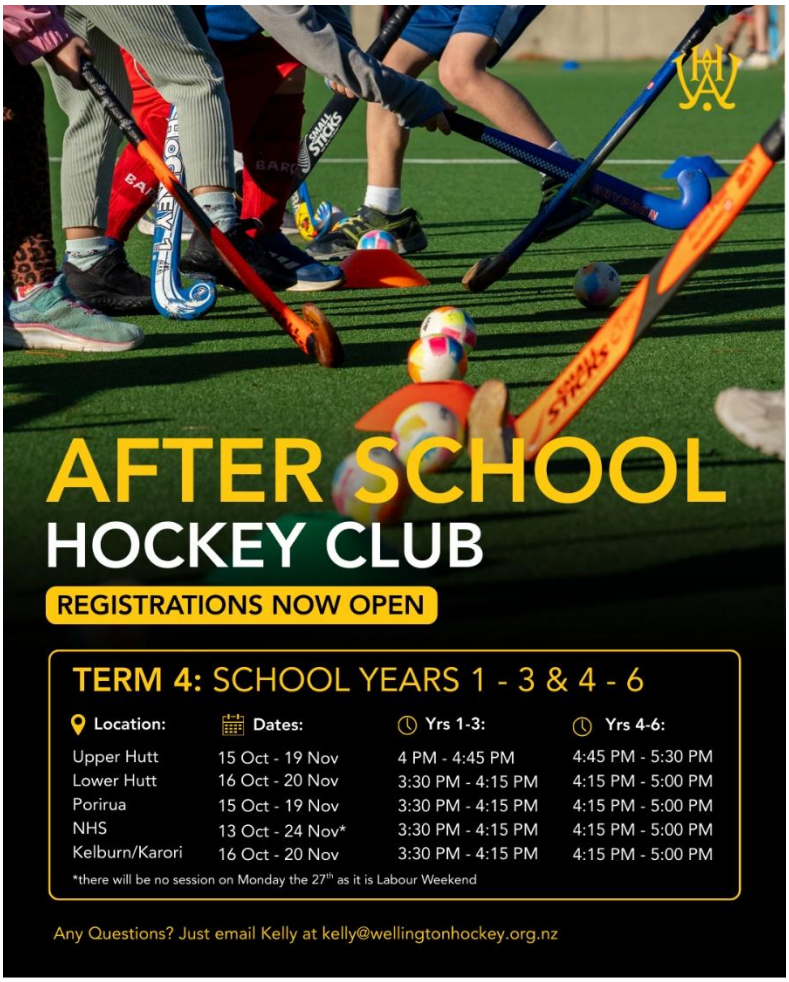
THE LEARNING CONNEXION
School of Creativity and Art

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?



AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

TERM 4: SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 3 & 4 - 6

Location:	Dates:	Yrs 1-3:	Yrs 4-6:
Upper Hutt	15 Oct - 19 Nov	4 PM - 4:45 PM	4:45 PM - 5:30 PM
Lower Hutt	16 Oct - 20 Nov	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM
Porirua	15 Oct - 19 Nov	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM
NHS	13 Oct - 24 Nov*	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM
Kelburn/Karori	16 Oct - 20 Nov	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

*there will be no session on Monday the 27th as it is Labour Weekend

Any Questions? Just email Kelly at kelly@wellingtonhockey.org.nz

Drama Remedy

WEARABLE WONDERS – BRINGING COSTUMES TO LIFE!

Explore creativity, performance, and storytelling through costume-inspired drama. Stimulate imagination and design-thinking through wearable art. Join the 3 - day workshop to celebrate individuality and teamwork.
For 7 - 14 year olds.

22, 23 & 24 September 2025

9.00 am - 4.00 pm*
(doors open from 8.30 am)
*Please enquire for late pick up (available till 6.00 pm)

Amesbury School

- $215 + GST for the 3-day workshop.
  $75 + GST daily rate
- We provide morning & afternoon tea.
- 10% Early Bird, Group & Sibling Discounts*
  *conditions apply

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