

WCS Newsletter

To know, love, and serve Jesus Christ



Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14



Issue 8, Nov 2025

From the Principal

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

It's hard to believe that we're in November already, and Christmas songs will soon be playing on the radio. This year has been full of high stakes reviews, consultation and curriculum changes. I want to share some of the results and feedback with you in this month's newsletter.

Education Review Audit

Evaluation partners from the Education Review Office (ERO) carried out an audit in June this year. We've now received the confirmed report which will be available on the school's website for you to have a read.

Strategic Planning - Consultation

The Board of Trustees consulted with various stakeholders during term 3. These stakeholders included: Staff, students, and parents. A big 'thank you' to each of you who took the time to share your thoughts - either in person, or via the online surveys.

Your feedback is very important in shaping strategic direction for the school.

Some common themes from the data include:

- ◆ Consistency and clarity across teaching and behaviour management;
- ◆ The school's caring, Christ-centred approach to community is seen as a strength;

- ◆ There is a shared expectation that graduates leave with strong biblical literacy, spiritual disciplines, and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in action.
- ◆ Future projects include: Parking spaces and Uniform review.

What happens next?

Legislation will soon be tabled in Parliament, giving Boards the option to postpone the introduction of a new 3-year strategic plan until term 1, 2027. Our Board has already made the decision to take this option.

Therefore, the Board will have an annual plan for 2026. This plan will include some of the action items identified from recent consultation, as well as an attendance management plan, and next steps from the ERO report. We will also work on a strategic plan for 2027 - 2029.

As we're heading into a very busy 'season' of events to wind up the year, I pray that it will be a time of celebration, reflection, and strong community.

Blessings,

Jaco Labuschagne

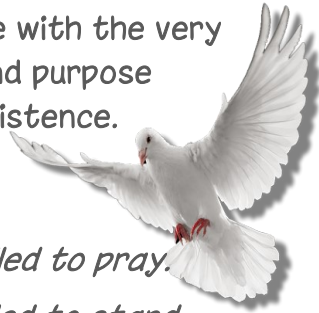
Principal

*Worry ends when
FAITH IN GOD
Begins*

Prayer Meetings

Prayer is an act of worship that
glorifies God
and reinforces our need for Him.

Through living a life of prayer,
we respond to Christ's work of salvation
and communicate with the very
source of and purpose
for our existence.



We are all called to pray.

*We are all called to stand
for the least among us.*

Thursdays, 9am in the staffroom

All are welcome to attend.

If you have any prayer requests please
contact the School Office
or email

prayer@waipachristian.school.nz.

**Are you called to
pray for others?...**

Accept the call

**JOIN US EACH
WEEK FOR
PRAYER**



Lord, help me to
always keep in mind
that I'm instrumental
in the war between
You and Your enemy,
and the victory in my
life depends on my
willingness to hear
Your call to pray.

Trophies

If your child was awarded a
trophy at Prize Giving last year,
please return it to school by
Friday, 7th
November.
Please
ensure it has
been cleaned
and is in
good repair.



School Photos

This year our school photos
will be taken on

Tuesday, 11th November.



Purchasing orders are all
done online. **After** Photo Day,
you will be emailed a "Photo
Access Keycode" unique to each child. Use this
code online to view/order the photos you wish to
purchase. Their website is www.photolife.co.nz

**Please ensure your child is wearing the
correct uniform in a clean and smart
condition. Black school sandals must be
worn.**

School Bus

This year the last day for
the school bus runs is on
Friday, 12th December. No buses will be running
after this date. Please make other arrangements
for your child's transport for Monday, 15th and
Tuesday 16th, December.



" Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to the Lord our God, to walk in His
statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day. " 1 Kings 8:61

School Policies

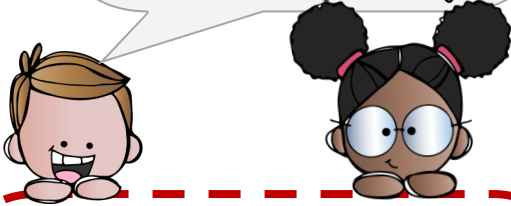
It is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to read and understand all school policies and procedures; eg. Prohibited items, Bullying, Behaviour Management etc.

These can be found at www.schooldocs.co.nz

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password: john316

Lord, help me to remember to live not in my own strength, but by the power of Your Spirit living in me. Forgive me for the times I have forgotten to do that. Enable me to grow in the things of Your kingdom so that I can become a whole, properly functioning, contributing, productive child of Yours who moves forward in Your purpose for my life.



School Fees - AP Details

If you wish to pay your school fees via automatic payment, these are the details:

Account Name: Waipa Christian School

Account Number: 12-3134-0064089-00

Particulars: Your name

Reference: Fees

If you are making payments for other things, eg uniforms/tech art/touch etc please put this in as your reference instead.

