

41 Camperdown Road
Miramar
Wellington 6022
Ph: (04) 939 8558
Fax: (04) 939 8559

Website:
www.christian.school.nz
Email contacts:
office@christian.school.nz



Newsletter No 2

Monday 15 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

While our world changes it is good to know that our God is the same "yesterday, today and tomorrow" (Hebrews 13:8). During this time, our prayers go out to people who are affected by Covid-19 here in New Zealand and those overseas. A key statement being learnt this term by students is "*God enables people to apply their talents, skills and resources to invent things and find places for the good of others. We can too.*" During this time, we also give thanks to those who are currently using their skills and talents for the good of people and especially those who use their resources to design, create and produce vaccines for the good of many.

We are operating at Alert Level 2 until midnight Wednesday. The most important things to know about Alert Level 2 are listed below. Before discussing these, we want to confirm that **we are open** and **assure you we have safety measures in place.**

Things to note are:

- contact registers are to be signed by parents entering the grounds (QR scanning is also advised).
- parents in the school grounds are to maintain a distance of 2 metres from other school parents and staff.
- students are to stay out of other students moist breath zone and a metre from staff (you may wish to show younger children this video to help them understand this <https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/videos/c/coronavirus-videos/moist-breath-zone/>).
- hand washing/sanitising will continue.

- there will be **no assembly today** (Monday 15 February 2021).
- Wednesday's **Sausage Sizzle and Meet the Teacher** is **postponed**. New date to be confirmed.
- **Subway will be available** this week on Wednesday.

Further measures are listed in the attached document.

We will keep you updated with any other changes through Skool Loop. Please ensure you have this app on your phone with notifications turned on. If you need help with this, please ask your child's class teacher or at the office for help.

If you have any questions, please ask - we are still here for you.

Meet the Teachers Day - POSTPONED

A new date to be confirmed.

As our Meet the Teacher event involved eating and potentially large numbers gathering in classes we have decided to postpone this event to a time when Wellington is out of Alert Level 2.

Uniform

Students wear a summer uniform in Term 1. A sun hat is a must in this weather. Please check if your child has a hat. A named water bottle and suncream 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. School PE uniform is available from the school office. We encourage all students to wear their uniform with pride.

2020 Beginning School Church Service

Please note in your diary our beginning school 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. (Please note, we will not be having a shared morning tea after this service and will only go ahead if we return to Alert Level 1.)

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For refreshing brought by our summer break.
- For those who are committed to Christian Education and support us faithfully.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 42 years.

Please pray:

- For families who have loved ones overseas, or in South Auckland who they are concerned about in the Covid-19 environment.
- Protection for our whanau and our school staff health at this time.
- 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.

Prayer Students

- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 3: Ifeyinwa, Audrey, Mary, Hugo
Week 4: Hannah, Jeshurun, Judah, Aadarsh

I 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

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

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)
 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

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

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

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Assembly 2:30
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Tues/Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Thurs	Technology (Yrs 7-8) 8.50 pick up
Every Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform Music Lessons, 8:30am-10:45am
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist – all welcome
FEB	
Tues 16 Feb	Kelly Sport
Tues 16 Feb	9:15am Hearing/Vision Testing (Y1/7)
Thurs 18 Feb	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7-8)
Thurs 18 Feb	Kapa Haka
Thurs 18 Feb	Uniform Check
Fri 19 Feb	Heart foundation Activity Session
Sun 21 Feb	10am Commissioning Service
Mon 22 Feb	2.30pm Assembly
Tues 23 Feb	Kelly Sport
Wed 24 Feb	BoT, 6:30pm, Rm 4
Thurs 25 Feb	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7-8)
Thurs 25 Feb	Kapa Haka
Thurs 25 Feb	12:50pm Mihi Whakatau
Fri 26 Feb	11.30am Kauri visits Miramar Library
Fri 26 Feb	Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
MAR	
Mon 1 Mar	2.30pm Assembly
Tues 2 Mar	Kelly Sport
Wed 3 Mar	Goal Setting with Parents
Thurs 4 Mar	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7-8)
Thurs 4 Mar	Kapa Haka

Year 7 Vision Screening - Information for parents

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- **Vision** – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

Non-consent – please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.
 This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

Have you downloaded our School app yet?
 Never miss important school information again!

