WHCC Newsletter

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14 August 2026

From the Board

It's hard to believe that we are already over halfway through 2026! The school board met this past week - we had a full agenda, but we enjoyed the opportunity to gather together, relying on God to grant us wisdom and guidance as we went through each agenda item.

New board member

Our proprietor, the New Zealand Christian Proprietor Trust, is able to appoint proprietor representatives onto the school board. The previous proprietor appointee, Jacqui Lloyd, finished her time on our board at our last meeting, and we welcomed our new proprietor appointee, Steve Farrand.

Achievement data

One of the roles of the school board is to evaluate and monitor student achievement. We had the opportunity to look at the mid year achievement data. Tim will share this data with the school, but the board was very encouraged as we looked through the data. We can see the hard work that both the teachers and students are putting into their learning, and we are very thankful for a strong teaching team and students that are committed to doing their best. We ask that you pray for our students and teachers, that God would encourage them in their work, and give them learning and growth as they teach and learn.

Term 2 attendance data

We also reviewed the term two attendance data - 81% attendance in Term 2 is a great attendance result, and we want to say a very big thank you to you all for ensuring your children are at school every day!

Peniel Growth Fund

The Peniel Trust have launched a new Growth fund campaign to help raise funds for the future development of our college. We encourage you to support this campaign. More information is available at the office, or you can contact Tim.

As we reach the tail end of winter, we pray that winter viruses stay away, that our staff and students will be healthy and well, and that the Lord will continue to bless the work being done at Wellington Hills Christian College.

From the school board.

Principal's Pen

Learning Support

The board also received a *2026 Target Groups and Other Interventions Mid-Year Report*. So far there have been seven interventions with groups who need extra support to learn. More

interventions are being planned. There are also over 25 Education Plans in place supporting individual students.

The board has increased its funding for all support programs two times throughout the year to enable all proposed support plans. We will be evaluating the effectiveness of these programs later in the year with pre and post data.

How Are You

The board received a paper on student wellbeing. We asked ten questions and the results have been very positive overall. I'll share some highlight next week. There's been enough to read in this newsletter ☺

New Notices

Book Parent-Teacher Interviews

Book Parent Teacher Interviews HERE

Parent-Teacher interviews are happening on Tuesday, 25 August 2026 and Wednesday 26 August 2026.

When you click the button, you will be prompted to follow the instructions below:

1. Input your email and contact details
2. Select the subjects and teachers you wish to see
3. Select the time slots.

Once booked, you will receive a confirmation email outlining your appointments.

Further information

Students are welcome but not required in the interviews. You may wish to speak with the teacher alone.

Bookings will close four hours before the interviews for that day start.

Important Note for parents of students in BOTH junior and senior school

Junior interviews are 15 minutes long. Senior interviews are 5 minutes long.

Your senior student may have one teacher for two subjects. Please only book **ONE** interview with that teacher.

Please be careful when you select times so that you don't create any overlapping times.

Note the time slots include the time required to move from one teacher to the next. Please be mindful of the incoming parents and allow appropriate time, especially when moving between floors.

Note: If you feel you need a longer interview with a specific teacher, we are happy to arrange this with you and the teacher at a later date.

If you encounter any difficulties during the booking process, please email **Zipporah Lee** at office@whcc.school.nz

Operation Christmas Child – Fundraiser

This term our school is participating in **Operation Christmas Child** (Samaritans Purse).

What Operation Christmas Child is:

Operation Christmas Child is a way to help show God's love to children around the world. People fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other gifts. These boxes are then given to children who need them in over 100 countries.

After receiving a shoebox, children can join The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson program that teaches them about Jesus and following Him.

The mission is to help children in need and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

What to bring:

The school had been divided into 5 groups; each group has a category. The items in each category will be the items that students can bring into class, as shown below:

Year 1s & 2s: Personal care items (e.g. toothbrushes, hairbrushes, small water bottle etc)

Year 3s & 4s: Crafts and activities (e.g. stickers, chalk, small colouring books etc)

Year 5s & 6s: School supplies (Pencils, notebooks, pencil case etc)

Year 7s & 8s: Clothing and accessories (e.g. hat, flashlight –with batteries - etc)

Year 9s & 10s: WOW items (e.g. soft toys, skipping rope, small balls etc)

****If wanted, families can bring any additional items from other categories as well as the one they have been assigned.**

****Students will not be packing shoeboxes; they will only be bringing in items to put into them. Our Service and Outreach Team will do the packing.**

When it's happening:

Gift collections for Operation Christmas Child will begin on the 11th of August, and finish on the 2nd of September (Wednesday week 7).

Our goal as a school is to pack at least **30 boxes.**

Each class will have a dedicated place to put their items before they are packed into the shoe boxes.

Students will be able to make Christmas Cards to put in the boxes at school (or at home as well if wanted).

