WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

Three Women and No Funeral - Exodus 2:1-10

[The book of Exodus is a huge moment in world history, still impacting our lives today. I'm going through the book at our assemblies. The intention is to draw out what we can learn about our values of Faith, Character, Wisdom, Excellence and Community.]

The above title was given by a preacher adapted from a movie. From the reviews I have seen, the movie offers nothing to commend when compared to the story told in Exodus.

Under slavery and oppression, Hebrew families faced the murder of their sons by drowning in the Nile River. With few options, and by faith, Jochebed hid her son Moses in a basket in the same river trusting God with the outcome.

Pharaoh's daughter, who discovered the child, felt sorry for him. She spared the child in defiance of her Father's orders, adopting him instead.

Miriam, Moses' sister, aged 6 to 12, approached Pharaoh's daughter with incredible tact. She offered to find a Hebrew woman to nurse Moses without revealing his back story. Jochebed ended up being paid to nurse her own son.

Jochebed had great Faith. Pharaoh's daughter showed strong Character. Miriam acted with great Wisdom. Three of our values are on display in these faithful women.

I cannot really capture the joy of the oral telling at assembly times, but it is my hope these stories rest well in the hearts of our young and are recalled by God's Spirit in the moments of their lives when most needed, perhaps even now.

What's on Top and Prayer Points – Please Read

I've taken some extra time to list prayer points so that you may support our staff in a rewarding but high-pressured time.

Prayers of Thanks

- On Monday our student leaders, musicians and choir all presented, played and performed at our Community Assembly to a high standard. It was superbly done and I am very proud of them.
- I am also proud of those who received certificates demonstrating the school values. We only hand out two per class each assembly, which is tough for teachers as we could hand out many more.
- All staff are working incredibly hard and I am very grateful to be in a team with such devotion to the calling.

- On Wednesday we had over 130 people through the school on our open day. Our student leaders really did a superb job giving them tours of the school.
- Settled, learning focused classrooms across the school.
- We are blessed with unity and purpose amongst Staff, Board, Proprietors and Peniel (land trust)

Prayers of strength for what's keeping staff busy

- Report Writing is nearing completion.
- The continued roll out of the new curriculum in Years 1-10.
- Ongoing work in curriculum development and delivery of all subjects.
- Ongoing development of the Service and Leadership Program.
- Ongoing implementation of learning support for students across the age groups.
- Two new secondary staff coming on board next term – Irene Stevens and Morlu Stevens.
- Ongoing development of administrative systems across the school
- There are more projects in the pipeline, waiting for a capacity to implement, but we have to be content with what we can do for now – putting the main things as the main things.

Prayers for Forward Planning

- Planning for 2027 Year 11 specialist subjects is well under way, including Staffing for 2027.
- Ongoing development of strategic plan and implementation of current annual plan.
- Preparing Papers requested by ERO who will visit next term.
- A very involved admissions process with over 110 applicants vying for 20 or less places. Pray for wisdom here.
- Ongoing exploration of providing more classrooms spaces, including refurbishment of the second half of 21 Broderick Road.

Prayers for Planning Meetings

- The board meet next Tuesday
- Senior Management have a strategic planning day next Thursday

Conclusion!

- These are exciting times.
- Pray that we will have wisdom and insight as we continue to make each day the best it can be and look ahead with prudence and vision.

Notices

Yr 1 to 8 House of Bricks Lego Day

On Friday, 5 June, our school was alive with creativity and excitement as all Year 1–8 students took part in the vibrant House of Bricks Lego Day. Throughout the day, students rotated through four engaging sessions: Mathematic Mosaics, Car Racing, Pass the Bricks, and Complete Creativity. Each activity provided a unique opportunity to explore problem-solving, teamwork, and imaginative design using Lego.

Crazy Hair & Be Yourself Day

Also on Friday, June 5, our school community came together for a fun and meaningful Crazy Hair Day fundraiser in support of South Wellington Montessori, a school that was damaged during one of our recent storms. Students amazed us all with their incredibly creative and colourful hairstyles, showing both imagination and heart for a great cause. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and generosity from our families. Thank you to everyone who supported this event— the total amount we've raised is $349.80. Ka pai, school community!

