

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



# WCS Newsletter

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27-28



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## From the Principal

Dear Parent / Caregiver,



Kia ora Whanau,

The image above is so special, as it is a reminder for us all about the reasons that schools exist. It is to teach, yes, to minister to...absolutely! It is about problem solving together, and 'doing life' in community. Sometimes the ropes become untangled, and the raft falls apart, but that's life...we get a chance to try again, and make it better....together!

The photo was taken in week 3 of this term at Lakes Ranch, Rotorua. I had the privilege of spending a week with our senior students and some parent helpers. It was a week of fellowship, facing personal challenges, and growing as a class community. What made the week even more special, was seeing these

students stepping out, facing personal fears, and supporting each other.

### Why highlight this now?

Most of you might know that I'll be on sabbatical leave in term 2. I started at Waipa Christian School in July 2017. Over the years, there were wonderful times...and yes, sometimes the ropes did untangle, and the raft came apart.

What continues to keep me afloat, is knowing that the captain of my ship is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. When things untangled, He has continued to bless me with great people to surround me in the role of leading His school. So, as I'm preparing to take sabbatical leave, I'd like to thank you all for your support, encouragement, and correction when necessary.

I'll be the first to admit that it's certainly a tough gig, but seeing children flourish, and a community built around God's Word, makes it all worthwhile.

My prayer is that you'll really look after Tim Popping (acting principal) and the staff here in my absence.

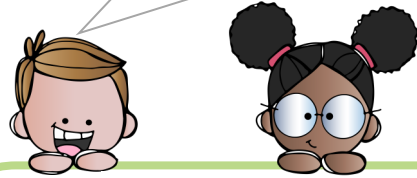
Blessings,

Jaco Labuschagne  
*Principal*

## Student Appointments

If you are picking up your child for an appointment during school time please come in to the Office and advise staff. Please also call in again when you return them so they can be signed back in. Thank you for your co-operation.

I pray that your hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.



## 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.

## 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](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

**username:** waipachristian

**password:** john316

## Updating School Records

We ask please, for you to ensure we have your current contact details (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, Dr, 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.



## Absentees

Please contact the school office (871 4520) or use the 'Skool Loop' app or email us at [office@waipachristian.school.nz](mailto: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, Dr appointment, funeral etc. We are required by the Ministry of Education to provide information for all student absences.

He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"

Matthew 15:3



Ki te tino kaiwhakatangi. Nekina. Na Rawiri.  
Whakarongo, e te Atua, ki taku karanga: tahuri mai ki taku inoi.

Ka karanga ahau ki a koe i te pito o te whenua, ina pehia toku ngakau: arahina ahau ki te kohatu e tiketike ake ana i ahau.

He piringa hoki koe moku: he pa kaha i te hoariri.

Ka noho ahau ki tou tapenakara ake ake, ka okioki ki ou pakau hei piringa. (Hera.

Kua rongo nei hoki koe, e te Atua, i aku kupu tauranga kua homai e koe te wahi o te hunga e wehi ana ki tou ingoa.

Ka whakaraneatia e koe nga ra o te kingi; ona tau ki nga whakatupuranga katoa.

E noho ia i te aroaro o te Atua ake ake: whakaritea mai he aroha, he pono, hei tiaki i a ia.

Penei ka himene ahau ki tou ingoa ake ake: ka whakamana e ahau aku kupu taurangi i tenei ra, i tenei ra.

Nga Waiata 61



## Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations for term 1 are on Monday, 8th and Tuesday, 9th April, starting from 2pm. School will finish at 1pm on both days. Please make arrangements for your children to be collected at this time.

To make a booking, click the bookings tab in the Skool Loop app, select each teacher you would like to see, select a date, and then the available times for all teachers will show. Select times, complete your details and book interviews.

If the bookings tab is not showing for you make sure you have subscribed to WHOLE SCHOOL in your settings tab.

If you have any concerns or issues please contact Adele at the Office.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." *Matthew 14:27*

## School Footwear

During terms 1 and 4 all students are to wear sandals to and from school each day.

These sandals are to be black with no other colours, no coloured decorations attached, flat soles and have an ankle strap. Ankle straps are to be worn correctly.

Crocs are not sandals and are not to be worn to school.



During terms 2 and 3 all students are to wear plain black shoes and socks to and from school each day.

