

WHCC Newsletter

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05 February 2026

Principal's Pen

Another Beautiful Start

Tenā kotou whanau,

The first week has been beautiful to watch. The students have been very respectful, attentive and ready to learn. The teachers are enthusiastic and appreciative of the privilege of teaching a wonderful group of students.

As I mentioned last week, I want our school to focus on being professional (ie; excellent in all things), purposeful and prayerful. You will see elements of these three coming through in my regular principal's pen.

If you would like to contribute ideas, or talents to the strength of WHCC, please be in touch. principal@whcc.school.nz

Prayer

Growth: We continue to need prayer for growing the school. We have consolidated our wait list. There remain over 60 students keen to join. Please pray for:

- Our roll increase application with the Ministry of Education
- More classroom spaces
- The Peniel Trust who are leading this space (Stephen Geuze, Andrew Kissling, Kim Coates and Russell Mulder)

Staff have several Professional development foci this year. Pray that the learning will be effectively implemented in the school. We have PLD in:

- Christian Curriculum Planning
- Caring and education of students who have experienced trauma
- Literacy/English curriculum changes
- Mathematics curriculum changes
- Digital Technology in Secondary

Attendance – Important!

The Goal

The government's goal is that **80% of children attend 90% of every term**. To reach 90+% children can only be absent 4.5 days in a 10 week term (4 days in term 1 2026).

The goal supports learning. There is a strong correlation between low attendance and poor academic results.

Another reason for WHCC is that the government will not consider roll increases for schools that have poor attendance or poor academic results. Our attendance was as follows:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
78% (90+% attendance)	79%	50%	67%

The Reasons

The three biggest reasons for absence were:

- sickness
- holidays
- unexplained/unjustified

Sickness is justified. Holidays are not justified. We need to reduce the unjustified absences to achieve the goal of 80% attending 90% of each term.

Holidays in Term Time

Our board policy in 2026 requires parents to apply for overseas holidays to the principal. If an overseas holiday is important, we ask you to carefully consider the length of time you are away.

Car Parking

Parking: We have no parking on site for any families due to a larger staff. Please use the mall or street parking. Note the time limits.

Drop off: There is no space to drive on site for drop offs. This respects the agreements we have with our neighbours.

Pedestrian Access: Please walk along the temporary access path along running along the Brethren Church building. Please do not walk up the ramp.

Note: Construction of the new pedestrian access will begin shortly

Whole School Picnic

We are delighted to invite you to a whole-school picnic, providing an opportunity to come together as a community and strengthen our connections with one another.

Date: Monday, 9 February 2026

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue Meeting Point: Aotea Lagoon Playground

3 Papakowhai Road

Papakowhai, Porirua 5024

This will be a relaxed and informal evening focused on building friendships and getting to know one another. We encourage you to come along with your whānau, wear comfortable clothing, bring a picnic mat and your favourite food, and enjoy spending time together.

All WHCC families and staff are warmly welcome. We look forward to sharing this time with you.

For further information, please contact Zipporah Lee at office@whcc.school.nz

Teacher Only Days

We will be holding Teacher Only Days this year. Previously, two dates were announced: **27 February 2026** and **2 June 2026**. Please note that **2 June 2026 will no longer be a Teacher Only Day**, and normal classes will proceed on that date. Another Teacher Only Day will be confirmed later in the year.

The Teacher Only Day scheduled for Friday, 27 February 2026 is still taking place and this means that there will be no classes and the school will be closed.

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)

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

Friday 06 Feb	Waitangi Day – School Closed
Monday 09 Feb	Whole School Picnic – Aotea Lagoon @ 6pm
Monday 23 Feb	Whole School Community Assembly
Friday 27 Feb	Teacher Only Day – School Closed

Community Notices

Vocal Training with

THE MOMENT



FREE TRIAL

- x10 30-minute lessons for \$400 per term (*Special school price*)
- Study vocal grades in class for \$30 per grade
- Take part in school recitals and more
- Be part of the Glory choir
- Try out for solos or sing in a group

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HAVE A GO DAY!



National Hockey Stadium



7th March



8:00 - 9:30 am

Welcoming all new and existing junior hockey players to come along on Saturday the 7th of March, pick up a stick and have some fun! All equipment provided.

If you have any questions please email Jada at: jada@wellingtonhockey.org.nz

