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## Newsletter No 17

### Tuesday 29 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

This term's theme 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.

We continue to look for ways to create a positive buzz about Miramar Christian School in the community. So far this term I have visited 6 Pre-schools, contacted 4 pastors, met with Weta workshop representatives and talked with a prospective parent to share information about the school. It is exciting to be able to share how we provide education that impacts students' lives academically, physically, socially and spiritually. Students not only can express their faith here but can grow in it.

My prayer is that you would join us in creating a positive buzz by praying for an opportunity to positively discuss MCS and executing it. Each small mention of MCS reminds people we are here and here to serve. We have some good pamphlets on Christian education in the office. They have been put out by the New Zealand Association of Christian Schools (NZACS). We would love you to have a read of these and share their wisdom. Our website and Facebook also contain good information. If you haven't recently looked at them, check them out.

#### Government Donations Scheme - Opting In

The Government is offering all decile 1-7 schools the opportunity to join their Donations Scheme. The scheme is designed to move towards providing free education. The scheme provides \$150 per student and in return requires schools who accept the scheme to no longer charge for activities and goods that are required as part of the curriculum (N.B. Attendance Dues and optional activities, e.g. piano lessons, will still be charged for). After much discussion the Board has decided to accept the offer to join this scheme.

#### So, what does this mean for you in 2020?

The bottom line is that you will have money back in your pocket as you will be invoiced for less. This is one of the key reasons we opted into the scheme. Here is a breakdown.

Things charged for in 2019	Continue to pay	No longer paying for this
<b>Attendance Dues:</b> As we are an Integrated School our buildings are owned by a Trust (Peniel). They work to maintain the buildings. Attendance dues are used by Peniel to maintain the buildings. The internal painting repairs and fence were paid for by Attendance Dues. These will continue to be charged for once the scheme starts in 2020.	✓	
<b>Voluntary Donation:</b> \$70		✓
<b>Sports Activities:</b> \$61.80 per student this year		✓
<b>Trips:</b> Approximately \$52 per student. N.B: This year we were gifted a donation of \$1000 for trips so not all the costs were passed on. This does not include the NYLD Leadership Conference Kauri fundraised for.		✓
<b>Mathletics:</b> \$35.78 per student. We are locked into this for 2 more years.		✓
<b>Technology Fees:</b> \$36.78 per each Year 7-8 student.		✓
<b>Stationery:</b> Varies with each class.	✓	
<b>Total of Parent savings:</b> Years 1-6: \$219.58 Years 7-8: \$256.36		

As the government Donation Scheme is giving \$150 per student, Miramar Christian School under this scheme will receive \$70-\$100 less per student in 2020. This leaves our school with a shortfall.

### How will we make up the shortfall in 2020?

Either we will need to do less or find another way of funding for the above activities. APT are considering how they might support the school with trips and activities. Under the Donations Scheme, as a school we cannot ask for donations, but this does not mean we are unable to accept donations from those who wish to give. This year a donation for trips enabled us to provide rich learning experiences linked to class learning.

Please ask me or a teacher if you have any further questions about this.

For information about what can and can't be charged for follow this link:  
<http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-18-OCT.pdf>.

Over the course of this term, I will be looking for feedback to help us plan activities for next year. We value your opinions and look forward to hearing from you.

### Athletics



After postponing Athletics on Wednesday due to bad weather, we were keen to go ahead with Athletics on Thursday. We battled the wind and successfully had all students participating. Thank

you, Miss Lee, for organising this and to the parents who came to help.

### Teachers Only Day – Monday 11 November 2019

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Education gifted teachers eight Teachers Only Days to be taken over the next three years. This is part of their teaching contract settlement designed to address teacher workload. We are using one of these Teacher Only Days on Monday 11 November. While teachers will be working at school, **there will be no classes for students that day.**

### Prayer points: - Thank God:

- For all different experiences students had in Term 3.
- For our dedicated and professional Christian staff.
- For our incredibly committed BoT and Peniel Trust.
- 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 our wonderful parent community who are working on the APT.
- For our faithful volunteers.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 40 years.

### Please pray:

- 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. May we all be good ambassadors for the LORD'S 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 places.
- For our school to continue to have an open stance and look for ways to bless and give others.
- For all parents - despite their first language - to have access to information about our school, understanding of what we are doing, and the ability to have a voice in decisions made.
- For a committed volunteer to complete regular grant applications on behalf of Miramar Christian School.
- For wisdom, energy and continued sense of team and togetherness for the APT as they begin planning for the end of term Christmas party.

For our prayer students and their families: -

**Week 3:** Kate, Aisha-Jadah, Elena-Jin

**Week 4:** Hugo, Emily, Hail

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>	
Tues 29 - Thur 31 Oct	Mobile Dental Van at MCS
<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
Thurs 7 Nov	Outdoor Class' Day
Fri 8 Nov	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
Mon 11 Nov	Teacher Only Day - No School
Tues 12 Nov	Whole School Trip to Weta
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	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
Fri 29 Nov	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 29 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
<b>Dec</b>	
Sat 7 Dec	Community Christmas Party/Fair
Wed 4 Dec	EZ Miniball @ ASB
Fri 6 Dec	Sharing Assembly 2:15pm
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.
Tues 17 Dec	School Reports sent home
Wed 18 Dec	Term 4 ends (12pm)
<b>Feb</b>	
Mon 3 Feb	Teacher Only Day - No School
Tues 4 Feb	Term 1 starts 9am

### Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sun 3 Nov 2019

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from Mon 21 Oct 2019 at **Steve's Fishing Shop, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)**.

