WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

I have shared thoughts on the Value of Knowledge and the Source of Knowledge. Today I want to share with you a little about the lenses through which we interpret knowledge.

Two doctors may prescribe different remedies for the same symptoms. Two scientists may presume differing fossil ages based on differing origin narratives. Two people may look at the same artwork and have opposing critiques.

Last Friday Rachael Wilding and Kaya Lombard led professional development for our staff titled "Teaching for Transformation". In the last of the three sessions, we explored four great themes and were asked a probing question relating to each:

1. Creation mandate: How does your subject/field help students steward, cultivate, or understand God's creation?
2. Great commandment: How does this subject/field shape how students love God and love others?
3. Great commission: How could this subject/field contribute to disciple making?
4. Great community: How can this subject/field be taught in a way that builds Christ-centered community?

As an exercise, you may be interested in applying those questions to your field of expertise – you likely have already.

For us, these questions had the effect of seeing more possibilities or opportunities in our teaching. To capture this and other learning, staff are forming teams of three to discuss and progress our Christian teaching. It's an exciting time.

Different schools can have the same curriculum content but very different lessons. Christian teachers are called to rightly discern the significance and purpose of knowledge. This way they can outwork their supporting role in helping our young be transformed by the renewing of their minds (Romand 12:1). In so doing they may also transform the world to the glory of God. This fits beautifully with our current draft vision statement:

To be a thriving Christ-centred, educational community that nurtures students in faith, character, wisdom, and excellence, impacting the world for the glory of God

Notices

Board Secretary

We are seeking a capable administrator to join our team as Board Secretary. The successful candidate will provide essential support to our dedicated and passionate board members. If you are interested in finding out more or applying for this role, please see the separate attachment to this newsletter.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

If you were unable to attend your parent–teacher interview, we will be in touch to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Year 7-10 Camp: Bulk Ingredients needed

As you may be aware, our secondary school camp is coming up in Week 7.
We are still seeking any business contacts who may be able to donate bulk ingredients such as eggs, milk, wraps, fruit, or vegetables. Any support that helps reduce food costs would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help at camp—your time and skills have played a vital role in making this camp possible.

A few reminders:

1. **Each student must bring their own packed morning tea and lunch on the first day.**
2. **Each student is to bring baking** (slice, cake, or biscuits) **in a disposable container.** Store-bought items are absolutely fine.
3. **No snacks, lollies, gum, or similar items are to be brought to camp.** We will provide ample food and snacks.
4. **No devices**—including phones, headphones, AirPods, or any kind of camera—**are permitted at camp.** Staff will have phones and cameras to take photos throughout the trip.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

Christine Dowell

Be Yourself Day – 13 March

We're excited to announce that we will be holding a **Be Yourself Day on Friday, March 13.** On this special day, students are invited to wear their own clothes to school instead of their usual uniform, as we raise funds for **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).**

MAF serves some of the world's most isolated communities by providing life-saving transport, medical access, and practical help in the name of Jesus.

On **Monday, March 23**, we are privileged to have a MAF pilot visiting our school to share about this incredible ministry, and we would love to bless MAF with the funds we raise.

Please bring a cash donation to school or give online. Thank you for supporting this meaningful opportunity for our students to make a difference beyond our classroom walls.

Parking

Strictly no parking, picking up or dropping off students on our school parking lots. We have an agreement with neighbouring businesses, and our limited on-site parking is allocated only for current staff and relievers.

Our staff may kindly instruct parents and caregivers to park off-street, including at Johnsonville Mall, if they are found parking on school grounds. Thank you for your understanding.

Pickup Times

Please note and adhere to the pick-up times for both Primary and Secondary school students.

- **Primary School:** 3:00pm
- **Secondary School:** 3:10pm

Please ensure you arrive on time to pick up your children.

If you have children in both Primary and Secondary, please collect them by **3:10pm**.

Key Dates

Our school calendar can be accessed here. Term dates and events are already in place.

Monday, 10 March	CSW Athletic Qualifiers @ Newtown Park (Some Yr9/10 Students only)
	Yr 3 & 4 Trip to the National Library
Friday, 13 March	Be Yourself Day: Fundraising for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
Monday 16 Mar	Yr 7 Immunisation Program
Tues 17 – Fri 20 Mar	Year 7-10 School Camp
Monday 23 Mar	Grandparents Day
	Whole School Community Assembly
Tuesday 24 Mar	School Board Meeting
Thursday 3 Apr	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 20 Apr	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 21 Apr	School Photos

Community Notices