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## Newsletter No 16

**Monday 14 October 2019**

**Character, Competence, Community**

**Term 4 Theme:** God is faithful.  
**Values:** Reliability.  
**Habit of the Mind:** Applying past knowledge to new experiences.  
**Key Competency:** Practice participating and contributing.

### 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 a new term. The theme this term is "**God is Faithful.**" Miramar Christian School was started 40 years ago by people who saw the need for a Christian School, and it is still here today. Through all the ups and downs the school has remained. God has been faithful to us as a community. We can be truly thankful for this and look forward to his continued faithfulness as we journey into a season of growth.

This term we will continue to work on promoting Miramar Christian School. Our plans are to create positive talk in the community, to share information about the school through visiting churches and delivering new promotional materials to the eight preschool groups. With this increased visibility we aim to create discussion about our school and grow our school in number. We invite you to help in a few ways. Firstly, we ask if you could, each week this term, go out and have one positive conversation about Miramar Christian School with people outside our school community. Secondly, we invite you to pray that these conversations develop a positive buzz in the community. Thirdly, as people who are in churches, I would love you to come and have a conversation with myself or a staff member about what you see as the best way to get information about our school into your church. It would be great to work together on this and build our school.

### Tools for Promotion

**Christian education pamphlets:** We currently have pamphlets available to you, in the school office, about the value of Christian education.

### Further information that may help in discussions:

Did you know:

- We aim to help parents bring out the best in their children by providing high quality education that functions with living Christian values and is designed to equip every student to thrive and lead in a changing world.
- Our values are: -



#### **Character**

*What does 'Character' mean?*

We seek to model and then foster Christian Character in students. We encourage living Christian values. We value developing Godly character and integrity in our lives and God's involvement in our lives.



#### **Excellence**

*What does 'Excellence' mean?*

We value the giving of our best and the development of excellence in all areas of our lives. We value the talents, gifts and abilities that are unique to each learner. We value and celebrate learning; the acquisition and application of knowledge, in the context of a Biblical world view.



#### **Community**

*What does 'Community' mean?*

We value cultural diversity and inclusiveness. We value relationships at all levels of the school. Therefore, meeting together is important to us. We value being good stewards of the resources in our community. Our school has a positive community feel: our students are encouraged to care about each other, all students are known and cared for by all teachers, we have a welcoming parent group who work together and help in the school. People who come into our school often comment on this.

- Our teachers are qualified professionals who value faith.
- We use the New Zealand Curriculum Framework and the Interact Curriculum. The Interact Curriculum is written with a biblical worldview. All the subjects taught in other schools are taught in MCS. This is done through a Christian World View.
- All senior students have opportunities to develop leadership skills in a range of settings. This is not the case in larger schools.
- We are an interdenominational, co-ed, state integrated Christian school that caters for Years 1-8. We are not restricted by zones. This is important information for prospective parents.
- If you are wanting to show some of the diversity of the activities we do at Miramar Christian School,

have a look at our school Facebook page to help remember what we have done.

### New Student



We celebrate Tanikah's arrival at Miramar Christian School. We pray God's richest blessings on you and your learning as we welcome you into our community.

### Thank you Whānau

Thank you to the whānau who enabled our students to access experiences and learning by providing transport to Maranatha Christian School Bible App Work and Concert, Futsal Tournament, supporting the Book Fair and of course those supporting our "Feathers and Fun" Concert. Your support is invaluable and has enabled our akonga to experience a rich curriculum. I also want to give a big thank you to all those who are getting on board with the APT and thinking about how they can partner to benefit our akonga.

### Sunhat Season

In the warmer months of the year our sun is more harmful, so we have students wear sunhats. This time is on us again. Please help your child find and bring their sunhat to school each day.

### School Assembly

These will continue to be on Fridays this term. We will have three sharing assemblies where classes share their learning. Dates for these will follow.

### Health/Puberty Consultation – Y6-8

Thank you to the parent who attended the puberty consultation evening. We have sent home a questionnaire for parents who have students in Year 6 and 7 and did not attend. Please fill these in and return these to school. Your views are important to us.

### Coming Activity

**SHAKEOUT** - We will be taking part in the National Shakeout this Thursday 17 October. This will involve a tsunami evacuation to Miramar North School.

### School Photos – Monday 21 October 2019

School photos envelopes will be issued today. Please return these to the school office no later than Friday 18 October 2019. If you require sibling photo envelopes and/or spare envelopes these can be collected from the school office. **Please note all photo orders must be received by the school office no later than Monday 21 October 2019 as you can only pre-order photos.**

### Prayer points: -

#### Thank God:

- For all the different experience's students had in Term 3.
- For our dedicated and professional Christian staff.
- For our incredibly committed BoT and Peniel Trust.

- For our wonderful parent community who are working on the APT.
- For our faithful volunteers.
- For opportunities to connect with the community e.g. having students from Holy Cross School and Miramar North School come to our school to watch the Capital E performance.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 40 years.

