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Character, Excellence, Community

Term 3 Theme: God is With Us.
Values: Unity, Courage, Good Example
Threads: Courage, Taking responsible risks, Overcoming setbacks, Getting wisdom, Discovering patterns
Key Competencies: Thinking, Using language, symbols, and text

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

We hope you and your children have had a refreshing holiday and are ready to launch into an exciting term. Our new terms over-arching topic is "God is with us." In topic work, students will be doing a science topic called "What's so Cool About Heat?" We have many other supplementary activities to develop and support students in a range of ways. We will finish our dance work in Week 1 with two Royal New Zealand Ballet experiences, the first one is on Wednesday and the second one is on Friday. Noni from the Heart Foundation will continue to work on PE and te reo activities. Later in the term, we have a speaker from World Vision coming to talk to the students, a well-being day run by Sport New Zealand, and a school community event. The **Motu Kairangi Kahui Ako (Peninsular Schools CoL) Kapa Haka Concert** has been rescheduled for Friday 6th August 2021 – so this will be "all go" again too.

Teachers will continue to grow their knowledge through a range of professional development including: - sessions with Sports New Zealand, Kura Ahurea, Kahui Ako Teachers Only Day, and the Christian School Symposium.

There are many things to look forward to and many ways for you to get involved this term - trips, consultation, and information evenings. We look forward to working with you.

Welcome

It is exciting to welcome our 11th student to Miramar Christian School. We welcome Zephaniah and pray God's richest blessing on him and his whanau, and that he quickly feels settled and appreciated here.

Reading Together - 2nd session

Mon 2 August after school from 3:15–4:15pm

Our second session of the Reading Together Programme is coming up fast. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you attended our first session, please remember to return your book bags by Thursday 29 August so we can prepare your next set of books.

Forms to register for this valuable course are available at the school office.



Motu Kairangi Kahui Ako (Peninsular Schools CoL) Kapa Haka Concert - new date Friday 6 August 2021

This event has now been rescheduled and will take place next Friday 6 August 2021.

If you have a boy and have taken their black shorts and singlet home, please return these to school by Tuesday 3 August. We have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday 4 August. If you can help with dressing the students for the dress rehearsal, please come to school at 1:30pm on Wednesday 4 August. On the day of the concert, the general organisation stays the same. If you volunteered to help with dressing students and/or transport last time, please advise us if you are still able to help on this new date.

Matariki and Dance Community Event



The School Community Event was a great way to finish the term. It was fabulous to see so many of you there.

Thank you for all you brought to this event - the food, the fun, practical hands, fellowship and a willingness to join in and have some dancing fun with our students. The students

brought a lot to the evening too! Their dancing was fabulous! Kauri and Kōwhai shared their dance learnings. If you missed this or wish to review it, you can check out the students' dances on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MiramarChristianSchool>.

Carpet in the foyer of our main block

The laying of new carpet in the main block continues to be in process. The tiles we have chosen are in the country and we are now waiting to hear when they can be installed.

Interviews

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to come to a parent-teacher interview. This is a valuable activity which supports your child's learning. We know that some of you had children who were unwell, which made it difficult to attend an interview. If you have missed out on an interview, please arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher. Meetings can be on Google meet if this makes it easier for you.

Royal New Zealand Ballet Trip - this Friday 30 July!



This Friday we have a trip to the Opera House to see "Firebird" performed by the Royal New Zealand Ballet. We will be traveling by bus, leaving at 11:35am and will return around 2pm. As we now have "blanket

permission" for all students, please let your child's class teacher know if you do not want your child to attend this trip. If you personally would like to join us for the trip, please fill in the form sent home with this newsletter. All students are asked to wear formal uniform for this trip.

This Wednesday 28 July 2021, students will receive a lesson from Lareen from the Royal New Zealand Ballet to prepare students to understand what they see at the performance on Friday.

Sexuality Education Consultation Evening 6:00-6:30pm Thursday 20 July 2021

Every two years we run a sexuality education programme for Year 6-8 students. Before running this, we wish to meet with parents of these students to discuss the planned content. If your child is within this age group, please ensure you attend so we can work together to get the best education for your child.

School Fundraiser - Personalised Artwork Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats & Sketch Pads

This year our students have been producing some fabulous artwork. Their artwork can be made into affordable calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and

sketch pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Look out for further details and order forms which are coming home with your paper copy of the newsletter today.

