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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

"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm". (Proverbs 13:20)

Principal's Pen

At a recent Staff meeting, we set our target students for this year in: Numeracy, Reading and Writing. It was most positive to receive the news that the majority of our **Kauri** students are currently performing '**At**' or '**Above**' the National Standards in Reading. This is great news to lead us to our **OPEN DAY** on **Friday 7 April**, when we are looking to gain students in our Year 7 class next year. As parents, you are our best advocates: spread the **good news!**

ACADEMIC:

From time to time, we would encourage you to oversee your children's **homework tasks**. Our pupils are required to **own** their assignments but words of advice, encouragement and praise, from you, are much appreciated and may be one of the reasons that **productive shifts** happen.

CULTURAL:

It was a pleasure to visit the **Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Nga Mokopuna School**, in Seatoun, recently with our Te Reo specialist, Mrs Zeldah Dahya. We were impressed with this School, which is totally immersed in Maori language and to know that, because of our Eastern Zones' cluster, we now have a link with this School and will build on this relationship, ensuring that they visit us to witness our **special culture**.

SPORTS:

More great news: our Senior **cricket team** played two games with **Kahurangi School**, with two wins to Miramar Christian! The scores were: 50: 31 and 37:29, with **David Jamal** taking 2 wickets and 2 catches in his

2 overs and **Enlil Odisha** and **Joseph Hamill** scoring 31 runs in their 4 overs of batting. Our Junior Soccer team took part in a tournament a couple of weeks ago, with all the games being very close encounters. **Elizabeth-Jin Pearce** was Player of the Day and **Vanessa Singh** was commended for being a great Team member. We thank **Mr Phil Hamill** for his coaching of our Cricket and Soccer teams.

SPIRITUAL:

What is our point of difference? It is our Christian **VALUES**, which we live out on site using our **THREE C's: CHARACTER, COMPETENCE** and **COMMUNITY** to underpin the development of our students' **wellbeing**.

OPEN DAY – FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017

Please encourage any prospective parents who may be considering our School to visit us this Friday to see our School in action. Visitors will receive a guided tour of our School with our Year 8 Leaders, and will also have an opportunity to have any questions answered over a cup of tea or coffee. Come and take a **poster**, which promotes our **OPEN DAY** and **display it in your Church or Workplace Notice Board**.

God Bless You
Kevin Boyce
Principal

Parking

It has come to our attention there have been instances of double parking, or pulling into the School driveway to pick up/drop off your children. In the interest of everyone's safety, we kindly ask all parents to not do this. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child(ren) come to school wearing the correct uniform and look neat and tidy.

2017 Invoices

Invoices for fees and donations for 2017 were sent home with the eldest child in each family on Monday 27 March 2017, along with any outstanding fees from 2016. We ask that **payment is received by Thursday 27 April 2017**. If you are unable to pay in full by this time, the school would need to see some form of regular payment set up to ensure all fees are paid by the end of this school year.

If you find it difficult to meet the school payment, please contact the school office so that suitable arrangements can be put in place.

If you have any questions or comments about your account, please feel free to contact the school office. Our preferred method of payment is by internet banking. You are welcome to set up automatic payments or pay one-off lump sum payments. Please

find the school's bank details below:

Miramar Christian School

ASB Bank Kilbirnie

12-3481-0040719-00

Reference: Please use the student's name(s)

Particulars: indicate if you are paying for a particular payment (e.g. 2017 School Costs)

Alternatively, payments are accepted in the School Office from 8:45am until 1:15pm Monday to Friday. The School Office is closed during public holidays and school term breaks. They accept payments by cash or cheque.

The Board of Trustees is grateful for your support and welcomes any additional donations families are able to contribute.

Tax Donation Summary

You will be provided with a letter summarising your total contributions/donations paid from the 1 April 2016 through to 31 March 2017. Generally, you can claim a tax credit (formerly rebate) for up to 30% of school donations.

Music Lessons

We will continue to offer music lessons on Friday mornings for Guitar and Piano in Term 2 for the children who have been having lessons in Term 1. If your child would like to start taking music lessons, a registration form can be collected from the School Office.

Swimming – Term 2, 2017

Our annual swimming programme commences in Term 2. We will be sending a letter home about this next week. Invoices for this will be sent out early in Term 2.

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 9: Kieran, Hail, Joanna

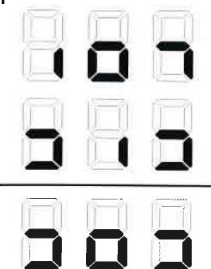
Week 10: Lucius, Trey, Zoe

Otago Problem Challenge:

The digits shown on a calculator are made up from seven short bars which can be turned on as needed:



Last week my calculator's display was faulty and the *top three bars* didn't work in each digit, so only the bottom parts of the digits were shown. This is how one particular addition looked:



What was the answer (using ordinary digits)?

Answer from last newsletter: 25

| SCHOOL DIARY | |
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| Every Monday | Principal's Assembly, 2.30pm |
| 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 |
| April | |
| Monday 3 | BoT Meeting, 6:30pm, Staffroom |
| Tuesday 4 | Boosterix - Y7 Boys & Girls |
| Wednesday 5 | EZ Senior Football Tournament |
| Friday 31 | Get Set, Go' & 'Run, Jump, Throw' |
| Friday 31 | MCS Open Day 10am-2pm |
| Thursday 13 | End of Term 1 (3pm finish) |

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

SPCA Easter Egg Hunt

On Sat 15 April 2017, 12-3pm, held at the Wellington SPCA, 140 Alexandra Road, Newtown.

Easter Eggs, Food & Drinks, Gold Coin Entry – see you there! www.wellingtonspca.org.nz

School Holiday Programmes/Events:

- **Computer Classes** for ages 5 – 15. For information call 499-2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.
- **Bigair Gym** School Holiday Programme & classes for Term 2. For queries and bookings; 04 383 8779 or wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz
- **Holiday Magic** - For girls and boys 9-13 years old. To find out more or enrol visit www.ratastudios.co.nz
- **Wilderkids** for kids aged 5-12. www.sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids
- **KidzStuff Theatre** "The Three Lil Pigs Wild adventure". 04-3850292 or www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz
- **Music School Holiday Programme** for aspiring singers and musicians. Please visit: www.therockacademy.co.nz. Ph: Geoff: 021 565 750
- **Craft House** Open to children 7 years and above. From \$25 for a 2hr class www.crafthouse.co.nz/kids and book now at www.enrolmy.com
- **Harbour City GymSports** for children aged 5 – 12 years. Email: office@hcg.org.nz or Phone 386 4443.
- **Newtown Movie School** are offering movie making and animation holiday programmes. Contact Craig 021 966 277 or www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz
- **Artrageous Kids** www.artrageouskids.co.nz