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Monday 13 May 2019

Character, Competence, Community

Term 2 Theme: God is calling us to walk with him.
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

Welcome to Miana. May God bless you Miana as you grow and learn at Miramar Christian School.

"Let your father and your mother be GLAD AND let her who bore you rejoice." — Proverbs 23:25



Miana

Mother's Day

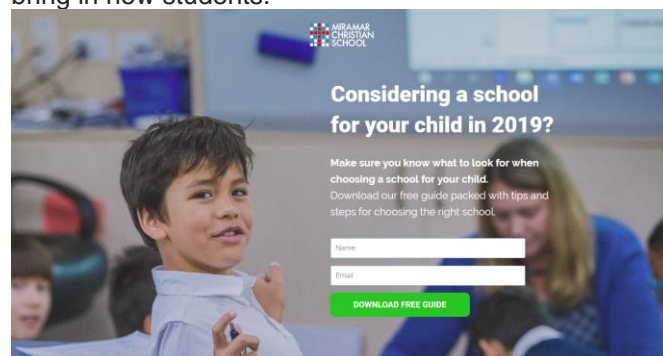
Mother's Day is a time of celebration. A child's hug, kind words or even a smile can make the work of motherhood all worthwhile. I shared Mother's Day with my Mother, children and wider family. My Mother has been a continuous blessing though-out my life and my children bring me joy. I know I am truly blessed by my family. I hope your child/ren have also demonstrated their appreciation of you this weekend.

Social Media and Ad Launch Today!

Today is a big day for the school. Our school is a treasure to share and we now have another tool to promote Miramar Christian School. Our website has been refreshed with great photos, amazing graphics

and targeted language and we have a slick add campaign ready to fly today. We are ready to grow, looking outward, to welcome new students and parents.

I wish to acknowledge Kim Coates our BoT Chair who has put many hours into this work and the Peniel Trust and Grocott Trust for backing this project; as well as Swarm Strategy who have taken our ideas and presented them so beautifully. Please pray with us that this work would be blessed and bring in new students.



Board of Trustees (BoT) Elections

Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate to stand on our Board and if this is a role you are happy to put your hand up for. There are extra nomination forms attached to the display in the school entrance corridor.

International Support Staff Day 16 May

I would like to acknowledge and thank Amyla, Jennifer Cottman (our Teachers Aides), Kerrin Allott (our Office Manager) and Karl Anderson (our Caretaker) for the work they do. The work of our support staff enables our school to run smoothly. Our students also benefit from this work. If you get a moment to encourage and thank these people, it would be fantastic.

EXTRA Mufti day and sausage sizzle Friday

The extra mufti day is to raise money for the Kauri class NYLD day. A notice regarding this will be sent out tomorrow. Please support Kauri with this.

Assemblies

This week's Assembly is on Monday 13 May 2019 afternoon at 2:30pm and Swimming lessons are on Wednesday 15 May 2019. We are still waiting for confirmation of what day our swimming lessons will take place from Week 3, Term 2. Assembly day may need to be changed once swimming times are confirmed.

Bullying Free NZ Week (13 May – 17 May 2019)

Bullying free New Zealand week aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

To achieve this, we will be talking to students about: what bullying is and isn't, helping them identify who they can ask for help from if they have a problem,

what they can do if they see someone else being bullied and the importance of being kind.

In the box below is the definition of bullying we will be using. Understanding what is not bullying is as important as understanding what bullying is.

What is Bullying?

- Bullying is deliberate – harming another person intentionally.
- Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship.
- Bullying is usually not a one-off – the behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.
- Bullying involves behaviours that can cause harm – it is not a normal part of growing up

What is not Bullying?

- Conflict between two or more people who have a disagreement, a difference of opinion or different views (where there is no power imbalance) does not always mean it's bullying.
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection is not bullying.
- One-off acts of meanness or spite, though they are not acceptable, they are not bullying. Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence are not bullying.

