WHCC Newsletter

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02 April 2026

Principal's Pen

Well here we are – end of a term. Enjoy your Easter break. I'm about to head off to a teacher's home to enjoy Hot Cross Buns and good company as an end of term celebration with staff. I hope each of you also enjoy a wonderful weekend remembering the goodness of Friday and the victory of Sunday. Be blessed.

Ngā mihi nui.

Tim Kuipers

Notices

School Photos

Formal school photographs will be taken on **Tuesday, 21 April 2026**.
Please ensure that your children arrive in school wearing their **formal school uniform**.

Juniors (Yr 0-6) that normally have PE on Tuesdays are not required to bring their PE uniform on this day.

Seniors (Yr 7-10) will still need to bring their PE gear with them.

School photographs will be taken by L C Scott Photography.

To preorder photos, or sibling photos on their website, go to
https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=NFZCZB49

Community Evenings

Last year, we held a series of regional connection evenings that brought our school community together to share ideas and support one another.

We're pleased to let you know that we'll be hosting these evenings again this year.

Please save these dates and details for your region.

North (Tawa, Porirua & Kapiti Coast) – Monday, 11 May 2026

Venue: Elim Church (Porirua)
Address: 11 Heriot Drive, Elsdon, Porirua 5022
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Hutt Valley – Monday, 18 May 2026

Venue: Maranatha Christian School
Address: 180 Hill Road, Belmont, Lower Hutt 5010
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

South (Johnsonville, Wellington City & Nearby Suburbs) – Monday, 25 May 2026

Venue: The Good Neighbours Café (Park at Clifton Carpark)
Address: 96 The Terrace, Wellington Central, Wellington 6011
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Feel free to bring a plate for these evenings. The school will prepare some light refreshments. For more information, contact **Zipporah Lee** at office@whcc.school.nz

2026 Kiwi English, Mathematics & Science Competitions

2026 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions, is coming up at the end of term 2.

This is for Years 5 to 10 only.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the letter sent to you and return to Mr Dan Shaw (dan.shaw@whcc.school.nz) by the **1st May 2026.**

Phones and watches

If your child brings a mobile phone or a smartwatch to school for communication purposes, please ensure they are reminded to place these devices in the designated box at the school office upon arrival.

Students are not permitted to be contacted via personal devices during school hours. Should you need to contact them urgently in school, please ring the School Office at 049398558 and our team will ensure that the message gets to them.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a focused learning environment for your children.

EOTC: Education Outside The Classroom

Swimming – Term 2

Swimming lessons for **Years 1–6** will take place at **Keith Spry Pool** during **Term 2**, on **Fridays from Week 2 to Week 9** (8 weeks), beginning **Friday, 1 May**.

Students must wear their **PE uniform** and bring their **togs and a towel** each week.

Lesson times are as follows: **Years 3–4: 1:00–1:30pm**, **Years 1–2: 1:30–2:00pm**, and **Years 5–6: 2:00–2:30pm**.

We will be **walking** to and from the pool. We require **parent helpers**, so please let your child's **class teacher** know if you are available to assist. Thank you for your support.

Year 8 & 10 Art Trip at Te Papa

On Thursday, 23rd April, our Year 8 and Year 10 classes will be attending an art trip to Te Papa, and we very much look forward to it.

For more information, reach out to Hannah Buchanan at Hannah.bucanan@whcc.school.nz

Cambodia Discovery Trip

What is this?

A short-term Discovery Trip to Cambodia designed to expand your kingdom perspective by experiencing God at work in a different cultural context, with hands-on ministry across diverse settings.

When is it?

January 2–22, 2027

Who is it for?

Anyone who is open to a broader worldview and exploring their part in the mission of God. Whether you're early in your faith journey or seasoned in service, this trip invites you to engage deeply, learn, and grow in how you might serve God across cultures.

Want to know more?

Join us to explore Cambodia's culture, history, and growing church, see wholistic mission in action, and discover how your gifts can shape meaningful, lifelong ministry—both abroad and back home in NZ. Curious for details, preparation steps, and how the trip could fit your calling? We'd love to share more.

Contact **Kim & Dan Shaw**: distantshoresdiscovery@gmail.com

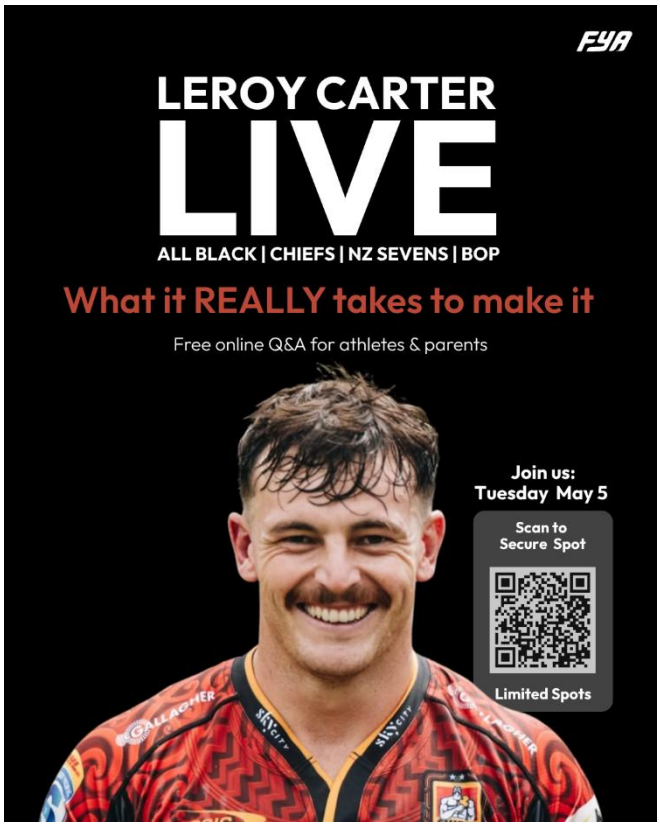
School Cross Country

The School cross country is coming up in week 3 of term 2. It will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 5th May at Alex Moore Park. With postpone dates of Wed 6th and Fri 8th May.

In Yr 4 - 8, the top 3 male and female students from each level **based on times at Cross Country and PE classes** will be given the opportunity to attend the Northern Zone Cross Country on Tuesday 19th May.

Key Dates

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

Thursday 02 Apr	Last Day of Term 1
Friday 03 Apr	Good Friday
Monday 20 Apr	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 21 Apr	School Photos
Thursday 23 Apr	Year 8 & 10 Art Trip @ Te Papa
Monday 27 Apr	ANZAC Day – School Closed
Thursday 30 Apr	Yr 0/1 & 7 Hearing and Vision Screening
Tuesday 05 May	School Cross Country at Alex Moore Park
Monday 11 May	Community Evening – Northern Suburbs (Tawa, Porirua & Kapiti Coast)
Monday 18 May	Community Evening – Hutt Valley
Monday 25 May	Community Evening – Johnsonville, Wellington City & Nearby Suburbs

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