WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

What a great term it has been. There is a lot to celebrate, even just in the last two days.

I am still glowing from yesterday's primary dance performance. What a wonderful experience to see the joy and strength and vitality of the primary students. I look forward to future school productions.

Over the last two days, Dan Shaw and I have interviewed almost all the Year 10 students about their strengths, interests, possible careers and subject choices. This was a highlight for me, hearing their thoughts about the future.

Yesterday staff thanked Len Paiton and Cheryl Prosser who served so faithfully and skillfully in the last six months. Blessings to Len as she moves to Ashburton to take up a science position there.

Today, Year 9 students introduced and then shared international foods they had created at home. It was an amazing spread showcasing foods from across the globe.

As I continued to wander the classes, I saw Year 10s working studiously on a written piece for art. Year 8s were competing with great intensity and noise in an end of term quiz. Year 5-6 were enjoying a FIFA match after their big end of term tidy up.

Earlier today, secondary students came with loads of food to celebrate Len Paiton as a teacher. She is so clearly loved and respected, and it is sad for us to say farewell.

Teachers are celebrating the end of an eleven-week term and completed student reports, which you will receive today. The results, overall, have been strong, including in the initial analysis of nationally standardised Reading and Mathematics results. I look forward to digging deeper.

I will take this moment to say thanks. First, thanks to our teachers for a great term of teaching and learning expertly delivered. It is a privilege to be able to work with each of them. Thank you, parents, for the many encouragements and the privilege of working with your children. Thank you, students, for your dedication to learning – most of you most of the time ☺. Thank you, God for growing us in the hard times giving us so much to celebrate and teaching us that all our work has meaning and purpose when done for you.

Have a blessed two weeks. See you, or at least your children, in Term Three!

New Notices

Reports

Year 1-8 reports will be sent out this afternoon. Year 9-10 reports will be sent out Monday, or as soon as our IT provider fixes an error.

We have done a lot of work to get these accurate and without error. If you do spot an error, please inform us and we will correct it.

All parents are welcome to email teachers in the new term if you have queries about the reports or would like to talk through their academics in more detail.

Key Dates

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

Friday 03 Jul	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 20 Jul	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 30 Jul	Japanese Student Visit – 1st Day
Monday 03 Aug	Whole School Assembly @ Johnsonville Salvation Army @ 1:40pm
Wednesday 05 Aug	Japanese Student Visit – Last Day
Monday 24 Aug	Teacher Only Day – School Closed

Reminders and Repeat Notices

Enrolment Spaces Available for Year 10

We currently have **3 places available** for Year 10 students.

Please share this opportunity with families who may be interested in taking up the position.

Click here more information about enrolments or email **Rachael van Rij** at admissions@whcc.school.nz

Japanese Students Visit WHCC – Be a dinner host to our visitors

We have some Japanese students visiting WHCC from 30th July until 5th August 2026 to experience life at a New Zealand school. The students are in Years 3 – 6, and all the students will have at least 1 parent coming with them to NZ. Some students also have a sibling coming too. There will be 13 adults and 12 students in total.

We are looking for WHCC families to host a student and their accompanying family, for a meal on Saturday 1st August at 6 pm. This allows visitors to see a New Zealand home and enjoy NZ hospitality.

Why a meal? Last year our Japanese agent said, "*the dinner at each house was amazing and everyone enjoyed it, some parents told me this is something you cannot buy.*"

If you can help with hosting, please fill in the form below. We are aware that food is expensive, so hosts will be given $25 per adult and $25 per child. The food can be anything which you feel is suitable to serve visitors.

We would love you to take this opportunity to get to know these visitors and to join us in blessing them.

If you can help with this, please contact Dan Shaw at: dan.shaw@whcc.school.nz

Matariki Basketball Festival

Capital Basketball is excited to be hosting the 2026 Matariki Basketball Festival at Walter Nash Arena, and we would greatly appreciate your support in sharing the following opportunity with your students, coaches, teachers, staff, and wider basketball community.

As part of the festival, we are running Men's and Women's 3x3 competitions:

Event Details

Date: Saturday 11 July 2026

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Venue: Walter Nash Arena

Cost: $15 per team

Divisions: Men's and Women's

Grades: Social, Social Competitive, and Competitive

The 3x3 format is fast-paced, exciting, and suitable for players of all ages and abilities. Whether participants are looking for a fun social experience with friends or a more competitive challenge, there is a grade to suit everyone.

Teams do not need to enter through their school or club. Participants are welcome to form teams with friends, teammates, classmates, workmates, or family members, including people from different schools, clubs, and communities.

Registrations can be completed through the Capital Basketball website: https://www.capitalbasketball.org/shop/p/matariki-festival-2026

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)

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.

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Click here to support the school's expansion project.

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