

WCS Newsletter

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



Issue 1, Feb/Mar 2024

From the Principal

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Kia ora Whanau o Karaiti
(greetings family of Jesus Christ).

The 2024 school year is now well and truly underway, and I trust that you've found a workable routine to get everyone where they need to be each day. I pray that in the 'busy-ness' of life you can still find time to observe the basics of God's wonderful creation, and experience Joy in knowing that the Creator of all truly cares and loves each one of us.

News from the Board of Trustees



We feel blessed to announce that Mr Tim Popping will be the acting principal during my sabbatical leave in term 2. Tim is currently a teacher at Southcity Christian School as well as an across school teacher for the Christian Schools Kahui Ako in the Waikato and Bay

of Plenty. I have full confidence that God's school will be in good hands.



L to R; Phil Strong, Anna Jones, Wendy Mills, Laurel Tse, Jake Wilmoth, Matt Norris, Jaco Labuschagne
Absent: Kylan Diprose

We welcome Mr Matt Norris onto the board as a parent representative.

Pick-up / Drop-off and Parking

We've been trialling a new pick-up, and drop-off zone during the first few weeks of this term. For the most part, it is working well, and we're seeing more of you making use of this zone - thank you! By moving the pick-up / drop-off zone, we could also free up at least 8 angled parking spaces. We're now talking to contractors about making these changes more permanent.

How you can help us

- ◆ Please don't park in the pick-up / drop-off zone and leave your car.
- ◆ When driving out of the zone, please use the cul de sac area to turn around. Making a u-turn in front of the school is dangerous, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times.
- ◆ All children should be accompanied by an adult when crossing the road.
- ◆ Please don't park on the yellow perforated lines on the Chapel side of the road.

Expansion to include Year 9 & 10

You recently shared your feedback on this initiative through our community consultation process (Google forms). I want to personally thank you for your responses. We had 52 responses out of 63 families in the school. With 100% of responses being positive, it gives the Board a very strong mandate to make this application to the Ministry of Education by April 1st. May we ask for your continued prayers as we seek to further God's kingdom in our district?

Blessings,

Jaco Labuschagne
Principal



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.

Summer Requirements

This term, students are required to wear their school hats during morning tea and lunch time. If they don't have one, they are not to play in the sun; shaded areas only. Please clearly name hats on the inside. Students are to be responsible for their own hats.

As UV ray levels can get high, please remember to apply sun screen before school.

Black sandals (without socks) are to be worn, not shoes and socks.

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.

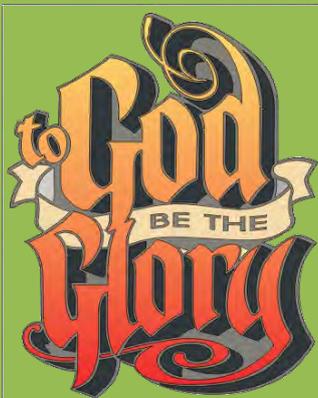


Together let's stamp them out.

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, Dr appointment, funeral etc. We are required by the Ministry of Education to provide information for all student absences.

School Bell Times



Please ensure children are at school before 8.50am so they are not late when the bell rings.	8.55am	School starts
Classes start at 8.55am and require all students to be seated ready to begin.	11.00am	Morning Tea
School finishes at 2.55pm.	11.25am	Back to class
	11.30am	Class starts
	12.55pm	Lunchtime - sit & eat
	1.05pm	released to play
	1.40pm	Back to class
	1.45pm	Class starts
	2.50pm	5min warning - (not home time)
	2.55pm	Home time





Student B.Y.O.D.

If your child is bringing their own device to school to work on, then it needs to be a chromebook or an apple device (iOS) so it is compatible with the school set-up. Please keep this in mind when you are choosing the device.

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.

Casual Clothes Days

We have a number of days each term where the students can wear non-uniform clothes and we ask for each student who does, to please bring in a gold coin. If your child can not bring in a gold coin then they are required to wear their uniform.

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.



