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Character, Excellence, Community

2024 Theme: Changemakers.

Term 1 Topic: Inventors and Inventions.

Big Idea: God is the master designer. He created many new things. We are made in His image and can also step out into the unknown to create/invent new things. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to discover and use the earth in new ways - designing products, processes, services and ideas. These innovations have a purpose: to demonstrate love, to be of service to others, to explore God's creation further, to create wonder, and to bring praise and honour to our Master Designer. Successful designs are change-makers.

Threads:

Imagining innovations: We acknowledge God as the ultimate designer and seek to create things that serve positive purposes, benefiting people and society. By doing so, we honour God as the Master Designer."

Overcoming Setbacks - Knowing God can help us build resilience and emotional strength, which in turn helps us in our work. We can also learn from the responses of inventors who have a "can do" attitude, demonstrate patience, and persevere in their tasks until they complete them.

Key Competencies: Critical Thinking, Participating and contributing, Self-management.

Our Mission Statement:

For each learner, the kura (school) community will provide quality learning opportunities that encourage Christian perspectives and affirm Biblical principles.

Memory Verse for 2024

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Romans 15:13

Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau,

We trust you and your whānau have found time for rest, relaxation, and fun during your holiday break and are refreshed and ready for the new term. This term,

our theme of changemakers continues, with a focus on inventors and inventions that have changed the world.

The biblical worldview underpinning this unit is "God is the master designer. He created many new things. We are made in His image and can also step out into the unknown to create/invent new things. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to discover and use the earth in new ways - designing products, processes, services and ideas. These innovations have a purpose; to demonstrate love, to be of service to others, to explore God's creation further, to create wonder, and to bring praise and honour to our Master Designer. Successful designs are change-makers. "

The Threads are imagining innovations and overcoming setbacks.

We are looking forward to learning about other world-changing inventions and their impact, as well as do some hands-on activities in this unit. This term, we are also looking forward to our kura cross country, soccer lessons, sessions from the Heart Foundation, Nuku Ora, and Eastern Zone Mini ball. Our Year 7-8's will continue to receive technology at EBIS.

Wellington Hills Christian School

Many of you may not be aware that those who set up our school over 40 years ago pioneered the way of providing Christian Education at MCS today. The founders, the foundation staff, and the families personally sacrificed much to bring about Miramar Christian School. The school was initially private, which meant teachers' wages and running costs were covered by hefty fees and support from the Gateway Baptist Church. We have benefitted from their sacrifice. After several years of being private MCS became 'Integrated'. This meant that the school paid for buildings, and the government paid teachers' wages and the basic running costs of the school. The Wellington Christian Education Project (WCEP) has brought us again into a **pioneering phase**. The development of the new site is key to expanding Christian Education in Wellington. WCEP and other Christian Education trusts from around the country are making an investment not only in the lives of Wellington's current tamariki but also in the lives of your children, grandchildren, and generations to come (Proverbs 13:22). Will you partner with them to be part of this pioneering phase.

Since our last newsletter, a lot has happened, especially in the space of moving towards our new site. This includes information given at the Wellington Hills Christian College (WHCC) update evening, WHCC enrolment opening and 2025 attendance dues. See the progress below.

Enrolments

Many of you would have seen that last term we put up the following message on our website: -



As this message indicates, this process was put in place so those who have been waiting patiently on the “expression of interest” list for a Christian college in Wellington (some of whom have been on this list for many years), have spaces open to them and therefore a chance to get into WHCC in 2025.

Enrolments are now open again! Families wishing to enrol for Wellington Hill Christian College to start in 2025 can now do so, along with any families wishing to start their children at Miramar Christian School this year.

The enrolment pack for Wellington Hills Christian College (WHCC) became available at the end of last term. This enrolment pack was also sent to you, so you are aware of how things are progressing. **Please note ākongā who are already enrolled in Miramar Christian School are automatically enrolled in the new school.** These ākongā do not need to enrol for Wellington Hills Christian College.

