WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Special Welcome to 2026 Families

We have now included all pre-enrolled families for 2026 in this newsletter send out. Welcome. Good to see many of you at our regional community evening in Stokes Valley last Monday. I look forward to connecting with more of you in our next two regional meetings.

Please read our notice about *Wellington Hills Christian College Open Day* the Wednesday 26 November Open Day, 9:00 till 11:30am.

A New Tradition

Each term we will have two or three whole school assemblies. These will be special times to build community through celebration, singing, sharing, acknowledging successes and including a twist of excitement or fun. Our next one is this coming Monday 24 November, 1:30pm, Johnsonville Salvation Army.

All parents and wider community are invited to attend. Our last assembly had about 15 parents. We would love more to come. They are quickly becoming a highlight for students.

Celebrating Excellence

One of the highlights of our special assemblies is the handing out of excellence awards to one or two students from each class. From this assembly onwards we will contact parents to let them know their child is receiving an award, just in case you are free to come along.

The students receiving the award will have demonstrated an area of excellence pertaining to one of our five values. The certificates will celebrate excellence in effort, attitude and/or outcomes.

We also want to celebrate achievement outside of school life. Please read the notice *Information Request – Celebrating Regional and National Representation*.

Roll Increase and God's Gracious Hand

Our proprietor (NZCPT) have recently submitted an application to the Ministry of Education to increase our roll from 210 to 270. To accommodate that number we need further classrooms available by 2028. I can't give details, but there are several things that need to happen to allow the extra space to come online.

You may recall the story where Nehemiah approached a Persian King to build the walls of Jerusalem. He writes:

"Because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my request"

Please pray that God's gracious hand will once again reach out for the 'building of Jerusalem's walls'. Pray for Andrew Kissling, Kim Coates, Stephen Geuze and Russell Mulder, the Peniel Trust members, as they take on the work of Nehemiah in this time of our school.

In case you're confused…

NZCPT is the proprietor for nine schools and hold our integration deed with the Ministry. They apply for any amendments to that deed, including roll increases. The Peniel Trust owns the WHCC land and buildings. Your fees go to the NZCPT who pay Peniel a lease for the use of the buildings.

View their web sites here: NZCPT and Peniel Trust

Other Prayer Points

- Teachers' energy as they write reports, teach and finish well.
- For the many plans being made for 2026.
- The regional meetings that they build community and connection.
- Thanks for the amazing teaching team we have.

Notices

Hutt Valley, Northern Suburbs and Kapiti Coast: Community Building and Transport Talks

We warmly invite Wellington Hills Christian College 2026 families for a special evening focused on strengthening connections in your region of Wellington. We will be getting to know one another, discussing transport options to and from the college with people in or near your own suburb, people you may never have met. We will also have a chance to talk about WHCC in general, gathering feedback and ideas.

Northern Suburbs & Kapiti Coast - HAPPENING SOON!

📆 Date: Monday, 24 November 2025
🕐 Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
📍 Location: Elim Church – Porirua (2nd Auditorium)
🏠 Address: 11 Heriot Drive, Elsdon, Porirua 5022

Wellington City and Surrounding Suburbs

📆 Date: Monday, 01 December 2025
🕐 Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
📍 Location: Wellington Hills Christian College
🏠 Address: 19 Broderick Road, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037

What to Expect:
• Light refreshments provided
• A relaxed opportunity to connect with other parents and whānau
• Updates and discussion around transport options to and from WHCC
• A chance to ask questions and hear about the year ahead
We would love for you to join us. If you're unable to attend, don't worry - we'll follow up with an email summary. Your children are welcome.

If you'd like to contribute anything or have any questions, please contact Zipporah at office@whcc.school.nz.

Information Request – Celebrating Regional and National Representation

We are seeking information regarding your child(ren) who have represented at **Regional or National levels** in **sport, cultural activities, or music/dance**.

While we are aware of achievements that occur through school events, we would also like to recognise accomplishments that happen **outside of school**. If your child has participated in such events, please let us know so we can celebrate these achievements alongside those we already know.

