WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Our story inspires

I had a wonderful opportunity to be with 175 leaders in Christian Schooling last week in Queenstown. I managed to fit in two short jogs, in a 7-degree chill, with the Remarkables and surrounding landscape for company. The views cannot but inspire awe in our Creator.

I had the privilege of being one of three schools to share about our school. Our story took the audience back to our origins as Miramar Christian School from 1979. It included times of threatened closure, and of the strong conviction of a few that this must not happen – that there were greater things to come.

They heard how this group of faithful visionaries joined up with three other organisations to realise the vision for a Christian High School in Wellington.

They heard of volunteers and visionaries in the past and now. One of these people had tried and failed to start a Christian High School 35 years ago and are now volunteering and giving for the benefit of their grandchildren. Some continue to give countless voluntary hours of professional services, prayer, and gifts of resources and time.

I don't know all the names. In a hundred years, only God will remember them. That's fine by me. We know that in serving our children, we serve God and He is deserving like no other.

Afterwards I was genuinely surprised at the number of people who were inspired by our story and came and told me so. But I shouldn't have been. As the mountains inspire awe, so stories of service and generosity inspire others to the same.

One of the themes of the conference was 'handing the baton' from generation to generation. One way we do this is to tell our founding stories so that future generations may be inspired to build faithfully on the founder's vision. This is one project that is in its infancy, and I look forward to it taking shape. May we grow ever faithful till Christ returns.

Reminders

Download Helix App

We kindly remind **all parents and caregivers who have not yet downloaded** the Helix App to please do so at their earliest convenience. Installing the app will help streamline communication and support smoother school processes for everyone.

Click here for more information and instructions on downloading the app.

The Helix App and Web Portal offer several benefits, including:

- Seamless integration with our School Management System (SMS)
- Reporting absences will go directly to our SMS.
- Delivery of school reports
- Notices
- Booking appointments
- Paying invoices

You will need to use the email address that you provided to the school as part of your child's enrolment. If you are unsure which email address is on file, please write back to the office and we will confirm.

Hint: *it's the one you are receiving the newsletters on. Any caregiver will have automatic access. Any emergency contact on our system may be given access at a caregiver's request.*

Please get in touch with the School Office if you require more assistance in downloading the app to your device.

ICAS Assessments 2026

If you want your child (Yr3-10) to do ICAS this year, please return the permission slip to **Mr Dan Shaw** by Friday 26 June 2026.

Keep Balls and Toys at Home

We kindly ask that students **do not bring balls or toys from home to school (unless requested by your child's teacher).** We are fortunate to have a range of balls and play equipment available for students to use during break times, so there is no need for personal items to be brought in.

Keeping balls/toys at home helps prevent items from being lost or damaged and ensures that all students can share and enjoy the school equipment together.

Thank you for your support!

Buying and Selling Items at School

We have become aware that some students are bringing items (mostly toys or crafts) to school and selling them to their peers.

Please ensure your child is neither selling nor buying items at school.

A reminder that students are not allowed to bring any toys to school except by express permission from a teacher. If a senior school student wishes to fundraise at school for a charity, this needs to be overseen by an adult and checked with Senior Management first.

Notices

Netball Tournament

WHCC had the privilege of submitting a netball team for the College Sport Wellington Netball Tournament yesterday.

A top team from every College in the Wellington region participated in the tournament.

It was a great day out at Akau Tangi Sports Stadium, and while the girls didn't place, they played hard and fair netball, and encouraged each other throughout the day which was awesome to witness. Roll on next year!

Dance Performance - Week 11

This term, we have been blessed to have a professional dance instructor teaching dance skills to our Year 1 to 6 students, and to our Year 9 students. To show you what they have learned, our Year 1 to 6 students will be performing their dances in Week 11 (the last week of the term). A small group of Year 9s will also be performing.

When: Thursday 2 July

Time: From 2pm

Where: Salvation Army Gymnasium, Johnsonville

Due to space constraints, there will be no chairs (standing room only).

We will have a dress rehearsal on the afternoon of Tuesday 30 June. For **both** the dress rehearsal and the performance, students will need to bring **a black top and black shorts or pants** to school **in their bag** as part of their simple costumes (teachers are sorting out the rest of the costume). Students should arrive at school in their uniform as usual on both days.

We do hope that you will be able to come on Thursday 2 July to see the hard work the students have put into learning their dances!

Relieving Teachers – Needed

We would like to increase the size of our teacher relief pool. If you know of anyone available, please contact the **School Office** (04 939 8558) or email **Dan Shaw** (dan.shaw@whcc.school.nz)

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 and to take them back before they leave the school.

Students are not permitted to be contacted via personal devices during school hours. Students found wearing such watches or bringing mobile phones into class will be asked to deposit these items to the office for safekeeping.

Should you need to contact them urgently during 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.

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

Bank Accounts

School Bank Account Number

For all school banking e.g. 'Be Yourself Day' koha payments, school fundraisers, etc. please make an internet banking payment to:

Wellington Hills Christian College Board

ASB Bank

Account Number: 12-3481-0040719-00

New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT)

School attendance dues (fees) and property maintenance fees are paid to the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust.

A direct debit option is available but should you need their bank account, please make internet banking payments to:

New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust

ASB Bank

Account Number: 12-3107-0061704-16

Please use the student surname in the 'reference' field so they can match the deposit.

Peniel Trust Bank Account Number

Click here to support the school's expansion project.

Key Dates

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

Monday 08 Jun	Year 9 Trip to Te Papa
Monday 15 Jun	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army, 1:30pm
Wednesday 17 Jun	WHCC Open Day
Thursday 02 July	Dance Performance @ Johnsonville Salvation Army, 2pm
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 Notices