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Character, Excellence, Community

Term 2 Theme: God is at work.
Values: Cooperation and Community.
Habit of the Mind: Thinking independently.
Key Competency: Develop skills in 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 11v13)

"...'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'."

(Luke 10v27)

Principal's Pen

Kia ora Koutou,

The world has changed a lot over the last 6 months. Covid-19 has altered things and now the untimely death of George Floyd caused by police actions, has sent ripples of unrest around the world. Racism and injustice are very real and difficult issues. Racism can at times be deliberate and at other times is the result of institutional structures, practices and ignorance.

In Micah 6:8 we are called, 'to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our [your] God.' In Luke we are called to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. When Jesus was asked 'Who is our neighbour?' the response he gave was through the story of 'The Good Samaritan'. He indicated our neighbour is anyone and everyone, whether we perceive them as a threat or friend, all people are valuable to God and all are our neighbours. All of humanity is to be honoured, as all are made in the image and likeness of God.

Our prayers go out to the American Black community who have endured much and all those that experience racism. We also pray the we would check we are not unwittingly engaging in racism, plus that we would be instruments in God's hand to act with wisdom to break down any systems of injustice in our own spheres of influence.

As you are aware our topic for the term is "Communities". This term we will be engaging in Mid-Winter Christmas celebrations. This is a practical way students can be involved in bringing a community spirit to their neighbourhoods. They can take practical actions

to build up their neighbours and bring light and fun into the darkness of winter. We would love all families to be involved in this positive initiative too. For more information please see the ad below and visit <https://www.midwinterchristmas.nz/>

New Student



It is our pleasure to welcome Rebecca to Kowhai class. We pray God's richest blessing on Rebecca and her family. Please introduce yourself to Adele (Rebecca's mum) plus her family and welcome them.

What is happening?

Assemblies: We are currently living in a landscape of constant change. Soon after we have sent out this newsletter Jacinda will be advising what level we will be operating at for the next couple of weeks. Until we move to Level 1 assemblies will be via Google Meet. When we do move from Level 2 to Level 1, we will resume full school assemblies in person.

Kelly Sport, Subway, Music Lessons and Technology: These have all resumed.

Reading Together Programme

We are planning on running a Reading Together Programme starting in Week 1 of Term 3. This programme is for parents, grandparents and others who support student reading, to learn how best to support their child/ren's reading at home. The programme consists of four sessions run over a series of weeks. Research shows the Reading Together Programme is a highly effective way of improving student learning. Programmes are limited to 12 participants (or 10 if we are still in Level 2). More details coming soon.

Contact Tracing Register Continues

While at Level 2 we will continue to require all parents and visitors entering the school grounds to sign in and record where in the school they have been and their time of exit, as well as maintaining a 2-metre distance from all others in the grounds. Thank you to all those who have been into the school grounds to date – you have been awesome at doing this.

Video Notices

Over the lockdown I trialled using video notices. Please let me know if this was helpful for you. I will continue to do this if it was.

We thank you for your on-going support. If you have any questions, please contact me (Kaye Gillies) on 021 293 5390.

Prayer

Praise

- For another new student and two more enquiries.
- For answers to prayers.
- For the opportunity to unite with Miramar Churches to celebrate a Mid-Winter Christmas.

Prayer

- For justice, mercy and peace for the Black American community and all others experiencing racism. Plus, for the perpetrators to have their eyes open and see ways to change their actions for good.
- For the continued wellbeing of our children, and that they would experience an excitement about their learning.
- That God will grant students eyes to see new things as they learn about communities and they would have the heart to respond in godly ways to what they will learn through this study.
- For families in our community who have been impacted financially and in other ways from the changes due to Covid-19. Please pray they receive all they need to sustain them during this time.
- That we would bond together as a community through practical encouragement and supporting of each other.
- That we as a Christian School Community would fully engage in the Mid-Winter Christmas Activity and find practical ways to help others in our local and wider communities – that we could be a blessing to others.

Prayer Students

- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 9: Sophie, Judah, Chirag
Week 10: Makayla, Aadarsh, Adalayd

Shalom and Ngā Mihi
Kaye Gillies
Principal

Bee Healthy Dental Van Visit – 15-18 June 2020

Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service are pleased to inform you we can start doing dental checks from our mobiles in schools at Level 2. We can examine any child who is well (from class) using strict infection prevention and control processes. Your child's temperature may be checked with a thermometer prior to entering the mobile. If a child has a temperature higher than 38o we will defer your child's examination until they are well. Parents should contact us on 0800Talk Teeth 0800 825 583 if they do not want their child to receive their dental check at school. This will be recorded in the child's notes as either a temporary or permanent consent change.

School Travel Survey - Impacts of Coronavirus

In light of recent events surrounding Coronavirus and the impact this had on schooling, Wellington City Council would like to know if the school travel behaviour within your whānau has changed since your child/ren have returned to school in Level 2. This survey should only take 5 minutes to complete. Thank you for your participation.

Link to survey:

<https://forms.gle/UzZCD1ZgsqtoLCdDA>

SCHOOL DIARY

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| Every Mon | Assembly 1:45pm |
| 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 |
| June | |
| Mon 8 Jun | Sharing Assembly 1:45pm |
| Wed 10 Jun | Kelly Sports p.m. |
| Mon 15 - Thur 18 Jun | Dental Van @ MCS |
| Wed 17 Jun | Kelly Sports p.m. |
| Mon 22 Jun | Sharing Assembly 1:45pm |
| Mon 22 Jun | BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Rm4 |
| Wed 24 Jun | Kelly Sports p.m. |
| Thur 25 Jun | VoM Presentation - Yrs 3-8 |
| Thur 25 Jun | St Caths Open Evening for Y8 Girls (6pm) |
| Fri 26 Jun | Y8 Boys visit to Rongotai College (9-11:30am) |
| Fri 26 Jun | Mufti Day (gold coin donation) |
| July | |
| Fri 3 Jul | End of Term 2 (3pm finish) |
| Mon 20 Jul | Term 3 starts (9am) |

Rongotai Visit for Year 8 Boys

Year 8 boys are invited to visit Rongotai College to view it's facilities and sample some activities on Friday 26 June 2020 from 9am-11:30am. Transport will be provided to Rongotai College.





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME LEARN TO FENCE

Monday 6th – Thursday 9th July, 2020

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th July, 2020

9am – 12pm | \$150 per person, per week

Come along to one week or both and give fencing a go!

The Hub, Toitu Poneke, 49 Kilbirnie Crescent, Wellington
Suitable for beginners aged 8 – 16 years old

To register, email us at wellingtonsouthfencingclub@gmail.com

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