WCS Newsletter

To know, love, and serve Jesus Christ

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD,
"My refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust!"
Psalm 91:1-2

Issue 7, Nov 2026

From the Principal

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

By the time you read this, we'll be in week 4 of the last term of 2026!

Year 10 in 2027

I wanted to include this as a testimony of God's provision and faithfulness.
He has blessed us with steady roll growth over the last few years. This increase has enabled our Board of Proprietors to apply for expansion to include the secondary years. We feel so blessed to have our first group of Year 10 students in 2027 and our Proprietors are working hard to ensure that we have two new classrooms ready by term 2.
We currently have limited spaces available for preference students in Years 8-10 for the start of 2027. So, if you know of families who are interested in applying to enrol, please advise them to register a family application asap via the school website: https://www.waipachristian.school.nz/enrol-at-waipa-christian-school/

Family link

You'll no doubt be hearing a lot in the media about the positives and negatives of the online world. Probably more so, the dangers of social media for teenagers. We're seeking expressions of interest in running a parent education session on how you can manage your child's Chromebook, and other online activity. If you'd be interested in attending this session, please contact the school office by Monday, 9th November.

Summer Uniform

We officially switch from Winter to Summer uniform after Labour weekend each year.

These students are looking great in their correct school uniform, which includes the correct sandals, hats, ...and on a colder day, the black school blasts.



Orchard

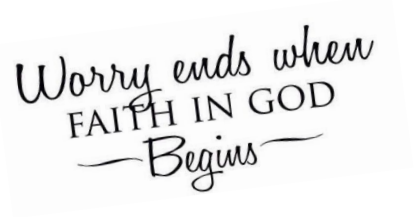
As we're coming into summer, some of the trees will start to produce fruit. Unfortunately, these fruits are often ripe during the January holidays. Therefore, if you are around and would like to pick some fruit for eating, you're welcome to help yourself.

Finally, term 4 is a very busy term. We ask that you keep tabs on the Skool Loop app for notices, the printed and online calendars for upcoming events, but most importantly, ask when you're not sure. We look forward to celebrating another school year with you in early December.

Blessings,

Jaco Labuschagne

Principal



Nutritious Lunches

Please provide a balanced nutritious lunch for your child each day. Many students are coming to school with food that contains no nutrition, like cake, donuts, cookies and junk food. Growing children need plenty of nutrition to grow and learn. No chocolate, sweets or junk food please.

Fuel your child well.



Free Lunchbox Planner

Feeling the pinch on lunchboxes?

https://www.kiwilunchbox.co.nz

is a free tool built by an Auckland parent. It plans a week of school lunches around whatever is on special at Woolworths and New World, shows what the week will cost, and gives you a prep plan.

No account needed, nothing for sale.

Check it out!

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.

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.

My purpose will be established. And I will accomplish all My good pleasure. Isaiah 46: 10b

School Fees

The Proprietor's Payment Details

Please note these details are different to the School's

Account Name: Waipa Christian School Ltd

Account Number: 12-3476-0038956-00

Particulars: Your name

Reference: Fees

THIS ACCOUNT IS FOR SCHOOL FEES ONLY

NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Lord, I don't want to be just a hearer of Your Word. Show me how to be a doer of Your Word as well. Enable me to respond the way I should and obey You. Show me when I am not doing what it says. Help me to apply my heart to Your instruction and my ears to Your Words of knowledge (Proverbs 23:12).



Paying for School Sundries

If you wish to pay your school uniform, sports fees, camps, Tech Arts, etc. via internet banking, these are the details:

Account Name: Waipa Christian School

Account Number: 12-3134-0064089-00

Particulars: Your name

Reference: uniform/ touch rugby/ Camp/ Tech Arts etc.

PLEASE DO NOT PAY SCHOOL FEES INTO THIS ACCOUNT



Kingston Group 1%

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Kingston Group is excited to launch a new community initiative that gives local clubs, schools, and other charities the chance to benefit directly from every home we build.

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- This 1% is not added on to the price. It comes straight out of our profit. In fact, we encourage anyone to shop around, compare prices, and see the difference for themselves. At Kingston Group, we stand by our quality, our transparency, and our commitment to connect and enable our communities.