These shoes are to be black with no other colours, no coloured decorations attached, and have flat soles. Velcro or lace-up are acceptable. Boots are not shoes and are not to be worn to school.

Socks are also to be plain black.

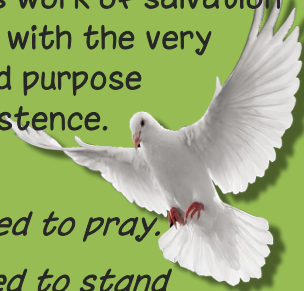
Please ensure they are all named clearly.



How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ” Psalm 1:1-2

## 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**

Contact Vanitha or Laurika for further details.

**All are welcome to attend.**

If you have any prayer requests please contact the School Office or text Vanitha on 02102828953 or Laurika on 0211329998.

**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.

## Annual Garage **SALE**

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am.**

Set up is Friday, 24<sup>h</sup> May.

Every year our school and the "Boys and Girls Rally" hold a joint Giant Garage Sale for general fundraising where we halve the profits.

Each year our parents are asked to help set up on the Friday, man the stalls on Saturday and also help with a crew to help clean up after the sale ends at lunchtime. A roster for these duties will be made as soon as the help notices, that have been sent home, have been returned to school.

The school also runs a BBQ outside starting at 8.00am. Donations of onions, bread & money for the sausages have been asked for.

All families are asked to provide two batches of homemade baking to be brought in to school on the Friday. Please label it and wrap it on a disposable plate ready for sale. Please don't price it.

All donations of clean, saleable goods can be brought to the Bible Chapel on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Please keep these dates free to be available to help.

Many hands make light work.

**Thank you for your support.**



Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:8-11

“Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” Hebrews 4:7

## Boost Your Learning

If you believe your child would benefit significantly from highly focussed one-to-one learning sessions from a highly committed and expert teacher, who will not only help build their confidence but also accelerate their learning, then Boost Your Learning is the answer. And you can be confident that everything taught to the individual student will help to complement and reinforce what is being taught in the classroom.

We are a strong team of dedicated teachers, specialising in English, Maths and Science for intermediate and college students. To find out more about us, please visit our comprehensive website at [www.boostyourlearning.co.nz](http://www.boostyourlearning.co.nz) or contact Sandra on 020 4031 6035 to book a free consultation.



**Herd Manager/Farm Assistant** position available, asap.

Please contact Gerard on 0272839739 for more information or send a cover letter and CV to [gp.djwolvers@farmside.co.nz](mailto:gp.djwolvers@farmside.co.nz)

## Kihikihi School Enrolment Scheme Public Consultation Meeting

Due to overcrowding at Kihikihi School, they have applied to the Ministry of Education to put a zone in place. They are holding a public consultation meeting on Wednesday, 10 April, at 3.30pm, in their school hall. This meeting will give you an opportunity to give feedback. All welcome.



One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. Psalm 27:4-5



## Hi everyone!!!

We are back in school this term, so we want to get our future ROCKSTARS ready to crack into lessons with a BANG!!!

We are offering the following instrument lessons:

**DRUMS**

**GUITAR - (where available)**

**UKULELE - (where available)**

**PIANO - (where available)**

**We are offering two different lesson types:**

**Standard Lessons** - These lessons are \$11.75 + GST/week (running-in conjunction with the school term) and are in groups of two for 20 minutes.

**Serious Player** - We are also offering "One on One" lessons for 20 minutes. These will be at a cost of \$23.50 + GST/week.

If you are interested in your child (or yourself) getting lessons, feel free to contact us on 0212020269 or via email at "madcowlessons@gmail.com" to register and we'll get right back to you.

Please specify the instrument, your school, your child's name and type of lessons.

**Please note:** Our charges are based on a student for the term not individual lessons.

All lessons running-in conjunction with the school term.



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Classes are being held in Cambridge during Term 2.

Classes are starting the week from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for 7 weeks.

**Level 1a Beginner** – (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May) – 7 weeks  
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**Level 1b Beginner** – (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May) – 7 weeks  
– 8 spaces left

**Level 1d Beginner** – Cambridge (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May) – 7 weeks – **few spaces left** if anyone has completed in Level 1a, 1d, 1c before they enrol for Level 1d.

**Level 2b Intermediate** – Cambridge (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May) – **few spaces left** if anyone has completed in Level 1a to Level 1d Beginner and Level 2a before they enrol for Level 2b.

