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Character, Competence, Community

Term 3 Theme: God is generous.
Values: Gratitude
Habit of the Mind: Responding in wonderment and awe.
Key Competency: Practice thinking skills.

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

New Students

Welcome to Zeanelle and Mikayla. We are pleased you have come to join us. May the LORD bless you Zeanelle, Mikayla and your parents for their commitment to Christian Education.



Zeanelle



Makayla

Farewell and Blessings

It is with mixed feelings that we farewell Angie, Lucas and their family. We take joy in the way they commit all that they do to the LORD, including the new direction in their lives, and are thankful for all they have done in the school including the work Haana did as a Teachers Aide, the gift of care and leadership brought by Angie and the enthusiasm from Lucas. We will miss this family. Now we pray for travelling mercies and God's blessing for the Toma family as they as they go overseas.

Things Māori and Christian Faith

Recently I heard of a parent who wanted to better understand how MCS teaches things Maori whilst ensuring that our Christian worldview is maintained/upheld.

The New Zealand Curriculum and Miramar Christian School Charter affirms the Treaty of Waitangi. They state "Our curriculum acknowledges the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand. All students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga". There are things in both cultures we can learn from and that enrich us. For example there is richness in the concepts of in katiakitanga (environmental guardianship/protection and stewardship of the land) and whānaungatanga (which is defined as kinship, sense of family connection - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging.)

Our role as Christian educators is to ensure what is taught is consistent with a Christian worldview.

We do this in the following ways

1. We have consulted with local principals (who have consulted with local iwi) about local kawa and tikanga (local protocols in powhiri and cultural practice).
2. Most staff have learned basic Te Reo. (Last year my husband and I completed Level 1 and 2 Te Reo. Through this we gained some knowledge of tikanga Māori and Te Reo).
3. Miramar Christian School has consulted with Christian Māori, in the process of developing a mihi whākata (welcome ceremony). This includes protocol and selecting waiata (Māori songs) that are action songs and/or Christian hymns that are culturally appropriate and consistent with a Christian worldview. (See links to waiata students sang to Mihi Whākatau, *He Honore* http://folksong.org.nz/he_honore/index.html *E toru ngā mea* http://www.folksong.org.nz/e_toru_nga_mea/index.html *Hareruia* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-N49ncgvFzw>.)
4. We use the Māori sections of the Christian Interact Curriculum, and find relevant kupu (Te Reo words) to supplement the units of work we teach.

By these means we ensure we are teaching things Māori that are consistent with a Christian worldview. Further we fulfil our obligation of providing opportunities for students to acquire knowledge of Māori language and customs as required by the New Zealand Curriculum.

We are blessed to have the richness that comes from cultural diversity including just over 20% of students of Māori descent. If you have any questions or would like to know more please give me a call, or feel free to book a time to come and have a chat.

Cans For Good

Thank you to those who have given cans in the Salvation Army foodbank "Cans For Good" promotion. Your actions will truly bless others.

Thanks

Thanks also to Miramar's Souvenir Shop who have made a donation of items for our next fundraising event.

Upcoming Events and Activity

Planatarium Visit

Tōtara and Kauri are going to the Planatarium on 28 August. We trust they will enjoy this experience and learn much from it. Thank you to all the helpers who have volunteered for this trip. We now have transport covered.

Island Bay Marine Reserve

The whole school will visit the Island Bay Marine Education Centre on Tuesday 3 September. If you are able to assist with transport we would be most grateful. Please return your form or contact your class teacher if you are able to help.

Health/Puberty Consultation – Year 6-8

We are running an information/consultation meeting from **6:00-6:30pm on Thursday 22 August** for Parents/Caregivers of students in Year 6-8. At this meeting we will outline the content of the sexuality unit we plan to teach and answer any questions you may have. This unit will be taught from a Christian perspective. A separate notice will come home detailing this. Please mark this date in your diary. We need at least one parent from each family to attend this meeting please. If you are unable to make this meeting and want to talk about this please contact either myself or Emma. If you do not want your child taught sexuality education you are welcome to ask that they are withdrawn for these lessons.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For our new students Makayla and Zeanelle.
- For the richness that comes from having the diversity of cultures in our school.
- For the learning opportunities students have had with the Options Programme.
- For the blessing that comes from those who support the school in practical ways.
- For the knowledge our God is generous.

Please pray:

- Our school would honour God in all we do.
- For our students to gain maximum learning from trips to the Planetarium and Island Bay Marine Education Centre.
- For sustained ideas, creativity, energy and enthusiasm for the End of Term Show.

- For Teachers, the Principal, our Board and The Peniel Trust to make wise decisions for our staff and students.
- For people to step forward to partner with Zelda as she leads APT and divine guidance plus enthusiasm as they begin to plan events.
- Our Open Day on 31 August - that this would raise our profile in the community and engender a positive attitude towards the work of Christian Education.
- Opportunities and time to meet with **Pre-schools** and other community groups so we can continue to build links.
- For new families who we can bless at our school.
- For our school to continue to have an open stance and look for ways to bless others.

For our prayer students Zinnia, Hawi, Erik, Theo, Elena-Jin and Hail.

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

Blessings and nga mihi nui

Kaye Gillies

Principal

2019 Invoices


Invoices for **School Costs and the Term 1 PE Programme** are now **OVERDUE**. We ask you pay these as soon as possible. Invoices for **Swimming Lessons** were sent home on 13 August 2019 and are due by Friday 30 August 2019.

