

"to know, love and serve - Kia whai marama, aroha, me te mahi pono"

Waipa Christian School Newsletter



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God's Promised Messiah Arrives!

An angel of the Lord suddenly stood before the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people: for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."



"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."



From the Principal...

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

And just like that...we find ourselves in the final weeks of the year. Looking back over 2024, we can only be thankful and humbly proclaim that our Lord has provided, blessed us abundantly, and has taught us all in His wisdom and grace. All honour and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Service-Learning

Our students have been learning about being servant-hearted leaders this term. We've also seen great examples of adults being role models. I want to particularly thank those parents who helped out at the recent Touch Rugby tournament and Kai festival. The impact of seeing their parents and caregivers model what it means to be servant-hearted leaders cannot be underestimated...thank you!!!

Fundraising for Starfish Ministries

Another celebration is seeing our senior students taking on the role of selflessly serving others. Today, I want to highlight the fundraising project of Sophia Alderton, Phoebe Raine, and Macie Senior. These girls have taken it upon themselves to grow veggies and



make these available to our community in an effort to support children in the Philippines through Starfish Ministries. *Some of the veggies are now ready for harvesting, and will be available outside the senior class for a donation - please support this great project.*



On behalf of the staff here at Waipa Christian School, we wish you a blessed Christmas, safe travels, and a refreshing break.

Blessings,

Jaco Labuschagne

Principal



School Policies

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

These can be found at

www.schooldoes.co.nz

username: waipachristian

password: john316



Prize Giving

@ Te Awamutu Bible Chapel

Prize Giving is on Tuesday 10th December, starting at 6pm. Please be seated by then.

This year, due to larger numbers, we will be dividing the programme up.

We will start with Atawhai and Arohānui classes at 6pm. Then at around 6.45pm we will be having a shared supper until 7.30pm.

Then 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, 10th December, so they have a **clean uniform** to wear to Prize Giving.

Thank you.

Important Dates

Updates and changes to previous calendar will be underlined.

<u>Thu 5 Dec</u>	Last Tech Arts - Year 7 & 8
<u>Thu 5 Dec</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Thu 5 Dec</u>	Potato in the Bucket Judging - 1.45pm
<u>Thu 5 Dec</u>	Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
<u>Tue 10 Dec</u>	Mufti Day - no gold coin needed
<u>Tue 10 Dec</u>	Prize Giving @ Bible Chapel - 6pm Juniors -7.30pm Seniors
<u>Thu 12 Dec</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Thu 12 Dec</u>	BOT meeting with Proprietors
<u>Mon 16 Dec</u>	Last Day of Term 4 - 12 noon pick up for all students <u>including bus students - no buses running</u>
<u>Wed 29 Jan</u>	2025 Term 1 starts



Stationery

Next year's stationery lists will be emailed out before the end of Term 4.

Office Max has online purchasing available for stationery orders. Class lists are ready for orders.

Their website is <https://www.myschool.co.nz>

The End of a Season

We want to honour these fine young students who have shared their primary school years with us. Sophia Alderton, Choolwe Banda, Lucas Boyd, Bree Colbeth, Roman Dykstra, April Hight, Phoebe Raine, Macie Senior, Jade Wilmoth, Kyleigh Fryett, Amy Pretorious, Tristin Colbeth and Marko Bekker are moving on at the end of the year. We thank their families for the opportunity to sow into their lives. We continue to pray for God's hand of protection over these young ones.



Back, L to R: Lucas, April, Jade, Roman, Macie, Sophia A
Front: Choolwe, Amy, Kyleigh, Marko
Absent: Bree, Tristin

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.

Luke 2:14



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

POTATO IN A BUCKET JUDGING DAY

Thursday, 5th December

Please bring your bucket, with the potato still planted in it, back to school on Thursday, 5th, ready for judging. Even if it looks dead or very sad, bring it back. Please bring a bag to take the potatoes home in.

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



His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him.

Luke 1:50

SHOUT JOYFULLY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH. PSALM 98:4

Na, heí te taenga mai o te Tama a te tangata me tona kororia, ratou taahi ko nga anahera, ko reira ia noho ai ki runga ki te torona o tona kororia:

A ka whakamínea ki tona aroaro nga iwi katoa: ka wehea ratou e ia etahi i etahi, ka peratia me te hepara e wehe nei i nga hipi, i nga koati:



Ka whakaturia e ia nga hipi ki tona matau, ko nga koati ki mauí.

Katahi te Kingi ka mea ki te hunga i tona matau, Haere mai, e te hunga whakapai a toku Matua, nohoia te rangatiratanga kua rite noa ake mo koutou no te orokohanganga ra ano o te ao:

I hiakai hoki ahau, a whangainga ana e koutou: i matewai ahau, a whakainumia ana e koutou: he manene ahau, a whakamanuhiritia ana e koutou:

I tu tahanga, a whakakakahuria ana e koutou: he turoro, a tirotirohia ana ahau e koutou: i te whare herehere ahau, a haere mai ana koutou ki ahau.

Na ka whakahoki te hunga tika ki a ia, ka mea, E te Ariki, nonahea matou i kite ai i a koe e hiakai ana, a whangai ana i a koe? e mate ana ranei i te wai, e whakainu ana i a koe?

Nohea matou i kite ai i a koe e manene ana, a whakamanuhiri ana i a koe? e tu tahanga ana ranei, a whakakakahu ana i a koe?

Nonahea hoki matou i kite ai i a koe e turoro ana, i te whare herehere ranei, a haere ana ki a koe?

Ko reira whakahoki ai te Kingi, mea ai ki a ratou, He pono taku e mea nei ki a koutou, Ko ta koutou i mea ai ki tetahi o aku teina, ahakoa ki te iti rawa, he meatanga tena ki ahau.

Ko reira ia ki atu ai ki te hunga i te taha ki mauí, Mawehe atu i ahau, e te hunga ka oti nei te kanga, ki te ahi ka tonu, kua ka noa ake mo te rewera ratou ko ana anahera:

I hiakai hoki ahau, a kihai i whangainga e koutou: i mate i te wai, a kihai i whakainumia e koutou:

He manene ahau, a kihai i whakamanuhiritia e koutou: i tu tahanga, a kihai i whakakakahuria e koutou: he turoro ahau, i te whare herehere, a kihai koutou i tirotiro i ahau.

Ko reira ano ratou whakahoki ai ki a ia, mea ai, E te Ariki, nonahea matou i kite ai i a koe e hiakai ana, e mate wai ana, e manene ana, e tu tahanga ana, e turoro ana, i te whare herehere ranei, a kihai i mahi mea mau?

Ko reira whakahoki ai ia ki a ratou, mea ai, He pono taku e mea nei ki a koutou, I te mea kihai nei i meatia e koutou ki tetahi o nga nonohi rawa nei, ina, kihai i meatia ki ahau.

Na ko enei e haere ki te whiu utu hara kahore nei ona mutunga: ko te hunga tika ia ki te ora tonu.

Matiu 23:31-46



Mary... was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18



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But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Galatians 4: 4-5



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2025 Teacher Only Days

Dates for next year's MOE Teacher Only days:

Term 1 - (1 of these days) Fri, 21.3 or Mon, 24.3 or Fri, 28.3
(One of these dates will be confirmed by the Ministry)

Term 2 - (1 of these days) Mon, 5.5 or Fri, 9.5 or Fri, 16.5
(One of these dates will be confirmed by the Ministry)
(Confirmed dates) - Thu, 26.6 and Fri, 27.6



It is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9