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Character, Competence, Community

Term 1 Theme: God is at work and wants us to be diligent.
Values: Diligence, Respecting rules, friendliness, caring for others.
Habit of the Mind: Persistence, creating, imagining and innovating.
Key Competency: Managing Self relating to others.

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 2020

"Set your heart on God and reach out to Him".
(Job 11v.13)

Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to a new year, a new space, a new time.

Staff have been busy preparing for the arrival of your children. Environments have been cleaned and refreshed, lessons have been planned and ideas shared about fun ways to teach. We look forward to journeying with you in 2020, watching your children learn and grow as we work together. We have lots planned for this term with more to come.

This term our theme is 'God is at work'. This is an exciting concept to explore. Students will be considering the following questions and concepts:

Character: *How can we be diligent in our work? God finishes the work he starts, so should we.*

Excellence: *How can we give our best and value work? God evaluates his work and does it to an excellent standard and so should we.*

Community: *How can we love and serve our community?*

God enables people to apply their talents, skills and resources to invent things for the good of others.

Our first topic under the theme of 'God is at work' is machines.

Welcome



We warmly welcome Sergei to Miramar Christian School and we pray God's blessing on him.



We also welcome Miss Akenese Musuva who is teaching in Kauri Class. We ask God's blessing on her and Kauri as they work together throughout 2020.

Uniform

Thank you to all of you who have started your children off this year in correct summer uniform, including their school sunhat. If you need some more formal uniform items you can find these at The Warehouse in Lyall Bay. School PE uniform is available from the office. This year we will be encouraging all students to have the correct uniform and to wear it with pride.

Class day times

Timings in the school day have changed: -

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

School opens: 08:30am
Morning Classes: 08:55am - 12:40pm
Morning Break: 10:45am - 11:10am
Lunch Break: 12:40pm - 01:25pm
Afternoon Classes: 01:30pm - 03:00pm

Thursday

School opens: 08:30am
Morning Classes: 08:55am - 12:10pm
Morning Break: 10:45am - 11:10am
Lunch Break: 12:10pm - 12:55pm
Afternoon Classes: 01:00pm - 03:00pm

On Fridays the school will be divided into two. Mrs Betsy Anderson will take Years 1-3 while Mrs Kaye Gillies will be taking Years 4-8.

Service

This year we be changing the concept of Service. In the past few years, Year 6 students carried out service jobs around the school. Service/Stewardship/Kaitiakitanga is not something that is restricted to or belonging to only students of one age but all. As a result, we will be involving all students in acts of service for half an hour on Fridays. We will also involve students in the schools Working Bee Day during schooltime once a term. We will be looking for other ways our students can become good kaitiaki for our school.

The Coronavirus

Our hearts go out to the people of China and all others effected by the coronavirus. To avoid infection, we are following guidelines which are based on the Ministry of Education's advice.

- As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about your child, please contact Healthline at **0800 611 116** or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has

translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available.

- If your child attends school while showing symptoms and may have a communicable disease, we will ask you to come and collect them and keep them at home for the infectious period (Section 19 Education Act).
- For any child who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to WUHAN OR HUBEI or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we ask that they start of their school year after being 14 days after school starts.

Please note we will be encouraging students to use good hygiene practices. Further to this please be assured that each day our cleaners' clean bathrooms and kitchen areas using HyperClean, a hydrogen peroxide cleaner that is very effective at killing bacteria and pathogens. Hydrogen peroxide is a well-recognised sanitiser, which is also environmentally responsible as it breaks down to water and oxygen.

Changes in Peniel Fees 2020

This year there has been a slight increase in Peniel fees. Fees increase to counter the effect of inflation.

No. of Students	Annual Dues	Payment in full by 28 February (10% discount)	1 payment at the start of each term
1 Student	\$680.00	\$612.00	\$170.00
2 Students	\$1224.00	\$1101.00	\$306.00
3 Students	\$1836.00	\$1652.00	\$459.00
4 Students	\$2448.00	\$2203.00	\$612.00

2020 Beginning School Church Service

Please note in your diary our beginning school church service will take place at **Gateway Baptist Church** on **Sunday 23 February** at **10am**.

