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Monday 9 December 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

Kia ora Whānau

In this Christmas season there is much busyness and excitement. It is easy to forget to stop and quietly reflect on why and who we wait for through advent and celebrate at Christmas. At school we have been pausing each day and learning about Jesus' ancestors. Decorations showing Jesus ancestors are added daily to the Jesse tree. In doing this we are anticipating the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We are focusing on the reason for Christmas, i.e. that we celebrate that Jesus is God who has come to be with us on earth, that he is our Emmanuel. It is fabulous to be at a Christian school in the Christmas season.

Christmas is also a time where we reflect on how the year has gone. I have now been here a whole year. It has been my pleasure to journey with you, to get to know you, to work together to restore a positive school culture and to work towards rebuilding our reputation. I am blessed by your passion and desire for good in this place. While our numbers are not yet where we expected we are now in a good place to grow. I look forward to seeing what the LORD has in store for us and I look forward to continuing to journey with you as we seek to provide your children with the best education in Wellington, with living Christian values; so, others may see the value of Christian Education. My sincere thanks go to you all for your contribution to Miramar Christian School. May the LORD be merciful and allow us to reap the fruits of our labour and may he bless you also for the work he has put in here.

Christmas Party and Fundraising

Wow! Thank you to all you fabulous parents who have come together and worked hard in support of our school. We sincerely thank the APT and Baptist Church volunteers and all those friends and family you have encouraged to join us. A special thank you to Zelda and Ben who spearheaded this event. What a fabulous time was had by all. Café, barbecue, silent auctions, stalls, mazes, soccer crate, ride-on's, colouring-in competition, water fight and more. You did us proud. Please note on page 3 the list of generous donors who gave products for the silent auction. All are very appreciated.

Staffing Changes

It is with sadness that I announce the resignation of Emma Lee. We thank Emma for all she has done this year for students in Kauri Class and the wider school. We will miss her and wish her well as she prepares for her next move. She has left us the following message: -



"To our wonderful school community, I have thoroughly enjoyed this year of learning with the staff and students of MCS. It has been my privilege to build relationships with you all and to grow with your support. For 2020, I have decided to step out from teaching and to pursue new adventures: developing new skills and learning in different ways, just as we

encourage our students to do. I have been blessed to be part of such a strong, caring staff, and I look forward to watching the school go from strength to strength in the years to come.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, Miss Lee."

Parent Time: Thursdays 10:30-11:00am

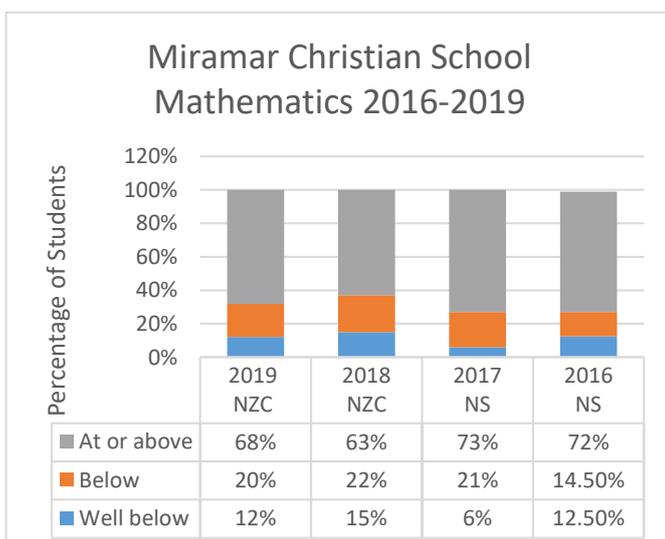
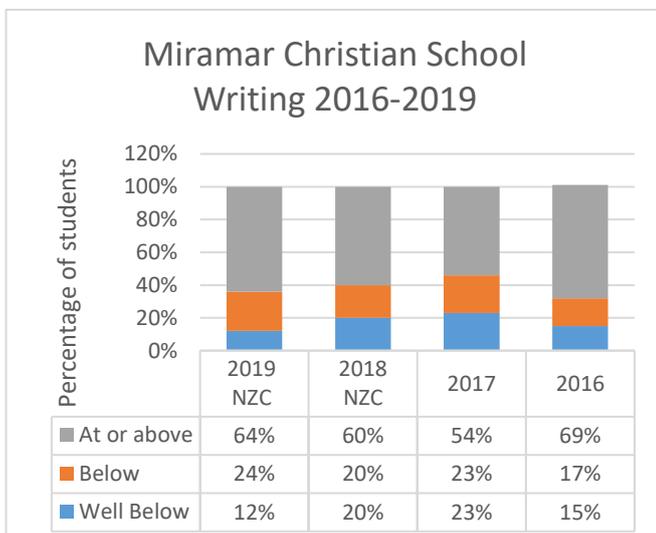
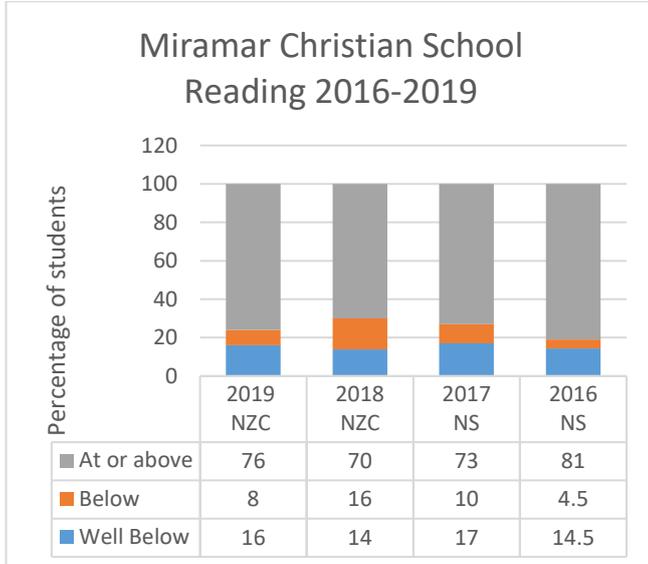
Are there things about our school you want to know about? I am setting aside time to meet parents between 10:30 and 11am on Thursdays to answer your questions about our school and hear your ideas. This Thursday will be an open forum. Please note if you have a query relating to your child's learning please make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher. If you have a personal issue with the school, please make an appointment to see me.