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: Zinnia, Erik, Elena-Jin

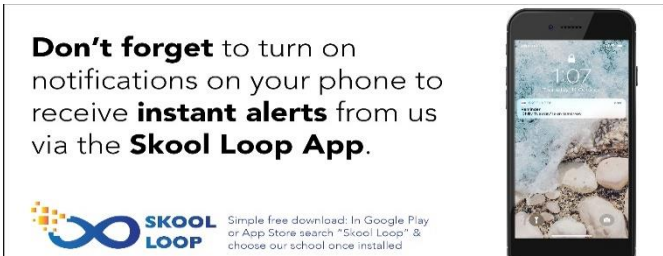
Week 6: Hawi, Theo, Hail



Our School App

🔔 Events 🔔 Cancellations 🔔 Notices
🔔 Newsletters 🔔 Permission Slips
🔔 Instant notifications 🔔 Absentees

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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
Aug	
Mon 19 Aug	Swimming p.m.
Tues 20 Aug	Options Wk 3
Thurs 22 Aug	Health/Puberty Consultation, 6pm in Kauri
Fri 23 Aug	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
Mon 26 Aug	Swimming p.m.
Tues 27 Aug	Options Wk 4
Wed 28 Aug	Totara/Kauri Trip, Carter Observatory 11:30-2:45
Fri 30 Aug	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 30 Aug	Assembly 2:15pm
Sat 31 Aug	MCS Open Day, 10am-12pm
Sep	
Mon 2 Sep	Swimming p.m.
Mon 2 Sep	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Tues 3 Sep	Whole School Trip, Marine Education Centre, 9:40-11:45
Wed 4 Sep	Energise - Nutrition 11:30am - 12:50pm
Fri 6 Sep	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
Mon 9 Sep	Swimming p.m.
Fri 13 Sep	Energise - Athletics 9:30am - 11:45am
Fri 13 Sep	Assembly 2:15pm
Mon 16-20 Sep	Scholastic Book Fair Week
Mon 16 Sep	Swimming p.m.
Wed 18 Sep	MCS Show Dress Rehearsal 9am @ Gateway
Thurs 19 Sep	MCS Show Dress Rehearsal 9am @ Gateway
Thurs 19 Sep	MCS Show 6pm @ Gateway
Fri 20 Sep	Futsal Tournament
Fri 20 Sep	Assembly 2:15pm
Tues 24 Sep	MCS visiting Maranatha School 11am - 2pm
Wed 25 Sep	Capital E Performance @ MCS a.m.
Fri 27 Sep	Assembly 2:15pm
Fri 27 Sep	End of Term 3 (3pm Finish)
Oct	
Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 starts (9am)

Unravelling the Adolescent Brain

A Brainwave Trust seminar for coaches and instructors of young people.

When: Sunday 22nd Sept

Time: 3-4.30pm.

Where: Uni of Otago, 23 Mein Street, Newtown.

Cost: Tickets \$25 [Eventbrite](#).

Explore the impacts and influences of adolescent development from the perspective of coaching and mentoring young people more effectively.

<https://adolescent.brain.and.coach.eventbrite.com>

ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON

Family Concert 2019

Saturday 24 August, 2pm
Michael Fowler Centre

HEROES AND VILLAINS!

Whether you're a Caped Crusader, an Ice Princess, or a Star Lord from a Galaxy far far away, join us at Mission Control for the greatest Superhero Anthems, Disney film favourites, and explosive traditional classics!

TICKETS: ticketmaster.co.nz
orchestrawellington.co.nz



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CLUB NIGHT – FRIDAYS

7.00pm – 8.00pm

Freyberg Pool

We provide swimming and coaching in a non-competitive and fun environment for kids between the ages of 5-18

A "Learn-to-Swim" focused programme is also available

Cost: \$85.00 per year + pool entry

For enquiries please contact the President – Ron Watt (04) 479-2276 or email the Club: maranuiswim@gmail.com

Free Home Fire Safety Visits



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Fire and Emergency New Zealand offers these visits to help people make their homes fire safe for them and their families.

We are available to provide free information, can help install and test smoke alarms, or provide a free smoke alarm to those who are eligible.

Please let your networks know about this service.

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Engagement in your Community Workshop

When: 30 August 2019

Time: 12:30pm – 3pm

Where: Wellington City Council, 113 The Terrace, Wellington (Room 16.11, Level 16, lift access from Lambton Quay via Capital on the Quay Building, ask at reception On Level 16 if you need help)

Light Lunch 12:30 – 1pm, Workshop 1pm – 3pm

Immigration New Zealand, as a part of the Refugee Quota Increase Programme, is developing a community engagement framework. This means that as more former refugees are making NZ their home Immigration NZ wants to know how they can help former refugees and wider communities connect better with each other.

Immigration NZ aims to identify and develop strategies, tools and resources to help communities feel more connected and people feel that they belong.

They want to hear from everyone; members of the wider community, people who work in different sectors, former refugee community members, former refugee leaders, and workers and organisations who work with former refugees

Immigration NZ would really like all ideas and views to be included- and to hear from you. They would like to find out what you already do, and what you'd like to do in your community to support greater, ongoing engagement.

This session will be facilitated by Supriya Rathod, Senior Business Advisor, Community Engagement, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Please let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements.

Please RSVP by 26 August 2019 by email: rowena.nelson@mbie.govt.nz

End of Term 3 Holiday Programmes: -

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures

Winter Holidays at Brooklyn – 2 Bell Road

When: 30 Sep – 11 Oct 2019

Time: 7.00am-6pm 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.

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