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Monday 20 March 2017

Character, Competence, Community

Term 1 Theme: GOD IS WISE. He wants us to be wise.
Values: Be friendly. Show integrity. It is entirely possible.
Habit of the Mind: Manage being impulsive.
Key Competency: Thinking: share your thoughts to others.

Our Mission Statement:

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

Memory Verse: Week 6

"Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things".
(Phillipians 4: 8)

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents

As reported, our Education Review Officers were with us for the first three days of last week. We were thrilled to receive many **positive** comments about our School's **National Standards' results, processes and systems.** There are **no** areas where we are non-compliant and 'our **Board and Staff are focused on Student Achievement'**, we have **lovely pupils** and, generally, going forward, Miramar Christian School is **'in a good space'**.

STUDENT LEADERS 2017

House Leaders:

Bethlehem: Enlil Odisho and Pauls Matti
Canaan: Jessica Singh and George Bato
Jericho: Ellia Anderson and Joseph Hamill
Sinai: Demetra Grivas and Andrew Pthyo

School Council:

Chair Person: Enlil Odisho
Secretary: Jessica Singh
Members: Elina-Jin Pearce, Justine Rivera, Vanessa Singh, Lucius Matti, Matias Liefting, David Jamal, Andrew Pthyo, Joseph Hamill and George Bato

Community Badges for Service as Year 6's:

Bhoomi Bhandari, Ellia Anderson, Joanna Glen, Demetra Grivas, Zoe George, Axella Tsegai, David Jamal, Pauls Matti and Eneill Warda

Peer Mediation:

Jessica Singh, Andrew Pthyo, Enlil Odisho, George Bato and Joseph Hamill

ACADEMIC:

Our ERO visitors remarked that 'many of our children achieved against the National Standards' in Mathematics, Reading and Writing, with our **'achievement in Reading being significantly higher'** than previous years.

CULTURAL:

The ERO team also stated that **'our curriculum is increasingly culturally responsive, featuring Kapa Haka, Open days and a sharing of individual cultures'**.

SPORTS:

Sadly, the Eastern Zones' cricket tournament for our Senior team, had to be cancelled owing to inclement weather. We have arranged a game of **cricket with Kahurangi School** to ensure our team, who were so well prepared by our coach Phil Hamill, will be able to put their cricketing skills into action.

SPIRITUAL:

The Education Review Officers endorsed our spiritual ethos adding that **'The curriculum prioritises: a Christian perspective and Biblical principles and, the national priorities of Literacy and Numeracy'**. **'School values of Character, Competence and Community are highly evident throughout the School'**.

We have much to be proud of here at Miramar Christian School.

God Bless You
Kevin Boyce
Principal

Health & Safety

Since April 2016, the new Health & Safety Act requires ALL visitors to the school (including parents with prolonged stays) to report to and 'sign in' at the office on arrival and departure please.

Prayer Requests

The following students and their families are prayed for by the staff each time we gather to pray during the week. We ask that you also pray for them too.

Week 7: Carlos, Chirag, Demetra

Week 8: Fotios, Dandi, Ellia

Otago Problem Challenge:

In writing his book "Numbers I Love", the author Cal Q Later decided to write five pages a day. On day 1 he wrote pages 1 to 5; on day 2 he wrote pages 6 to 10; on day 3 he wrote pages 11 to 15; and so on.

On what day was the total of the five page numbers equal to 615?

Answer from last newsletter: So Donna is **12** and her Mum 48.

Every Tuesday	Prayer Group, Rm 4, 9.10am - 9:40am
Every Tues/Thurs	Wheels Day
Every Wednesday	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thursday	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Friday	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 1:30pm
Every Sunday	10am Gateway Baptist Church - All Welcome
March	
Monday 20	EZ Chess Tournament
Monday 20	BoT Meeting, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Wednesday 22	Kauri Library Visit
Friday 24	Get Set, Go' & 'Run, Jump, Throw'
Wednesday 29	EZ Junior Football Tournament
Friday 31	Get Set, Go' & 'Run, Jump, Throw'
Friday 31	Mufti Day
Friday 31	ICAS Orders Due (to get 2016 prices)

Neighbours Day

The Family Space Miramar are celebrating Neighbours Day by offering coffee, cakes, kai, a bouncy castle, face painting, seminars on family topics, crafts, games, prizes, silent auction, their new playground.

Date: Saturday 25 March 2017

Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Where: The Family Space, 33 Park Road
Come and join in the fun!

Start your Easter Break Early!

The Salvation Army Miramar are offering a kid-friendly café offering crafts, coffee, baby chickens, cookies & cake.

Date: Saturday 8 April 2017

Time: drop in anytime between 9:30am – 12:30pm

Where: The Salvation Army Miramar, 63 Miramar Ave

Cost: Food & Drinks Free but please bring a can of food to donate to the Miramar Foodbank.

www.facebook.com/miramarsalvationarmy

Technology Today with John Cowan

Middle Years – Teens and Tweens

Can your family's values survive the internet? Of course they can! You just have to be a switched on parent when your kids switch on their gadgets. This seminar gives parents insights and skills to keep kids safe so they can reap the incredible benefits of modern technology. Even if you are not technical at all, you can still coach your kids in this digital age.

When: Monday 27 March 2017

Time: 7:30 – 9:30pm John's presentation

Where: The Street City Church, 9 Hania Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Cost: \$10 per person, \$15 per couple

Tickets available at www.theparentingplace.com

For further information please contact Natalie Alabaster at wellington@parentingplace.nz



INVITATION TO PLAY CLUB WATER POLO IN 2017

Maranui Water Polo club is looking to rebuild our Under 12 Squad. We would like to extend an invitation to all competent swimmers or water polo players. Training times for the Under 12's is **Sunday's from 4pm - 5pm at WRAC commencing 12/03/17**. The U12's do not train during the school holidays or long weekends. If you are interested please email maranuiwaterpolo@xtra.co.nz. Further Information can be found at <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/maranuiwaterpolo> or follow us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/maranuiwaterpolo.

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\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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