Reports and Stationary Lists

Reports and stationary lists will come home on Tuesday 17 December 2019. **In 2020 all stationary will be purchased by parents. This means the list will look longer than usual.** We will be sending home student books and stationary on Monday 16 December 2019. This is so you can see what stationary your child already has. If there are books, rulers, rubbers, etc. your child has left over from 2019 **that are the same as those listed for 2020**, we invite you to use these to save you needing to repurchasing books.

Student Learning

Teachers have been focused on improving student learning. They have worked particularly hard in reading, introducing several different interventions to make gains. Their work has paid off and we are pleased to advise you that the number of students working at or above their expected curriculum level has increased over this year. If you are interested in seeing the rest of our data, please email me for a copy.



Changes in Peniel Fees 2020

There will be a slight increase in Peniel Fees from 2020. Peniel have not increased fees for many years. This increase is to counter the effect of inflation over the years.

How much will the Attendance Dues be from 2020?

Listed on the next page are the attendance dues amounts, the payment options (which include a 10% discount for early payment in full, and another 10% discount for two or more students at the school).

Peniel will send you an invoice before the start of each term, and at the beginning of Term 1 Peniel will give you the option to pay for the full year and receive the 10% discount on the full year's amount.

Students	Annual Dues	Option A	Option B
		Payment for full year by 28 Feb	1 payment at the start of each term
1 Student	\$680.00	\$612.00	\$170.00
2 Students	\$1,224.00	\$1,101.60	\$306.00
3 Students	\$1,836.00	\$1,652.40	\$459.00
4 Students	\$2,448.00	\$2,203.20	\$612.00

Prizegiving – 6pm Wednesday 11 December 2019

This is an exciting time of year where we get to acknowledge the learning and growth of all students. Every student receives a certificate, so attendance is compulsory. **Please drop your child at the Gateway Baptist Church after 8.30am on Wednesday 11 December 2019** for a prizegiving practice. We will walk back to school when we are finished the practice. In the evening we are asking everyone to **arrive in formal school uniform by 5.50pm for a 6pm start at Gateway Baptist**. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Concert & Volunteers Thank you Morning Tea – 10:15am Friday 13 December 2019

We have had an amazing number of people helping this year. As a way of thanking you we are putting on a "Volunteers Morning Tea". This event will start with a piano concert in the hall at 10:15am followed by morning tea at 10:30am. If you have helped us this year, please consider yourself invited and come as we would love to be able to thank you.

Beach Trip – 11:30am Monday 16 December 2019

Pray for fine weather on the Monday 16 December 2019. We are planning to walk over the hill to **Scorching Bay around 11:30am** for lunch and beach activity. Please ensure your child has sunscreen on and they have a water bottle (we will have some sunscreen at school to be reapplied if needed). We would love you to come and join us. There will be opportunity to help, and just relax and unwind. **Students will need to be picked up from Scorching Bay Beach at 3pm**. While we would prefer all students walk, we recognise that some of our youngest Kowhai children would find the walk too much. If you think your Kowhai child will need a ride, and/or you are happy to assist with ferrying students over the hill please let Denise know.

