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## Newsletter No 3

### Monday 2 March 2020

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

***Our theme is God is at Work and we are all at work too.***

Recently I have been reading a book called 'Intentional Living', by John Maxwell. In it he cites Catherine Bramwell-Booth as saying "Anyone can do their best. God helps us do better than our best." This concept has captured my attention and is very exciting. It fits our theme "God is at work" with us and last week's memory verse which talks about being yoked with Jesus, walking with HIM. We are privileged to be able to partner with God and have HIM backing us.

#### Open Day

We have an Open Day on Tuesday 10 March 2020 from 9am-12pm. If you know of anyone from your church or neighbourhood with pre-schoolers or who may be interested in attending, please let them know about this. Fliers to share are available from the School Office. Please also pray that this may be a catalyst for increasing the profile of our school.



#### Attendance

Attendance has become a national issue and the government is looking at ways to address this. If a child is regularly away one day a week they will miss 20% of their education and potentially more, as gaps create barriers to learning when they are at school. Students cannot be expected to achieve at the same rate as their peers if they are not at school. Ideally we would like students who are well to be at school daily.

#### Arriving at School on Time

We know getting to school on time can be a real challenge in the morning. However this makes a big difference to the students, teachers and the class. When students have time to hang up their bag, sort their belongings, then meet and play with friends before school, it sets them up to start the day well and maximises their learning time. It is good to **aim to get students to school between 8:30am and 8:45am** as it provides students with the time to do this (N.B. The start of school **bell is rung at 8:55am**). Lateness also effects student achievement.

#### Coronavirus

As you will be aware the Coronavirus is still spreading around the world and New Zealand now has one confirmed case. Please be assured we are following government coronavirus guidelines and safety procedures. Students are washing hands before eating and after using the bathroom. They put tissues in the bin after use. We have 'one use only' paper towels to dry student hands. Our cleaners are using quality products to regularly wash light switches etc. If further actions are required, we will communicate these to you. Skool loop is one of our best communication tools and we suggest if you are not yet signed up to this mobile app you do so in the near future. Thank you.

#### Movin' March WOW Passport



The aim of Movin' March is to encourage people to move more. The Movin' March team are about to send us a stack of WOW (walk or wheel) passport cards which we will sign each day your child walks or wheels to and/or from school. If you travel a distance by car you could park a few blocks back and walk the extra way so your child can get their card signed. All entries will go in the draw to win. The school with the highest percentage of walk or wheel trips in each district will also receive a prize – so help us take out the district prize by encouraging your children to walk or wheel to school! This year's prizes are environmentally friendly.

#### Eastern Zone Cricket

Please note the Eastern Zone Cricket has been postponed by one week to Wednesday 11 March 2020.

#### Newtown Festival

After discussion with the APT we have decided to pull out of the Newtown Festival.

#### Recent Events

**Fish & Chips Dinner + Meet the Teacher**

Wow what a fantastic turnout. It is good to meet as a school. We really appreciate your presence at the Meet the Teacher part of the evening. Thank you also for your feedback on the school report. A copy of this is will also be attached to the email you received this newsletter.

**Working Bee**



Students and helpers did a great job and moving and spreading 7m<sup>3</sup> bark under our playground and tree. All the bark was moved by 10:15am and students were rewarded with half an hour choosing time. It was interesting watching students work out different ways of moving the bark and different systems of

working together to become more effective. Bark was gathered in containers, tipped into buckets and black bags, put on scooters and taken to the areas they were spreading the bark. There was a real sense of kotahitanga (working together with common purpose). Well done!



**Commissioning Service**



Thank you to those who came to the Commissioning Service on Sunday 23 February. Gateway Baptist Church has blessed our school in many ways. This was an important day for our school where we

committed our school and actions to God and seek his blessing on us. We renewed our commitment to be yoked with Christ. There are many Gateway parishioners who are very committed to Christian Education and supporting the work we do here, by regularly to helping in the classroom, library, garden and at the BoT level. Many of these people do not have students in our school. We pass on our thanks to these people.

**Prayer points: -**

**Thank God:**

- For the gift of being partnered (yoked) with Christ in our work.
- 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.
- For the volunteer who has stepped forward to complete grant applications on behalf of Miramar Christian School.
- For a great turnout to Meet the Teacher/Fish & Chips Dinner
- The work completed at the working bee
- The blessings bestowed from Gateway Baptist Church on our school.

**Please pray:**

- For the fliers and posters recently dropped into 9 kindergartens/preschools and churches to be noticed by people who are interested in seeking Christian Education for their children. Plus, that they would make the next step of visiting us and creating fruitful connections.
- For God's wisdom, anointing and blessing on the work of our teaching staff, Principal and office manager.
- 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.
- That 2020 would be a year marked with joy in the Miramar Christian Community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -  
**Week 5:** Hawi, Anton, Dandi  
**Week 6:** Hazel, Yli, Chirag