Some of you have **tamariki turning 5 in 2025**. Please complete an enrolment form unless you already have an acceptance letter for your tamariki turning 5. Thank you to the parents who have already done this.

Attendance Dues

Information about **attendance dues for Wellington Hills Christian College** has been released. We understand these fees are significantly higher than our current fees (\$2800 per student with a voluntary option to donate another \$2000 towards property costs). These fees are to cover the high cost of purchasing and renovating the Johnsonville site to be fit for a school. These attendance dues are similar to other Christian schools that are currently expanding their property. The attendance dues alone will not cover the cost of running the site, hence the request

for a \$2000 property donation. While the payment of the donation is voluntary, it will help with the cost of providing Christian education through to the college level. If you cannot meet this level of donation, please prayerfully consider what level of donation is right for your family.

We are aware that for some, even the cost of attendance dues is an issue. We wish to see all Christian families able to access Christian education. So, we are exploring ways to support families. This will take some time. At this time, we cannot guarantee support for this, but we are keen to try. Please bear with us and stay with us while we work on this. If your family is in a position to assist another student to attend WHCC financially, please let us know by email at board@christian.school.nz.

Wellington Hills Christian College



Our Presiding Member Peter Wilding spoke at the Update Meeting in the holidays. As many of you could not make this meeting he has provided a copy of his key messages and a [link to his full speech](#).

Kia ora and warm greetings from your Board,

Many of you will have attended the information evening last week but to ensure we reach as many of our community as possible, here's a brief update from your School Board.

It's wonderful to see the dream of a full Christian College in Wellington finally coming to fruition. We honour all those who have faithfully sown and prayed into this project over many years, some extending to decades. We give thanks and praise to God that we will witness the fulfilment of this dream in 2025.

New School name and website - with the help of some external expertise (generously provided for free) our board has been going through a process to identify a new name and logo for our school at the new Johnsonville site. It started with reviewing our school values. Then we worked our way through a myriad of suggested names that would reflect the Christian Special Character of our school, its location, its point of difference to other school names, how it might be abbreviated, and many other aspects that go into selecting a name. This is how we have arrived at **Wellington Hills Christian College**. [This will be the school's official name once the Ministry of Education has approved it. The Board wishes to thank those parents who assisted in reviewing the school name and logo].

A new website is now being planned to carry news and information for families to help prepare students and families for school in 2025.

Enrolments for 2025 - At the end of last term, we sent out the enrolment packs to turn the long-standing expression of interest list into confirmed enrolments for next year. This in itself is a huge milestone in this process of relocation. The enrolment process will run for about the first four weeks of term two and will provide certainty for families about schooling for their children for next year.

Christian Education, Attendance Dues and Donations - I realise I am probably preaching to the choir, but it's a privilege in New Zealand that our children can receive a quality Christian education. However, like most good things, Christian Education doesn't come free. Purchasing large amounts of land and buildings and repurposing them to be suitable for education is expensive. Accordingly, our proprietor has had to substantially increase the school's Attendance Dues to help support the significant investment required to provide this school. As you will be aware, payment of attendance dues is a condition of enrolment. Even then, these Attendance Dues will not be sufficient to cover the debt, and our Land Trust is asking parents to consider making an annual \$2000 donation per student to assist with establishing this school. Fortunately, the donation is tax deductible, which will help your family's budget. We acknowledge this is a big ask for many families. However, I encourage you to see this as an investment in your child's life journey and academic and personal faith development.

My three children have all completed their schooling through Christian Education, and I can testify to the value this has brought about in their lives.

If you have any questions or comments or something you wish to raise, please feel free to contact our board by email at board@christian.school.nz.

May you each know God's peace and blessings, as we walk through the months ahead.

Peter Wilding
Presiding Member

Uniform Questionnaire

Thank you to all those who completed the uniform survey. This clearly showed what was most important to whānau and is very helpful. Thank you also for your comments. These provided a range of ideas which we will work through.