House Prize – Tuesday 17 December 2019

The top House group will be going on an afternoon trip on Tuesday 17 December 2019. The winning House will be announced at Prizegiving on Wednesday night and permission forms for the trip be handed out later this week.

Last Day of School 2019

Wednesday 18 December 2019, is our last day of school. We will finish at 12:00pm.

We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For the fabulous Christmas Party on Saturday and the buzz it created in our community.
- For our incredibly committed APT, Gateway Baptist and other friends and family who enabled the Christmas Party to be a success.
- For the BoT and Peniel trust.
- For our faithful volunteers.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 40 years.

Please pray:

- There would be a positive ripple effect for our school, from the Christmas Party in the community.
- For opportunities to build on the connections we have made with preschools, churches and other community places.
- For our school to continue to have an open stance and look for ways to bless and give others.
- For a committed volunteer to complete regular grant applications on behalf of Miramar Christian School.
- For wisdom, energy and commitment to finish the year well and begin the plans required for 2020.
- For God's anointing and blessing on the 2020 Kauri Teacher.

For our prayer students and their families: -

Week 9: Tanikah, Erik, Justine

Week 10: Zinnia, Mary, Josiah

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

Ka nui tēnei
Kaye Gillies
Principal

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 - 10:00am
Every Friday	Assembly 2:15pm
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist Church - all welcome
Dec	
Mon 9 Dec	BoT Mtg, 6pm, Staffroom
Wed 11 Dec	Prizegiving Rehearsal, 9am @ Gateway
Wed 11 Dec	MCS Prizegiving, 6pm @ Gateway
Thurs 12 Dec	MCS starts at 10am
Fri 13 Dec	Volunteer Helpers Concert & Morning Tea 10:15am
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)
Feb-20	
Mon 3 Feb	Teacher Only Day - No School
Tues 4 Feb	Term 1 starts 9am

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Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | Ben Edwards, Youth Pastor | youth@forgegatewaybaptist.org.nz | 022 401 5720

Term 4

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

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Kites at Christmas

The Rotary Club of Courtenay Place is inviting children and families to a Kite Flying event at Liardet Park (Berhampore) on Sunday 15 December (10.a.m. to 2.00 p.m.)

\$5 per entrant. Prizes for construction, artwork and flying skills!

Come out in the fresh air and take advantage of our Wellington winds.

For more details check us out at rccp.org.nz, or ring Geoff Henry (3883536)

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SPORTS FOR GOOD

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 toituhub@gmail.com.



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Tawa - Sunday 8th December
Level 2/3 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Level 4/5 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Level 6 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Owhiro Bay - Sunday 15th Decemeber
Beginners 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Level 2/3 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Level 4.2 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Email us to register your interest!
TAWA - william@bigairgym.co.nz
OWHIRO BAY - wgn@bigairgym.co.nz

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club is running a holiday programme in January 2020 for children aged 5yrs+ who are confident in deep water & can comfortably swim 25mtrs.

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 6th-23rd January. Choose 10am-11am &/or 4pm/5pm. \$10 per session. For more information please call Barbara on 027 485 8888 or make your booking via our website <https://wellingtondiving.org.nz/holiday-program>

School Holiday Computer Classes and Minecraft Parties

Small classes for ages 5+ in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Web Design, Animation, 3D Game Design and more. Also weekend 2½ hour Minecraft parties. For more details visit grandtraining.co.nz or call 499-2211.

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16th – 20th Dec 2019 and 6th - 31st Jan 2020 from 7.00am-6pm daily from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, ^[SEP]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^[SEP]; Weekly: \$240 per cub/week or \$450 for two or more siblings/week^[SEP]. WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz or ^[SEP]Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

Artrageous Kids Holiday programme

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Find out more about us on our website artrageouskids.co.nz. **Bookings essential!**

Creative Christmas programme: 16 – 23 Dec 2019

Summer Adventure programme: 6 – 31 Jan 2020

VENUE: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park,

Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Bookings available at enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids

Big Kids (Olderageous) Holiday programme

Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. Find out more about us on our website artrageouskids.co.nz. **Bookings essential.**

Creative Christmas programme: 16 – 23 Dec 2019

Summer Adventure programme: 13 – 24 Jan 2020

VENUE VARIES (PLEASE REFER TO OUR BOOKING SITE): Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington, or the Pavillion at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Bookings available at enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids2016