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Character, Competence, Community

Term 2 Theme: God is calling us.
Values: Caring, Kindness, Loyalty
Habit of the Mind: Managing Impulsivity, Remaining open to continuous learning
Key Competency: Managing Self, Understanding language, symbols, text

Our Mission Statement:

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

Memory Verse for 2019

18 But the Lord says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. **19** Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already - you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there."

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

Principal's Pen

Kia Ora Whānau and Caregivers,

Thought for the week: Psalm 133 verse 1-3

A song of ascents. Of David.

¹ How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
² It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
³ It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

One of our school values is '**Community**'. It was very exciting to see our school community coming together in unity at our 'Community Gathering'. This week we look forward to our visit from Maranatha Christian School. We will be joined by our wider Christian School community to celebrate Matariki on Wednesday. Both of these events provide opportunity for coming together in unity.

Recent Activity and Events Community Gathering

We had a very special time at the gathering. Whanau, Board of Trustees, Peniel Trust, volunteers and staff (55 people) came and shared food, played games and heard Andrew Kissling speak about the history of our school. We heard about how and why Miramar Christian School started, about some of the things that

were different about Miramar Christian School at the beginning of the school (including its location) and how the founding church parents were met with many obstacles that they overcame with prayer. Our Board of Trustees Chair also spoke and encouraged parents to consider becoming a Board of Trustees Member. Thank you to all those who attended and helped make our Community Gathering a special time. A special thank you goes out to Andrew Kissling our speaker, Tōtara class who helped set up the hall, and staff for all they did to help make this happen.



Andrew speaking about the history of MCS



The School Community hearing Andrew speak

Kauri Class Trial - learning about rules and laws

For nearly a week Miss Lee had students guessing who had removed books from their desks. Hypotheses and investigations were made by students and those suspected to be guilty were brought for a class trial. A judge, lawyers and jury were appointed from Kauri and Tōtara students. Suitable punishments were listed, and the questioning began. This task proved to be a rich learning exercise with much hilarity.



Miss Lee being questioned

Open Day

Thank you to all those who helped spread the word about our Open Day. Every time we share news about our school we raise the profile and visibility within the community and remind them we are here.

I would also like to thank Miss Lee who designed our flier, Kauri class who worked very hard at getting the grounds clean and who gave visitors a tour of the school. Visitors were interested in what we are doing here and very impressed with our senior students.



Preparation for Mihi Whakatau and Matariki Celebration.

Our students are practising hard to learn the how to contribute to the Mihi Whakatau on Wednesday. You can view a video of their practicing on our Facebook page.



Students practising for the Mihi Whakatau

Visiting Speaker at Assembly

Pastor David Medland got down to the children's level at Assembly on Friday. With the support of many visuals David spoke to students about some of the ways The Salvation Army works to share the love of God. If you think your Pastor/Minister or Missionaries from your church may be interested in talking about their work or bringing a devotion for our children at Assembly, please let me know.



Pastor Dave Medland

Give generously to our World Vision Sponsored Child (Kaknika)

Mufti Day This Friday!

Every month we have a mufti day to raise the money needed to sponsor Kaknika, and this time has rolled around again with our next mufti day being this Friday. As we currently have a smaller roll we invite you to be generous in your mufti donation on Friday. We have recently received a letter from Kanika. This is displayed in the foyer.

Ways to be involved at MCS: -

- **Join the Board of Trustees**

If you are looking for a different way to serve in our school community, you could join the Board of Trustees. We are currently looking for nominations for the Board of Trustees. Please see the Office Manager, Mrs Kerrin Allott, or contact me if this opportunity interests you.

- **Prayer Group Monday 2:30pm**

Prayer is vitally important for our school. The school prayer group will now be meeting on Mondays at 2:30pm. You are welcome to pray in silence or out loud during this time. We would love you to commit to praying for us.

- **Assemblies**

Assemblies are now on Friday afternoon at 2:15pm. At our next assembly each class will share something they have learnt or created over the term. It would be lovely if you could join us at this time.