Here is a link to the parent guide on bullying. It includes further information about bullying and actions you can take if your child is affected by bullying.
<https://www.bullyingfree.nz/assets/Uploads/Tackling-Bullying-A-guide-for-parents-and-whanau.pdf>
 Please see your classroom teacher if at any stage your child experiences bullying.

APT (Active Parents & Teachers)

Later in the term we will be looking for a group of passionate parents who seek to enhance the culture of the school community through mutual caring and practical support. Please keep your eye out for opportunities to be involved.

Lockdown Drill

Students have practised a lockdown drill today.

Prayer points:

Thank God For

- those that care for us, especially mother and support staff
- our new student Miana.
- the way the students have settled back into school.
- the refreshing of our website and our ad campaign.
- the blessing that comes from those who support the school in many ways and especially the work and support of our current Board, Bot Chair and Peniel Trust

Please pray:

- All whānau at MCS would find a way to contribute to our school and know the role they can play in it.
- New people would be called to and nominated for the BoT.
- New people would step forward to join the APT. Our marketing campaign would be fruitful, reaching people who are seeking quality education combined with living Christian values.

- That our new families, especially the parents would feel welcomed and friends among the school parent community.
- For our prayer students Nova, Miana, Erik, Theodore, Harmony, Justine
- Our school would continue to be built up on a foundation of prayer.

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

May God bless you and encourage you as you follow Him.

Nga mihi nui
Kaye Gillies
 Principal

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Prayer Group, Hall, 9am
Every Mon	Principals Assembly 2:15pm
Every Wed	Swimming Lessons p.m. (wear PE Uniform)
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thurs	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Fri	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 10:30am
Swimming Day	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist Church - all welcome
May	
Mon 13 - Fri 17 May	Bully Free Week
Mon 13 May	Lockdown Drill a.m.
Mon 13 May	Principals Assembly 2:15pm
Mon 13 May	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Rm 4
Tues 14 May	St Caths Principal visiting Y7 Girls
Wed 15 May	Swimming Lessons p.m. (wear PE Uniform)
Thur 16 May	Kauri Class - PALS with Paddy
Thur 16 May	Cross Country 11:30am
Fri 17 May	Mufti Day (gold coin) & Sausage Sizzle (\$2)
Fri 17 May	Kauri - Libray visit 11am
Wed 22 May	Cross Country Postponement
Wed 29 May	Teacher Strike - School Closed
Fri 31 May	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)

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: Nova, Erik, Harmony

Week 4: Miana, Theodore, Justine

2019 Invoices

Invoices for fees are now **OVERDUE**. There are 6 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 2018 through to 31 March 2019 was sent home with your child on 8 April 2019. 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.

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 this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owned/occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required; excludes 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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Uniform

We have now moved into Winter, so it is a good time to remind you about our winter uniform. You can see the students in this photo wearing correct uniform.

Girls Y1-6 Winter Uniform

- Long sleeve blouse
- Tunic pinafore
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped tights or white socks
- Black leather shoes

- Hair ties to be black, red or navy



Boys Year 1-6 Winter Uniform

- Long sleeve Shirt
- Long navy Pants
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped socks
- Black leather shoes

Girls Year 7-8 Winter Uniform

- Neck tie
- Long sleeve blouse
- Navy school jersey
- Two pleat skirt
- Black or navy striped tights or white socks
- Black leather shoes

- Hair ties to be black, red or navy

Boys Year 6-8 Winter Uniform

- Neck Tie
- Long sleeve Shirt
- Long navy Pants
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped socks
- Black leather shoes

If you have any questions, please see either Mrs Anderson or myself.

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."

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club runs diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Adult training sessions). Try something new - visit our website and come along for a 30min Trial Lesson! After-school sessions available on Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fridays and we

cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. Casual "drop-in" sessions also on (most) Sundays.

For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

Powerhouse Kids Club

for kids 4-12 years old

Fridays 3-5pm

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

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