The following graphs show the results from the questionnaire: -

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary School	
Uniform criteria	Percentage rated this between a 7-10
Comfort	100%
Quality	91%
Formality	61%
Cost	71%
Having a distinct summer and winter uniform	42%
Easy of washing	80%

Highest scoring criteria: Comfort, Quality and Ease of washing.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School	
Uniform criteria	Percentage rated this between a 7-10
Comfort	95%
Quality	95%
Formality	81%
Cost	71%
Having a distinct summer and winter uniform	49%
Easy to wash	90%

Highest scoring criteria: Comfort, Quality, Ease of washing and Formality.

Updating Contact Information

It is important when your contact information changes that you advise the school office so we can contact you if your tamariki becomes ill during the day or in the event of an emergency. This includes your phone numbers and your emergency contacts. Please check the contact details of your emergency contacts and advise of any changes. Thank you for your support with this.

Music Lessons

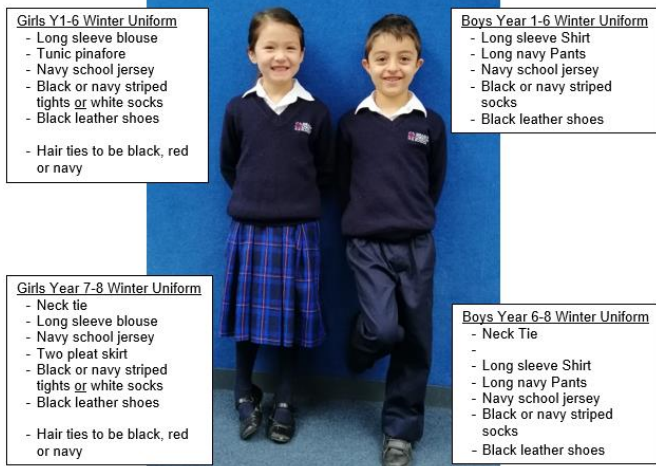
Goodtime Music Academy lessons will be held on Wednesday afternoons this term.

Year 7/8 Technology Lessons

Year 7-8 technology lessons remain on Tuesday afternoons this term.

Winter Uniform

It is now the winter term, so it is a good time to remind you about our winter uniform. The students in the photo below are wearing the correct winter uniform.



Girls Y1-6 Winter Uniform

- Long sleeve blouse
 - Tunic pinafore
 - Navy school jersey
 - Black or navy striped tights or white socks
 - Black leather shoes
- Hair ties to be black, red or navy

Boys Year 1-6 Winter Uniform

- Long sleeve Shirt
- Long navy Pants
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped socks
- Black leather shoes

Girls Year 7-8 Winter Uniform

- Neck tie
 - Long sleeve blouse
 - Navy school jersey
 - Two pleat skirt
 - Black or navy striped tights or white socks
 - Black leather shoes
- Hair ties to be black, red or navy

Boys Year 6-8 Winter Uniform

- Neck Tie
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- Long sleeve Shirt
- Long navy Pants
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped socks
- Black leather shoes

Common misconceptions related to the winter uniform.

Tights: In winter girls may wear navy or black tights under their uniform to keep warm. These are easily confused with leggings. Tights have ‘feet’ as part of this garment. Leggings do not have ‘feet’.

Thermals: We are more than happy for **white** thermals to be worn under shirts and blouses. However, these should not be seen below the bottom of the sleeve i.e. long-sleeved thermals should not be worn with short sleeved shirts.

Raincoat: The school does not have an official raincoat or windbreaker. Ākongā are welcome to wear a coat of any or many colours to keep them dry and warm.

Other:

- Taonga, religious necklaces and plain studs are the only jewellery to be worn with the uniform. We no longer require taonga and religious necklaces to be worn under the shirt. This change is to bring us in line with the Human Rights recommendations for uniforms.
- the top button of the shirt is only done up by Year 7-8 ākongā when they are wearing a tie.