Information: -

- **Swimming** - this Monday afternoon is our last swimming lesson for the term. We will again be swimming on Monday afternoons next term.
- **All Teachers away - 4 and 5 July 2019**
On Thursday 4 and Friday 5 July (the two days before the school holidays), all the teachers and I will be attending the Christian Schools Conference called 'The Way' in Tauranga. This conference will provide staff with quality Christian Character professional development. As we know many of you are taking these days as extra holidays, the school will still be open for learning with all students being together in Kowhai Class run by a Relief Teacher and supported by one of our Teacher Aides, Mrs Jennifer Cottman. Before the Teachers go, Tōtara and Kauri classrooms will be packed up ready for painting in the school holidays.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For a great Community Gathering.
- For hearing about our school's history.
- For the visibility of our school through the Open Day and our website 'landing page'.
- For the blessing of visiting speakers and people who are encouragers of our school.
- For the blessing that comes from those who support the school in practical ways, e.g. art, reading, and gardening.
- For holidays and times of celebration that refresh students and staff.

Please pray:

- Our school would be built up on a foundation of prayer.
- That parents would step forward to join the **Board of Trustees** as Parent Representatives.
- For our time with **Maranatha Christian School** – that we would be people of a welcoming nature, students would be relaxed with our guests and show care for them and we would find multiple ways to bless our visitors throughout the day and after.
- For **staff** as they go to conference for – safe travel, opportunities to deepen friendships, networking, deepening of faith and what we learn from the professional development will have a lasting impact on our school. The last two days of school would run smoothly for our Relief Teacher and Teacher Aide.
- Opportunities and time to meet with **Pre-schools** and continue to build links.
- For families who would value being part of our community to find and join us.
- For our prayer students Hugo, Lotus, Dandi, Aadarsh, Aisha-Jadah and Chirag.

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

May God bless you with joy and excitement for His work.

Blessings and nga mihi nui
Kaye Gillies

Principal

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Prayer Group, Hall, 2:30pm
Every Mon/Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thurs	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Fri	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 10:30am
Every Fri	Assembly 2:15pm
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist Church - all welcome
June	
Mon 24 Jun	Swimming Lessons p.m. (last lesson for T2)
Wed 26 Jun	Maranatha School Visiting
Fri 28 Jun	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 28 Jun	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
July	
Mon 1 Jul	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 2 Jul	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 3 Jul	PB4L Play Day
Thurs 4 Jul	Teachers attending 'The Way' Conference
Fri 5 Jul	Teachers attending 'The Way' Conference
Fri 5 Jul	End of Term 2 (3pm finish)
Mon 22 Jul	Term 3 starts (9am)

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: Hugo, Lotus, Dandi

Week 10: Aadarsh, Aisha-Jadah, Chirag

2019 Invoices

Invoices for **School Costs and the Term 1 PE Programme** are now **OVERDUE**. We ask that you pay as quickly as possible. Reminders will be sent home over the next week for any outstanding invoices.

Parent Interview Nights – Mon 1 & Tues 2 July

On Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July you will have a chance to discuss your child's progress. On the Friday before the interviews (28 June) you will be given a report which will tell you how your child is doing. If you have some questions about your child's learning, please feel free to ask your child's teacher during your interview to discuss your concerns. Importantly, if something has changed at home, e.g. a parent is starting night shift work, or there is a death of a close family member, please let us know.

2019 Entertainment Book

The new 2019/2020 Entertainment Memberships are now available. MCS is once again selling Entertainment Memberships as part of our fundraising to ensure that all our students have access to the same opportunities. There are fantastic savings to be made at Wellington's leading restaurants, cafes and attractions. There are also great offers for over 2000 hotels, theme parks, rental cars, online shopping and so much more. They can be ordered online, or books can be purchased from the School Office. To securely order online go to: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104x302>



Guiding is a place where **girls can be girls** and in a safe and positive environment they can:

- Learn new life skills
- Build their confidence
- Contribute to their communities
- Form friendships
- And so on

Our non-competitive learning environment is open-minded, and values based. It's a supportive place to grow confident, adventurous girls who are ready to be tomorrow's leaders.