Absentees

Please contact the school office (871 4520) or use the 'Skool Loop' app or email us at office@waipachristian.school.nz by 9.15am if your child or children are going to be away, providing their name **and** the reason for their absence eg. Home sick, going on holiday, Doctor appointment, funeral etc. We are required by the Ministry of Education to provide information for all student absences.

Updating School Records

We ask please, for you to ensure we have your current contact details (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, Doctor, medical conditions etc). If anything has changed, please advise the School Office as soon as possible. It is important that we have your correct details.

Also, please make sure your emergency contact for your child lives locally.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Student Appointments

If you are picking up your child for an appointment during school time please come in to the Office and sign them out on the tablet. Please also call in again when you return them so they can be signed back in.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Head Lice

Please remember to continue to check daily and treat these little nasties.

Information about what to look for and how to treat them is available from the school office.



Together let's stamp them out.



Prize Giving 2025

@ Te Awamutu Bible Chapel
Chapel Drive

Prize Giving is on
Tuesday 9th December, starting at 6pm.
Please be seated by then.

Due to large numbers, we will be dividing
the programme up.

We will start with Atawhai, Puāwai and
Arohanui classes at 6pm. Then at around
6.45pm we will be having a shared supper
until 7.30pm. After that we will finish off
with Pitomata and Kotahitanga classes.
This way the juniors are able to leave earlier
so they are not up too late. And seniors
don't need to come until supper time.

Please bring a plate of food
to share for supper.

All welcome.

See you there.

*Students are to wear mufti to school
Tuesday, 9th December, so they have a
clean uniform to wear to Prize Giving.
Thank you.

Casual Clothes Day

This Friday, 7th November, our Casual Clothes
Day is supporting two charities. One is the Te
Awamutu Operation Christmas Hamper and
the other is the Cambridge Christmas Cheer.
Instead of your child bringing a gold coin, this
time we ask please for each of them the bring
either a dry food item or
a small, new unwrapped toy.
Please help support our local charities.
Thank you.

**TE AWAMUTU
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

ART EXHIBITION

FREE ENTRY ALL WELCOME ART FOR SALE

WHEN: WED 12 – THU 13 NOV 3–6PM
WHERE: TAI ART & DRAMA CENTRE

**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
LISAS@TEAWAMUTU.INT.SCHOOL.NZ**

**TE AWAMUTU
2025 COMMUNITY
GALA**

**RAISING FUNDS FOR HATO HONE
TE AWAMUTU**

**FRI 7TH NOV
3.30 PM – 7.00PM**

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St John**

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**Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world,
the love of the Father is not in him.** 1 John 2:15

Update on 2026 School-Based Immunisation Programme for Year 7 & Year 8 Students

Kia ora,

We would like to inform you of upcoming changes to the School-Based Immunisation Programme (SBIP) for **Year 7** and **Year 8** students, effective from 2026.

As part of national updates to the immunisation schedule:

- **Year 7** students will now receive both the Boostrix (tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough booster) and HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccinations at the same time.
- **Year 8** students will continue to receive their scheduled HPV doses as per current guidelines.

Consent forms for **Year 7** will be updated to include both vaccinations on a single form.

Donna Murray

Public Health Nurse | Neehi Hauora Tuumatanui
Kawhia Moana to Te Awamutu

EZ Athletics

EZ Athletics will be held at the stadium on Armstrong Ave, Te Awamutu on Friday, 14th November.

Please drop your child/ren off at the stadium between 8.45 and 9.00am. Do not take them to school. Pick up children from the stadium afterwards; We usually finish around 1.30-2pm. Bus students will be transported from school, there and back, so they can catch the bus home.

Make sure your child has plenty of water to drink, lunch, school sunhat and sunscreen.

Sausage sizzle and yummy goods available to purchase.



POTATO IN A BUCKET JUDGING DAY

Early December

You will be asked to bring your bucket, with the potato still planted in it, back to school when the judging is done, early December. Even if it looks dead or very sad, bring it back.

Please don't empty the buckets at home. The judges will weigh the potatoes and record the results.

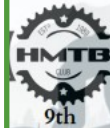
The date will be announced when it is given to us closer to the time.



MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

Spring Cup
XCO 2025

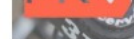
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For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has
overcome the world—our faith.

1 John 5:4

Important Dates

Updates and changes to previous calendar will be underlined.