Where to buy School Uniform

PE Uniform is available through the office. We have just received an order from our supplier so now is a good time to replace any items your tamariki have outgrown over the holidays. Please note we have already nearly run out of Size 6 PE Uniform & hope to have more stock soon.

Formal uniform stocks at the Lyall Bay Warehouse are low. However, you will find most of the uniform by **going online at The Warehouse** and searching in the ‘Back to School’ section. Alternatively, you can follow the links below: -

Year 1-6 Pinafore

https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-tartan-box-pleat-pinafore/RM110108667_TRT023-1M.html

and

Year 7-8 Senior Skirt

https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-box-pleat-skirt/RM110108719_TRT023-1M.html

Navy Drill Shorts

https://www.postie.co.nz/school-walk-shorts-803781-navy_or

<https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-unisex-elastic-back-shorts/RM110125623-1M.html>

Navy Drill Long Pants

<https://www.postie.co.nz/school-formal-pant-803791-dark-navy>

Boys White Shirt

https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-short-sleeve-school-shirt/RM110110424_WHT-1M.html

Junior Girls White Blouse

https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-girls-short-sleeve-school-blouse/RM110110432_WHT-1M.html

Senior Girls White Blouse

https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-kids-school-over-blouse/RM110110334_WHT-1M.html

Navy V-Neck Jersey

https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-jersey/RM110110427_MIDNGT_NAV-1M.html

Sunhat

www.thewarehouse.co.nz/p/schooltex-aussie-style-hat/RM110110687_NAV-1M.html

Be careful not to buy items branded for another school.

Postie Plus also have a good range of school uniform items which you can order online.

World Vision - ‘Be Yourself’ Day



As a school we sponsor a World Vision child. His name is Pheaktra.

It costs \$30 per month/\$360 per year to support him (whether we are at school or on holiday). To raise these funds the school has a ‘Be Yourself’ day on the last Friday of each month, where you get to wear your own clothes (instead of the school uniform) for the cost of a gold coin. We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring this target will be reached, it truly is appreciated.

Our next ‘Be Yourself’ Day is Friday 31 May 2024.

Term dates for 2024

The term dates for 2024 are as follows. They can also be found on the school website.

Term Dates for 2024:

- Term 1:** Fri 2 Feb – Fri 12 Apr
- Term 2:** Mon 29 Apr – Fri 5 Jul
- Term 3:** Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep
- Term 4:** Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

Teacher Only Days in 2024:

- Thurs 1 Feb
- Tues 27 May

One more date may be announced after the Ministry of Education has confirmed it still supporting a second teachers only day for professional development.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For the opportunity to have and grow Christian Education in New Zealand and Wellington.
- For advancement in the work towards Wellington Hills Christian College
- For God’s faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 45 years.

Please pray:

- For the sense of community at MCS would grow stronger than ever before.
- For ākonga to be excited by their learning.
- For continued momentum toward the schools move.
- For funds to be released in the Christian community to support large families and those financially struggling to be able to access WHCC.
- For insurance that covers the Johnsonville site while earthquake strengthening is completed.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 1: Micky, Sage, Mary
Week 2: Archie, Alfonso, Hugo

Active Parents and Teachers (APT) Message

If you wish to join the APT or have any questions about the APT, please don’t hesitate to have a conversation with Sarah at the gate after school or give her a call/message at 021 022 86336.

Sarah Green (APT Chair, Hannah and Archie’s Mum, Miramar Salvation Army Pastor).

I thank you for your ongoing commitment, support, and prayers. If we can help you with questions or concerns relating to your tamariki’s education, please see your tamariki’s class teacher first, and if your concerns are not resolved, contact me on 021 293 5390. If you need privacy and/or a longer conversation, please book a time to talk with your classroom teacher or me. We are here for you.

