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Character, Competence, Community

Term 4 Theme: God is our Source.
Values: Character, Competence, Community.
Habit of the Mind: Initiative.
Key Competency: Managing Self & Relating 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 10

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits."

(Proverbs 18:21)

Principal's Pen

Greetings to all of you as we begin our 2018 school year, with a special welcome to our new parents as you join our **Miramar Christian School family**. We hope and pray that this year is both: fulfilling and rewarding.

STAFFING:

You will be aware that our staffing to begin this year is:

Kowhai (Years 1 & 2): Mrs Rosemarie Tinkle

Totara (Years 3, 4 & 5): Mrs Betsy Anderson

Kauri (Years 6, 7 & 8): Mr Uaea Toelupe and Mr Kevin Boyce (on Fridays).

Mrs Anderson will be away for medical reasons for two weeks, from Monday 12 February. In Mrs Anderson's absence, **Mr Martin Herring** will assume teaching duties for our Totara class.

You will know that we have advertised for a new Deputy Principal who will begin with us at the beginning of Term 2. In Term 2 Mr Toelupe will return to teach Kowhai class and the new appointment will teach our Kauri class.

CULTURAL:

Mrs Zelda Dahya has kindly offered to extend our Kapa Haka group to include learning of other cultures dances and songs, which show an appreciation of the 12 ethnic groups represented on our School site.

Our two itinerant teachers, **Shan Jordan (Piano)** and **Bekky Boyce (Guitar)**, will be continuing their tuition on Friday mornings. Please complete the return form which accompanies this newsletter.

SPIRITUAL:

As always, we will commence our school year with a **school church service**. This will take place at **Gateway Baptist on Sunday 18 February, at 10am**. Our 2018 School Leaders will be given their badge at this service.

ROLL:

We have 5 new families joining us in February. It is most pleasing to bid a warm welcome to the following 6 **pupils**: Sofia, Aardarsh, Anton, Raiden, Lani-Jayde, Trent and Daniel (from 26 Feb). We warmly welcome you and your families into our school community and pray you'll enjoy your time with us.



Sofia and Aardarsh



Lani



Trent and Raiden

2018 SCHOOL HOUSE LEADERS:

All our students have been assigned to one of our school houses: Bethlehem, Canaan, Jericho and Sinai. We congratulate the following pupils who have been chosen as leaders of their respective Houses:

Bethlehem (Green): Axella and Eneill.

Canaan (Blue): Bhoomi and Joanna.

Jericho (Red): Ellia and Zoe.

Sinai (Yellow): Anna and Lexus.

SPORT:

We have successfully applied for Kiwi Sport coaching for all of our students, in **Small Sticks (Hockey)**. This will commence in Week 3 for five weeks.

THREE CORE VALUES:

It is timely to remind ourselves of our **3 KEY VALUES**:



CHARACTER

Developing strong moral values that create a positive culture for empowered learning.



COMPETENCY

Smaller teacher/student ratios to maximise learning and achievement.



COMMUNITY

Helping children identify their place and contribution in society

ASSOCIATION of PARENTS and TEACHERS (APT):

We wish to make greater use of the knowledge and skills of our parent community, using our APT for this purpose. Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 7 February, at 2pm**. Come along and let's hear your ideas. This will finish in time for you to pick up your children at 3pm.

On behalf of our Staff team, may I wish you a great start to this new school year.

Nga mihi nui and God bless you.

Kevin Boyce
Principal

Otago Problem Challenge:

When racing, the team can row at 15 kilometres per hour. How many minutes does it take them to row 500 metres?

Answer from last newsletter: 3km.

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: Sofia, Emily, Amelia

Week 10: Seo Jin, Ziya, Harmony

Working Bee:

You will see a huge effort has been put into our building and grounds last Saturday to ensure our site is presented in the most appealing and safe manner for the beginning of the school year. Thank you to those who joined us last Saturday: we can be proud of our combined labours.

2018 Invoices

Class Sets, Athletics Licenses, Technicraft etc

The total amount to be charged for Class Sets for 2018 has yet to be determined, however these will be completed and invoices sent out in the next week.

At this stage, Athletics Licenses remain at \$17 pa (excl GST).

Bibles for students moving up into Year 3 and new students are priced at \$45.00

Technicraft – Technicraft for Yrs 7 & 8 will start next week at EBIS on a Thursday afternoon. The cost, once known, will be invoiced on.

Voluntary Donation

The school's annual Voluntary Donation for 2018 remains the same as previous years at \$70 per student per year. These will be sent out at the same time as the Class sets.

Music Lessons

Registration forms for piano and guitar lessons need to be filled out and returned to the School Office by **Tuesday 13 February** please. Piano and Guitar lessons will take place on a Friday this year, with Piano lessons starting next Friday 16 February and Guitar lessons starting from Friday 23 February.

Subway

Subway is still available to order on Wednesdays in 2018, starting from next Wednesday 14 February 2018.

SCHOOL DIARY

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
February	
Wednesday 7	First day of school - Term 1 2018
Wednesday 14	Subway starts
Thursday 15	Technicraft starts (Yrs 7-8)
Friday 16	Music Lessons start
Sunday 18	School Church Service, 10am at Gateway
Monday 19	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Friday 23	Mufti Day - gold coin donation
Monday 26	9am Vision Testing for New Entrants
Monday 26	9am Hearing & Vision Testing for Y7's
March	
Friday 2	Yr 7 Boosterix Immunisation
Monday 12	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Friday 23	Mufti Day - gold coin donation
Friday 30	Good Friday - No School
April	
Monday 2	Easter Monday - school closed
Monday 3	Easter Tuesday - school closed