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Character, Competence, Community

Term 1 Theme: God is our Peace
Values: Character, Competence, Community
Habit of the Mind: Diplomacy, Finding Humour
Key Competency: 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 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 Koutou Whanau,
We have had a wonderful start to the year. When I look out the window in my office in the morning I see thriving students, playing peaceably and enjoying being together. On arrival students can select PE gear to play with. At the moment hockey, basketball and using the trolley, are very popular.



Students at play before school on Tuesday

In class, students have mastered the class routines and are engaged in learning. Things are now well under way.

Your thoughts

We are always interested in hearing about student and parent ideas and dreams for the school. In the foyer there is a place for you to share ideas. While we cannot do everything listed, it helps us to know your thinking. We appreciate and thank those who have already contributed to this.

Commissioning Service - 24 February

This Sunday at 10am at Gateway Baptist is a special commissioning service for Miramar Christian School. We would love all students (in uniform) and whanau to attend. Several students are involved in taking an active role. Students need to arrive 9:50am or earlier if your child is on the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Connecting with Parents

Thank you to all the parents who came to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. We appreciate the time you have taken to find out how things in your child's classroom work. It was nice to connect, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Digital Citizen Agreement

Thank you to all those who have sent in their signed Digital Citizen Agreement. These are due back at school no later than Friday 22 February please.

Global Play Day

We are on the front page of the Cook Strait News!!! It is lovely seeing our smiling students in the limelight.



No screens or structure as school joins global Play Day

Miramar Christian School's students were amongst them, with students engaging in fun activities throughout the day, both in and out of the classroom.

Principal Kaye Gillies says the whole school participated, with the juniors given the entire day to indulge with tools and equipment they don't normally have access to.

The key aspect of play day is that technology takes a back seat, she says.

"There are no screens. For a lot of children it was a bit hard for them to go without," Kaye says.

However pupils appeared to be having fun on their own terms when the Cook Strait News paid a visit.

"Students self-direct and self-manage unstructured play," Kaye says. "We are here but we are just observing."

Kaye explains the day is as much educational as it is fun, as pupils develop social and organisational skills.

"They learnt to negotiate and co-operate. The older ones help the younger ones."



Kaye notes a famous quote by Plato which is found on the Play Day website: "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."

This year's Global School Play Day was held worldwide

on February 6, but as this school held its following day school held in the following day.

"Some were excited because they got to judge a block competition, they like making their own fun by twisting the rules of games and creating their own games."

"It was great building staff using their imagination. They were using buckets to make music. Some seniors enjoyed using play-doh as it brought back memories of it when they were much younger."

ABOVE: Elisha Pearce, Kauri Holtz, Aisha-Jadeh Fuimara Saifi, Amia-Rose Godinet and Erik Stison experiment with hammer and nails.

LEFT: Lotus Fraser creates her own style of hopscotch with hula hoops.

PHOTO: JAMES ADAMS

Skool Loop

We have just joined Skool Loop. Skool Loop is an App which connects whanau and schools. Newsletters, notices and messages will be available through Skool Loop. We encourage you to download this app onto your phone. Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed.

Stay "in the loop" in 2019 with our school app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees

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Water and Milk Only School

This is a friendly reminder that we are a "Water and Milk Only School". We have received a report from the dental service stating 21% of our students seen in 2018 by the dental nurse had tooth decay. To care for children's teeth, it is good to avoid sugary drinks. This is why we only offer water or milk to drink whilst at school.

May God bless you with multiple moments of joy this week.

Ngā mihi nui and God bless you.

Kaye Gillies
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 1: Kate, Daniel, Dandi

Week 2: Mary, Sofia, Chirag

2019 Invoices

Class Sets, Mathletics, Bibles, Technicraft, PE, etc

The total amount to be charged for Class Sets, Mathletics, Bibles, Technicraft, PE, etc for 2019 is still being finalised and will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Voluntary Donation

The school's annual Voluntary Donation for 2019 remains the same as previous years at \$70 per student per year. These invoices will be sent out at the same time as the other invoices.

Regional Public Health - Vision Screening

Who for: Yr 7 and New Entrant Students

When: Thursday 21 February

Time: 9:30am

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 and New Entrant students.

- **Vision** – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- **Children who wear glasses** and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

Non-consent – please notify the School Office if you do not want your child being screened.

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

Music Lessons

We continue to offer piano lessons on Friday mornings. If your child would like to start taking piano lessons, a registration form can be collected from the School Office.

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Monday	Principal's Assembly, 2:15pm
Every Tues/Thurs	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Wednesday	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Wednesday	Prayer Group, Hall, 2:20pm
Every Thursday	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Friday	Music Lessons, 9:30am - 12pm
Every Sunday	10am Gateway Baptist Church - All Welcome
February	
Monday 18	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Tuesday 19	Kiwi Hoop a.m.
Thursday 21	Vision/Hearing Testing for Y1 & Y7 9:30am
Friday 22	Mufti Day - gold coin donation
Friday 22	Kauri - Library Visit 11am
Friday 22	PE @ ASB p.m.
Sunday 24	School Church Service, 10am at Gateway
Tuesday 26	Kiwi Hoop a.m.
Wednesday 27	EZ Cricket (Jnrs)
March	
Friday 1	PE @ ASB p.m.
Monday 4	Learning/Class Assembly 2:30pm
Tuesday 5	Kiwi Hoop a.m.
Wednesday 6	EZ Cricket (Snrs)
Friday 8	Yr 7 Boosterix Immunisation
Friday 8	PE @ ASB p.m.
Tuesday 12	Kiwi Hoop a.m.
Friday 15	PE @ ASB p.m.
Monday 18	Learning/Class Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 18	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Tuesday 19	Kiwi Hoop a.m.
Tuesday 19	EZ Futsal (Jnrs) @ ASB
Wednesday 20	EZ Futsal (Snrs) @ ASB
Friday 22	Kauri - Library Visit 11am
Friday 22	PE @ ASB p.m.
Tuesday 26	Kiwi Hoop a.m.
Friday 29	Mufti Day - gold coin donation
April	
Monday 1	Learning/Class Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 5	PE @ ASB p.m.
Friday 12	PE @ ASB p.m.
Friday 12	End of Term 1 (3pm finish)

