

WCS Newsletter

To know, love, and serve Jesus Christ



No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13



Issue 7, Oct 2025

From the Principal

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Welcome back...we're in the last term of 2025! We trust that you've had a wonderful time with your children over holidays. We know that a change of routine (...not having to pack lunchboxes and rush to school) can feel like a holiday.

A busy term ahead

As the seasons change and we're back into daylight saving, what a blessing it is to get outside and be active. This term has Touch Rugby, Athletics and the Kai Festival on the calendar. All of these will give you the opportunity to get involved with the life of the school. I believe God's intention for Waipa Christian School is to be far more than just a place of academic learning. I'd love to think of this school as a place of belonging, hospitality and fellowship. May I invite you to make the most of the abovementioned opportunities to serve.

We'll end the term with a celebration of our students' achievements at the annual prize-giving ceremony on December 9th.

Board of Trustees (BOT)

Have you ever thought..."what actually happens at a BOT meeting?"

Well, here's some insight. The BOT is responsible for the governance of the school.

This includes setting the strategic direction, managing the budget and setting policies.

Agenda items usually include: A principal's report, finance reports, policy review, health and safety, and property maintenance. The Board is also responsible for monitoring student achievement and allocating resources (staff) to improve achievement.

Board of Trustees meetings are open to the public, so anyone is welcome to attend. You may not have speaking, or voting rights, but are welcome to observe.

As we head towards longer days and warmer weather, I pray that you will find joy in the small things.

Blessings,

Jaco Labuschagne

Principal

Reminder: Term 4 is a summer term and school hats and black sandals are required to be worn.

- School hats are available for purchase from the School Office.
- If your child has no hat, they are required to stay in the shade. - No hat, no play.
- **All hats and sandals are to be named clearly.**
- No shoes and socks are to be worn, with the exception of Year 7's & 8's on Thursdays for Tech Arts.
- Sun block is recommended.

Trophies

If your child was awarded a trophy at Prize Giving last year, please return it to school by Friday, 7th November. Please ensure it has been cleaned and is in good repair.



School Photos



This year our school photos will be taken on

Tuesday, 11th November.

Purchasing orders are all done online. **After** Photo Day, you will be emailed a "Photo Access Keycode" unique to each child. Use this code online to view/order the photos you wish to purchase. Their website is www.photolife.co.nz

If you require **sibling photos** to be taken please complete and return the "Sibling Photo Request Form" **BEFORE** Photo Day to the School Office. One form per family.

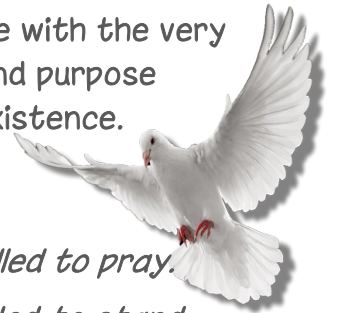
If there is NO SIGNED 'SIBLING PORTRAIT FORM' THE PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO TAKE A SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform in a clean and smart condition. Black school sandals must be worn.

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.

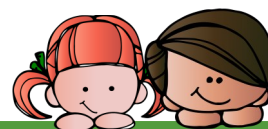
If you have any prayer requests please contact the School Office or email prayer@waipachristian.school.nz.

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.



"For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, " *Isaiah 46:9-10*

Updating School Records

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

Fun Run for CBM

A huge thank you to all who supported this fundraiser; all the parents, sponsors, organisers, the helpers, and of course, the runners. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The students put their 'all' into it and have raised approximately \$2,600.00 for the Christian Blind Mission.

Well done people!

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

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.

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

Lord, help me to remember to live not in my own strength, but by the power of Your Spirit living in me. Forgive me for the times I have forgotten to do that. Enable me to grow in the things of Your Kingdom so that I can become a whole, properly functioning, contributing, productive child of Yours who moves forward in Your purpose for my life.



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.

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.

