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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

Kia Ora Whānau and Caregivers,

Thought for the week.

Recently I have been thinking about grace ("Grace" being – God's unmerited favour – "God's Riches At Christ's Expense" (GRACE). In 2 Timothy 2, Paul's says, "**be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**"

Grace recognises that there are events, relationships and times where things may not be how we wish them to be. Yet Christ who has unconditionally forgiven us, invites us to show the same grace and unconditional forgiveness to others and ourselves.

What does it mean to be **strong in** grace for us at school? My thought is that it means showing grace towards each other as adults in the school community. Grace between teachers, parents and students as well as with ourselves. Let's look out for ways we can bless others with grace this week.

I can hardly believe how quickly this term is going. We have done many things and there lots more things planned. Things we would love you to be a part of.

Recent Activity and Events

National Young Leaders Day - (NYLD)

Last Wednesday, Kauri class joined 2000 other rangatahi (youth) at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua to learn about leadership. Some wonderful speakers taught them the importance of listening to others and of kōrero - conversation. Don't be surprised if your young leader comes and asks you some curly questions as a result - it's all part of their learning. From the students themselves: "It was the best day of 2019 so far!"

Cross-country Running

On Thursday 16 May we held our cross-country races. We were impressed with our student's sportsmanship. The way they supported and cheered each other on was lovely. Two students, Divya and Elisha, gained times to qualify for Eastern Zone Cross Country Races. We wish them well with this.



Some of our students waiting patiently for their race



Zinnia & Sophie completing their race



Our Y2 students getting ready to race

Art

Kauri Class have been very busy in the last week! They were blessed by Amy and May who volunteered their time and expertise to teach them about how our eyes can only see colour because of light. They then made some torch-light images that revealed themselves when they were 'lit up'. Come and visit Kauri class to see them!

Ways to be involved at MCS: -

APT (Active Parents & Teachers)

We are looking for a group of passionate parents who seek to enhance the culture of the school community through mutual caring and practical support. We would like to run a school community event to welcome new parents on the Wednesday 19 June 2019. If you are able to help welcome people, set up tables, pack down, run activities etc. please let your class teacher and/or myself know.

Open Day on Wednesday 12 June 2019

Please tell your friends. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the open day flier for you to share with a friend. If you would like more to share with others, please see us in the school office.

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.

World Vision Sponsored Child (Kaknika) Mufti Day This Friday!

Every month we have a mufti day to raise the money needed to sponsor Kaknika. As we currently have a smaller roll we invite you to be generous in your mufti donation on Friday. Kaknika's birthday is also coming up soon. We are sending a card to mark this.

Information

School Closed 29 May 2019 for Strike Day

Please note the school will be closed this Wednesday. All Miramar Christian School Teachers are members of the Teacher Union - New Zealand Education Institute.

Swimming

Monday afternoon is our swimming time. We will be swimming on 27 May, 10 June, 17 June and 24 June. N.B. There is no swimming on the 3 June because this is Queens Birthday Weekend. Invoices for swimming will be issued later in the term.

Concerned Resident

A concerned resident has rung the school to let us know they have had cars parked over their driveway, seen cars double and sometimes triple parking plus children running across the road. We know parking in the area is an issue. Be assured we request non-school cars that park in our area and arrive during our duty times to move on to keep this area as free as possible for you.

Please remind your children of safe road crossing methods as they exit your vehicle. If our reserved school parking area is full, please park around the corner and walk the rest of the way. Child safety is more important than being on time. Thank you for your help with this.

Prayer points:

Thank God:

- For the NYLD Kauri attended and our cross-country day.
- Opportunities to meet with preschools and pastors.
- For the blessing that comes from those who support the school in practical ways, e.g. Art.
- For holidays and times of celebration that refresh students and staff.

Please pray:

- Our school would be built up on a foundation of prayer.
- New people would step forward to support the school and APT.
- We would continue to build positive relationships with people at preschool centres, and the written information encourages those who will benefit from our school to contact us.

- For those who would enjoy being part of our community to find us.
- Visibility of our school in the community through our Open Day.
- For new families to come and join us.
- For our prayer students Kate, Mary, Lucas, Daniel, Angelina and Josiah.

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

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

Nga mihi nui
Kaye Gillies
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Prayer Group, Hall, 9am
Every Mon	Swimming Lessons p.m. (wear PE Uniform)
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
May	
Mon 27 May	Swimming Lessons p.m. (wear PE Uniform)
Wed 29 May	Teacher Strike - School Closed
Thur 30 May	EZ Cross Country a.m.
Fri 31 May	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 31 May	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
June	
Mon 3 Jun	School Closed - Queens Birthday
Wed 5 Jun	Whole School - Police Museum Visit
Mon 10 Jun	Swimming Lessons p.m. (wear PE Uniform)
Wed 12 Jun	MCS Open Day, 9am-3pm
Fri 14 Jun	Kauri - Library Visit 11am
Fri 14 Jun	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
Mon 17 Jun	Swimming Lessons p.m. (wear PE Uniform)
Mon 17 Jun	BoT Mtg, Rm 4, 6:30pm
Wed 19 Jun	MCS Community Event
Mon 24 Jun	Swimming Lessons p.m. (wear PE Uniform)
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

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 5: Kate, Lucas, Angelina

Week 6: Mary, Daniel, Josiah

2019 Invoices

Invoices for **School Costs, the Term 1 PE Programme and the Police Museum Visit** 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.

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>

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Powerhouse Kids Club
 for kids 4-12 years old
Fridays 3-5pm
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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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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 be placed 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; the dates ending through bankers. 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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Wellington Harriers offers cross country training for primary school children. Our club days are on Saturday afternoons. We meet at our Wellington Harrier club rooms on Mount Victoria at 2 pm for club runs. We also have midweek training sessions and can assist with training for children competing in the primary schools cross country competitions. We can also provide fitness training for those competing in other sports. If you would like more information please contact Julie Richards: juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk, 0212959026.

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.

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

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Scots College Homestay Families Needed

Are you able to provide a caring and supportive environment for an overseas student?

We have a growing number of students from around the world, and are now looking to expand our pool of full-time homestay families.

Homestay families are asked to provide three meals a day, bedding and laundry requirements.

For hosting the rate payable to you is \$300 per week.

If you would like to host a student and enjoy meeting people from around the world please contact Diana Tan for more information.
tandi@scotscollege.school.nz

