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Character, Excellence, Community

Term 4 Theme: God is Pure and Holy
Values: Security, Respect, Care
Threads: Celebrating Life,
Expressing Ourselves in Words,
Taking Responsibility
Key Competencies: Managing Self, Using Language

Our Mission Statement:

For each learner the school community will provide quality learning opportunities that encourage Christian perspectives and affirm Biblical principles.

Memory Verses 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,

Welcome back to a new term. Last term finished with a bang. For photos of these end of term activities head over to the Miramar Christian School Facebook page. Activities include students making bees wax wraps with the help of members of the Sustainable Trust, Tōtara and Kauri students having a fabulous time visiting Maranatha - playing sports and watching Maranatha's dress rehearsal of their school play and students in Years 4-8 launching their rockets. There are many things planned for our new term. There is

- a trip to Parliament
- Swimming lessons
- Visits from our friendly Police Constable (Constable Aaron Dann)
- Shake Out
- A visit from an author
- We have an Open Evening this coming Thursday
- And most importantly we are holding a **Medieval Community Fair** (7th November)
- Teachers Only Day

Open Day on this Thursday

Please encourage those you think will be interested to attend.

Fundraising BBQ

Due to illness the BBQ that we were planning on Saturday 17 October 2020 (Election Day), to raise funds has been cancelled.

Medieval Community Fair
Saturday 7 November 2020
11.00am – 2.00pm

Please mark this date in your diary. This is an **event not to be missed**. So far, we have a Medieval re-enactment group coming with armour, an archery group, candle making, bouncy castle, soccer cage, small ride-ons for pre-schoolers, some stalls. Further information is on the attached flier.

The aim of this event is primarily to give back to the community and to raise people's awareness of our school. There is also the opportunity to raise funds for our school. We will be running a BBQ and cake stall plus helping out wherever we can. This event will be a great way for us all to come together.

Ben Edwards from Gateway is co-ordinating the Medieval Community Fair with support from Gateway parishioners. Clearly, he also needs our support. There are many things to be done. Some on Friday after school, some before the event begins, a lot during the event and some with packing down. Consequently, we are **encouraging all families to commit giving at least three hours** to support this event. We will soon be sending out a **document with ways to help to do listed on it**.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Unit

As previously stated, it is important you know we are teaching this unit so you can help with homework tasks and are not surprised by questions your child may ask related to this work. To find out more you can look up the units on <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>, or talk to your class teacher or one of the parents who attended the information session last term. Please do not feel shy about asking questions.

Keeping Kids Safe Online

The local churches are running a "Keeping Kids Safe On-Line" event from 7-9 pm on Wednesday 28 October at Miramar Central Hall. We would like to encourage you to attend this as it dovetails nicely in our 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' work.

Shake Out

We are joining in the 'Shake Out' at 9:30am on Thursday 15 October 2020. This is our 'National Earthquake and Tsunami Hīkio'. In this drill our students will drop, cover and hold and after getting the all clear will move to higher ground. We will walk up to Miramar North School as it is higher ground. If your house is in the tsunami zone you may want to talk to your family about where your family could go if there is a threat of tsunami.

Other -

Community Consultation

Thank you to the parents who have already done a consultation interview on their views about the education and our school. If you are keen to be part of the consultation, please come and make a time with me (Mrs Kaye Gillies).

English Language Learning Opportunity

Kiwi Class have contacted our school to let parents know they offer Free English and Employment Support. They run classes that help improve reading, writing, listening and speaking. Free childcare is available for 0-5-year old's in various locations. If this sounds like something you would find helpful contact Elizabeth Young on 04 384 3693; 021,02750284 or Elizabeth.young@kiwiclass.org.nz.

Prayer

Praise

- For the opportunity to provide Christian schooling in Wellington.
- For the increased number of enquiries.
- For answers to prayers.