We will be sending the boxes away on the 19th of October.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, click this link, which includes what to bring and what not to bring. We ask that you look over this before purchasing any items.

Photography and Social Media Notice

Parents and caregivers are welcome to take photos and videos at WHCC events for personal use. Please remember that some students cannot have their photos or videos shared on social media.

Before posting any images online, please check that other students are not identifiable in your photos or videos, unless you have permission to share them.

Thank you for helping us respect the privacy of all WHCC students.

WHCC Sports Notices

Junior Girls A Badminton

Last night, our Junior Girls A Badminton team, Judy, Janaki, Yinuo, and Jemimah, won the Northern Zone Division 2 finals against Newlands College 7-0.

That means, they are through to the Regional finals next week.

Well done, girls and all the best for next week!

House Competition Day – Wednesday 19 August

Your child's house colour has been emailed to you. Siblings in the school have been placed in the same house colour so they'll be on the same team.

On Wednesday, 19 August 2026, students should come to school in their house colours, or wear something containing their house colour.

There will be sporting and other competitions between the houses across the school

From the APT (Active Parent Teacher) Group

Spring into Tawa Fair Fundraiser - We Need Your Help!

Our school fundraising and connection group (Active Parent Teacher or APT group) is organising a stall at the annual Spring into Tawa fair on 17th October 2026 to fundraise for outdoor space enhancements at the school. We would love help from our school families by way of donating suitable items to be sold at the fair.

Before You Donate:

A separate notice has been sent out to families with all the details including what is being collected, collection days and drop off.

It is important you read this notice before bringing any items into school. The notice can be found on the school's Helix app, and in an email sent by the school on 14 August 2026

We will send the notice several times in the lead up to the final collection date.

Queries to be sent to the APT contact person below - not the school please.

We appreciate your help, including prayers for a successful fundraiser!

The APT Group Contact person

Hannah Ashdown - 020 444 5502.

Key Dates

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

Wednesday 19 Aug	House Competition Day
Thursday 20 Aug	Year 0-2 trip to Maranatha Christian School
Friday 21 Aug	Cultural Day
Monday 24 Aug	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Tuesday 25 Aug	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 Aug	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Friday 04 Sep	Yr 7 Immunisation Programme – 2nd dose
Monday 07 Sep	Yr 2 & 4 Futsal Tournament @ Akau Tangi Sports Centre
Tuesday 08 Sep	Yr 7 & 8 Futsal Tournament @ Akau Tangi Sports Centre
Friday 25 Sep	Last day of Term 3
Monday 12 Oct	Start of Term 4
Saturday 17 Oct	Spring into Tawa Fair Fundraiser by APT

Reminders and Repeat Notices

Teacher Only Day – Monday, 24 August 2026

Monday, 24 August 2026 is Teacher Only Day.

School will be closed for the day.

Spirit Week

Our Senior Students are involved in planning events for Spirit Week. The idea is about raising school spirit through positive activities.

Trip to Maranatha – Thursday 20 August

WHCC Year 0-2 students will join the 0-2 students from Silverstream Christian School and Maranatha Christian School (MCS) at MCS. We will go in buses. Nine of our Year 9/10 students will help lead activities on the day.

Cultural Day – Friday 21 August

We are excited to celebrate the many cultures represented in our WHCC community!

Students are invited to come to school on the Friday wearing:

- Their traditional cultural dress, or
- Items related to their culture.
- Other students are welcome to come in non-uniform clothes

Food

We would also love students to bring a plate of food to share that represents their culture or family traditions. Please include an ingredients list so we are mindful of those with allergies. No nuts of any kind are allowed.

Parents

A special invitation is extended to parents and whānau. If you would be willing to visit classes and share something about your culture, heritage, language, traditions, music, clothing, stories, or customs, we would be delighted to have you involved. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn from the rich diversity within our school community.

Cultural Day is a chance to celebrate God's creativity through the many peoples, languages, and cultures He has made. We look forward to an enjoyable day of learning, sharing, and fellowship together.

If you would like to share with a class, please contact the school office so we can make arrangements. You can come on days other than Friday 21 August.

"From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth." – Acts 17:26

Teachers Needed for 2027

We are currently advertising for the following Secondary Teachers and a Guidance Counsellor who have a faith in Jesus and are strong teachers. We are growing our High School out to Year 13, so having experience is an advantage.

Part-time fixed-term teachers (due 28 August): LINK

- Mathematics and Statistics
- English
- Science
- These could be full-time permanent if paired with other subjects

Full-time permanent teachers (due 28 August): LINK

- Commerce
- PE/Health
- Biblical Studies
- Legal Studies
- DVC/Art
- Digital Technology/Computer Programming
- Humanities/Social Studies.

Guidance Counsellor (due 19 August): LINK

- Five hours a week
- Potential to increase

Use the links above to find out more or contact Dan Shaw at dan.shaw@whcc.school.nz

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 and property maintenance donations 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.