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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,

³⁶ **"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"**

³⁷ **Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."**³⁸ **This is the first and greatest commandment.** ³⁹ **And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'**⁴⁰ **All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."** (Matthew 22 verse 36-40 NIV)

Christchurch

As a faith community it was difficult to watch the events in Christchurch on Friday afternoon. As a school community we remember in prayer the people in the New Zealand Muslim community, who are our neighbours. As a small country it is said we have two degrees of separation to all other fellow citizens. This means that the events of Christchurch affect us all. For me, my daughter, sister, aunts, uncles, cousins and their families live in Christchurch. My daughter was with a friend who lost 5 people dear to him on Friday. My sister has a work colleague who also lost loved ones. I am sure many of you also have these types of connections too.

"Community" is one of our school values. Now is the time for us to show love to those in our New Zealand community. I wish to encourage you to pray and reach out with us, in practical ways to show support to those you know from the Muslim community as they grieve and feel shaken to their core by recent events. As a school we are going to invite our students to pray and reach out by writing letters of thanks to either police, ambulance officers, surgeons or other medical staff, letters to express solidarity to people at our local

mosques, and sympathy to people at the affected Christchurch mosques. Please be assured we will not let students watch graphic images of this event or go into gruesome detail as this could be too disturbing. We also offer the opportunity to donate a gold coin to buy flowers to be placed at a Wellington mosque.



Advice about how to help your child if they are upset about events in Christchurch can be found at the **Children's Commissioner NZ Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/childrenscommnz/posts/2099610073454960?tn=-R>

Our Emergency readiness

The situation in Christchurch reminds us of the importance of being prepared for an emergency. As a school we want to be prepared too. We had planned an earthquake and tsunami drill for today but have decided, like many other schools around the country, to instead do a lockdown drill later in the week. If you think this drill will frighten your child, please let us know so we can show extra sensitivity and reassurance during this drill.

Please remember to send an emergency food supply for your child to school. Thank you to those who have already brought in replacements for emergency food.

Movin'March

Last week we had our first group of students claiming rewards from their completed cards. Others who have completed awards are holding on to these to gain a larger reward. Thank you to all the parents who have been supporting students to move.



Skool Loop

As there are a few people finding it difficult to get onto Skool Loop, I have contacted the Skool Loop advisor to find out if there are any common reasons which we can remedy. Suggested checks are as follows: -

1. Check you have enough room on your phone for a new app.
2. Check you have all the latest software updates. To check this, go into 'Settings' on your device and search updates. It should tell you if you are up to date or if you need to download any updates.

Please let me know if you are still not able to get in after trying the above.

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

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 7: Aadarsh, Kauri, Angelina

Week 8: Anton, Aisha-Jadah, Josiah

2019 Invoices

Invoices for fees and donations for 2019 were sent via email on Friday 15 March 2019, and a hard copy should be coming home with your child today. We ask that **payment is received by Friday 12 April 2019**. If you are unable to pay in full by this time, the school needs to see some form of regular payment set up to ensure all fees are paid by the end of this school year. If you find it difficult to meet the school payment, please contact the school office so that suitable arrangements can be put in place. If you have any questions or comments about your account, please contact the school office. Our preferred method of payment is by internet banking. You are welcome to set up automatic payments or pay one-off lump sum payments. Please find the school's bank account details below: -

Miramar Christian School
ASB Bank Kilbirnie
12-3481-0040719-00

Reference: Please use the student's name(s)

Particulars: indicate if you are paying for a particular payment (e.g. 2019 School Costs)

Alternatively, payments are accepted in the school office between 9am and 1pm, Monday to Friday. The school office is closed during public holidays and school term breaks. They accept payments by cash or cheque. The Board of Trustees is grateful for your support and welcomes any additional donations families can contribute.

Tax Donation Summary

You will be provided with a letter summarising your total contributions/donations paid from the 1 April 2018 through to 31 March 2019. Generally, you can claim a tax credit (formerly rebate) for up to 30% of school donations.

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Monday	Principal's Assembly, 2:15pm
Every Monday	Prayer Group, Hall, 9am
Every Tues/Thurs	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Wednesday	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thursday	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Friday	Music Lessons, 9:30am - 12pm
Every Sunday	10am Gateway Baptist Church - All Welcome
March	
Monday 18	Learning/Class Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 18	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Tuesday 19	Kiwi Hoop a.m.
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
Tues 2 Apr	Y1-Y8 Futsal Tournament @ ASB
Wed 3 Apr	Predator Free Presentation p.m.
Friday 5 Apr	Y4-8 Lower Nth Is Christian Schools Sports Day
Friday 5 Apr	Y1 -Y3 PE @ ASB p.m.
Tues 9 Apr	Energise Nutrition p.m.
Friday 12	PE @ ASB p.m.
Friday 12	End of Term 1 (3pm finish)

Board Elections | A message from the Miramar Christian School Board of Trustees

2019 is an election year for school trustees. We understand that asking people to put their hand up and stand for election is difficult, especially if parents aren't really clear on what the role entails!