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

Powerhouse Kids Club

for kids 4-12 years old

Fridays 3-5pm

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball games arts & craft

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)

8 February
15 February
22 February
1 March
8 March
15 March
22 March
29 March
5 April

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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Family Space Playgroup Coordinator Wanted

The Family Space is seeking an **outgoing Playgroup Coordinator** to facilitate the smooth running of 3 playgroups each week (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings) and to manage basic administrative & financial tasks. The role would suit someone who loves working in a Christian environment with pre-school children and communicates well with parents & caregivers from all backgrounds.

This position is part-time (14 hours/week) and begins as soon as possible.

Contact Phil if you're interested to receive the Job Description, Statement of Faith and Application form for this role.

All CV's (with 2 current referees) AND completed application forms to be sent to:

pastor@gatewaybaptist.org.nz

Phil Coates: 021 236 8139
(Family Space Trust Chairperson)

Permanent Position Vacant: Please Apply

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

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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. Merit 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. Excludes lending through brokers. Limited to one donation per account. Donation will be made to chosen school or 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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KIDS COMMUNITY HUB

112 Waipapa Road, Hataitai, Wellington

Contact details:
Kaye Rodriguez
0212565085
Jacine Palatchie
0220459936

Kids Community Hub AFTER SCHOOL CARE

ACCEPTING ENROLLMENTS NOW!

After school care programme

Planned activities
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Community based

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Kids Hub Wellington Limited
112 WAIPAPA ROAD, HATAITAI, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND
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Children in Wellington are learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR Gymnastics classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus pride and self-confidence as they achieve new skills. BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING & TRAMPOLINE classes are great for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, basic skills, through to more advanced skills such as summersaults and twisting. CHEERLEADING is perfect for children who love to Dance, Stunt and Tumble. We are currently taking new members into our 2019 competitive teams! To find out more, please call Bigair Gym Owiro Bay on 3838779 or email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz.

Faith and Adolescence tour - Tues 14 May 2019

The Church in NZ has struggled to 'keep our Teens connected to Faith' for a long time now. This tour will speak into this challenge with hope and encouragement for parents, pastors, youth workers, and to teenagers themselves. The keynote speaker will be Dr Crystal Kirgiss who is a published author and respected speaker on this subject.

Parents Seminar

Time: 7pm-9pm

Venue: Lifeswitch, 3 Reynolds Bach Dr, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt 5019

Cost: \$5 (cash/eftpos) (door sales only)

Topic: The Wonder Years

- Seeing our teens as "a wonder to behold" rather than "a problem to be solved" or "a stage to survive."
- Understanding cultural pressures, neurological development, and a theology of adolescence can reshape our view of parenting teens — which is a sacred task."



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The Cathedral Choristers

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Michael Stewart and I direct the music at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, opposite Parliament on Molesworth Street.

I am writing to you to let you know about the opportunity for children to gain a free music education and singing tuition at the Cathedral, an acknowledged centre of musical excellence.

We offer two choirs at the Cathedral: the first, the Children's Choir, is for children aged 5-8. In the Children's Choir members are taught basic musicianship and singing technique in a weekly rehearsal and join with the Cathedral Choristers for a monthly Thursday evening service.

The Cathedral Choristers are a robed choir of 8-15-year-old children, whose skills are developed in singing technique, music theory, public speaking and teamwork through two weekly rehearsals. They lead the weekly Thursday evening Evensong service, with choristers reciting the readings as well as leading all the sung components. The training that the Choristers receive has equipped many graduates to proceed on to national choirs, such as the New Zealand Secondary Schools Choir, and many of the world's leading singers can attribute their start in their profession to having been trained as chorister.

We currently have vacancies in both of these choirs. If you are interested in finding out more, please do not hesitate to contact me on 021 477 257 or at dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Stewart



Finding work in New Zealand

Free Information Session

Migrant Connect

TOPICS: Information about services available to help migrants to find work in Wellington

WHEN: 5.30 – 7.30pm on Thursday 21 February 2019

WHERE: Mezzanine Floor meeting room, Central Library, 65 Victoria Street, Wellington

CONTACT: For more information please phone Wellington Central CAB at 04 472 2466 or email at welcab@cab.org.nz

Wellington Citizens Advice Bureau offers free, face to face support to migrants. Mezzanine Floor (next to the café) Central Library, 65 Victoria St Wellingtoncentral@cab.org.nz
0800 FOR CAB (0800 367 222)
www.cab.org.nz

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