# WHCC Newsletter

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## Principal's Pen

Dear parents.

You may not be aware that there are more than 65 Christian Schools in New Zealand serving over 13,000 students. They stretch from Invercargill to the far North.

This week I spent a day in Carterton with four other principals from Christian Schools in the region. Next week I will be in Queenstown for the NZACS (NZ Association of Christian School) Leaders Conference with over 140 others. These times are incredibly enriching. We have a change to share, learn, discuss, support and pray together.

Many of the other schools are interested in what is happening here in Wellington. They have asked me to share a 'gold nugget' from our school on Saturday morning. The first thing that came to mind was the many people who have blessed the school in quiet ways, by donating time, prayer, skills and resources. There are many selfless people. Without them it would be near impossible to start a new school. Without them the experience of the students would not be as rich.

Let us thank God for all those who give selflessly in their speres of influence, whether that's at WHCC or in their neighbourhoods, churches, families or communities. The Lord sees.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossian 3:23*

## Notices

### Community Evening – Monday, 25 May 2026

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

We've had the privilege of meeting our WHCC community in the Porirua & Hutt Valley region the past few weeks. We'd love to meet you at our next event.

**If you were unable to attend the community gathering for your region, you are highly encouraged to attend this community event.**

**Date:** Monday, 25 May 2026

**Venue:** The Good Neighbours Café (Public Parking available at Clifton Carpark)

**Address:** 96 The Terrace, Wellington Central, Wellington 6011

**Time:** 6:30pm to 8:30pm

We welcome small plates for sharing at this event. The school will prepare some light snacks and there will be a barista onsite to sort out your cuppa on the house!

For more information, contact **Zipporah Lee** at office@whcc.school.nz

## Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser– Friday, 29 May 2026

WHCC will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser on Friday, 29 May 2026, in support of the South Wellington Montessori School.

Students are encouraged to get creative by decorating and styling their hair or wearing a wig. A donation is requested from each student participating, with all proceeds going towards this cause.

South Wellington Montessori School is a valued early childhood education centre that suffered significant damage to its facilities due to flooding earlier this year in February. Through this initiative, we aim to support their recovery and contribute to their rebuilding efforts.

Exciting prizes will be awarded for the most creative hairstyles!

Thank you for your support.

**Wellington Hills Service & Outreach Team**

## Whole School Assembly – Monday, 15 June 2026

Please note that the next whole school assembly has been rescheduled to **Monday, 15 June 2026**.

There will be **no whole school assembly this Monday, 25 May 2026**.

Thank you for noting these changes. We'll see you at our next assembly.

## Yr 1 & 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens

On Thursday, 21 May 2026, The Year 1s and 2s enjoyed a special trip to the Botanical Gardens, where they learned about God's amazing creation through the bee life cycle and planted their own plants, reminding us how God helps all living things grow and thrive. 🌱🐝

## 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 – Change in Schedule

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: Fridays, 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)

## 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.

## Key Dates

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

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| Monday 25 May | Community Evening at the Good Neighbours Café, 6:30pm |
| Friday 29 May | Crazy Hair Day - Fundraiser |
| Monday 01 Jun | King's Birthday – School Closed |
| Monday 08 Jun | Year 9 Trip to Te Papa |
| Tuesday 09 Jun | Interzone Cross Country |
| Monday 15 Jun | Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army, 1:30pm |
| 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 |

## Community Notice