WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Dear Parents

Does God Care About the Result?

There is a battle of ideas at play when we ask, "Does God care about the result?". One instinct is to answer 'no' because God looks at our heart motive. But if I ask a person if they care about the quality of a surgeon's work, or that of a chef or a builder, they always say 'yes, the quality matters'.

I would argue God does too. When the articles of the tabernacle were being built, God specifically gifted Oholiab and Bezalel to do the work so that every article was crafted to the highest standards of beauty and quality for the dwelling place of God.

Certainly, if we hope to be builders in the Kingdom of God it matters how we build. Consider 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

If anyone builds on this foundation (Jesus) using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

There is something wholesome and virtuous about using our gifts to produce a great artwork or ornate garden, great food, obedient children 😊, a perfectly functioning machine, or a stunning yet functional bridge. Doing these things for God has even greater significance.

We should ask two questions. Are we building on the right foundation? Are we building with a quality that fits God's call to labour in his kingdom? For this reason, I am pleased that excellence is one of our school values.

'Yes', excellence in attitude and effort matter. And 'Yes', producing excellence in the fields we have been called to labour is important.

How inspiring for our young to have such a vision to attain towards. I must add that we do all that with humility and thanks and in the fullness of God's abundant grace and everlasting love.

Notices

Whānau Evening: Wellington City and Surrounding Suburbs

It was incredible to see our WHCC whānau from Johnsonville through to Miramar come together to share perspectives, build connections, and celebrate the sense of community that makes our school so special.

Together, we're creating a stronger, more connected WHCC community.

WHCC Parent Social Planning Evening – HAPPENING SOON

Are you a WHCC parent passionate about organising social events or exploring creative ways to engage our school community?

Join us on Monday, 08 December 2025, 6:30PM to 8:00PM for an evening of meaningful conversations and collaboration. Connect with like-minded parents, share ideas, and help foster friendships within our community. This is open to all WHCC parents.

If you'd like to be involved, or if you're unable to attend but would still like to contribute ideas, please reach out to **Kirsten Evans** at kirsten@bestbsure.com or 027 950 0633.

Whole School: End of Year Celebration Evening – 11 December 2025

As the year draws to a close, we invite our WHCC community to come together in gratitude to God and celebrate the incredible year we've had. We've planned a special evening for the whole school to gather and give thanks.

We'll also need 2-3 parent volunteers to help us with media and sound that day which will be simple to operate. Equipment and training will be given onsite. If you're keen to help, reach out to Zipporah Lee (office@whcc.school.nz).

Please mark your calendars with the details below:

- **Date:** Thursday, 11 December 2025
- **Location:** The Street Church – Mount Victoria
- **Event Address:** 9 Hania Street, Mount Victoria 6011
- **Parking:** Limited Parking onsite and more parking is available at Life Centre (building next to The Street Church) – 21 Hania Street, Mount Victoria 6011
- **Dress code for students:** Full Formal Uniform

Important:

- Seating for students is pre-arranged. Please ensure they arrive by 6:15 PM so that teachers would have the time to settle them down before the program begins.
- Food and drinks will not be available at the venue, so we recommend having a meal prior to attending.

The Celebration Evening will begin promptly at **6:30 PM**.

We look forward to seeing you all at our celebration evening!

Important Reminder: Parking when picking up/dropping off your child/children

For the safety of our students and to ensure smooth traffic flow, **please do not use the car park for dropping off or picking up children**. Instead, we ask that you use the **designated walkway alongside the church** when bringing students to and from school.

We have also received feedback from local businesses regarding their parking spaces being used during school drop-off and pick-up times. These spaces are reserved for their customers and staff, so please respect their needs by avoiding these areas.

Additionally, **please do not give our staff a hard time** as they work to keep students safe and maintain good relationships with the businesses that share our car park. They are doing their best to ensure everyone's safety and cooperation.

Thankfully next year we will have our own dedicated access on the other side of the church!

Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

Please Help Locate Missing National Library Books

We are missing four National Library books and kindly ask families to check at home and return them to the school office as soon as possible. The titles are:

- *Japan* by Cath Senker
- *Mr Archimedes' Bath* by Pamela Allen
- *Oceans* by Madeline Tyler
- *Pacific Islands* by Jane Hinchey

Your help in finding these books is greatly appreciated!

Fundraiser for Kidscan: Sausage Sizzle

On Friday, 12 December 2025, our Year 7–9 students will be hosting a fundraiser in support of Kidscan. The fundraiser will feature a sausage sizzle, with refreshing juice available for purchase alongside the sizzles.

Kidscan is a charity organization in New Zealand dedicated to help children affected by poverty. Founded in 2005, they provide essential items such as food, jackets, shoes and health products to over 820 schools and early childhood centers across the country. The organization aims to ensure that children in hardship receive the support they need to focus on learning and have a fair start in life.

Sausage Sizzle: $2.50

Juice: $1

Additional donations are welcome.

Parent Helpers Appreciation Afternoon Tea

To show our appreciation for all of the parents who have volunteered their time to help us this year, we are hosting an afternoon tea. If you have helped with any trips, junior school library visits, swimming lessons, or given your time in any way, we would love for you to attend.

Date: Monday 15 December

Time: 3.05pm - 3.45pm

Location: WHCC staff room

No need to bring a plate, we will provide the food/drink. Your children will play outside with supervision from the teachers. Please include any particular dietary requirements when you RSVP to 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

Key Dates

Our online Calendar is here

Mon 08 Dec	Parent Social Planning Evening @ 6:30pm
Wed 10 Dec	Vocalist Recital @ WHCC Music Room, 3:30pm
Thurs 11 Dec	Whole-school End of year Community Celebration Evening, 6:30pm @ The Street
Fri 12 Dec	Whole school late start @ 10am
	Fundraiser for Kidscan: Sausage Sizzle
	School Reports/Stationery Lists/BYOD Information sent home
Mon 15 Dec	Year 7 – 9 Beach Day
	Parent Helpers Appreciation Afternoon Tea, 3:05pm
Tues 16 Dec	Last day of Term 4, 12pm finish

Community Notices

This summer, Wellington City Libraries is inviting kids, teens and adults on a **Summer Reading Adventure**! From the **1st of December 2025 – 31st of January 2026**, you'll be able to log your reading, write, draw or film book reviews, and complete activities and challenges to earn rewards like collectible badges, free books, art kits, and go in the draw to win one of our fabulous Grand Prizes.

Visit the library website today at wcl.govt.nz/summerreading to pre-register for the Summer Reading Adventure, or visit any of our libraries from the 1st of December to pick up your Adventurer's Guide and get started.