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Character, Competence, Community

Term 1 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 5

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
(Psalm 119:105)

Principal's Pen

At the close of this week, we will be at the mid-point of this first term. This newsletter will give you dates about upcoming events and information on our **Peniel Trust**, from one of the Proprietors: Mr Bruce Heesterman.

APT - Association of Parents and Teachers:

We had our second APT meeting for the year yesterday, Monday 5 March, and plan to hold these on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 2pm.

PARENT/TEACHER EVENING - Tuesday 20 March

We can now confirm the following date and times for our annual **Meet the Teacher** evening on **Tuesday 20 March**. These times will be:

Kowhai - 6pm -6.30

Totara - 6.30-7pm

Kauri - 7pm-7.30

Peniel Trust Update from Bruce Heesterman

The Trust has two main responsibilities, firstly to ensure the Special Character of Miramar Christian School is upheld and secondly to provide the buildings from which the school operates. The attendance dues paid by all parents fund the building maintenance and alterations. Over the past few years we have had an architect create a design for the "perfect school" which would cost well over \$1 million, which we do not have. We have also looked at possible other sites in the area but so far have found nothing suitable and so are now continuing to invest in the current location.

What that means is that we are entering into a six-year contract for the painting and maintenance of the property. The work includes both exterior and interior painting work as well as some much needed minor maintenance, and we would expect that to start soon. We are also seeking a quote to replace the fence on Weka Street and Camperdown Road with a more open metal paling fence probably about 1.8m high, which will

modernise the image of the school. Note that the Darlington Road fence will just be repaired and painted as it is in reasonable condition already.

Lastly we are waiting for a proposal to redo the Library with more modern equipment and when the details of that are available we will share them with you all.

The Trust does understand that paying the attendance dues can be a financial burden and we try and keep them as low as possible. Thanks to everyone who pays them on time... it makes a big difference.

Regards,

Bruce Heesterman
Chairman, Peniel Trust

Newtown Festival

Thank you to those parents, pupils and staff who assisted with our information booth at the Newtown Festival by talking to prospective parents and, on your behalf, I thank our **Marketing Manager, Jana Major**, for her organisation.

Kilbirnie Festival

We need assistance with operating our PR BOOTH at the Kilbirnie Festival **this Sunday, 18 March**. If you can help for a couple of hours at the Kilbirnie Festival, please phone **Jana** on **022 402 2087**. It is your good comments about our school which will encourage others to join us.

Open Evening – Tues 13 Mar 2018 at 6:30pm

At both the Kilbirnie and Newtown Festivals, we will be handing out invitations to an OPEN EVENING, which will be held on Tuesday 13 March in our Kauri class from 6.30pm. **Peniel Trust are still running their Referral Program which rewards your family with a \$100 grocery voucher for each student that joins our school**, and we'd like to thank Jin Pearce and Zelda Dahya who have received vouchers so far for helping to promote MCS.

Staffing

We received some quality applicants for our vacant **Deputy Principal** role and we are conducting interviews this week.

Nga mihi nui and God bless.
Kevin Boyce
Principal

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 5: Daniel B, Elisha, Adad

Week 6: Aadarsh, Kieran, Connor

Welcome

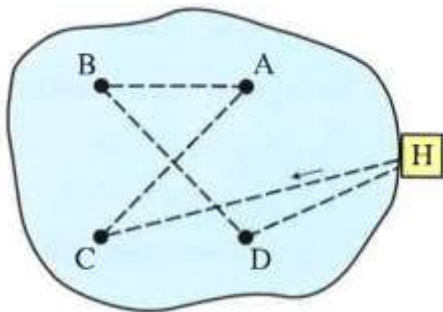
We welcome Daniel who joined our Kowhai class last Monday 26 February.



Daniel

Otago Problem Challenge:

The team trains on a lake which has a boat-house H and four markers A, B, C and D arranged in a square exactly as shown. Their coach tells them to start at H, visit each of the markers once and then return to H, rowing in straight lines. For example, the route HCABDH is shown. Which route involves the greatest distance?



Answer from last newsletter: 20 hours.

Easter Holidays

This year Easter falls **outside** of term break. School will be **closed** on Good Friday 30 March, Easter Monday 2 April and Tuesday 3 April. School will open again on Wednesday 4 April 2018. Term 1 ends of Friday 13 April 2018.

Emergency Food Supply

Thank you to those who have brought some cans and snack packs of food into school, its much appreciated. If you are still yet to bring your food, we ask you to do so as soon as possible. We need food in case we have an emergency and need to stay the night at school, or the local Civil Defence Centre.

Parking outside School

As you are already aware, it can be difficult to find a park outside school. In the interest of everyone's safety, we kindly ask all parents/caregivers to not pull into the school driveway, double park on the street, or park over neighbouring driveways/grass verges to drop off/pick up your child(ren) from school please. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Fundraiser – Entertainment Membership

Support Miramar Christian School by pre-ordering your NEW 2018/2019 Entertainment Membership now and **receive bonus Early Bird Offers!** Your purchase of an Entertainment Membership contributes to our fundraising. Help us achieve our goal by sharing the following link with your Friends and Family:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104x302> Thanks for your support!

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Monday	Principal's Assembly, 2:30pm
Every Tues/Thurs	Wheels Day
Every Wednesday	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Wednesday	Prayer Group, School Hall, 2.20pm
Every Thursday	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Friday	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 1:30pm
Every Sunday	10am Gateway Baptist Church - All Welcome
March	
Friday 9	Gymnastics
Monday 12	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Tuesday 13	Small Sticks Hockey
Tuesday 13	MCS Open Evening
Friday 16	Gymnastics
Tuesday 20	Meet the Teacher Evening
Friday 23	Mufti Day - gold coin donation
Friday 23	Gymnastics
Wednesday 28	NZSO (tbc)
Friday 30	Good Friday - school closed
April	
Monday 2	Easter Monday - school closed
Monday 3	Easter Tuesday - school closed
Wednesday 4	EZ Football (Snrs)
Friday 6	Gymnastics
Tuesday 10	EZ Futsal, Yrs5-8
Thursday 12	EZ Futsal, Yr1-4
Friday 13	Gymnastics
Friday 13	End of Term 1 (3pm Finish)

Miramar Central School is celebrating their 27th annual Ethnic Food Fair on Friday 9 March 2018 from 5pm-7:30pm, 38 Park Road. No need to cook dinner that night, drop by and enjoy a variety of delectable ethnic dishes, stalls, games and entertainment.

Junior Hockey Registrations Open

Harbour City Junior Hockey club is gearing up for the 2018 hockey season. If your child in Yr 3-8 is interested in playing hockey please visit www.hcjh.org.nz for registration and season info. There is a fun 'Open Afternoon' at the National Hockey Stadium on March 11th 2.30-4pm for all new and returning players.