Find out about becoming a trustee: -

New Zealand School Trustees Association are offering a new programme, **Kōrari**, which is designed to recognise the experience of existing trustees and help to encourage potential new trustees to come and find out what it really means to serve on a school board. People who want to understand what school governance looks like can come along and find out more. A hui will be facilitated by a regional adviser from NZSTA who will talk about the reality of being a trustee, the support and training that is available and encourage existing trustees to tell their story.

The Hui will be held at **Wellington High School on Monday 1st April at 6pm**. NZSTA will provide refreshments.

If you are interested in becoming a school trustee we encourage you to come along. **Please RSVP using this link if you ARE attending:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/MBa8fFYExKC1N7YS2>



Thanks to all our partners and various community groups for supporting this event!

COFFEE, CAKES & KAI CANDY FLOSS BOUNCY CASTLE
FACE PAINTING SAUSAGE SIZZLE CRAFTS & GAMES
PRIZES & SILENT AUCTION OUR NEW PLAYGROUND

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION—WWW.THEFAMILYSPACE.ORG.NZ

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

Powerhouse Kids Club

for kids 4-12 years old

Fridays 3-5pm

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

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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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

The Story of the Daughter of Zion

The 'Story of the Daughter of Zion' has been pivotal in the lives of women and churches around the world, and now, Anya McKee and her team of friends are pleased to present this remarkable story in a beautiful one-day retreat for women in Wellington!

Saturday 23 March 2019 9:30am
FRIENDSHIP | WORSHIP | THEOLOGICAL STORYTELLING

Rich in biblical insight, the Story of the Daughter of Zion is a dramatic spoken-word presentation that has been aptly called, 'The Story that Shapes a Life.'

This day is open to women across the city - come alone or bring a friend. Childcare is not provided, however, mothers with babies are very welcome! Capital Vineyard is located at Level2/145 Thorndon Quay, Wellington City. Parking is available on the street; alternatively, Wellington Trains and buses are a very short walk from the venue. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

For more information, head to www.torncurtain.co.nz/doz-story/ or contact Rosemary Wallis on 0211791465

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/efpos) (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."

Grand Training Holiday Programmes

Grand Training runs fun computer courses in both weeks of 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. Tell us what you want to learn about, and we'll make it happen. Check out www.grandtraining.co.nz or ring Wanda at (04) 499 2211 for more details.

Let's create a Miramar Peninsula Community Market!

Join for a cup of tea and brainstorm to create a local market. Would you like to have a stall, do a performance, contribute ideas or help organise? If you have **any interest** (big or small) then please come along. Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm at the Miramar & Maupuia Community Centre 27 Chelsea St. Please contact saskia@mmcc.org.nz or call 04 388 1944 for queries.

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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

ASB
ONE STEP AHEAD

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 the 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; etc. 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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April
**HOLIDAY
PROGRAMME**

BOOK NOW!

Week 1: 15th 16th 17th
Week 2: 23rd 24th 26th

geoff@therockacademy.co.nz

Artrageous Kids Programme: 15 – 26 April 2019

VENUE: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3pm \$69, and after care 3pm–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 by going to**

<https://enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids/book-now/23-April-Artrageous-Holiday-Adventure>

Big Kids (Olderageous) Prog: 15–26 Apr 19

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

8.30am–3pm \$69, and after care 3pm–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 by going to**

<https://enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids/book-now/23-April-Artrageous-Holiday-Adventure>

The Rock Academy April Holiday Programme

Musical fun for ages 6 to 16.

Week One dates:

Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th April

Week Two dates:

Tuesday 23rd to Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th April

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

Or email: geoff@therockacademy.co.nz

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Autumn Holidays at Brooklyn – 2 Bell Road
15th – 26th April 2019 from 7.00am–7pm daily.

Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$240 per cub/week or \$450 for two or more siblings/week. WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or register online: www.pridelands.org.nz or visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

In the Wings
Drama classes for emerging talent

Open Day

Come and try out our classes!

Saturday 6th April

Hataitai Community Centre

Gold coin entry

10.15-11.15: Drama for 7-12 yr olds

11-12: Drama for secondary students

1-2: Speech and Drama, all ages

See website for details:

www.inthewings.co.nz



**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