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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- When someone chooses Kingston Group to build their home, they can nominate a club, school, or charity to receive 1% of the total build cost.
- That means on a \$600,000 build, your organisation would receive \$6,000, one third at the time of deposit, and the remaining two thirds once the house is complete and final payment is made.
- 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

LJ Hooker Cambridge

I'm David from LJ Hooker Cambridge, based in Te Awamutu.

I know first-hand how strong and close-knit our communities are, and how much our schools mean to them.

I wanted to introduce myself and share a way I can support your school:

\$500 Community Contribution

If someone from your school community refers me a lead that results in a property listing, I'll donate **\$500** directly to your school once the property has sold and settled. It's my way of turning real estate into real benefits for local kids.



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.



For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3

Important Dates

Updates and changes to previous calendar will be underlined.

Thu 9 Oct	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 9 Oct	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Thu 16 Oct	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 16 Oct	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Fri 17 Oct	Casual Clothes Day - gold coin
Mon 20 Oct	BOT meeting - 7pm - Open to Public
Wed 22 Oct	Pita Pit Lunch
Thu 23 Oct	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 23 Oct	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
<u>Fri 24 Oct</u>	EZ Touch
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day - No School
Thu 30 Oct	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 30 Oct	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Fri 31 Oct	Christian Schools Speech & Chess
Thu 6 Nov	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
Thu 6 Nov	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
Fri 7 Nov	Casual Clothes Day - gold coin
Fri 7 Nov	Trophies Due Back by Today
Tue 11 Nov	School Photos
<u>Thu 13 Nov</u>	Tech Arts - Y7 & 8
<u>Thu 13 Nov</u>	Prayer Meeting - Staffroom 9am
<u>Fri 14 Nov</u>	EZ Athletics - Stadium
<u>Mon 17 Nov</u>	EZ Athletics - Stadium - Postponement Date

Touch Rugby Details

Thank you to all who have handed in their Touch Rugby permission slips and a big thank you to all the parents that have put up their hands to coach a team for this Term 4 module.

We have good numbers for years 1&2 and 3&4 teams. Sadly the numbers are low for the 5&6 and 7&8 teams so I will be combining the two year groups to make one team.

Serenity Cooper has agreed to do the WhatsApp communications for us again. Please keep a watch out for the invitation message to the WhatsApp WCS Touch Rugby page that Serenity will send out to all player's parents. This is where you can see the week's game draws and messages from the coaches.

We will be having practices 3pm – 4pm Tuesdays for all teams.

Games are on Thursdays:

3:45pm - Year 1&2 team

4:15pm - Year 3&4 team

4:45pm - 5&6/7&8 team



Please have your children at the game 10 minutes before their game start time for warm up and coach talks.

In the first week back at school I will get all coaches together to run through a few game details and give you your team list.

Games start Thursday, 23rd October, and run for 8 weeks.

Stay safe and be blessed.

Grant Ash



Katahi a lhu ka mea ki ana akonga, Ki te mea tetahi kia haere mai ki te whai i ahau, me whakakahore ia e ia ano, me amo tona ripeka, ka aru ai i ahau.

Ki te whai hoki tetahi kia ora, ka mate ano ia; ki

te mate tetahi, mona i whakaaro ki ahau, ka kite ano ia i te ora.

He aha hoki te pai ki te tangata, ki te riro i a ia te ao katoa, a ka kore he ora mona? He aha hoki ta te tangata e hoatu ai hei utu mona kia ora?

Tenei ake hoki ka haere mai te Tama a te tangata, ratou ko ana anahera, i runga i te kororia o tona Matua; a ko reira hoatu ai e ia ki tenei, ki tenei, te utu o tana mahi..

Matiu 16:24-27

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



God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

SMASH PLAY

JUNIOR — TAMARIKI

TE AWAMUTU TERM 4 2025

FRIDAYS: 4.30-6.00pm

AGES: Y1-Y4

DATES: 17 OCT – 28 NOV

REGISTRATION:

PLAY HQ | Te Awamutu Sports

Albert Park

\$30pp - 6 Week Program

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