Harp Encounters with Tiffany Baker

The Year 2s have been studying Jack and the Beanstalk this term. To complement this learning, Primary school students were treated to a special harp performance this week by Tiffany from Harpeggio.

She played some beautiful music and gave us some interesting facts about the harp. She even brought in the type of harp David in the Bible would have used.

The overwhelming response from the students was "I loved it!"

School ID for Years 7 - 10

Student ID cards are now available for our Year 7–10 students.

The cost of a physical ID card is $12.

If you would like to order an ID card for your child, please email the school office at (office@whcc.school.nz) and arrange payment via bank transfer. (Please refer to the *'Bank Accounts'* section for the school's account details.)

Students who were issued ID cards last year that are due to expire soon may renew their current cards for the same price of $12. If you would like to renew, please email the office **no later than Tuesday, 23 June 2026**.

A digital version of the student ID card will also be made available later in the year through the Helix App at no cost.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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!

Key Dates

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

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 03 Aug	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army @ 1:40pm
Monday 24 Aug	Teacher Only Day – School Closed

Reminders and Repeat Notices

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)

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.

Reminder: Safe & Appropriate Parking During Drop-Off and Pick-Up

We have had complaints from our neighbours regarding the use of their private car parks near the new walkway behind the old library during drop-off and pick-up times. We are committed to maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours, and we would greatly appreciate your support in this.

Please ensure that you only park in the Johnsonville Mall car park, with which we have an agreement, or make use of appropriate on-street parking options.

Additionally, our staff have noticed that some parents are still using on-site car parks for drop-off and pick-up. We kindly ask that everyone adheres to the agreed arrangements.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

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 as this can create complications.

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.

A reminder that students are not allowed to bring any toys to school except with permission from a teacher. This avoids issues with lost or broken items.

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.

Community Notices

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Creative Workshops for Young Artists

Art INVERLOCHY ART SCHOOL

FOR TAMARIKI

Magical Terrarium
FOR AGES 6-11 YEARS
WEDS 8 JULY, 9:30-11:30

Painted Paper Puppets
FOR AGES 6-11 YEARS
MON & TUES, 6 - 7 JULY, 9:30-11:30 DAILY

Notan Collage
FOR AGES 6-11 YEARS
THURS 9 JULY, 9:30-11:30

FOR TEENS & TWEENS

SEWING
FOR AGES 10 - 15
MON & TUES, 6 -7 JULY, 10 AM - 2 PM
TUES & WEDS, 14 - 15 JULY, 10 AM - 2 PM

FUNDAMENTALS OF DRAWING
FOR AGES 10+
MON & TUES, 6 - 7 JULY, 10 AM - 1 PM

'TAG YOURSELF' PRINTMAKING
FOR AGES 12+
MON & TUES, 6 & 7 JULY, 10 AM - 1 PM

JEWELLERY MAKING
FOR AGES 13 +
TUES 7 JULY, 10 AM - 1 PM

FIRE HORSE NEEDLE FELTING
FOR AGES 10 +
WEDS 8 JULY, 10 AM - 1 PM

SCULPTING WITH CLAY
FOR AGES 10 +
WEDS 8 JULY, 10 AM - 12 PM
WEDS 8 JULY, 1 PM - 3 PM

BOOK BINDING
FOR AGES 12 +
THURS 9 JULY, 10 AM - 2 PM

PAINT YOUR PET
FOR AGES 12+
WEDS 8 JULY, 10 AM - 1 PM

POTTERY WHEEL THROWING & HAND BUILDING
FOR AGES 12+
MON - WED, 13-15 JULY, 10 AM - 12 PM
MON - WED, 13-15 JULY, 1 PM - 3 PM

INTRO TO 2D ANIMATION
FOR AGES 10 +
MON & TUES, 13 & 14 JULY, 10 AM - 1 PM

WHĀNAU & ALL AGES WORKSHOPS

Create with your kids!

WHĀNAU SCULPTURE WITH CLAY
FOR AGES 6+
THURS 9 JULY, 10 AM - 12 PM
THURS 9 JULY, 1 PM - 3 PM

MONOPRINTING
FOR AGES 12+
THURS & FRI, 16 & 17 JULY, 10 AM - 2 PM

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