Digital Citizens Agreement

Sometime this week, a copy of the Digital Citizen Agreement will come home with your child for signing. Before allowing your child to sign this agreement, please read through it with your child checking they understand what it means.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For 2019 and all that happened during this time.
- For refreshing brought by our summer break.
- For those who are committed to Christian Education and support us faithfully.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 41 years.

Please pray:

- For people effected by the coronavirus.
- There would be a positive ripple effect, for our school, from the work of 2019.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community.
- For a volunteer to complete grant applications on behalf of Miramar Christian School.
- That 2020 would be a year marked with joy in the Miramar Christian Community

- For God's wisdom, anointing and blessing on the work of our teaching staff, Principal and office manager.
- For a great welcome for Akenese Musuva as she begins at Miramar Christian School.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 1: Jedidah, Mary, Divya
Week 2: Tanikah, Kate, Raiden

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

Ka nui tēnei
Kaye Gillies
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Assembly 2:30pm
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Wed/Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Thurs	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Fri	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 10:00am
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist Church - all welcome
Feb	
Tues 4 Feb	First day of school - Term 1, 2020
Tues 4 Feb	Assembly 2:30pm
Wed 12 Feb	Vision/Hearing Testing - Y1's & Y7's
Wed 12 Feb	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Fri 14 Feb	Girls Futsal Tournament
Tues 18 Feb	Meet the Teacher (early evening)
Wed 19 Feb	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Fri 21 Feb	Y4-8 Miramar Library Visit 11:30am
Sun 23 Feb	School Church Service, 10am at Gateway
Mon 24 Feb	BoT Mtg, 6pm, Staffroom
Tues 25 Feb	Assembly 2:30pm
Wed 26 Feb	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Fri 28 Feb	Energise a.m.
Fri 28 Feb	Mufti Day
Mar	
Mon 2 Mar	Teacher Only Day - No School
Tues 3 Mar	Term 1 starts 9am
Wed 4 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Fri 6 Mar	Energise a.m.
Sun 8 Mar	MCS @ Newtown Festival
Mon 9 Mar	Shared Assembly 2:15pm
Tues 10 Mar	MCS Open Day
Wed 11 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Wed 18 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Fri 20 Mar	Y4-8 Miramar Library Visit 11:30am
Mon 23 Mar	BoT Mtg, 6pm, Staffroom
Mon 23 Mar	Shared Assembly 2:15pm
Wed 25 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Fri 27 Mar	Mufti Day
Apr	
Wed 1 Apr	Kelly Sports @ MCS p.m.
Mon 6 Apr	Shared Assembly 2:15pm
Thurs 9 Apr	Term 1 ends (3pm)

Subway

Subway is still available to order on Wednesdays in 2020, starting from next Wednesday 12 February 2020.

PE Uniform

PE uniforms are to be worn instead of formal uniform on Wednesday and Friday throughout Term 1.

Music Lessons

Registration forms for piano lessons have been sent home today and need to be filled out and returned to the School Office by **Monday 10 February 2020**. Piano lessons will again be taking place on Friday mornings this year, with lessons starting next Friday 14 February.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Stay "in the loop" in 2020 with our school app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
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Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

SKOOL LOOP

RAROA MUSIC CENTRE 2020 REGISTRATION

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. We still have availability for Level 1 or beginner students in music basics, clarinet, flute, recorder, ukulele, and violin. To enrol for 2020, visit our website and enrol online. Please email the supervisor for Level 2+ availability. Enrolments close 8 February 2020. <https://www.raroamusic.org.nz/> or supervisor@raroamusic.org.nz.

MOGMUSIC

Private tuition available in PIANO, RECORDER, GUITAR & UKULELE. Places available now. All lessons held at MOGMUSIC studio in Brooklyn. Phone 384-8213 to book. \$20 will be donated to the school for each new enrolment.



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5PM-8PM, SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

DREAM NIGHT ± FOOD

Kick off 2020 by learning how to make your dreams come true, guided by a professional!

**\$20 PER PERSON
OR GET A TABLE OF 7 FOR \$120!**

A fun night to have with like-minded 11-15 year old young women. Set meaningful goals for the upcoming year and enjoy a delicious meal across the table from awesome young female professionals, have the chance to talk to them and have your questions answered!

**GET TICKETS NOW:
WWW.SPIRITSOUL.ORG.NZ/STORE**



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