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Lukas Arthur, Tilly Hight, Exodus Opetai, Josiah Norris, Noah Ernst, Chloe Vaughan, Andrew Lenssen, Asher Emmett, JG Nieman, and Isla Theron (all in Atawhai), also Bella Pearce, and Pamela Zengeni, (in Arohanui), Francois Engelbrecht, Nevaeh MacDonald, Kevin Zengeni, and Esther O'Halloran (in Pitomata) and Amy Pretorius (in Kotahitanga) along with their families, to our school community. We trust your stay with us will be a blessing and you will make lasting friendships.



L to R; Back: Asher, Exodus, Bella, Noah
Middle: Francois, Kevin, Esther, Nevaeh, Amy
Front: Josiah, Tilly, Isla, Chloe
Absent: Lukas, Andrew, JG, Pamela

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

username: waipachristian

password: john316

"If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31-32

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:2



CALLING ALL OLD MOBILE PHONES FOR RECYCLING

It's that time again to rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring in to School any unwanted mobile phones you may have at home.

It is estimated that each year up to three million phones become obsolete in NZ, of those only 2% are recycled.

Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits as well keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School. They don't have to be working phones.

School Sandals

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

Please ensure they are named.



For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:11



Hi everyone!!!

We will be 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.

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

Hallelujah!

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.



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



Ki te tino kaiwhakatangi. He himene na Rawiri, i te taenga o Natana poropiti ki a ia, mo tona haerenga ki a Patehepa. Tohungia ahau, e te Atua, kia rite ki tou atawhai: kia rite ki tou aroha nui te murunga o oku he.

Horoia rawatia toku kino: kia ma hoki toku hara.

E whaki ana hoki ahau i aku mahi tutu: kei toku aroaro tonu toku hara.

He hara ki a koe, ki a koe anake, toku; i meatia ano tenei he ki tou aroaro; kia tika ai koe i tau korerotanga, kia ma ai hoki ina whakawa.

Na i whakaahuatia ahau i roto i te kino, i runga ano i te hara toku whakahaputanga ki roto ki toku whaea.

Na ko tau e matenui ai ko te pono i nga wahi o roto, a ka whakaakona oku wahi ngaro e koe ki te whakaaro nui.

Purea ahau ki te hihopa, a ka ma ahau; horoia ahau, a ka ma ke atu i te hukarere.

Meinga kia rongo ahau i te hari, i te koa, a ka whakamanamana nga iwi i whatiia nei e koe.

Huna tou mata ki oku hara; a murua katoatia oku kino.

Hanga, e te Atua, he ngakau ma ki roto ki ahau: whakahoutia hoki ki roto ki ahau he wairua tika.

Kaua ahau e maka i tou aroaro; kaua hoki tou wairua tapu e tangohia i ahau.

Whakahokia mai ki ahau te hari o tau whakaoranga: tautokona hoki ahau ki te wairua kakama.

Ko reira ahau whakaako ai i au ara ki te hunga tutu; a ka tahuri te hunga hara ki a koe.

Whakaorangia ahau i te hara toto, e te Atua, e te Atua o toku whakaoranga, a ka waiatatia au mahi tika e toku arero.

Whakatuwheratia oku ngutu, e te Ariki; a ka puaki i toku mangai te whakamoemiti ki a koe.

Kahore nei hoki koe e aro ki te patunga tapu; penei kua hoatu e ahau: kahore koe e ahuaireka ki te tahunga tinana.

Ko nga patunga tapu ma te Atua he wairua maru: e kore koe e whakahawea e te Atua, ki te ngakau maru, ki te ngakau iro.

Kia pai koe ki te atawhai i Hiona: hanga nga taiepa o Hiruharama.

Ko reira koe pai ai ki nga patunga tapu o te tika, ki nga tahunga tinana, he mea whakaeke katoa: ko reira ratou whakaeke ai i nga puru ki runga ki tou aata.

Nga Waiata 51

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. Matthew 16:24



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.

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



Stewart Alexander Golf Club are excited to present our very first Sunday Scramble for Junior Golfers

The Junior Scramble will run for 6 weeks with the aim of encouraging youth to give golf a go.