Kindly email your child(ren)'s details to **Dan Shaw** (**dan.shaw@whcc.school.nz**) **by Friday, 28 November 2025**

Thank you for your support in helping us acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our students.

Wellington Hills Christian College Open Day: Exclusively for Current Families and Confirmed 2026 Enrolments

In anticipation of next year, we are having an open morning where students will have two hours with their 2026 homeroom. We welcome all 2026 enrolments to join us for this morning. If you cannot make it, no problem. We will have a very warm welcome for you at the start of next year.

Parents of children new to the school should drop them off at the school office, where staff will escort the children to their designated classrooms. Parents are invited to the staff room to connect with other parents. They will also be able to connect with teachers over the morning tea break.

This is a one-day event and completely optional, but we'd love to see you there!

Date: Wednesday, 26 November 2025
Purpose: An opportunity for your child to meet future classmates, become familiar with the school environment, and for parents to connect with other WHCC families.

Schedule for the Day

- **9:00 AM** – Ako and Devotions
- **9:20 AM** – 30-minute classroom session
- **9:50 AM** – Games together (Year 1-6 on site, Year 7-10 at Alex Moore Park)
- **10:45 AM – 11:20 AM** – Morning Tea

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this special time together. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to **Zipporah** (office@whcc.school.nz)

Junior Speeches

This week, our junior school students embraced a wonderful challenge and that is, memorizing and presenting their speeches in class. We are so proud of their courage and effort! A heartfelt thank you to our Tamariki and their whānau for the dedication and support that made this possible.

On Tuesday, 25 November 2025, we will celebrate this achievement as selected representatives from each class share their speeches with the entire cohort. It's a special moment to showcase their hard work and growing confidence.

Venue: WHCC, Level 2
Time: 9:15am

Together, as a community, we continue to nurture voices, build confidence, and create spaces where every child feels supported and valued. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Whānau Evening: Hutt Valley

Our WHCC Community in the Hutt Valley came over to St Phillips Anglican Church on Monday, 17 November 2025 to spend time together, share ideas, and strengthen the bonds.

We are so grateful to everyone who joined us for our first whānau evening. It was truly special to spend time with you, hear your ideas, and see the wonderful connections forming within our community.

Your presence, input, and warmth made the event not only memorable but deeply meaningful. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected school environment and this is just the beginning! We can't wait to continue these conversations and strengthen our ties with the rest of our school whānau.

Interzone Athletics

On Tuesday, 18th November 2025, Hector, Caelyn, Catherine, Leané, Miché, Emerson, Samuel, Isabella, Teninlanimi, Zoe and Heidi had the privilege of proudly representing our school at the Interzone Athletics.

This event was not only an opportunity for them to compete but also a chance to demonstrate their dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Teninlanimi and Hector who have qualified for the Regional Athletics meet on Tuesday 25th November 2025 in Masterton.

We are incredibly proud of all of them and the way they upheld our school values throughout the day. Thank you to all participants for their hard work and commitment.

Whole School Gatherings – Whanau invited

We have two whole school events between now and the end of the year with a view to building community connections and creating opportunities for celebration.

Whole School Assembly – HAPPENING SOON!

- Monday 24 November 1:40 till 2:45pm
- Salvation Army, Johnsonville
- **Who for:** parents, family and friends

End of Year Celebration Evening

- Thursday 11 December 6:30 till 8:00pm
- The Street Church, 9 Hania Street
- **Who for:** parents, family and friends

Reminder: Please Return Sunhats to School

If your child's sunhat was taken home during the holidays, we kindly ask that it be returned to school. Sunhats help keep our Tamariki safe while enjoying outdoor play in the sunshine.

Those without sunhats will be sitting in the shade instead of inside during breaktimes.

Please also ensure that your children's sunhats are labelled with their name.

Thank you for helping us support sun safety at school!

