WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

The Continuing Story

At assembly we continued with the story of the rich man who was challenged to give up his idol of wealth and follow Jesus. "The man's face fell and he went away sad for he had great wealth".

The rich man in Mark 10 is such an upsetting story. The man held on to the thing that would kill him and yet he was only one step away from gaining everything he desired.

I know from personal experience that holding loosely to the 'things' of earth frees the soul to pursue things of great worth – the kingdom of God. It's the exciting life. It's also often hard or painful, but we know that's part of being involved in something of great worth.

I had the privilege of sharing stories of people who have abandoned earthly idols to follow Jesus. They are some of the most generous and joyous people.

One man I know approached a local city mission and asked what they needed. He bought them a new van. A couple visited me last term. They have sold a farm and are using the money to build a gym for another Christian School. We received two $3000 donations in the last two months, one from someone who just loves what we're doing, the other who wants to support students with special needs.

Other people have left homes and families and comforts to go places they never imagined going. Read Hebrews 11 for further inspiration.

Our relationship with 'things' is so important. If we manage them wisely but hold to them loosely, we gain such freedom. The Bible speaks of this everywhere. "Godliness with contentment is great gain", "It is more blessed to give than receive", "Give up your life to save it". The parable of the pearl of great price.

The message for the young people? Be ready to give up everything and follow Jesus. It will take you to hard places and great places, places that are exciting, challenging, meaningful and so very worth it. Ultimately, it will take you to our Saviour in glory.

I was a bit taken aback when the students clapped at the end of the assembly – does this mean they are up for it? I think so!

Notices

Open Day – Wednesday, 17 June 2026

On Wednesday, 17 June 2026 we will be inviting the general public to come for our Open Day where they can see our school in action. Please RSVP **here**.

Session 1: 9.30-10.30am
Session 2: 2pm-3pm

Neurodiversity, Disability and Health Support Group

Leila and Kerryn, who are parents in WHCC, are initiating a supportive space for Christian parents to connect and encourage one another while navigating neurodivergence (including pre-diagnosis), disability, and ongoing health challenges in their children.

When: Wednesdays, 1:45pm–3:00pm
Where: WHCC Staff Room

Parking is available at Johnsonville Mall or off-street.

For more information, contact **Leila** (0278404870) or **Kerryn** (0276967797)

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 take note of the following dates and details for your region. If you were unable to attend the community gathering for your region, you are still welcome to participate in the other community events listed below.

Hutt Valley – Monday, 18 May 2026 – COMING SOON

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 also prepare some light refreshments. For more information, contact **Zipporah Lee** at office@whcc.school.nz

Parking

Friendly reminder for parents and whānau:
When picking up students from school, please note that the on-site parking areas are reserved for **WHCC staff only**. We kindly ask that you also avoid parking in our neighbours' car parks during drop-off and pick-up times as they have paid for those spaces.

Please park off-street or use the parking available at **Johnsonville Mall**.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Lost and found

A rack and box of lost-and-found items collected around the school are currently on display at the school office.

We kindly encourage you to take a moment to check the items during drop-off/pick-up to see if any of these items belong to you or your child.

EOTC: Education Outside The Classroom

School Swimming (Weeks 2 – 6, 8-10 of this term)

We will be walking to and from the pool, so please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing for the weather that day, e.g., a rain jacket, both their school jersey and their school jacket if it's going to be especially cold and/or windy. If you are concerned about your child getting too cold, they can wear a pair of track pants from home.

If you are available on Friday afternoons and would like to come with us to our swimming lessons, that would be much appreciated. We need extra adults to walk with us to and from the pool, and to assist some students with the changing process.

Students will need to bring the following named items in a bag which is separate from their school bag; togs, a towel, and goggles. Swimming caps are optional.

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.