Thu 6 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 6 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Fri 7 Nov	Casual Clothes Day - dry food or new toy gift
Fri 7 Nov	Trophies - Due Back by Today
Tue 11 Nov	School Photos  - clean uniform & sandals
Wed 12 Nov	Pita Pit Lunch
Thu 13 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 13 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Fri 14 Nov	EZ Athletics - Stadium
Mon 17 Nov	EZ Athletics - Stadium - Postponement Date
Thu 20 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 20 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Fri 21 Nov	Kai Festival - 5pm
Thu 27 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 27 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Mon 1 Dec	Youthtown - Y4 - Y8 cycling
Tue 2 Dec	Youthtown - Y4 - Y8 cycling
Thu 4 Dec	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8 - FINAL
Thu 4 Dec	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Fri 5 Dec	Casual Clothes Day - gold coin
Mon 8 Dec	Prop/BOT Meeting - 7pm - Open to Public
Tue 9 Dec	 Prize Giving - 6pm
Wed 10 Dec	Pita Pit Lunch
Fri 12 Dec	Last Day of School Bus Runs
Tue 16 Dec	Last Day of Year - Pick up at 12 noon
Mon 2 Feb	2026 Term 1 Begins



Ko nga tangata katoa e whakapono ana ko Ihu te Karaiti, kua whanau i te Atua: ko nga tangata katoa ano hoki e aroha ana ki te papa, e aroha ana ano ki tana whanau.

Ma konei tatou ka matau ai e aroha ana tatou ki nga tamariki a te Atua, ma te mea ka aroha tatou ki te Atua, ka pupuri ano i ana ture.

Ko te aroha hoki tenei ki te Atua, kia pupuri tatou i ana ture: ehara hoki ana ture i te mea taimaha.

Ko nga mea katoa hoki kua whanau i te Atua e kaha ana i te ao: ko te wikitoria hoki tenei e taea ai te ao, ko to tatou whakapono.

Ko wai i kaha i te ao? ehara ianei i te tangata e whakapono ana ko Ihu te Tama a te Atua?

Ko ia tenei i haere mai nei i runga i te wai, i te toto, ko Ihu Karaiti; ehara i te mea i runga i te wai anake, engari i runga i te wai, i te toto. Ko te Wairua hoki te kaiwhakaatu, he pono hoki te Wairua.

Tokotoru hoki nga kaiwhakaatu i te rangi, ko te Matua, ko te Kupu, ko te Wairua Tapu: kotahi ano enei tokotoru.

Tokotoru hoki nga kaiwhakaatu, i te whenua, ko te Wairua, ko te wai, ko te toto: kotahi ano to ratou tokotoru.

Ki te whakaae atu tatou ki ta nga tangata whakaatu, he nui ke ta te Atua whakaatu: ko ta te Atua whakaatu hoki tenei, kua whakaaturia nei e ia mo tana Tama.

Ko te tangata e whakapono ana ki te Tama a te Atua, kei roto i a ia te whakaatu: ko te tangata kahore e whakapono ki te Atua, he whakateka tana ki a ia; no te mea kahore ia i whakapono ki te whakaatu i whakaaturia mai nei e te Atua mo tana Tama.

Ko te whakaatu hoki tenei, ara kua homai e te Atua ki a tatou te ora tonu; kei roto ano i tana Tama tenei ora.

Ko te tangata kei a ia te Tama, kei a ia ano te ora; ko te tangata kahore nei i a ia te Tama a te Atua, kahore i a ia te ora.

1 Hoani 5:1-12

SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD;
YOUR BLESSING BE UPON YOUR PEOPLE! SELAH.

Psalm 38

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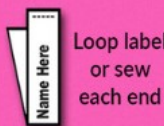


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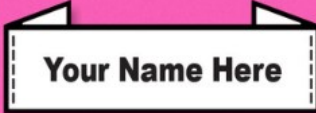
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Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said,
"I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

Uniform/Dress Code

Students enrolled at Waipa Christian School are required to wear the official school uniform. The uniform establishes a school identity and sense of belonging, and supports the school's efforts to create a sense of pride in personal appearance and in the school's image.

The uniform also makes it easier for parents to decide what their child will wear to school each day, and eliminates peer pressure to dress in expensive "label" clothing.

The uniform is available from the office. Price lists are available at the front desk.

The school occasionally has used uniform items. Parents can indicate whether they would like these items, if available.

Guidelines

- Students must wear the correct school uniform at all times during the school day as well as on school trips when required.
- Parents/caregivers are responsible for labelling all uniform items. The school takes no responsibility for lost property.
- Hats must be worn in terms 1 and 4 whenever students go outside.
- The uniform must be clean, tidy, and in good repair.
- The only jewellery permitted are watches and simple ear studs (girls only).
- Hair must be clean, tidy and the student's natural hair colour. All long hair is to be tied up with black or dark green hair ties only.
- Shaven patterns or Mohawks/rat-tails are not permitted.
- Any undergarments should not be seen (e.g. singlet, t-shirt, boxer shorts).
- Stick-on tattoos or drawings on the skin are not permitted.

Breaches of the dress code

- If a student is not wearing a school uniform item, they must have a note written by their parent/caregiver explaining why. Non-regulation items are only allowed to be worn for one day, when accompanied by a parent/caregiver note.
- Parents who do not comply with the school's uniform policy receive a standardised school note from the teacher first, followed by a personalised letter from the principal. Should the parents not meet the principal's request, they will be asked to attend a meeting with the board chair or principal and be reminded that they signed the enrolment agreement, which requires them to abide by school policies.



Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4