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## Newsletter No 1

**Tuesday 2 February 2021**

**Character, Excellence, Community**

**Term 1 Theme:** God is wise.  
**Values:** Wisdom, persevering  
**Threads:** Imagining innovations,  
Overcoming setbacks,  
Challenging distortions,  
Discovering patterns  
**Key Competencies:** Critical thinking, 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 2021

"In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Roman 12:5

### Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to 2021.

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 2021, watching your children learn and grow as we work together. We have lots planned for this term with more to come. We are excited about our seven new enrolments and encourage all parents to reach out and welcome these families into our school community.

As well as gathering at the gate before and after school, further places to connect with others are, the "Meet the Teachers Evening," "Goal Setting," School "Commissioning Service" and an end of term "Community Event". Hence, we invite you to be fully involved in these and use them to connect, care for others, welcome new families, celebrate the work of the school and stand in prayer with us as we work to provide quality Christian Education.

This term our theme is "God is wise" and our topic is "Explorers and Inventors". This is an exciting topic. Students will be considering the following questions and concepts:

**Character:** *What does perseverance look like? Inventors and discoverers kept going until they achieved the result they sought. We can keep going too.*

**Excellence:** *How can we do our best and value excellence? By learning about the past we can understand why things are the way they are and work out how to create positive futures.*

**Community:** *How can we serve the community? God enables people to apply their talents, skills and resources to invent things and find places for the good of others. We can too.*

### Welcome

We warmly welcome 7 new students: Hannah Green, Audrey Abernethy, JesseTay, Miana Cayamdas and Abigail, Noah and Isabelle Egbuji to Miramar Christian School and we pray God's blessing on them.



We also welcome Mr Fraser Reid who is teaching in Kauri Class. We ask God's blessing on him and Kauri as they work together throughout 2021.

### Meet the Teachers Night Feb 17 6pm

We invite you to come to school for a shared meal from 6.00 -6.30pm and then a meet the teacher session. Kōwhai's session (Year 1-3) will start at 6.30- 7.00pm and Kauri class session (Year 4-8) will be at 7.00- 7.30pm.

### Uniform

Summer has arrived. Students wear a summer uniform in Term 1. There are pictures of students in summer uniform displayed outside classes. A sun hat is a must in this weather. Please check if your child has a hat. A named water bottle and sunscreen may also be of benefit at this time. The school sunhat and other formal uniform items can be purchased at The Warehouse in Lyall Bay. Please check your child has the correct shoes to wear with their formal uniform. Boys shirts are to be tucked in. If you are uncertain about these please see Mrs Anderson. School PE uniform is available from the office. We encourage all students to wear their uniform with pride. We will have a uniform inspection in week 3.

PE uniform is worn on Tuesdays and Fridays.

## Class day times

Timings in the school day have changed: -

### Monday, 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

### Tuesday,

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

### Thursdays

School opens: 08:30am

**Morning Classes:** 08:55am - 12:40pm

Morning Break: 10:45am - 11:10am

Lunch Break: Time TBC

**Afternoon Classes finish** :03:00pm

NB Year 7-8 Technology bus comes Thursdays at 8.50 - Starting week 2

## The Coronavirus

As we are still in level 1 the school will continue to observe our level 1 safety procedures. This includes displaying our QR, regular office sign in for non-school family visitors, and we will be continuing to promote hand washing covering sneezes and coughs with elbows and students staying home if unwell.

## Peniel Fees 2021

Peniel fees remain the same in 2021.

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 Miramar Christian School Commissioning Service

Please note in your diary our commissioning church service will take place at **Gateway Baptist Church** on **Sunday 21 February** at **10am**. This service is a special time where we come together as a community, commit our year to God and seek His blessing. We would love you all to join with us for this service.

## Digital Citizens Agreement

A copy of the Digital Citizen Agreement will come home with your child today 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 refreshing brought by our summer break.
- For those who are committed to Christian Education.
- For new enrolments starting in 2021 bringing real potential for growth.
- For the excitement that our new staff member brings.