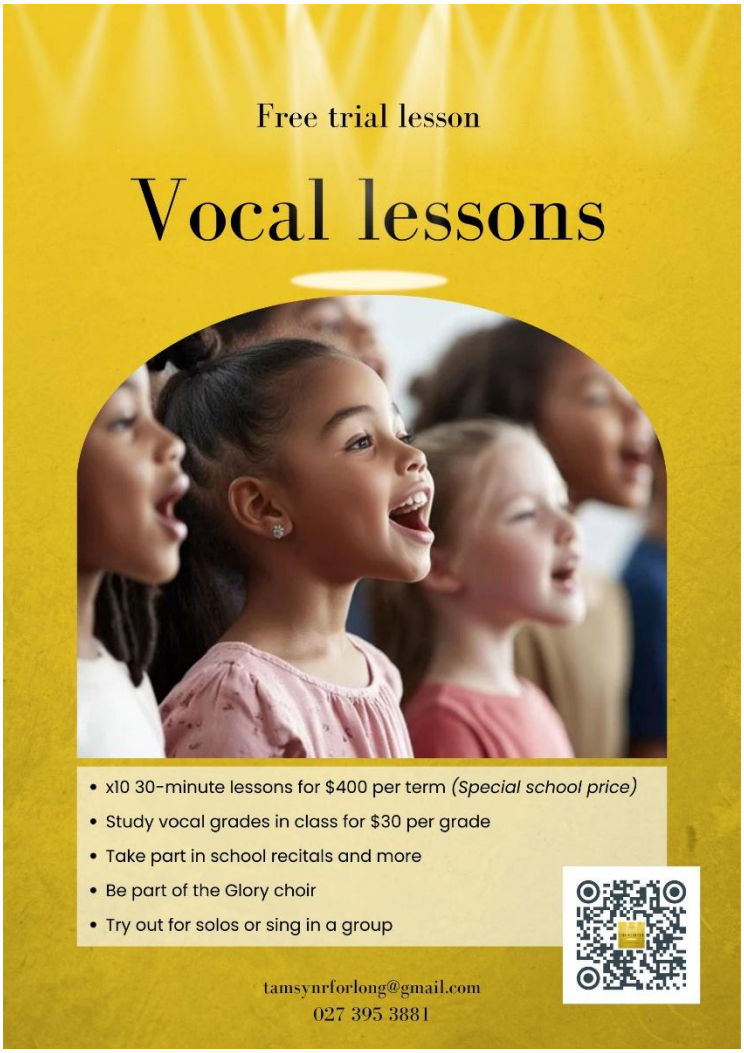
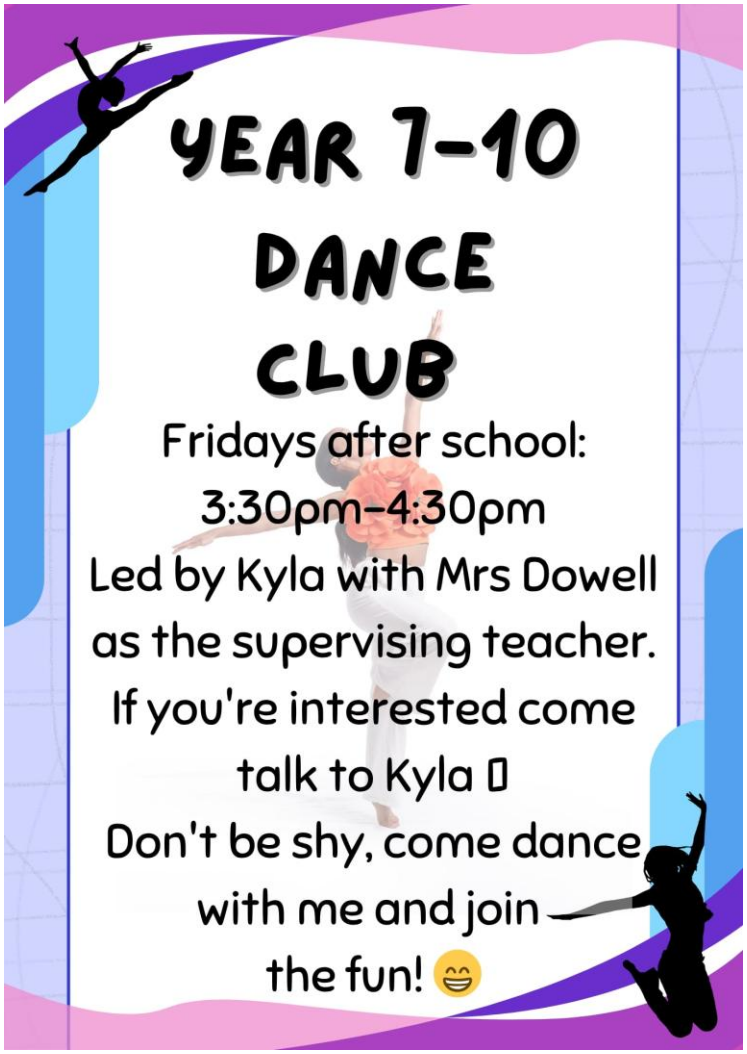
Want to know more?

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

Key Dates

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

Monday 18 May	Community Evening – Hutt Valley
Monday 25 May	Whole School Assembly at Johnsonville Salvation Army, 1:30pm
	Community Evening – Johnsonville, Wellington City & Nearby Suburbs
Monday 01 Jun	King's Birthday – School Closed
Wednesday 17 Jun	WHCC Open Day
Friday 03 July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 20 July	First Day of Term 3
Monday 24 Aug	Teacher Only Day – School Closed

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