#### Please pray:

- For every Miramar Christian School parent and every staff member to have at least one positive conversation with someone in the community each week this term.
- For there to be a positive ongoing buzz about Miramar Christian School in the community kicked off by our discussions and continued by our promotional work.
- For wisdom, creativity and skill as we create new promotional material for our school and that materials and messages would connect with and reach those who would be excited about sending their children to Miramar Christian School.
- God's blessing and the ability to communicate clearly as we go out into churches to promote Christian Education and Miramar Christian School.
- For opportunities to build on the connections we have made with preschools and other community groups.
- For our school to continue to have an open stance and look for ways to bless and give to others.
- For wisdom and energy for the APT as they begin planning for the end of term Christmas party.

For our prayer students and their families: -

**Week 1:** Joseph, Lotus, Justine

**Week 2:** Tanikah, Zeanelle, Josiah

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

Blessings and nga mihi nui  
**Kaye Gillies**  
Principal

### 2019 Invoices

Invoices for **School Costs, Term 1 PE Programme and Swimming Lessons** are now **OVERDUE**. We ask you pay these as soon as possible.



#### Our School App

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



#### Simple free download:

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

## SCHOOL DIARY

<b>Every Mon</b>	Prayer Group, Hall, 2:30pm
<b>Every Mon/Fri</b>	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
<b>Every Wed</b>	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
<b>Every Thurs</b>	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
<b>Every Fri</b>	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 10:00am
<b>Every Friday</b>	Assembly 2:15pm
<b>Every Sun</b>	10am Gateway Baptist Church - all welcome
<b>Oct</b>	
Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 starts (9am)
Thurs 17 Oct	NZ Shake Out
Fri 18 Oct	Kauri Class Library visit, 11:30am
Fri 18 Oct	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 21 Oct	School Photos (am)
Mon 21 Oct	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Wed 23 Oct	MCS Athletics
Fri 25 Oct	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 25 Oct	Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 25 Oct - Fri 1 Nov	Mobile Dental Van at MCS
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day - No School
<b>Nov</b>	
Fri 1 Nov	Mobile Dental Van at MCS
Fri 1 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 5 Nov	Hawera School visiting MCS p.m.
Wed 6 Nov	EZ Athletics @ Newtown Park
Fri 8 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 11 Nov	Teacher Only Day - No School
Wed 13 Nov	EZ Athletics (postponement date)
Fri 15 Nov	Kauri Class Library visit, 11:30am
Fri 15 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 18 Nov	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Tues 19 Nov	MCS In-Class Speeches
Thurs 21 Nov	MCS Speech Finals
Fri 22 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 29 Nov	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 29 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
<b>Dec</b>	
Wed 4 Dec	EZ Miniball @ ASB
Fri 6 Dec	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 9 Dec	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Staffroom
Wed 11 Dec	Prizegiving Rehearsal, 9am @ Gateway
Wed 11 Dec	MCS Prizegiving, 6pm @ Gateway
Fri 13 Dec	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 16 Dec	MCS Beach Trip p.m.
Tues 17 Dec	MCS Winning House Prize p.m.
Wed 18 Dec	Term 4 ends (12pm)

### Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre

The kids Spray Pool at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre will close for **8 weeks from Monday 14 Oct 2019 and reopen Monday 9 Dec 2019**. We're going to be busy refreshing the pool so it's safer and more fun than ever – watch this space! Some of the changes you can expect include:

- New water features for both the Spray Pool and Toddlers Pool
- The pool membrane (soft floor) will be replaced and the pool grating within the pool will be filled in
- The whole area will be freshened up including paint, repairs and renewals to the structure, tiling, carpentry and glazing

- The plant room utilities will be fully serviced with renewals to pool water utilities

During this time the Main Pool, Programmes Pool, Hydrotherapy Pool, and Hotspots will be open as normal.

In the absence of the Spray Pool, the Programmes Pool will be open for recreational swimming on Saturday and Sundays from 4pm to 8pm

The SwimWell program and the Club Active Gym will remain open as normal, including all fitness classes.

We will keep you all updated vis the links below.

Website link:

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/get-active-with-us/swimming-pools/indoor-pools/wellington-regional-aquatic-centre/wrac-spray-pool-closure>

Facebook link

<https://www.facebook.com/WqtnAquatic/photos/rpp.106792139357510/2439140759455958/?type=3&theater>



## WORSER BAY LIFE SAVING CLUB OPEN DAY

SUNDAY  
20 OCTOBER  
2 - 4 PM

WORSER BAY CLUB  
250 MARINE PARADE SEATOUN

ALL WELCOME

FOR MORE INFO  
WORSERBAYLSC.ORG.NZ

### Parent to Parent NZ needs your help in November

SafeSquares aims to help keep kids safe with a designated safe spot for children to use when vehicles are moving in and out of the driveway. The SafeSquare is also useful for older kids who are neurodiverse or have a disability, or even as an evacuation point to head to if there's an emergency inside.

**Every Bunnings store (that's 47 stores) across New Zealand will be hosting a SafeSquares event on Saturday, November 30th, 2019.** Families can paint a free SafeSquares paver and take it home.

**We need volunteers** up and down the country to help bring SafeSquares to our communities. **Volunteers can either be a part of engaging with families painting their pavers or running the Bunnings BBQs** - our key fundraising focus for the day.

We would love to work with you to help bring this important initiative to local communities around New Zealand.

To sign up to volunteer go to <https://bit.ly/2Hb5ggD>, it the Volunteer Registration form on our Parent to Parent website.