As an organisation, all you need to do is register your interest in being part of the programme. Once you're registered, we'll send you a complete digital marketing folder with ready-to-use materials: newsletter content, A4 flyers, and social media graphics. This makes it easy for you to share the initiative with your community and supporters.

When someone in your network is interested in building, they simply nominate your organisation through your online referral form or initial catch-up. If they go ahead, the donation will be made to you directly.

This is a simple way for your organisation to generate meaningful funding, just by encouraging your community to consider Kingston Group when building their next home.

Warm regards,
The Kingston Group Team

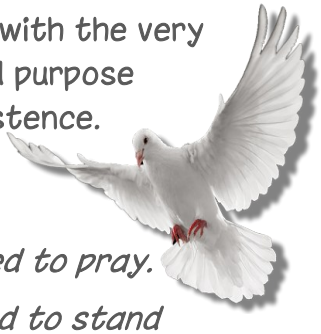
"Return to Me," declares the Lord of hosts, "that I may return to you."

Zechariah 1:3

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.

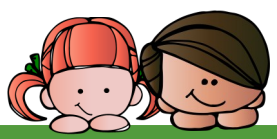
If you have any prayer requests please contact the School Office or email prayer@waipachristian.school.nz.

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.





Ko te tangata kei te wahi ngaro o te Runga Rawa tona kainga, ka noho ia i raro i te taumarumarutanga o te Kaha Rawa.

Ka kiia e ahau a Ihowa, Ko ia toku piringa, toku pa, toku Atua, ka whakawhirinaki ahau ki a ia.

Mana hoki koe e whakaora i te mahanga a te kaihopu manu, i te mate nanakia.

Ka hipokina koe e ia ki ona hou, a ka piri koe ki raro i ona pakau: ko tona pono hei whakangungu rakau, hei puapua mou.

E kore koe e wehi i te mea whakamataku i te po: i te pere e rere ana i te awatea.

I te mate uruta e rere ana i te pouri: i te whakangaromanga e whakangaro ana i te poutumarotanga.

He mano te hinga ki tou taha, tekau hoki nga mano ki tou matau; otiia e kore e tata ki a koe.

Ka titiro kau ou kanohi, ka matakitaki ki te utu mo te hunga kino.

Ko koe hoki, e Ihowa, toku piranga! kua waiho e koe te Runga Rawa hei nohoanga mou:

Kahore he kino e pa ki a koe, kahore ano he whiu e tata ki tou teneti.

Ka korerotia iho hoki koe e ia ki ana anahera kia tiakina koe i ou ara katoa.

Ma ratou koe e hiki ake ki o ratou ringa, kei tutuki tou waewae ki te kohatu.

Ka haere koe i runga i te raiona, i te neke: ka takahia e koe ki raro te kuao raiona me te nakahi.

Ka whakaora ahau i a ia, mona i aroha ki ahau; maku ia e whakateitei ake, mona i matau ki toku ingoa.

Ka karanga ia ki ahau, a ka whakahoki kupu ahau ki a ia: ka tata ahau ki a ia i te wa o te he; maku ia e whakaora, maku ano ia e whakahonore.

Ka whakaroaina e ahau ona ra, a na noa ia: ka whakakitea hoki taku whakaoranga ki a ia.

Ngā Waiata 91

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!". Galatians 4:6

The Waipa Christian School Uniform/Dress Code states:

The only jewellery permitted are watches and simple ear studs (girls only).
Below are some examples of the acceptable ear studs. Anything else is not acceptable. Please ensure your daughter wears the required studs.

Hair must be clean, tidy and the student's natural hair colour. All long hair is to be tied up with black, white or dark green hair ties only.



Prize Giving 2026

@ Te Awamutu Bible Chapel
Chapel Drive

Prize Giving is on
Tuesday 8th 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, Arohanui and Pitomata classes at 6pm. Then at around 7pm we will be having a shared supper until 7.30pm. After that we will finish off with Kotahitanga and Kia Urutau classes.
This way the juniors are able to leave earlier if needed. 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, 8th December, so they have a **clean uniform** to wear to Prize Giving.
Thank you.