Prayer

- That God will help students to value and learn the ways they can keep themselves safe.
- That we, staff and whānau, would recognise teachable moments that can impact lives. For God's wisdom, anointing and blessing on the work of our Principal, teaching staff, office manager and children.
- That current and future enquiries would turn into enrolments.
- Those who wish to come to Miramar Christian School would find suitable accommodation within proximity of the school.
- That God would continue to make Miramar Christian School visible in the community.
- That we as a Christian School Community would 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 1: Nova, Daniel, Justine
Week 2: Joseph, Sofia, Josiah

I have attached our complaints procedure for your information. We thank you for your on-going support. If you have any questions I can help with, please contact me (Mrs Kaye Gillies) on 021 293 5390.

Shalom and Ngā Mihi
Kaye Gillies
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

Every Mon	Assembly (time to be advised)
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Tues/Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Thurs	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Fri	Music Lessons, 8:30am - 10:45am
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist Church - all welcome
Oct	
Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 starts (9am)
Mon 12 Oct	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 13 Oct	Swimming 2.00pm
Wed 14 Oct	"Chilled Concert" Yr 1-3
Wed 14 Oct	Trip to Parliament Yr 4-8
Thurs 15 Oct	Shakeout 9.30am
Thurs 15 Oct	Open Evening 6.00pm- 7.00pm
Fri 16 Oct	Miramar Library Yr 4-8, 1.30pm
Mon 19 Oct	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 21 Oct	Swimming 2.00pm
Fri 23 Oct	Heart Foundation Nutrition Lessons
Mon 26 Oct	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tues 27 Oct	Swimming 2.00pm
Fri 30 Oct	Heart Foundation - Leadership Yr 4-8
Fri 30 Oct	MUFTI
Mon 2 Nov	Author Visit am
Mon 2 Nov	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 3 Nov	Swimming 2.00pm
Fri 6 Nov	Heart Foundation - Leadership Yr 4-8
Fri 6 Nov	Heart Foundation - Māori games
Fri 6 Nov	Begin event set up
Sat 7 Oct	Medieval Community Fair 11.00am-2.00pm
Nov	
Mon 9 Nov	TEACHERS ONLY DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED

Free Home Fire Safety Visits!



Fire and Emergency New Zealand offers these visits to help people make their homes fire safe for them and their families.

We are available to provide free information, can help install and test smoke alarms, or provide a free smoke alarm to those who are eligible.

Please let your networks know about this service.

For more information or to book a free visit, contact your local fire station or email:

FENZwellington@fireandemergency.nz

Did you know **YOU** and **YOUR** baby can help develop better vaccines to prevent flu in the future?



WellKiwis influenza study

Be part of New Zealand's next major global research into the flu virus and flu vaccine for babies and infants. Help with research related to Infant Immunity to Influenza.



The WellKiwis study is looking for 800 birth mothers and their babies due to be born between 1 October 2019 – 30 September 2022 to take part in this important study. The world needs better flu vaccines and New Zealand children could hold the clues to save millions of lives around the world.

VOLUNTEER TO BE PART OF THIS STUDY

To find out more to about participating, please talk to your midwife or health professional, or contact lead investigator Dr. Sue Huang on freephone 0800 493555 (08004WELLKIWI) or WellKiwis@esr.cri.nz



The Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR), one of New Zealand's Crown Research Institutes, is leading the study with New Zealand ethics approval (NTX11.11.1024M42). It is a multi-agency collaboration including Lead Maternity Carer (LMC), the Universities of Otago and Auckland, the Capital Coast and Hutt Valley District Health Boards. It is a part of a large international collaboration on the infant immunity against flu funded by United States National Institutes of Health through the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (SJCRH) in Memphis USA.

Parenting Course

INITIATING INDEPENDENCE – Parenting 6 to 12-year olds

Course starting 28 October to 2 December 2020. 2 hours per week for 6 weeks. Wednesday 7 pm – 9 pm. Small group classes (max. 12 people) in Parent Help offices: **Level 4, 175 Victoria Street, Wellington.**

- Learn skills to communicate with and support your child
- Understand your child's behaviour
- Feel empowered to solve behavioural issues

Register here <https://www.parenthelp.org.nz/register-for-parenting-course/>

Cost of course: 1 Participant \$50, 2 Participants \$70

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