WHCC Newsletter

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Principal's Pen

God all powerful

This week at assembly, I had the joy of sharing about the ten plagues. It was not joyous for the Egyptians at the time. Often, such suffering can lead some to judge God's actions, as if that were a valid exercise.

I discovered in my research that Egypt had a pantheon of gods, and each plague was a challenge to at least one of them. The first plague defeated various gods of the Nile, who were all powerless to stop the water from turning to blood. The gods of the harvest, fertility, cattle, medicine and the sky were all impotent.

The Egyptians supreme deity was Ra, god of the sun. The penultimate plague brought a darkness so thick that nothing could penetrate it. The defeat was total.

Pharaoh was considered the son of Ra and divine. He hardened his heart many times before God also hardened it. Right to the end, he refused to bow. The wise men and magicians of Egypt accepted defeat early. They recognized the "finger of God" after the third plague and said as much to pharaoh. But even so they showed no signs of following God and continued to suffer His judgements.

The only ones to escape God's judgement were the Israelites and those Egyptians who bowed the knee to him. Nothing can defeat the plans of God. Nothing we serve can save us but Him.

Sometimes life doesn't feel like a victory. It didn't for the Israelites for several hundred years. Many of us can testify to that. But we know the outcome, the final chapter of each of our stories. We are safe in the hands of our Lord and Saviour. May we all know His grace in the journey.

New Notices

Operation Christmas Child – Fundraiser

The Service and Outreach team spent a few hours today packing Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Thank you to everyone for all the amazing items you donated. We packed 62 boxes!

We also raised a total of $429 from our Non-Uniform Day fundraiser.

Whole School Community Assembly

On Monday, 14 September 2026, we will have our whole school community assembly at the Johnsonville Salvation Army Auditorium at 1:45pm.

The whole community is welcome to join us.

Reminder – Peniel Growth Fund

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

What is it About? We need 50 pledges to progress the classroom developments. We have 19 pledges as of today. We need people who can approach family or friends who may be able to make a pledge. **We want to raise a small army to do the asking.**

Who For: Parents, Staff and Friends of the school

What: We will explain how the pledges work and why we need them. We will share the skills and knowledge needed to ask others to support.

Time: Thursday 17 September
2:00pm or 3:30pm (same session twice)

For More Information: Check out the website

Key Dates

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

Monday 14 Sep	Yr 10 Selected Students – CAA Numeracy
	Whole School Community Assembly
Tuesday 15 Sep	Yr 10 Selected Students – CAA Writing
Monday 21 Sep	Fundraiser Stall @ Spring into Tawa Fair – Final Collection Day
Tuesday 22 Sep	Yr 8 & 9 Trip Gov House and Supreme Court
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

WHCC Mums Social Group

We have started an informal WhatApp chat, that we'd love you to join, if you wish :)
We are aiming for an end of term catch up each term. In the chat we also have the occasional question or posts about informal small get togethers. If you would like to join the Mum's social group WhatsApp chat, please contact **Kerryn** on 0276967797, or **Lauren** on 0272087575. (If there is a Dad wanting to take the reins on starting a Dad's group- that'd be neat!)

Helix App Update – Not available for download

It has come to our attention that some new families are unable to download the Helix App, as it may no longer appear in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. This is because they are updating the Helix App. New families should download the **MUSAC Edge App** instead. It works exactly the same. Families who already have the Helix App installed can continue using it until further notice. The app is an important communication tool that allows parents and caregivers to:

- Report student absences directly through the school management system, enabling teachers to view attendance reports when taking the roll.
- Access student reports, school notices, and other important information.

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up the app, please contact **Zipporah Lee** at office@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)

Community Notices