Available to players aged 12yrs and under (with an adult) and 12yrs - 18yrs

- No handicap is required
- \$5 entry fee
- Weekly prizes sponsored by local businesses

Starting 3rd March
Stewart Alexander Golf Course

Registration Details

- Arrive each Sunday between 8:30 and 8:50 AM for sign-in, at the clubhouse
- Tee-off between 9:15 and 9:30 AM
- Adults welcome to join junior groups
- Under 12yrs with an Adult (9 holes)
- 12-15yrs and 16-18yrs

Prizes

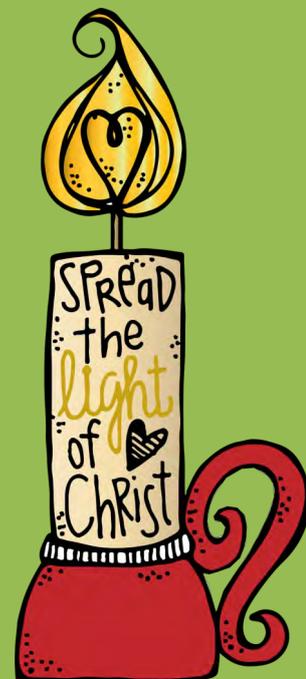
- \$40 for First Place \$20 for Second Place
- \$30 Random Drawn Prize for Under 12

 STEWART ALEXANDER GOLF CLUB

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www.stewartalexander.co.nz

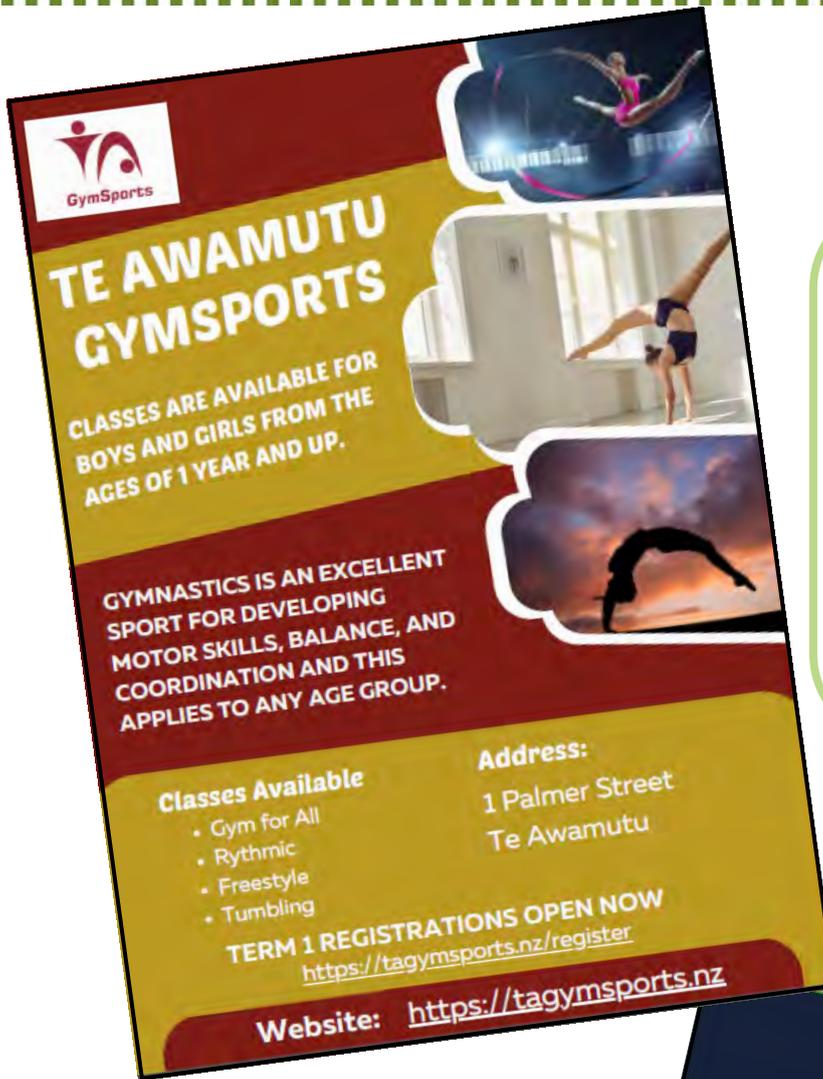
Asthma

We have a number of students who get asthma. Please be aware that we **do not** have an inhaler at school for them to use. Each asthmatic child needs to bring their own spare inhaler and spacer to school in a named plastic bag along with dosage instructions. These will be kept in the medical room and used under supervision when necessary. Please ensure the inhaler hasn't expired. It can be very distressing for a child who is struggling to breathe to have to wait for someone to bring one in from home. Thank you for support.



Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:35



TE AWAMUTU GYMSPORTS

CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM THE AGES OF 1 YEAR AND UP.

GYMNASTICS IS AN EXCELLENT SPORT FOR DEVELOPING MOTOR SKILLS, BALANCE, AND COORDINATION AND THIS APPLIES TO ANY AGE GROUP.

Classes Available

- Gym for All
- Rhythmic
- Freestyle
- Tumbling

Address:
1 Palmer Street
Te Awamutu

TERM 1 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW
<https://tagymsports.nz/register>

Website: <https://tagymsports.nz>



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

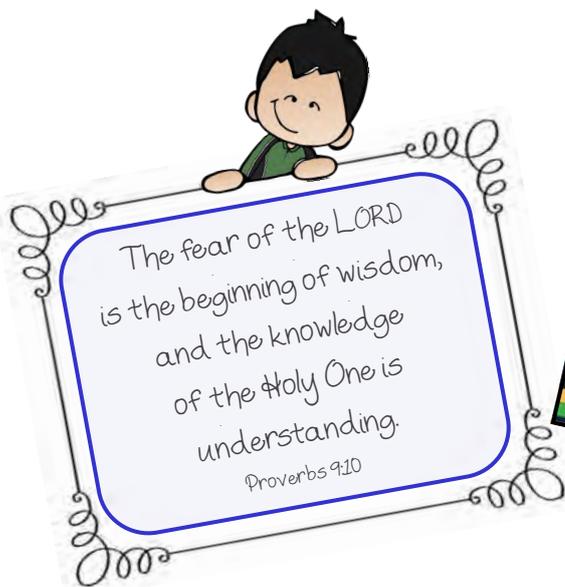
Particulars: Your name

Reference: Fees

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

This is the day
the Lord hath made
Rejoice!
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge
of the Holy One is
understanding.
Proverbs 9:10



Junior Muster
For New Entrants to Year 10
(B grade to E grade)
Wednesday 13th & 20th March
Paperplus Te Awamutu Netball Centre
Bring your shoes & a drink bottle for some fun skills & drills!
Registrations from 6pm
REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON

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

Psalm 62:5



Pānui me te tuhi

O-G MATH TUITION STARTING FEB 2024

Orton-Gillingham (OG) is an approach to teaching reading, writing, and spelling that is based on the principles of multi-sensory, structured, and sequential learning. While OG was initially developed to help individuals with dyslexia learn to read and write, some educators have adapted the OG approach to teach math as well.

The goal of OG Academic Math is to help students develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and build their confidence and competence in Math.

How does OG Academic Math work?



Phone: Tiana Connolly 02108215021

Email: panuimetetuhi@gmail.com



Pānui me te tuhi

We are a small tuition business teaching literacy (based on the science of reading) out of the Conference Room at Te Awamutu Sports Club.

We are now offering OG-Math tuition.

What is the Orton-Gillingham (O-G) Approach?

The Orton-Gillingham Approach is a direct, explicit, multisensory, structured, sequential, diagnostic, and prescriptive way to teach literacy when reading, writing, and spelling does not come easily to individuals, such as those with dyslexia.

It is most properly understood and practiced as an approach, not a method, program, or system.

In the hands of a well-trained and experienced instructor, it is a powerful tool of exceptional breadth, depth, and flexibility.

What is O-G Math?

The overriding principle of OG Math is "imagination, not rote memorisation" which supports greater conceptual and visual understanding of mathematics.

Why use O-G Math?

O-G Math is a multisensory mathematics approach that:

1. Encourages students to consciously "think" through processes which might be automatic for many.
2. Allows the student to experience touching, moving and building math concepts with concrete materials while seeing, explaining and hearing how math problems can be solved.
3. Teaches patterns of thought, i.e. the process needed to perform math functions and problem solving correctly, not just memorizing facts.
4. Develops in a structural and sequential way in order to fill any gaps in the child's knowledge of math functions, vocabulary and problem solving. Eventually, students develop adequate math skills to become independent learners.
5. Is a success-oriented program in which the students work at levels appropriate to their abilities.