Clean Old Towels and/or Old Newspapers

We are currently in need of **clean, old towels and old newspapers** for use around the school - particularly for art projects, cleaning tasks, and other practical activities.

If you have any towels or newspapers at home that are no longer needed but still in good condition, we would greatly appreciate your donation. These contributions help us reduce costs and support our students in a variety of hands-on learning experiences.

Towels and newspapers can be dropped off at the school office during regular hours.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Wanted: Child Carer for Flinn Family – For next year

Our job situations have changed and we are looking for a someone to help us with child care based in our Churton Park home, primarily for our sweet nearly-two-year old daughter, and some care for our 5 and 7 year olds.
We are open to considering applicants for next year.
Our current requirements are 3 days a week, 9am – 3:30pm-ish with some flexibility. Pay is dependent on experience.

If you are a reliable Christian, who loves the Lord, works well with children, and ideally has a license, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Rochelle Flinn: rkdonk@gmail.com or text/call 0278071531.

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

Mon 24 Nov	Sharing assembly, 1:40pm @ Johnsonville Salvation Army - Parents invited
	Community Building & Transport Talks: Northern Hills Suburbs & Kapiti Coast
Tues 25 Nov	Junior Speeches, 9:15am @ WHCC, Level 2
Wed 26 Nov	WHCC Open Day: Exclusively for Current Families and Confirmed 2026 Enrolments
Fri 28 Nov	Be Yourself Day to support our World Vision Sponsor Child
Mon 01 Dec	Community Building & Transport Talks: Wellington City & Surrounding Suburbs
Thurs 11 Dec	Whole-school End of year Community Celebration, 6:30pm @ The Street
Fri 12 Dec	10am late school start - Whole school
Fri 12 Dec	School Reports/Stationery Lists/BYOD Information sent home
Tues 16 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 12pm finish

Community Notices

EARLY ACCESS - December Leaders Weekend 2025!

This is your **exclusive early access** to the Summer Leaders Weekend registration forms! We are hosting our Leaders Weekend from **5:00pm Friday 5th to 2:00pm Sunday 7th of December 2025.**

This event will be released to the public via social media on November 3rd but since there are **limited spaces available** don't miss the chance to register first!

Leaders Weekend is for **Christian teenagers 13+** in age who have been Leaders at Kids Camps in New Zealand before or have a desire to get involved. This means you can (and totally should!) invite your friends from school, youth, church etc! There is a **$100 registration fee** that is due November Friday 28th of November, we accept payment plans to make this easier for your Whanau as well. No upfront payment is required!

There's a lot planned over the 3 days from group games, team building, kids camp planning, competitions, speaking sessions, praise & worship and interactive workshops.

Guest Speakers include:
Uncle Dan - LIT Programme Lead
Uncle Gareth - Summer Camp Kids Camp Speaker
Aunty Andrea - Youth Leader at the Anchor, Whitby
Uncle Sammy P - OAC Ministries Intern, Hawkes Bay

My hope is that this weekend generates so much energy and hype for us to take into Summer Camp 2026 as a leadership team.

Registration Link !

Kind Regards
Ella Munn
021 029 69016
Forest Lakes Christian Kids Camp

December & January Holiday Fun – Have you locked in your plans?

Join Bigair Gym's popular Holiday Programmes for ages 5+!
Kids will enjoy gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.

🎄 December 2025 Drop & Shop Programme

Back for 2025! Running **Mon 22 & Tue 23 December** at all Bigair branches.
Full-day and half-day (morning or afternoon) sessions available—perfect for keeping the kids active while you finish your Christmas prep!

🟠 January 2026 Holiday Programme

Open across all Bigair Gym branches this January!
Big Tawa & Bigair Owhiro Bay: Mon 12 – Fri 30 Jan & Bigair **Kapiti:** Tue 20 – Fri 30 Jan
Full-day and half-day (morning or afternoon) sessions available—a fantastic way to keep kids active and engaged during the school holidays!

Please contact us if you have any questions. We're always happy to help!
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