- For the lessons learned during 2020.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 42 years.
- That He (God) is the Rock.

### Please pray:

- For blessings, a great welcome, connections and friendships for our new students and teacher.
- That 2021 would be a year marked with a strong sense of community for Miramar Christian School
- For God's direction, wisdom, anointing and blessing on the work of our staff (teachers, teachers aides, principal and office manager) and families (including our students).
- That we (Staff) would meet, bless and grow students from where they are now in many positive ways.
- That Miramar Christian School would continue to become increasingly visible.
- For volunteers to complete grant applications, help with our gardens and library plus a leader to re-establish our APT using the guidelines set by our BoT.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community.

Thank you for your commitment and prayers.

Ka nui tēnei

**Kaye Gillies**

**Principal**

# SCHOOL DIARY

<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Assembly 2:30</b>
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Subway ordered lunch (optional)</b>
<b>Every Tues/Fri</b>	<b>Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform</b>
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>Technology (Yrs 7-8) 8.50 pick up</b>
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform Music Lessons, 8:30am-10:45am</b>
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>10am Gateway Baptist – all welcome</b>
<b>FEB</b>	
Tues 2 Feb	Term 1 2021 starts 2.30 Assembly
Wed 3 Feb	
Thurs 4 Feb	No Y7-8 Technology this week, First session Kapa Haka
Fri 5 Feb	
Mon 8 Feb	Waitangi Day observed – NO SCHOOL
Tues 9 Feb	Kelly Sport
Wed 10 Feb	
Thurs 11 Feb	Y7 Boosterix Education Session
Fri 12 Feb	
Mon 15 Feb	2.30 Assembly
Tues 16 Feb	Kelly Sport
Wed 17 Feb	6pm Shared meal & Meet the Teacher
Thurs 18 Feb	8.50 Technology bus Y7-8, Kapa Haka Uniform Check
Fri 19 Feb	Heart foundation activity session
Sun 21 Feb	10am Commissioning Service
Mon 22 Feb	2.30 Assembly
Tues 23 Feb	Kelly Sport
Wed 24 Feb	
Thurs 25 Feb	8.50 Technology bus Y7-8, Kapa Haka
Fri 26 Feb	11.30 Kauri visits Miramar Library
<b>MAR</b>	
Mon 1 Mar	2.30 Assembly
Tues 2 Mar	Kelly Sport
Wed 3 Mar	Goal Setting with parents



**2021 Term Dates**

Term 1: Tues 2 Feb – Thurs 16 Apr  
 Term 2: Tues 3 May – Fri 9 Jul  
 Term 3: Mon 26 July – Fri 1 Oct  
 Term 4: Mon 18 Oct – Tues 14 Dec

Please note the following dates where school will be closed in 2021:

Mon 1 Feb: Teacher Only Day  
 Mon 8 Feb: Waitangi Day (observed)  
 Fri 2 Apr: Easter Good Friday  
 Mon 5 Apr: Easter Monday  
 Tues 6 Apr: Easter Tuesday  
 Sat 17 Apr – Sun 2 May: Term 1 Holidays  
 Mon 7 Jun: Queens Birthday  
 Sat 10 Jul – Sun 25 July: Term 2 Holidays  
 Sat 2 Oct – Sun 17 October: Term 3 Holidays  
 Mon 25 Oct: Labour Day

**Power House Kids Club**  
 For kids 4-12 years old  
**Fridays 3-5pm**

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

**Friday 3-5pm**  
 (come straight from school)

12 February  
 19 February  
 26 February  
 5 March  
 12 March  
 19 March  
 26 March

No Kids club on Good Friday 2 April  
 9 April  
**Saturday 24 April: Movie & Pizza night**

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

**RAROA MUSIC CENTRE ENROLMENTS FOR 2020**

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We still have availability for students in cello, clarinet, drums, flute, guitar, keyboard, music basics, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin. To enrol for 2021, visit our website and enrol online. Enrolments close 13 February 2021.  
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