The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days. Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle.

As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers, we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance. Your donations will be appreciated.

Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

Email: [strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com](mailto:strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com)

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

# Powerhouse Kids Club

for kids 4-12 years old

**Fridays 3-5pm**

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

food & drink games arts & craft puzzles

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | [gatewaybaptist.org.nz](http://gatewaybaptist.org.nz) | [families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz](mailto:families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz) | ph 022 401 5720

**Fridays 3-5pm**  
(come straight from school)

18 October  
25 October  
1 November  
8 November  
15 November  
22 November  
29 November

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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## FORGE

### GATEWAY YOUTH

FRIDAYS 7-9pm

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | Ben Edwards, Youth Pastor | [youth@gatewaybaptist.org.nz](mailto:youth@gatewaybaptist.org.nz) | 022 401 5720

### Term 4

- 18 Oct Milkshake and ice-cream evening
- 25 Oct Nerf Evening
- 1 Nov Table Tennis & Board games night
- 8 Nov Older vs the young ones Quiz Night
- 15 Nov Messy Night
- 22 Nov Master Chef Pizza Night
- 29 Nov Milkshake and ice-cream night + BBO
- 1st 7 Dec Christmas Party
- 20 Dec Star Wars Movie Night

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | Ben Edwards, Youth Pastor | [youth@gatewaybaptist.org.nz](mailto:youth@gatewaybaptist.org.nz) | 022 401 5720



**REGISTRATIONS OPEN 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**  
Go to [wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz](http://wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz) to register



## Heart Medications

The Heart Foundation is holding **FREE Information sessions across the region for people living with a heart condition and their families, to discuss heart medications.**

Run by registered pharmacists, we will talk about the various groups of medications, what they do and common side effects.

Whānau are encouraged to come along and learn more about your heart condition.

**Wellington South:** Wednesday 6 November, 5.45 to 7.15pm  
ASB Sports Centre, 72 Kemp St, Kilbirnie

**Wellington North:** Thursday 14 November, 5.45 to 7.15pm  
Ngaio Town Hall, 1 Ottawa Roag, Ngaio

**Porirua:** Thursday 21 November, 5.45 to 7.15pm  
Porirua Club, 1 Lodge Place, Porirua



Please register at [heartmed.eventbrite.co.nz](http://heartmed.eventbrite.co.nz)  
or contact Annette on 04 472 2780 or [annettes@heartfoundation.org.nz](mailto:annettes@heartfoundation.org.nz)

### Wellington Harrier Children's Athletic Club

The Wellington Harriers children's athletics programme runs through until the end of March 2020.

Our club days are held at Newtown Park athletic track on Saturday's mornings from 11.30am - 1pm.

Activities on club days will cover a range of traditional events such as long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, sprints, hurdles, middle distance, and race walking. Alongside this, we will also be doing a run jump throw programme which teaches children athletic skills through fun athletic games.

We also offer a "GET SET, GO" program for ages 4 - 6 years. This is made up of fun games based around running, jumping and throwing activities (please note for children aged 4 - 6 the programme is for 1 hour).

We offer two types of memberships, social and competitive, and you're welcome to give it a go before you sign up. To sign up please click on the link below.

<https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/3217/reg/subs>

For more information, please contact:

Julie Richards on [juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk) or 021 295 9026.

### 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.

### Bigair Gymsports Owhiro Bay Wellington

Gym is fun for kids but it's exceptionally good for them as well! They gain strength, flexibility, balance and body control but they also learn determination and perseverance, through persistently practicing skills until they are achieved. Kids also gain resilience and confidence, as they extend themselves and learn new skills! Our experienced coaches run classes in **Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampolining, Parkour and Cheerleading!** **BOOK NOW!**

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: 04 3838779 or [wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz)

### Seatoun Arts & Crafts Annual Exhibition –

Sale at the Village Hall

**Where:** Forres Street, Seatoun

**Dates:** Fri 15 Nov 2019 (invited guests)

Sat 16 Nov 10am – 4pm

Sun 17 Nov 10am – 4pm



**Help Kids play sport by donating sports equipment to the Community Sports Bank**

Sport Poverty is a growing issue within our communities with three main barriers to sport participation; subs/fees, equipment costs, and transport. The aim of the Community Sports Bank Project is to reduce/eliminate the cost of equipment for those in need and by this, increase sport participation and increase activity.

**Location**

thehub - Toitu Poneke Community & Sports Centre  
49 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie, Wellington

**Equipment drop off points:**

thehub - 49 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie  
Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre - Bay Road, Kilbirnie  
Wellington City Mission - 19 Gordon Place Newtown

For more information please contact thehub  
on 027 435 4137 or toithub@gmail.com.



**For all 9-13 year old BeYOUtiful young women**

**1 day Wellington workshops**

Saturday 15th February 2020 9 - 3 pm  
And  
Sunday 16th February 2020 9 - 3 pm

Fb/beyoutifulyoungwomen

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