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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

Luke 10 :27

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' NIV
At the moment there is a lot of anxiety and talk around COVID 19. It is at times like these we can demonstrate love for our neighbour and our self. This consideration for neighbour and ourselves comes in many forms, keeping a positive attitude, washing hands, refraining from handshakes, hugs and hongi, self-isolating if we have travelled, staying home if we are sick and practical helps. By following sound advice, we honour God.

COVID 19

We are actively following the information and advice being provided by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education with regards to the Coronavirus - COVID 19 and will continue to regularly update you with information as it comes to hand.

In line with Ministry of Health advice, any member of our school community who returns to New Zealand from overseas after 1am on Monday 15 March, or has been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, is required to self-isolate, stay away from the school for 14 days, and register using Healthline's dedicated COVID-19 number 0800 358 5453. There is a list of Pacific countries which are excluded from this restriction. This can be found on the Ministry of Health website (health.govt.nz) under "our work, diseases and conditions, covid-19, countries and areas of concern".

One action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of each other. We are encouraging staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. We ask that you please do the same with students. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

Organisers of the **Lower North Island Christian School Sports Day** are hoping to make a decision tomorrow as to whether this event goes ahead on Friday or if it will be postponed. The decision will be made after the next Government announcement and the weather forecast is known.

Should the Government close schools we would like to be able to send messages through Skool Loop and email work out to students. If you are not on Skool Loop and would like help downloading this phone app, please come and see us. There are currently some families who have not given an email address, we would be grateful if you could send or bring this into the office.

There are child friendly ways of sharing information about COVID 19. At school students have been shown - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#). You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

- [Watch on the PM's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=615164082657847)
- [Read and watch on the Newshub website](https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2020/03/watch-health-experts-join-jacinda-ardern-to-dispel-some-coronavirus-covid-19-myths.html)

Let's be wise and God honouring in the way we manage this situation.

Peer Mediation

Students in Tōtara and Kauri have just begun training to become peer mediators. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) teaches the behaviours we expect. Peer Mediation training teaches students what to do when they have disagreements. Peer mediators learn listening and reflective skills, learn to ask open questions, identify different responses to conflict, and follow a script to facilitate discussions between students if they have a disagreement. We are looking forward to students learning all these things.

Movin'March

Today we will have our first group of students claiming rewards from their completed cards. Thank you to all the parents who have been supporting students to move.

Unexpected Blessings

We are continually amazed at God's unexpected blessings. Last week we received an email from a rewards system that we had no idea we were even in. (Tony Kelly Smith set this up when he was Principal at MCS). We were told we had points that must be used by a given date to collect our rewards as the reward system is closing! The rewards we chose were a leaf blower (which we can use for service) and an extra scooter for wheels day. We are very grateful for this unexpected windfall.

We are also thankful for the parents who are coming forward to also bless us in many ways. We appreciate your gifts of time, creative ideas and suggestions. We are in a good place. Thank you.

Thank God:

- For unexpected blessings.
- 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 the way students have engaged in service work.

Please pray:

- For God's wisdom, anointing and blessing on the work of our teaching staff, Principal and office manager.
- That even in this time Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community.
- There would be a positive ripple effect, for our school, from the work of 2019.
- That 2020 would be a year marked with joy in the Miramar Christian Community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 7: Sophie, Amia-Rose, Adalayd
Week 8: Dylan, Lotus, Elena-Jin

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

Shalom
Kaye Gillies
 Principal

Calling all scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians – we need your help!

Some of our students will be taking part in the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge in Term 2. It's an amazing programme designed to get young Kiwis excited about STEM – science, technology, engineering and maths. The programme pairs STEM professionals with teachers to deliver the learning and we need more volunteers to help our kids design, build and launch water rockets!

Keen to help? It only requires 1 hour a week for 6–8 weeks during Term 2. The Wonder Project team provides all training and resources, including a rocket kit, a rocket launcher and all the learning modules. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to guide young people on the Rocket Challenge. We are looking for passionate and committed professionals working in STEM fields who want to make a real difference – and inspire wonder in the minds of young people in their community.

Register online at wonderproject.co.nz

Every Wed	Prayer Group, Hall, 9-9:30am
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
Mar	
Wed 18 Mar	Kelly Sports @ MCS
Fri 20 Mar	Y5-8 Christian Schools Inter Sports Day
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
Fri 27 Mar	Y4-8 Miramar Library Visit 11:30am
Apr	
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)

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

Powerhouse Kids Club

for kids 4-12 years old

Fridays 3-5pm

food & drink games arts & craft movies

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | gatewaybaptist.org.nz | families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz | ph 022 401 5720

Fridays 3-5pm
 (Come straight from school)

19 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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Book your child's birthday party at the SPCA!

Our awesome birthdays are jam-packed with fun activities and a perfect way for children to interact with some of our very special animals.

Parties are available for children turning 7 years and older.

For more information and bookings go to <https://www.sPCA.nz/services/wellington-birthday-parties>



Community Sports Banks have been set up in your community to allow everyone access to sports gear and get more kids active. If you need or

want sports gear, talk to your school sports coordinator. If you've grown out of sports gear from last year, or don't use it anymore, drop it in, so it can be used again and someone else can enjoy playing because of it.

Your nearest sports bank is **The Hub, Toitu Poneke Community and Sports Centre, 49 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie Park**

For more information check us out on Facebook www.facebook.com/communitysportsbank/

Room in the car? Keep your neighbours and school friends in mind when you're registering for sports and offer a ride to games and trainings. Tell your kids to tell their friends.

Sports clubs also often have a selection of second-hand boots for a small cost, to enable cheaper participation. Some clubs have scholarships too. Give them a call or email.

Artrageous Kids

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! **Bookings essential. BOOK NOW!**

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

Artrageous Kids - Big Kids (Olderageous)

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. **Bookings essential. BOOK NOW!**

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

School Holiday Computer Class.

Grand Training runs fun and educational computer classes, school holidays, Saturday and after school for ages 5 to 15. **New class** Learn to Code and Create 3D Games. Learn to Code with Scratch, Python or Java. Also, Minecraft, Website Design and for younger children the Discovery Computer Class.

At home tuition available on school closed days

Weekend Birthday themed Party i.e. Minecraft, Roblox or other computer programs.

For more details go to www.grandtraining.co.nz or ring Wanda at (04) 499 2211

Protect others from getting sick

When coughing and sneezing **cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue**

Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick

World Health Organization

How should I greet another person to avoid catching the new coronavirus?

To prevent COVID-19 it is safest to avoid physical contact when greeting.

Safe greetings include a wave, a nod, or a bow.

World Health Organization #Coronavirus #COVID19

Be KIND to support loved ones during #coronavirus

- Check in regularly especially with those affected
- Encourage them to keep doing what they enjoy
- Share WHO information to manage anxieties
- Provide calm and correct advice for your children

Learn more to Be **READY** for #COVID19:
www.who.int/COVID-19

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