

NEWSLETTER

23 OCTOBER 2025



WISDOM

Discretion
Initiative

Responsibility
Thinking

Theme

"If anyone lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."
James 1:5 (NIV)



Term 4:

Ni sa bula vinaka!

We've begun another jam-packed term full of exciting activities both in and out of the classroom as we head towards the end of the year. From Waka Ama and Healthy Living to Life Education with Harold, the Nutcracker ballet, and much more!

New Students:

Welcome to our new students, Russell and Lakyra, and their family to WSDA School. We're blessed to have you join us and look forward to getting to know you!

Church Service

Our tamariki worked really hard in preparation for the service and did an amazing job. Thank you to all whānau who attended, and a special thank you to the Lower Hutt SDA Church and Pr Kwan for the opportunity to worship together and support the school's missional role in our communities.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Philippians 4:4

Healthy Living - Our Term 4 Learning Focus

This term our topic is 'Healthy Living'. Students will be harvesting produce from our school garden with Mr Farrand and cooking a variety of delicious recipes alongside Olivia Boyd, the Wellington Regional Garden to Table Coordinator.

Through our 'Healthy Living' unit, students are exploring Science, Mathematics, and Social Sciences as they observe the seeds they planted, the crops they've harvested, and learn about their nutritional value. They're developing practical skills in measurement, fractions, and sustainable living, while also strengthening their Health, Technology, and Literacy skills as they read, write, and follow recipes, cook healthy meals, and work together in fun, hands-on learning experiences.

New Students



Russell



Lakyra

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TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION (TFT)

Storyline:

We live in a world of stories. Our lives are shaped by stories: the ones others tell us, the ones we tell of ourselves, and the one that God invites us to live in.

As part of Teaching for Transformation, each class is rooted in a compelling storyline of God's kingdom. This storyline is carefully crafted from the deep hope that the teacher has developed. The fundamental purpose of the storyline is to connect the learners and learning with God's story, His purpose for our lives. As children journey within the storyline, they begin to tell their own stories of God's kingdom. Next year each class will have their own storyline.

We are all people of stories, and we can't wait to share our class stories with you!

PREPARED FOR SCHOOL

Physical Wellness

As we experience the weather warming slightly, and bursts of sunshine appearing more and more, it's that time of the year where children can't wait to enjoy the outdoors, soaking up the sunshine after many days of winter blues, breathing in fresh air, and appreciating God's wonderful creation. The Healthy Heart Foundation website highlights that any physical activity can boost heart health and overall wellbeing. It provides a list of light, moderate, and vigorous activities that you and your children can enjoy together: [Healthy Heart Foundation – Being Active](#). Dedicating time to exercise regularly helps to strengthen your heart, lessen stress, improve sleep and more.

"Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." Hebrews 12:12-13



UPCOMING EVENTS

Labour Day - Monday 27 October

School will be closed for this public holiday

Heart Foundation - Wednesday 22 & 29 October

Ruma Tui & Kererū in-school lessons

Waka Ama - Tuesday 21, 31 October & 7 November

Ruma Kererū Group 3

Life Education - Tuesday & Wednesday 11-12 November

Whole School lessons with Harold & Marsha

The Nutcracker Ballet - Thursday 6 November

The whole school will be going to this event

Cultural Exchange - Friday 7 November

Year 7 & 8 selected students at Longburn College

Athletics Fun Day - Wednesday 26 November

Held at school

Christmas Carols - Thursday 4 December

Held at WSDA School on the bottom field - family picnic

Praise Giving - Thursday 11 December

End of year ceremony

End of Year outing - Wednesday 17 December

Year 8 leavers

REMINDERS

Uniform

Sports uniform with hat

Water Only School

Expired car seats Porirua annual collection All of November 2025

Please hand in your damaged or expired car seats and booster seats FREE at: **Trash Palace**
20 Broken Hill Road, Kenepuru, Porirua.

Drop off at reception

Monday to Friday 8.30am–5pm
Sunday 9am–5pm

For more information call 04 978 8355
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Lower Hutt SDA Church Service





Year 8 Careers Day



Pukeko Baking for Superhero Staff



Ki-o-rahi



God Connection