We currently have spaces available for O-G Math tuition so if you or your whānau are interested, please get in touch with **Tiana 02108215021** or **Aōdhan 0228515197**

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6



GIRLS RUGBY MUSTER

TUE 19 MAR '24

5.30PM | TE AWAMUTU INTERMEDIATE

REGISTER FOR A GIRLS-ONLY SEASON HELD ON MONDAYS 4-5.30PM IN TERM 2 & TERM 3, 2024!
- We need a cool name! Scan the QR code to enter..

GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FUN + BBQ

GIRLS YEAR 3-8 - all experience levels & abilities welcome!

NO FEES!



REGISTER WITH YOUR NEAREST CLUB OR ON THE DAY AT THE MUSTER

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA!

- **Pirongia Rugby Club**
neil@nfbuilder.co.nz
andrew@taconstruction.co.nz
- **Ohaupo Rugby Club**
ohaupojuniorrugby@gmail.com
- **Te Awamutu Sports**
tasjuniorrugby@gmail.com
heath@qubik.co.nz
- **Kihikihi Rugby Sports Club**
chynahohepa@hotmail.com
kihikihirugbysportsclub@gmail.com
- **Te Awamutu Marist**
tamaristjunior@gmail.com

Fees apply if you choose to also play in the Saturday mixed competition

FEATURING POSITIVE VIBES ONLY!



Sign your kids up for 2024 rippa or tackle rugby now!

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/TeAwamutuMarist/Junior-Rugby/Player-Rego-Form>



AGES 4 TO 13
RIPPA - 6TH & 7TH GRADES
TACKLE - 8-13TH GRADES

\$50 for rippa \$ up to 12th grade
\$55 - 13th grade

Socks included in subs
Embroidered Marist white shorts are \$25 each pair

Contact Junior Delegate Sophia Powell • Email: tamaristjunior@gmail.com



Important dates

Updates and changes to previous calendar will be underlined.

<u>Thu 29 Feb</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Thu 7 Mar</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Fri 8 Mar</u>	Casual Clothes Day - gold coin
<u>Wed 13 Mar</u>	Pita Pit lunch
<u>Thu 14 Mar</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Thu 21 Mar</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Tue 26 Mar</u>	BOT meeting - 7pm
<u>Thu 28 Mar</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Fri 29 Mar</u>	Good Friday - no school
<u>Mon 1 Apr</u>	Easter Monday - no school
<u>Tue 2 Apr</u>	Easter Tuesday - no school
<u>Thu 4 Apr</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Fri 5 Apr</u>	Casual Clothes Day - gold coin
<u>Mon 8 Apr</u>	Learning Conversations - 2pm onwards
<u>Tue 9 Apr</u>	Learning Conversations - 2pm onwards
<u>Thu 11 Apr</u>	Prayer - 9am school staffroom
<u>Fri 12 Apr</u>	Last day of Term 1
<u>Mon 29 Apr</u>	Term 2 starts
<u>Fri 24 May</u>	Garage Sale Set-up
<u>Sat 25 May</u>	Garage Sale
<u>Fri 31 May</u>	Teacher Only Day

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.



Nominate your primary school for a chance to WIN one of the two \$10,000 sports grants.

Hi Waipa Christian School,

The Big Little Sponsorship is back, so spread the word and nominate your school for the chance to win one of two \$10,000 sports grants – one for the North Island and one for the South Island. You can spend it on whatever you need, like new equipment, sports uniforms or coaching sessions. Anything to help your little champions play a little freer.

Entering is easy!

Winning takes teamwork, so get the whole community involved by nominating your school. Teachers, students, parents, friends and whānau can all share the love and show their support for your school by nominating here or by visiting aainsurance.co.nz/big-little

**Entries are now open
so get your nominations in today!**

**T&Cs apply.*

Entries close 11:59pm Sunday 24 March 2024.

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

1 Peter 3:18



REGISTER FOR OUR WINTER SEASON

First Kicks (age 4-6 years)

Fun Football (U/8 Girls, 7th and 8th grade)

Mini Football (9th grade to 13th Grade, girls only teams and mixed teams)

Te Awamutu AFC

info@teawamutuafc.co.nz