WHCC Newsletter

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13 February 2026

Principal's Pen

Knowledge - The Source

For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible Colossians 1:16

I have long loved the idea that all knowledge has its unity in Christ. Like a mountain lake that sends out streams is God's knowledge to us.

The world is the greatest treasure hunt ever made. Solomon wrote "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings." (Proverbs 25:2).

No matter how far our telescopes go we find endless incomprehensible wonders. No matter how powerful our microscopes we find worlds within worlds within worlds.

The atom used to be considered the smallest particle. Then we found protons, neutrons and a nucleus. We now know protons and neutrons are made up of quarks, gluons and a nuclear force. Current science says there is nothing smaller than a quark, but we've heard that before.

Every field has endless discovery: Music, Maths, English, Technology, Anthropology, and all the others. And it all flows from the mind of God.

There are many implications. Here is one not to be missed. When we study God's creation we are exploring the mind of God Himself. It is as though we are entering a relationship with Him. We see his power, his wisdom, his playfulness, his love, his justice, his beauty. We may know him in new ways.

The big question is this. Will we acknowledge the creator or ignore Him when we explore in his world? The choice will determine a great deal about the journey of discovery ahead. More of that next week.

Tim Kuipers

Nut free school reminder

To help keep all of our students safe, we kindly remind families that **Wellington Hills Christian College is a nut-free school**.

Some of our students have severe nut allergies, and even small traces of nuts can cause serious health risks. We ask that **no nuts or nut products** (including peanut butter, Nutella, nut bars, or foods containing nuts) are included in lunchboxes or brought to school.

We appreciate your care and support in helping us provide a safe and inclusive environment for everyone in our community.

If you are unsure whether a food item is suitable, please feel free to contact the school office.

Further Information of Absences

If you haven't read the information from last week, it's included again below.

In addition, please do not feel bad keeping your children home when they are genuinely sick. There is an allowance for 20% of children to not reach 90% for this reason.

Thank you all for your understanding and support.

Attendance – Important! [Repeat Notice from Last Week]

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 in 2025:

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.

Parents of Both Primary and Secondary Students

If you have children in both the primary and secondary school, you are welcome to arrive at 3:10pm for pick-up.

This will help minimise waiting between the two finish times. Staff will be onsite from 3:00pm to supervise students until 3:20pm.

Hutt Valley Bus Update

The Ministry of Education is not considering a bus for us at the moment. We want to let you know that we continue to negotiate with them.

In case you missed the memo, we don't have enough parents able to pay the shared cost of a school minivan to the Hutt Valley so we have not pursued this option.

School Lunch Ordering System – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Our school is using **Ezlunch**, part of the Kindo platform, for all online lunch orders.

Ezlunch offers a simple, mobile-friendly way for families to order fresh, tasty lunches from the same local providers you already know and love. The ordering process is quick, payments are secure, and delivery to school is reliable and easy.

Parents can order using the Kindo app (iPhone and Android) and choose from a range of convenient payment options including card, bank transfer, Google Pay, Apple Pay and more. The system also includes helpful allergen alerts and automated reminders, so no one misses out on lunch day.

This lunch ordering service is available on **Tuesdays**, **Thursdays**, and **Fridays**. We kindly ask that orders are placed only when needed to ensure your child is at school to receive their lunch. If an advance order has been placed and your child is absent, please contact the school office to advise how you would like to arrange collection of the lunch, as the school is unable to cancel orders.

If you require more information, please contact **Zipporah Lee** at office@whcc.school.nz

Whole School Picnic – 09 February 2026

We had a truly wonderful evening together on Monday, 09 February, as our WHCC whānau gathered for our whole school picnic at Aotea Lagoon.

It was a joy to see families relaxing, sharing kai, and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. The laughter, conversations, and sense of togetherness made it a special start to our year.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped create such a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

We are grateful for the way our community continues to support and uplift one another, and we look forward to many more opportunities to connect throughout 2026.

Family Connection Points for the rest of the Year

The following events are formal opportunities for families to connect with the school community or teachers. These are on our school calendar as well. More dates will be added as we confirm events.

23/02/2026	Whole School Assembly (The School Office will contact you the previous Friday if your child is receiving a certificate)
02/03/2026	Parent-Teacher Interviews
23/03/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
	Grandparent's Day
04/05/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
11/05/2026	Community Evening: Hutt Valley
18/05/2026	Community Evening: Porirua and Kapiti Coast
25/05/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
	Community Evening: Wellington City and Suburbs
15/06/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
27/07/2026	Japanese Students Week
	Parent-Teacher Interviews
03/08/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
24/08/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
14/09/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
26/10/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
16/11/2026	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army
December TBD	Celebration and Graduation Evening

Spare Yarns

Do you have an abundance of yarn you're looking to pass on?
Our Textiles Options class would greatly appreciate donations of **8 ply wool or acrylic yarn** to support student projects.

If you're able to contribute, please drop donations into the school office.

Ngā mihi,
Adele Southerton

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

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

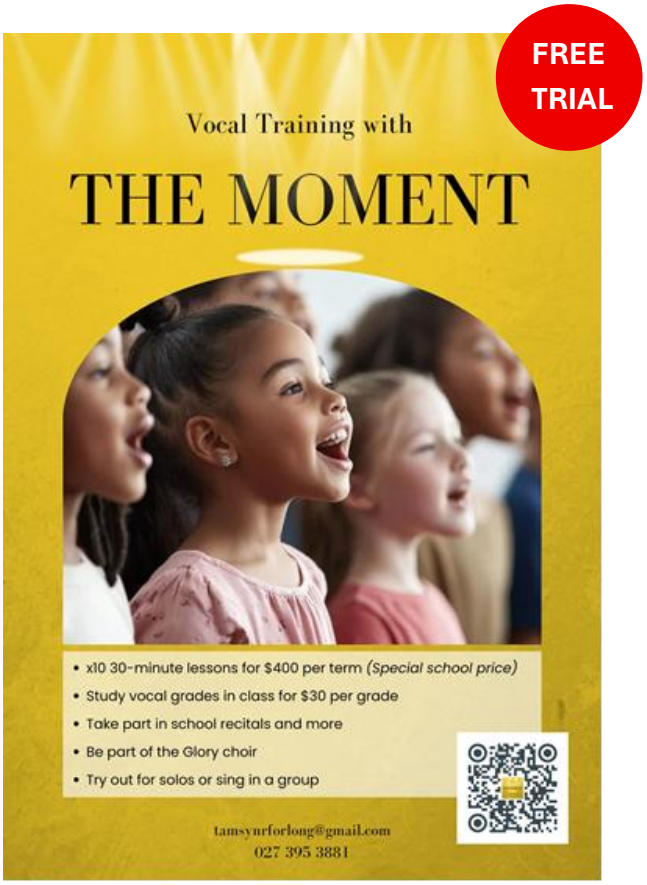
Calendar

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

Tuesday 17 Feb	Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Monday 23 Feb	Whole School Community Assembly
Friday 27 Feb	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Monday 02 Mar	Enrolments Open for 2027
Monday 16 Mar	Yr 7 Immunisation Programme

Community Notices



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