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips

Available on the App Store
 Get it on Google play

Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

Heart Foundation Summer lunchbox

Leftover pasta salad: Egg, tomato, cucumber and sweetcorn, with light dressing

Choose one or more from each group to have on the side:

- Grilled courgette and/or avocado
- Fruit kebab and/or peach
- Cheese and/or custard
- Rice cake and/or wholemeal pikelets

For more information visit heartfoundation.org.nz

MIRAMAR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Operations Plan under Alert Level 2,
Active from 15 February 2021



Key Points	Description
<p>Priorities on moving to Alert Level 2</p>	<p>Priority 1 - Safety and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reassuring students and adults that they are safe at school. ● Focusing on the hygiene routines we need to take to ensure we stay well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular hand washing/hand sanitizing ○ Coughing and sneezing into elbow ○ No touching other people or their belongings ○ Stay out of other people’s moist breath zone ○ Stay home if you are feeling unwell (staff and students)
<p>Alert Level 2 Timetable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drinking fountains will not be operational. Children are to bring their own labelled drink bottles. ● Subway continues at Alert Level 2. ● Pick-up and drop-offs. Be prepared for pick-ups and drop-offs to take longer especially if you want to come into the school grounds. ● Under Alert Level 2 parents and caregivers who enter the gates (even if you are not going into the buildings) will be required to record their names on a contact tracing document. This may involve queuing to complete this. ● Parents, caregivers and visitors are required to be 2 meters apart. Please also respect this distancing with our office and teaching staff. ● Park safely when you arrive to drop-off or and pick up your child, i.e. do not double park, park on yellow lines or over driveways. It is better to take a little longer and park up the road and remain safe. ● As we are a smaller school we will not be staggering starts and finish times at this stage.
<p>Managing Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under Alert Level 2 Miramar Christian School is fully open to receive all current students. ● We will be working towards supporting families who have immune compromised children and family members with strategies that will assist attendance. ● Normal attendance procedures apply. Contact the office via Skool Loop, email or phone if your child will not be attending and give a reason for this absence. ● If your child is going to be late to school, ring and let our Office Manager know. Late students will report to the office as usual. ● Any children and staff who are sick are to stay at home or they will be sent home immediately if they show any cold/flu-like symptoms.
<p>Contact Tracing of every adult</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under Alert Level 2 rules we are required to keep a contact tracing register of every adult/visitor who comes on to the school site. ● In schools, contact tracing is a combination of timetable, attendance register, visitor register and parent contract tracing register. These provide good information to health authorities if they need to contact people that might be considered a close contact of a confirmed case and determine whether they will need to self-isolate.
<p>Physical Distancing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is no bubble concept at Alert Level 2 so students can mix with others. ● Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. ● Students and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other (https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/videos/c/coronavirus-videos/moist-breath-zone/), coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There does not need to be a specific measurement between children but where practicable 1 metre should be used as a guide, particularly between adult staff. • There are situations where physical distancing is not possible, such as some sporting activities. In these situations, there will be an extra emphasis on handwashing and drying (or cleansing with hand sanitiser) before and after activities. • Parents, caregivers and visitors are required to be 2 meters apart. Please respect this distancing with our office and teaching staff.
<p>School buildings and environment</p>	<p>CLASSROOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our classes are single cells, and each class has a low number of students. This means our students have less exposure to other students than students in schools with open plan environments and larger class groupings. • Our classes each have their own bathrooms and additional sink areas with soap to use before going out to play, before eating and after using the bathroom. Under Alert Level 2, hand sanitiser will also be provided in every classroom. Hand sanitiser stations will be set up at the designated entry points of each classroom. Students and staff will use this hand sanitiser as they enter the buildings each time. • Additional cleaners and cloths will be available in classrooms for teachers to sanitise spaces throughout the school day as required. Please do not throw out spray 'n' wipe or hand soap pump bottles in the classroom, as these can be refilled. We have a large bottle of sanitiser to refill pump bottles. • Students have their own stationery, supplies and devices and will be encouraged not to share these items. • Students will work for most of the time at their own desks. • Teaching groups can still be taken but be mindful of spacing