Ka nui tēnei
Kaye Gillies
Principal

Miramar Christian School - Bank Account Number

For all school banking e.g., uniform payments, ‘Be Yourself Day’ koha payments, school fundraisers, etc. please make an internet banking payment to: -

Miramar Christian School

ASB Bank

Account Number: 12-3481-0040719-00

New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) -

Bank Account Number

School attendance dues (fees) are paid to the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust. Please make internet banking payments to: -

New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust

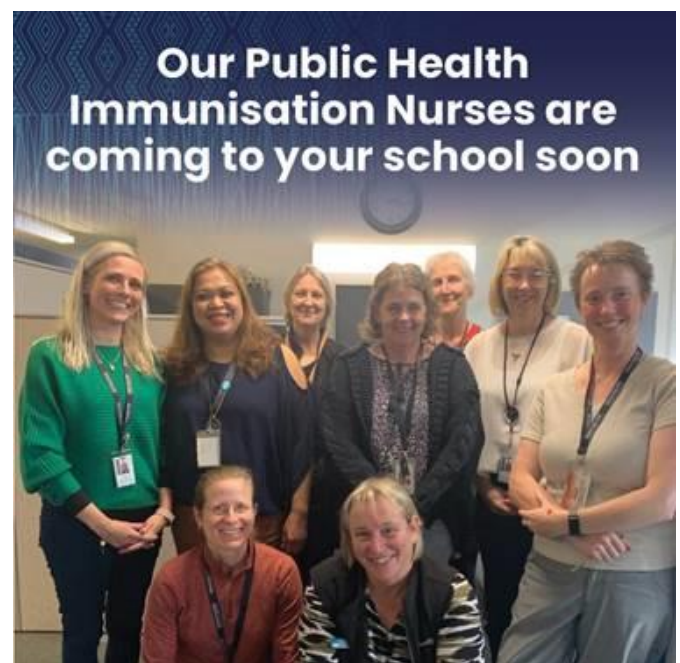
ASB Bank

Account Number: 12-3107-0061704-16

Please use the student surname in the ‘reference’ field so they can match the deposit.

SCHOOL DIARY

Every Mon	Wear Formal Uniform
Every Tues	Wear PE Uniform Wheels Day Assembly 2:30pm
Every Wed	Wear Formal Uniform Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thurs	Wear Formal Uniform Kapa Haka
Every Fri	Wear PE Uniform Wheels Day
APR	
Mon 29 Apr	Start of Term 2, 8:55am
Mon 29 Apr	Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 30 Apr	Y7 & Y8 Tech 1:30-3pm @EBIS
MAY	
Wed 1 May	Goodtime Music Academy Lessons
Fri 3 May	Heart Foundation
Fri 3 May	Football Lessons
Mon 6 May	Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 7 May	Y7 & Y8 Tech 1:30-3pm @EBIS
Wed 8 May	Goodtime Music Academy Lessons
Fri 10 May	Kauri Class Library Visit
Fri 10 May	Football Lessons
Mon 13 May	Assembly 2:30pm



Our public health nurses are coming to your school in the week starting 27 May to provide immunisation for Y7 tamariki.

- If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact us at
- res-immunisation@huttvalleydhsb.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949.
- If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949.
- If you declined the vaccines last year but you have changed your mind and you now want your year 8 child to receive the vaccine(s) please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949.
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at res-immunisation@huttvalleydhsb.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949.

Skool Loop

Please check if you still have your notifications on for Skool Loop. This is one of our important communication tools. We would love all school families to receive all communications sent. We also wish to thank all our sponsors of our Skool Loop App. There is a poster at the end of our newsletter showing our sponsors logos.

- Annie Newell – Lowe & Co Realty

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KIDS COMMUNITY HUB

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE Breakfast provided 7:30AM - 8:30AM Regular rates \$16.50 Casual rates \$18.50	AFTER SCHOOL CARE Afternoon Tea provided 3PM - 6PM Regular rates \$23.00 Casual rates \$25.50	TRANSPORT AVAILABLE \$5 PER TRIP, PER CHILD We take children to school from BSC & collect children from school & bring them to our ASC
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- Transport available around Eastern suburbs
- Fun activities
- Healthy snacks
- Fun friendly safe environment
- Games and activities
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