School Bus



This year the last day for the school bus runs is on Friday, 11th December. As we are finishing at 12 noon, please make other arrangements for your child's transport home. There will be no one here to supervise your child after this time.

Trophies

If your child was awarded a trophy at Prize Giving last year, please return it to school by Friday, 6th November. Please ensure it has been cleaned and is in good repair.



For I, the Lord, do not change. Malachi 3:6a

Important Dates

Updates and changes to previous calendar will be underlined.

Tue 3 Nov - Fri 6 Nov	Senior Epworth Camp - Y6-9
Thu 5 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Thu 5 Nov	**No** Tech Arts - Students at camp
Thu 12 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Thu 12 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Fri 13 Nov	Casual Clothes Day - Dry Food Item
Fri 13 Nov	Student Social - more info coming
Mon 16 Nov	BOT Meeting - 7pm - Open to Public
Tue 17 Nov	Boostrix & HPV Dose 2 - Year 7 & 8
Wed 18 Sep	Pita Pit Lunch - forms at the Office
Thu 19 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Thu 19 Nov	**No** Tech Arts - All at Athletics
Thu 19 Nov	EZ Athletics - Whole School
Tue 24 Nov	EZ Athletics - Postponement
Thu 26 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Thu 26 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Fri 27 Nov	Kai Festival - 5pm until 8pm
Thu 3 Dec	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Thu 3 Dec	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Mon 7 Dec	Combined BOT/BOP meeting - 7pm
Tue 8 Dec	Casual Clothes Day - no coins needed
Tue 8 Dec	Prize Giving - 6pm
Wed 9 Sep	Pita Pit Lunch - forms at the Office
Thu 10 Dec	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Thu 10 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8 - FINAL
Fri 11 Dec	Last day of Year - Students to be picked up by 12pm
Tue 2 Feb	2027 Term 1 Begins

EZ Athletics

EZ Athletics will be held at the stadium on Armstrong Ave, Te Awamutu on Thursday, 19th November, with the postponement date being Tuesday, 24th 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, a lunch, their school sunhat and sunscreen.
A sausage sizzle and yummy goods will be available for 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.

Casual Clothes Day

Our next Casual Clothes Day is Friday, 13th November. We will be supporting the Te Awamutu Operation Christmas Hamper charity. Instead of your child bringing a gold coin, this time we ask please for each of them to bring a dry food item.

Please help support our local charity.
Thank you.

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The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. Psalm 103:8

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God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:27-28

School Footwear

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

These sandals are to be all 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 black shoes and socks to and from school each day.

These shoes are to be all 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.



See page 7 for great name labels for shoes and clothing etc

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation. Psalm 33:11

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 be wearing 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 those item, if available.

Guidelines

Students are required to 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.

- School sunhats must be worn in terms 1 and 4 when students are outside. A plain black beanie (no monograms) may be worn during winter, outside ONLY.
- The uniform must be clean, tidy, and in good repair.
- The only jewellery permitted are a watch and 1 pair of plain studs (girls only).
- Students are able to wear 1 item of cultural significance (e.g. Pounamu, Cross) as a necklace, in alignment with the school's Christian Special Character. Approval for wearing this item will be negotiated between parents / caregivers and the school's management team.
- Hair must be clean, tidy and the student's natural hair colour. All hair that touches the collar must be tied up. Hair accessories are to be school colours, black, forest green or white.
- Shaven patterns or Mohawks/rat-tails are not permitted.
- Any undergarments should not be seen (e.g. singlets, T-shirts, boxer shorts, or leggings/ tights). A black thermal ONLY may be worn under school polo.
- Stock-on tattoos or drawings on the skin are not permitted.
- No nail polish.

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, unless specified longer.
- Parents/caregivers who are not comply with the school's uniform policy receive a standardised note firstly from the teacher, followed by a personalised letter from the principal. Should they not meet the principal's request, they will be asked to attend a meeting with the board chair or principal and be reminded of their signing of the enrolment agreement to "...abide by the school policies".



He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:4-5



THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Downloading the Skool Loop app
a step by step guide



NEED MORE HELP OR INFORMATION?
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SKOOL LOOP

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school

1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

To subscribe to groups as an exisiting user:

1. Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
2. Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
3. Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
4. You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son. Colossians 1:12–13