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Character, Excellence, Community

Term 2 Theme: God is Loving.
Values: Compassion, Cooperation.
Threads: Embracing diversity, Loving God by loving our neighbour, Shaping culture, Overcoming setbacks.
Key Competencies: Participating and contributing, 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 a new term. This term's theme is God is Loving. Students will be learning about a range of topics, including Fire Safety (Week 1-2), A land of many Cultures - including Olympics (week 2-8) and Anti-bullying. In addition, all students will also be attending ASB sports sessions, working towards a whole school kapa haka performance (Week 8) and a Hip Hop Dance Performance (Week 10). Year 4-8 students will also attend Tri-activate (this Wednesday) and compete at the Lower North Island Christian Schools Sports Day in Palmerston North. As there are a number of things happening, we will be sending home quite a few notices today. This term's activities will provide many opportunities to gather as community. Please feel welcome to join us in our work.

In a staff devotion time last term, Sarah Green, Pastor at Miramar Salvation Army, told us about wells. In old testament times, when wells were not in use they were covered with a large well stone. To draw water from the well the stone was moved. Moving a well stone was not an individual pursuit, it required a group. As a school we have been built up over the years by the sacrifice and hard work of others. Those who worked for our school have laid down blessing and encouragement for us. This is like a well of knowledge that together we may dip into. It is not a blessing for just an individual but a blessing for us as a team.

Did you know a group of motivated parents started Miramar Christian School as a private school in the back of Gateway Baptist Church? It was not easy, but they persevered. These parents were keen that their

children had learning opportunities that encourage Christian perspectives and affirm biblical principles. As a school we acknowledge their work and give thanks to God for their vision and gift of perseverance.

School Board Bi-Election

We have four top quality candidates for the three vacant positions on our School Board. They are Charney Oluboyede, Otto Azucena, Sarah Green and Andrew Green. Please prayerfully consider your vote. Thank you to those who have already voted. **Please note voting closes on the Wednesday 12 May at noon (12pm).**

Firewise Unit

Over the first two weeks of this term our students will be learning about Fire Safety. There is a **letter attached** to this newsletter outlining some of the key learnings for students and advising of a book coming home about fire safety.

Kapa Haka Uniforms - Sewing Bee (date TBC)

In Week 8 (25 June) of this term, our school will join all other schools on the Peninsular, for a Kapa Haka concert at the ASB. The school will pay for these uniforms and they will belong to the school. We will be looking to gather a group of the school community to have a sewing "working bee" (or "working bees") to make these - probably in Week 2. If you have a sewing machine, can sew, measure, cut out patterns, help babysit, etc., we would love you to come and help. Please keep an eye out for this. You could have a lot of fun with this team.

Lower North Island Christian Schools 2021 Annual Sports Day - Friday 21 May - Y4-8

This sports day is held in Palmerston North and is attended by students from Christian Schools from the lower North Island. Last year the event was cancelled due to Covid-19, so it is great to see this event going ahead this year. It is an exciting opportunity for our Year 4-8 students to experience what belonging to the Christian school's network feels like. For some this might also be the first time they have travelled to Palmerston North!

Please note this date. We will have an early start to travel to Mana Railway Station then go in the Maranatha bus the rest of the way to Palmerston North to be there by 10am. The event finishes at 2pm so the students will return to school between 4:30pm and 5pm. We will be looking for parents to join us for the day and assist us with transport to Mana and back. Further details will be on the trip letter.

Basketball Team

It is very exciting to easily have enough students sign up to form a basketball team on Tuesdays after school. All students who have put their names forward for the team have been accepted into the team. **The draw**

showing what time our students will play each Tuesday will be available later this week. **Please note there is no game this week and we will start next week with at least one game, possibly two games.** Thank you so much to Jonathan Tay and Mr Fraser Reid for organising and coordinating this.

Tri-Activate Trip - Year 4-8 – this Wednesday!

Year 4-8 students will be attending ASB and Kilbirnie Skating Rink on Wednesday. **Please read and return the permission slip on the attached notice.** We invite you to join your child's class for this trip. Details for this trip are on the attached notice.

Reading Together Programme – Rescheduled

Our new basketball team's games clash with the dates set out for our Reading Together Programme. As we value both these activities, we are going to reschedule the Reading Together Programme for Term 3. We will advise you of our new dates closer to the time.

Uniform

In Terms 2 and 3, students wear winter uniform. Physical Education (PE) uniform is to be worn on Tuesday and Friday. **PE Uniform will also be worn by Kauri this Wednesday for their Tri-Activate Trip.**

Trialling new bell times – Morning tea and Lunch

To assist with smooth transitions in learning, this term we are trialling new bell times. Morning Tea will now be from 10:30-10.55am and Lunch will be from 12:30-1:20pm. Beginning and End of Day bells will stay the same. At the end of this term please let us know if you have any feedback on these changes.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For refreshing holidays.
- For Term 1's enrolments, physical blessings, special timings and spiritual blessings.
- For the arrival of new students this term.
- For those who have gone before us and established our school.
- For all the good things God has planned for us.

Please pray:

- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community.
- For a blessing of student focus and increased learning.
- For a volunteer to complete grant applications on behalf of Miramar Christian School.
- That 2021 would be a year marked with joy in the Miramar Christian Community.
- For a new wave of students in term 2.
- For God's direction, wisdom, anointing and protection on the work of our staff (teachers, teachers' aides, principal and office manager), families and students.

Prayer Students

- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 1: Jeshurun, Samuel, Judah, Aadarsh
Week 2: Xander, Jedidah, Akachukwu, Anton

I thank you for your on-going support. If we can help you with questions or concerns relating to your child's education, please come and see us or contact me

(Kaye Gillies) on 021 293 5390. If you need privacy and/or a longer conversation, please book a time to talk with your classroom teacher or myself. We are here for you.

Shalom and Ngā Mihi
Kaye Gillies
Principal

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
MAY	
Mon 3 May	Start of Term 2, 8:55am
Tues 4 May	ASB p.m.
Wed 5 May	Y4-8 Tri Activate Trip
Thurs 6 May	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7-8)
Thurs 6 May	Kapa Haka p.m
Tues 11 May	St John's visiting MCS
Tues 11 May	ASB p.m.
Tues 11 May	Y3-4 Basketball after school – 2 games
Wed 12 May	School Board Bi-Election Voting Closes 12pm
Thurs 13 May	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7-8)
Thurs 13 May	Kapa Haka p.m
Fri 14 May	Y4-8 Miramar Library Visit 11:30am
Mon 17 May	Fire Safety a.m.
Mon 17 May	School Board Mtg, 6:30pm, Rm 3
Tues 18 May	No ASB this week
Tues 18 May	Y3-4 Basketball after school – 1 game
Thurs 20 May	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7-8)
Thurs 20 May	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 21 May	Y4-6 NZACS Sports Day in Palm. Nth.
Mon 31 May	No School – Teacher Only Day
JUNE	
Mon 7 Jun	No School – Queens Birthday Weekend



Get more for your \$ and reduce food waste

Climate change is a hot topic right now and reducing food waste is one way we can all do our part and save some money. Below are some tips that can support families.

Give children a choice – would they prefer peas, carrots or broccoli for dinner? Which fruit would they like in their lunches this week?

Let children serve themselves, encourage starting with small portions and make seconds available.

Makeover lunchbox leftovers. For example, toast a leftover sandwich for afternoon tea.

Question why food is often coming home, you might be able to make simple changes to what you send to school.

Bashed up fruit or snacks often have another use – add to baking or chop up the best parts to add to porridge or freeze for later.



For more information visit lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz