

"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."



**BREAKING
NEWS!**

From the Principal...

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We're in the home stretch of the 2025 school year...and what a sprint it's been! My celebration here is that we could run this race together. Raising children can be challenging at the best of times. However, we thank God for those He has placed in our 'village'. Surrounding yourself and your children with a community of believers is a real gift. I feel truly blessed to serve in a community where Jesus is at the centre.

Servant-hearted leaders

When I look back, I am thankful for so many of you who have taken up opportunities to serve and get involved with events throughout the year. Not only have you modelled servant-hearted leadership to our students, you were also building community...thank you!

School fees update

From term 1, 2026 all school fees will be paid directly to the Proprietors. This includes Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions. The school office will still accept payments for uniforms, sports teams, camps, and tech-arts etc.

This change was communicated to you recently in a letter from Phil Strong (Proprietor Chairperson). *Please let us know if you did not receive the email, or would like to change the recipient address.*

Important information for end of year

- * Prize-giving on December 9th - Junior (Year 1-3) at 6pm and Senior at 7pm. *Please bring a plate for shared supper*
- * Left-over stationery from 2025 will come home by December 12th.
- * No buses on December 15th & 16th - please make other arrangements
- * School closes on December 16th at 12pm.

We pray that you'll have a relaxing and safe holiday period. May the true meaning of Christmas continue to bring hope and joy in your lives.

Blessings,

Jaco Labuschagne

Principal

From the PTA...

We would like to express genuine appreciation for support, kindness, and generosity to every person who has helped out with the PTA fundraising this year!

It has been an absolute blessing and pleasure to have a such a willing, generous and hard working community that has happily supported every fundraising event we've had this year.

Thank you so very much for all the help with the recent Kai Festival. The immense generosity of those who were so willing to give of their time, food items, funds, appliances, etc., pulled together another successful evening. The event made us \$4119.14 profit to go towards helping out our students education.

Well done Waipa Christian School Community!

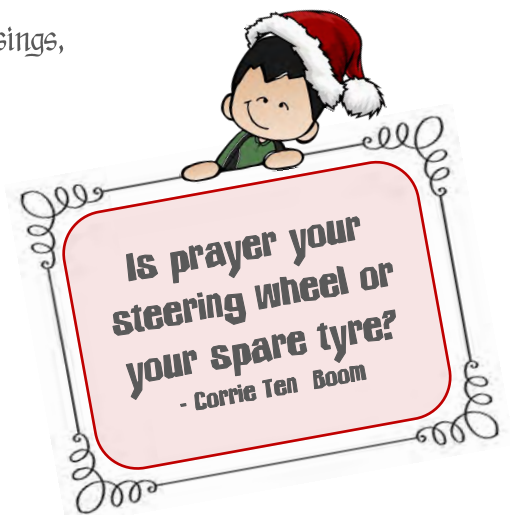
We trust you will all have a restful, refreshing summer break with your family and friends.

May God bless you all abundantly and keep you all close to Him always.

Stay safe.

Blessings,

PTA





Prize Giving

@ Te Awamutu Bible Chapel

Prize Giving is on Tuesday 9th 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, Puāwai, and Arohānui classes at 6pm. Then at around 6.45pm we will be having a shared supper until 7.00pm. 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 casual clothes to school Tuesday, 9th December, so they have a **clean uniform** to wear to Prize Giving.
-no cost for this one.

Thank you.

Important Dates

Updates and changes to previous calendar will be underlined.

Mon 1 Dec	Youthtown - Y4 - Y8 cycling YIPPEE!
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
Thu 11 Dec	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
<u>Wed 10 Dec</u>	Potato Judging - 1.45pm
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



Stationery

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

OfficeMax 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. Jeremiah Wilmoth, Josiah Arthur, Yohannes Arthur, Gābriel Raine, Matthias Raine and Nevaeh MacDonald 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.



L to R: Yohannes, Matthias, Josiah, Nevaeh, Gābriel
Absent: Jeremiah



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

Wednesday, 10th December

Please bring your bucket, with the potato still planted in it, back to school on Wednesday, 10th, 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

School Photos - PhotoLife

Student photos have now been uploaded to their website and are ready to be viewed and ordered.



PhotoLife are trialling a new method of delivering Key Codes to whānau and caregivers. These codes will be sent via email throughout the day. As this is a new system, please remember to check the junk, spam, or promotions folders, in case the message was filtered.

Please note: Free delivery is available for all orders placed before MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2025.

A master list of Key Codes has been sent to the School Office. This can be used if parents contact us about not receiving their child's code.

They are distributing Key Codes ahead of the proofing stage to help reduce the time parents wait for their orders to be delivered to school.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with PhotoLife:
enquires@photolife.co.nz

Na, hei te taenga mai o te Tama a te tangata me tona kororia, ratou nga anahera, ko tahi ko reira ia noho ai ki runga ki te toroŋa o tona kororia:



A ka whakaminea 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 mau.

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 whangaiinga 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 mau, Mawehe atu i ahau, e te hunga ka oti nei te kanga, ki te ahi ka toru, kua ka noa ake mo te reuera ratou ko ana anahera:

I hiakai hoki ahau, a kihai i whangaiinga 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 hana kahore nei ona mutunga: ko te hunga tika ia ki te ora toru.

(Matiu 25:31-46)



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



New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Going overseas for the school holidays? Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

It's FREE and you can do it on the online form or on the NZTD app. If you're travelling as a family or group and completing multiple declarations, the NZTD app allows you to copy your travel details into another declaration, making it easier to complete multiple declarations for the same journey. The submitted declarations are then all easy to see within the app.

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2026 Teacher Only Days

Dates for next year's
MOE Teacher Only Days:

Term 1 - Friday, 20 March

Term 2 - Friday, 1 May



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

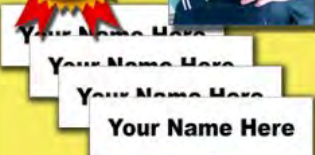


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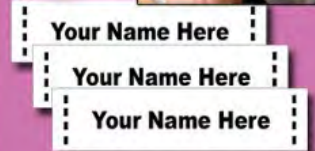
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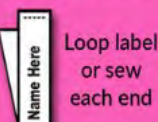
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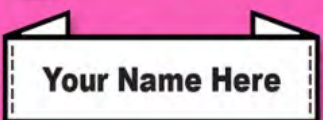
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But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Galatians 4: 4-5

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This is the day
the Lord hath made
Rejoice!
and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

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