Supporting success
in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

Lending criteria and terms apply to home loans. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria, documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2019, mention of this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required, excluding lending through brokers. Limited to one donation per customer. Donation will be made to chosen school on complete draw down of the home loan. For full eligibility criteria, exclusions and further details see <https://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html>

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Powerhouse Kids Club

for kids 4-12 years old

Fridays 3-5pm

food & drink games arts & craft puzzles

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | gatewaybaptist.org.nz | families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz | ph 022 401 5720

Fridays 3-5pm
(come straight from school)

- 10 May
- 17 May
- 24 May

NO club on 31 May
(Queen's Birthday weekend)

- 7 June
- 14 June
- 21 June
- 28 June

Hey parents, we're keen for you to stay and join in the fun! Tea & coffee available!

This FREE programme is run by

Ben Edwards
Children, Youth + Families Pastor
Gateway Baptist Church
with the assistance of church volunteers

Any questions?
Ring Ben on 022 401 5720



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Learn English

free conversation class

Classes run during the school term

Tuesdays 1:30 – 2:30pm
Reading group: 1pm - 1:30pm

All welcome

Gateway Baptist Church, Miramar

For more information ring Margaret on 388 1094 or the church office

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar
office@gatewaybaptist.org.nz

ph 388 6535
gatewaybaptist.org.nz

NZ Police recently launched a new non-emergency number, **105**. They've done this to make it easier to get hold of them in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call them on 105 for all non-emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- lost property
 - theft for a public place or car
 - intentional property damage
 - or to get an update or add info to a previous report
- In the event of an emergency, always call 111 (for things that are happening now).

July Holiday Programme
Musical fun for ages 6 to 16.

Week One dates:
Monday 8th July to Wednesday 10th July

Week Two dates:
Monday 15th July to Wednesday 17th July

Book at: www.therockacademy.co.nz/contact/

Lower Hutt, Kāpiti, Upper Hutt & Wellington City Libraries present

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Beyond the Page – An exciting literary festival for tamariki
6th – 21st July 2019

Featuring well known authors, illustrators, and performers, *Beyond the Page* is a festival brimming with literary adventures for tamariki and their whānau. Children will have the opportunity to explore their creative side, be inspired by spell-binding performances, pick up a new skill, and discover a world of possibilities at their local library.

Follow *Beyond the Page* on Facebook, and visit www.beyondthepage.nz to find out what events are happening in your area. All events are free.

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KidzStuff Theatre for Children are presenting *Hansel & Gretel*, Written by Amalia Calder and Directed by Isobel Mackinnon

What: Hansel and Gretel

When: 6th - 19th July 2019

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets \$10.50pp, Children under 2 Free

Special \$7 preview on Saturday the 6th of July 2019!

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz

CodeCamp - July Holidays 2019

Thorndon School: July 8th - 12th & 15th - 19th

Seatoun School: July 8th - 12th

CodeCamp allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action-packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks. Book Now at <http://codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp/>

Artrageous Kids Programme: 8 – 19 July 2019 BOOK ARTRAGEOUS APRIL

VENUE: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park,

Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! **Bookings essential.**

To view the programme and make a booking go to:

<https://enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids/book-now/24-July-Artrageous-Holiday-Adventure->

Big Kids (Olderageous) Programme: 8 – 19 July 2019 BOOK OLDERAGEOUS APRIL

VENUE: Pavillion at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. **Bookings essential.**

To view the programme and make a booking go to:

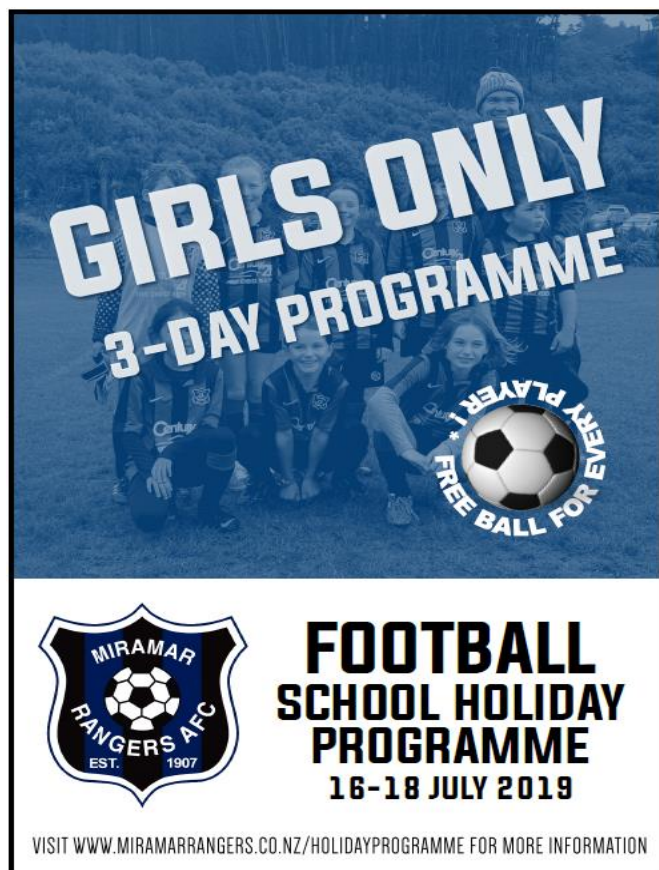
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Cartwheels, Walkovers, Flips, Kongs, Handstands, Barrel Rolls, Handsprings - it's all here at Bigair Gym! Kids love learning a vast range of skills in **Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling, Parkour and Cheerleading!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests. These classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn extensive personal skills from Bigair Gym Classes, including increased self-confidence, self-determination, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem and much more! **BOOK NOW for TERM 3! Book now for our July School Holiday Programme!** Full day and half day sessions available. Great for kids to get active during the holidays! Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

Grand Training Holiday Programmes

Grand Training runs fun computer courses in the school holidays. We have courses for all aspects of computer skills, from building your own computer, to encrypting a message with Python, to fighting a zombie in Minecraft. The courses run at Wellington Girls College. Tell us what you want to learn about, and we'll make it happen. Check out www.grandtraining.co.nz or ring 04 499 2211 for more details.

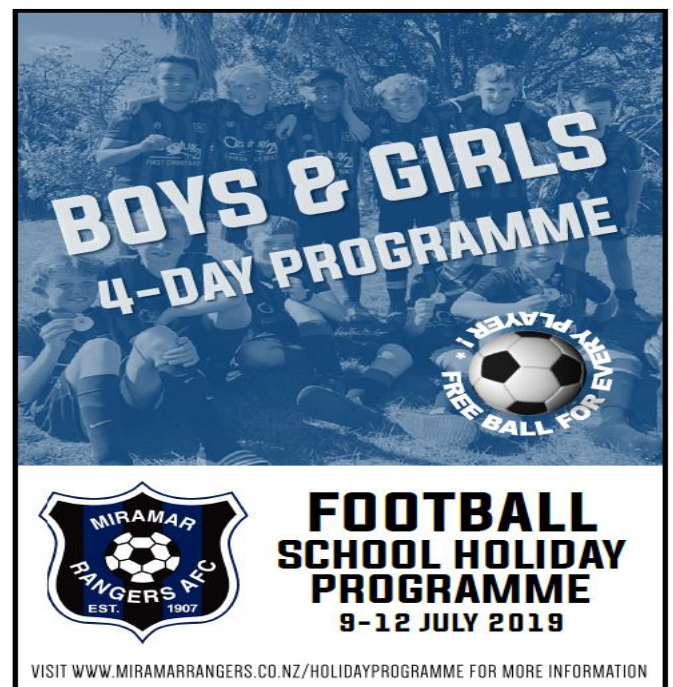


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4-DAY PROGRAMME
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FOOTBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
9-12 JULY 2019

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