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Character, Competence, Community

Term 2 Theme: God is Forgiving.
Values: Forgiveness.
Habit of the Mind: Thinking about thinking.
Key Competency: Thinking, 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 3

"Be kind to each other forgiving one another." (Ephesians 4:32)

Principal's Pen

As I said in a recent text to you: it is so good to back with you again after our trip in the United States of America. The US is a huge country, with unique beauty, which gave us a true appreciation of the diversity in God's global creation. It was sad, however, to witness the different life styles of the very rich compared to the growing numbers of homeless people, who live their lives on the streets of the large cities in the USA.

NEW PUPIL: It was a pleasure last week to welcome Sapphire Smith, sister of Lexus in Year 8, to our School and Kowhai class.



Sapphire

ACADEMIC: Our staff has continued to receive most rewarding and useful **professional development in Mathematics**, from Gillian Kissling and we continue to see the benefits of this upskilling in our pupils' confidence and progress with this important subject.

APT [Active Parents & Teachers]: please take time to read the letter, which has been written by Phil Coates and send back your response as soon as possible. As always, we welcome your comments and feedback.

STAFFING: On your behalf, I thank all of our staff for their excellent effort and input with your children. In addition to the extra duties that **Betsy Anderson** and

Kerrin Allott completed in my absence, I also pay tribute to: **Rosemarie Tinkle** and **Vivienne Varouhas** for accepting their teaching roles with our Kauri and Kowhai classes respectively. I also acknowledge our Teachers' Aides for their dedicated work; thank you: **Elizabeth Liefing, Jessica Wells and Hanaa Toma. Marie Anstiss** and **Di Harrop** are also acknowledged for their specialist teaching input with two of our students.

It was with sadness that I received the news of **Uaea Toelupe's** resignation whilst I was away, and as **Phil Coates** has said, we will be having a School dinner to honour Uaea's time in our School sometime this term. You will receive an invite and details of this once they have been finalised.

NETBALL: Our senior netball team began their **Saturday competition** games last Saturday, with a 43-8 win. Thanks are extended to MJ Simeona for her coaching and managing of our team. We also have two teams, a Year 5/6 and a Year 7/8, entered in the **Eastern Zones' tournament** this Wednesday. We wish them well.

CAMP: Our Kauri class camp is scheduled for Week 5 of Term Four (12-16 Nov 2018). We will be selling chocolates again as a fundraiser. There will be a meeting for our Kauri class parents, **on Monday 21 June 2018 at 6pm in Kauri Class** to talk about this venture and this classes' programme in general.

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 3: Daniel, Shum, Ellia

Week 4: Sapphire, Lotus, Bhoomi

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!

2018 Invoices

Invoices for fees are now **OVERDUE**. There are 12 families who still need to pay in full or set up a regular payment. We ask that you do this as soon as possible to ensure all fees are paid as soon as possible.

Tax Donation Summary

A letter summarising your total contributions/donations

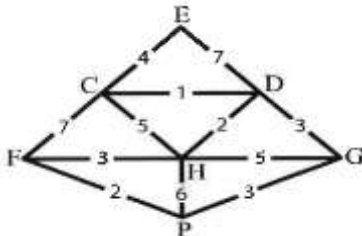
paid from the 1 April 2017 through to 31 March 2018 was sent home with your child at the end of Term 1. If you require another copy of this, please contact the School Office. Generally, you can claim a tax credit (formerly rebate) for up to 30% of school donations.

Swimming – Term 2 & 3, 2018

Our annual swimming programme commenced last Wednesday 9 May (Week 2). Invoices for this will be sent out in due course.

Otago Problem Challenge:

The diagram shows a road map (not drawn to scale) joining towns Easy (E) to Peasy (P), passing through the towns Crumb (C), Dumb (D), Fun (F), Glum (G), and Hum (H). The number by each part of the road is the length in kilometres of that road. How long is the shortest route from Easy to Peasy?



Answer from last newsletter: Yuan's change consisted of **three \$2 coins, two \$1 coins and one 50 cent coin.**

| SCHOOL DIARY | |
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| 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 |
| May | |
| Monday 14 | BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Room 4 |
| Wednesday 16 | EZ Netball Y5-8 @ ASB |
| Wednesday 16 | Swimming |
| Monday 21 | Chess Tournament (tbc) |
| Monday 21 | Kauri Class Parents Meeting, 6pm |
| Wednesday 23 | MCS Cross Country (a.m.) |
| Wednesday 23 | Swimming (p.m.) |
| Friday 25 | Mufti Day - gold coin donation |
| Tuesday 29 | ICAS - Science |
| Wednesday 30 | EZ Cross-country |
| Wednesday 30 | Swimming |
| June | |
| Monday 4 | School closed (Queens Birthday) |
| Tuesday 5 | Kauri - Library visit (11am) |
| Wednesday 6 | Swimming |

National Library - Celebrate He Tohu's birthday!
Come join us for whānau day festivities and celebrate New Zealand at the National Library.

Date: Saturday 19 May 2018

Time: 10:00am to 2:30pm

Cost: Free. No bookings required.

Location: Te Ahumairangi (ground floor), National Library, corner Molesworth and Aitken Streets, Thorndon

Contact Details: events.natlib@dia.govt.nz



POSITIVE PARENTING HELP

TWO HOURS* IS ALL YOU NEED.

- + Developing good bedtime routines
 - + Hassle-free shopping with children
 - + Dealing with disobedience
 - + Managing fighting and aggression
- 14th March
11th April
16th May
20th June

7-9PM, MIRAMAR SALVATION ARMY, 63 MIRAMAR AVENUE
Cost per session: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple
Apply/register at www.miramarsalvationarmy.co.nz
Questions? Contact Andrea Loddell, 021 2157625.
***PLUS COFFEE TIME!**