For more information or to enrol, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kelly Quirke, NZ Sign Language Teacher, for registration: Mobile Txt only: 0275377779 or Email: [kelly@usign.co.nz](mailto:kelly@usign.co.nz).

## Pita Pit Lunches

Several times a term we have a day when the students can purchase Pita Pit for lunch. The order forms for these are in the school office. One student lunch per order form. The forms must be filled out and placed in an envelope or ziploc bag with the correct amount of money.

**Please note:** Pita Pit don't give change.

Place the bag/envelope in the blue container in the office by the end of school, *the day before* the lunch. Example: If Pita Pit is on a Wednesday, then the orders are due in Tuesday by 2.30pm.



My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him.

Psalm 62:5

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. Romans 14:1



## 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 and tidy. Colour enhancements can only be the same as the student's natural hair colour.
- 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

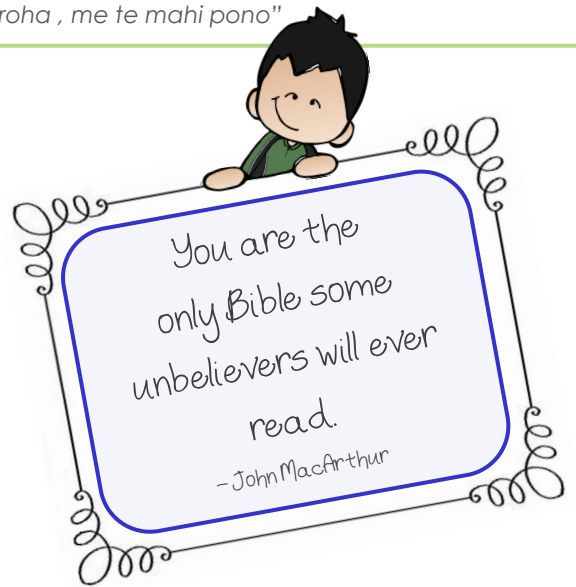
- If a student is not wearing a school uniform item, they must have a note written by their parent/caregiver explaining why. Non-regulation items are only allowed to be worn for one day, when accompanied by a parent/caregiver note.
- Parents who do not comply with the school's uniform policy receive 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.



## Important dates

Updates and changes to previous calendar will be underlined.

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| Thu 4 Apr         | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| Fri 5 Apr         | Casual Clothes Day - gold coin          |
| <u>Sun 7 Apr</u>  | End of Daylight Saving                  |
| Mon 8 Apr         | Learning Conversations - 2pm onwards    |
| Tue 9 Apr         | Learning Conversations - 2pm onwards    |
| <u>Wed 10 Apr</u> | Pita Pit lunch                          |
| Thu 11 Apr        | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| Fri 12 Apr        | Last day of Term 1                      |
| Mon 29 Apr        | Term 2 starts                           |
| <u>Thu 2 May</u>  | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| <u>Thu 9 May</u>  | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| <u>Fri 10 May</u> | Casual Clothes Day - gold coin          |
| <u>Wed 15 May</u> | Pita Pit lunch                          |
| <u>Thu 16 May</u> | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| <u>Thu 23 May</u> | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| Fri 24 May        | Garage Sale Set-up                      |
| Sat 25 May        | Garage Sale                             |
| <u>Tue 26 May</u> | BOT meeting - 7pm                       |
| <u>Thu 30 May</u> | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| Fri 31 May        | Teacher Only Day                        |
| <u>Mon 3 Jun</u>  | King's Birthday - no school             |
| <u>Thu 6 Jun</u>  | Prayer - 9am school staffroom           |
| <u>Fri 7 Jun</u>  | Casual Clothes Day - wear house colours |
| <u>Fri 7 Jun</u>  | Inter-house Cross Country               |
| <u>Fri 5 Jul</u>  | Last day of Term 2                      |



### Naming Property

Please ensure you have named everything that your child uses/brings to school. Every day we find water bottles, lunch boxes, shoes, sandals, hats, school bags etc that have been left laying around the school grounds which have no names on and so cannot be returned to the rightful owner. It saves a lot of time, stress and money when they are named.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**



It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Gareth Comery (in Arohanui), along with his family, to our school community. We trust your stay with us will be a blessing and you will make lasting friendships.



Gareth

**DON'T QUIT!**

**SOMEONE IS PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOU WILL MAKE IT THROUGH.**

**GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE.**

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. . Galatians 5:1