students appropriately and not breathing across a narrow table at one another. If they work on a shared teaching table this will be wiped down after each group (this is an extra precautionary measure which is not required by the Ministry.) • COVID 19 posters promoting good cough and sneeze etiquette will be on display in all classes. • Hand sanitiser will be available in all rooms - if you run out please let the office know as soon as possible. • Paper hand towels will also be available for classroom use (talk to the students about being careful not to use wads of paper towels). Paper towels will be discarded in the general waste bins not in our paper recycling bins. <p>ADMIN AREA/OFFICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred parent contact with the school office will be via phone and email. If parents need to enter the office area (e.g., to collect an injured child) they will be asked to social distance. • Office staff may wish to wear disposable gloves for handling payments, paperwork, lost property over the counter. • Wash your hands or use wet wipes before using the photocopier keypad. <p>STAFFROOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are expected to always maintain a minimum of 1m physical distance including in the staffroom. • You can use crockery in the staffroom. Please do not leave food lying around or dishes/cups in the sink or your classrooms. Cups, spoons, etc. to be personally handled into the dishwasher. • Liquid soap and paper towels (not tea towels) are provided for handwashing. <p>HALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school hall can be used by one class at a time. <p>PLAYGROUNDS AND COURTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All playgrounds will be open for student use. • PE and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds, but hygiene practices should be observed before and after playing with equipment. • Wheels days will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays. However, scooters are not to be shared. <p>BATHROOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can use their classroom bathrooms only.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning of bathroom will be done with hospital grade disinfectant and as per the Ministry of Health guidelines. <p>WATER FOUNTAINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not be available for use. Students are to bring their own named water bottle.
Behaviour Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character, Excellence and Community values and usual behaviour expectations apply at MCS. Due to higher-than-normal anxiety levels, students who purposely cough, breathe, or pretend to sneeze or constantly break touching rules will have their parents contacted.
Staff Interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers/staff are not restricted to one group. This means teachers/ adults from other classes/relievers/specialists etc. can work in rooms. Any external providers e.g., RTLB, RTLit, visiting need to sign the contact tracing register at the office. Staff meeting can be held onsite.
Playtimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There does not need to be a measurable physical distance between children or children and staff. Teachers should try where possible to keep students apart to some degree, but also realise that despite your best efforts that this may not be possible. However, staff should where practicable use 1m as a guide between themselves and other adults. On wet days teachers are encouraged to put out equipment that can be wiped down easily.
Learning from home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Alert Level 2 the primary focus for our classroom teachers and teacher aides will be their in-school programmes. There may be a small number of exceptional cases where students must learn from home, however teachers <u>cannot</u> offer both a comprehensive in-school classroom programme and online learning programmes. This means teachers will not be available during the day to respond to students on Google Classroom or able to provide Google Meets. If students do not complete programmes offered, teachers will not provide a new online programme until all work in the current programme is complete. In exceptional cases, where children have medical reasons keeping them at home/in isolation, staff will discuss how we can cater for their learning needs. If a child is away sick, then they will be marked as sick (not learning from home).
School Cleaning	<p>Cleanliness is going to be a significant focus over the coming weeks/months.</p> <p>Crest and their cleaning team continue to follow the Ministry of Health guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our cleaning team will receive extra instruction about cleaning under Alert Level 2. Our cleaners will focus on toilets and hard surfaces such as tables/desks, door handles, light switches, tapware, benches etc. Cleaners will only vacuum if it looks necessary. However, there is a vacuum cleaner in the storeroom so staff can vacuum if urgent. <p>Do not put classroom chairs up at the end of the day to allow for the cleaning of tabletops.</p>
Assemblies	As this is a 3-day Alert Level 2 event we will not have an assembly on Monday. Should Alert Level 2 continue beyond the three days announced we will introduce google meet assemblies.
Buddy Reading	There will be no buddy reading during Alert Level 2.
Tech Centre	Technology does not fit in the 3-day Alert Level 2 period.
Sports providers	Kelly Sports will continue on Tuesdays at Alert Level 2.
After School Care Providers	If your child uses an after-school care provider, you will need to contact them about their arrangements under Alert Level 2.