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

Shalom  
**Kaye Gillies**  
 Principal

<b>Every Wed</b>	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
<b>Every Wed/Fri</b>	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
<b>Every Thurs</b>	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
<b>Every Fri</b>	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 10:00am
<b>Every Sun</b>	10am Gateway Baptist Church - all welcome
<b>Mar</b>	
Wed 4 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS
Fri 6 Mar	Energise a.m.
Mon 9 Mar	Shared Assembly 2:15pm
Tues 10 Mar	MCS Open Day
Wed 11 Mar	EZ Cricket @ Miramar Park
Wed 11 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS
Wed 18 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS
Fri 20 Mar	Christian Schools Annual Sports Day Yr5-8
Mon 23 Mar	Shared Assembly 2:15pm
Mon 23 Mar	BoT Mtg, 6pm, Staffroom
Wed 25 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS
Wed 25 Mar	EZ Football @ Miramar Park
Fri 27 Mar	Mufti Day
<b>Apr</b>	
Wed 1 Apr	Kelly Sports @ MCS
Wed 1 Apr	EZ Football @ Miramar Park (postponement date)
Mon 6 Apr	Shared Assembly 2:15pm
Tues 7 Apr	EZ Futsal @ ASB (Yr 1-4)
Wed 8 Apr	EZ Futsal @ ASB (Yr 5-8)
Thurs 9 Apr	Term 1 ends (3pm)
Fri 10 Apr	No school - Good Friday
Mon 27 Apr	No school - Anzac Day observed
Tues 28 Apr	Term 2 starts (8:55am)

**Skate Back into Summer**  
 For families, pre-schoolers, primary & intermediate age kids  
 @ Kibinzie Rec Centre, 101 Kibinzie Cres, Kibinzie  
**Sunday 8 March 2:30-4:30pm**  
 bring: kids push bikes, scooters, skateboards, skates  
**FREE entry. Skate hire \$3.50. Sorry. NO pedal bikes**  
 parents are responsible for children at all times  
 Organised by Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | gatewaybaptist.org.nz | ph 022 401 5720  
 Children, Youth & Families Pastor: Ben Edwards | families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

# Powerhouse Kids Club

for kids 4-12 years old

**Fridays 3-5pm**

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

- 14 February
- 21 February
- 28 February
- 6 March
- 13 March
- 20 March
- 27 March
- 3 April

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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**Give it a TRY**  
with your classmates & be in to WIN!

Enter a group of 15 or more students and your school could WIN AWESOME PRIZES\* thanks to

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Enter now at [try.weetbix.co.nz](http://try.weetbix.co.nz)  
\*T & C's apply

## Wellington Football Club - register to play junior rugby in 2020!

At Wellington Football Club (Axemen Junior Rugby) we cater for all grades from nursery grade (3 & 4 year olds play for free!), through rippa rugby for children up to 9 years of age and tackle rugby for the older kids.

To register your child please email [rob.gordon@windowslive.com](mailto:rob.gordon@windowslive.com) or attend our Canes in Club Registration Day at Hataitai Park on March 25th from 5.30pm.

As a club we promote the values of structure on the field, hard work and fun in everything we do. We have exceptional coaches and are a tight-knit community club. In 2020 we turn 150, the oldest playing through club in New Zealand! We look forward to you joining our whanau.

## Harbour City Junior Hockey Winter Season Registrations

Harbour City is an inclusive and diverse club and we welcome those from all walks of life. Harbour City Hockey Club is one of the largest hockey clubs in Wellington with both senior and junior teams. We have teams for competitive and social players and for those who are new to hockey.

Fees are \$150 for Y7&8 11 a side teams and \$130 for Y3 -Y6 6 a side teams. The club is able to assist players who are unable to pay their fees and families are advised to contact the club via [harbourcityjh@gmail.com](mailto:harbourcityjh@gmail.com) to arrange support.

All that is needed is a hockey stick, shin guards and sportsmanship.

The registration form can be found via our website [www.hcjh.org.nz/registrations](http://www.hcjh.org.nz/registrations) or via the registration form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1\\_ro8Gwfzwdxf0HAqCnurg6zo4AOSP04OArBhFgCCy8](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_ro8Gwfzwdxf0HAqCnurg6zo4AOSP04OArBhFgCCy8)

Registrations close on 31 March 2020. The season starts on 2 May 2020 and will end on 14 September 2020. Please email the club with any questions [harbourcityjh@gmail.com](mailto:harbourcityjh@gmail.com)

## MARIST ST PATS (MSP) RUGBY REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

The MSP Junior Rugby Club welcomes children to register for the upcoming 2020 junior rugby season, from Nursery grade through to Under 13's.

### REGISTRATION EVENTS

Sign up, weigh in and collect your jersey at any of the following dates:

- Sunday 8th March: 12-2pm
- Wednesday 25th March: 5-6:30pm (meet some of our Hurricanes!)
- Sunday 29th March: 11am-2pm MSP Junior Club Carnival day

All registration events will be at the MSP gym situated between St Patrick's College and Evan's Bay Intermediate School in Kilbirnie.

### COST

MSP Junior Rugby offers the best of both worlds: low fees and excellent facilities. Our subscription fees are as follows:

- Little Rippas: For kids aged 2-4 - \$25 for the entire season
- Juniors: New Players - \$20 / Returning players - \$45 per returning player or \$80 per family with two or more players.

## PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES AUTUMN HOLIDAYS AT SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – BERHAMPORE

14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 from 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: \$243 per cub/week or \$453 for two or more siblings/week. WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

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