Ukuleles



This term we are hoping to borrow enough ukuleles for whole class ukulele lessons. So far, we have 8 ukuleles, which is enough to go ahead. Ideally, we would like to borrow a few more. If you have a ukulele, you would be happy to loan to the school for Term 3, please let myself or your child's class teacher know.

We are planning on starting ukulele lessons in Week 3.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For four new students who will be starting over the course of Term 3.
- For the new date for the Motu Kairangi CoL Kapa Haka Concert.
- For the anticipation of exciting events planned for this term.
- For all the good things God has planned for us.

Please pray:

- For increased interest in Miramar Christian School.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community.
- For an APT (Association of Parents & Teachers) leader.
- For God's direction, wisdom, anointing and protection on the work of the Peniel Trust, School Board, all staff, families, and students.

Prayer Students

- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 1: Dylan, Zephaniah, Jesse, Daniel
Week 2: Miana, Rebecca, Amia-Rose, Zeanelle

I thank you for your on-going support. If we can help you with questions or concerns relating to your child's education, please see your child's class teacher 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 2:30pm
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Tues/Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Thurs	Technology (Yrs 7-8) 8:50am pick up
Every Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform Paid Music Lessons, 8:30am-10:45am
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist – all welcome
Mon 26 Jul	Start of Term 3 (8:55am)
Mon 26 Jul	Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 27 Jul	Life FM 98.1 p.m.
Tues 27 Jul	No Kelly Sports
Wed 28 Jul	RNZB Lesson p.m.
Thurs 29 Jul	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 29 Jul	Kapa Haka p.m.
Thurs 29 Jul	Y6-8 Parent Sex Ed Consultation 6pm
Fri 30 Jul	Heart Foundation a.m.
Fri 30 Jul	School Trip to RNZB "Firebird" p.m.
AUGUST	
Mon 2 Aug	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 2 Aug	Reading Together Programme 3:15p.m.
Tues 3 Aug	Kelly Sport p.m.
Tues 3 Aug	Parent Information Meeting 5:45pm
Wed 4 Aug	Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm
Thurs 5 Aug	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Fri 6 Aug	Be Yourself (Mufti) Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 6 Aug	Kapa Haka Concert a.m.

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

Power House

Kids Club

For kids 4-12 years old

Fridays 3-5pm

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

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)

30 July
6 August
13 August
20 August
27 August
3 September
10 September
17 September
24 September

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

Sat 2 October:
Movie & Pizza night

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Does God really exist?

You're not the only one with questions.

#TryAlpha

Alpha in Miramar

Some of the churches on the Peninsula are partnering together to provide an Alpha course in **Term 3 starting Monday 2nd August for 8 weeks**. Alpha is about exploring the Christian Faith through a series of evening sessions in a small group.

Who can attend: Anyone (all ages)

When: Monday Evenings (from 2 Aug – 20 Sep)

Time: 7pm

Location: 33 Park Road

How to register: Go to www.alpha.org.nz/try-alpha/.

Scroll down until you find the 'Find My Location' box and type "Wellington" in the 'Enter a city or address to search nearby' box underneath and click on "Wellington New Zealand". Scroll down through the options until you get to No.7 and click on "Alpha in Miramar, Monday 2 August 2021". Type your name in the 'Name*' box and your email address in the 'Email*' box then click on 'Sign up to attend'.

Now enrolling for Term 3



Find us at southcoastmusicschool.co.nz using the QR code below

We are a **new music school** in Evans Bay offering high-energy hands-on classes where children (Yrs. 1-6) learn musical skills including beat-keeping, rhythm, melody, and improvisation through:

- Classroom instruments (including xylophones and hand drums)
- Singing
- Poetry and story-telling
- Movement and dance

Visit the website for current classes

Connecting with us is as easy as a quick scan of your camera here!



About Lindsey

I am a passionate music educator with over 25 years of teaching experience in both New Zealand and the United States. Most recently, I was the music specialist at Evans Bay Intermediate School in Wellington, where I continue to direct the orchestra, choir, and xylophone group. Scan the QR code above or flick me an email at lindsey@southcoastmusicschool.co.nz. I look forward to hearing from you!





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Children Understanding Mental Health Programme

Free education/activity based programme for children aged 8 to 12 who have a member of their family whānau experiencing mental health and or addictions concerns

Enrolments, or more information please contact Coordinator:

Anne McGregor P: 027 769 4405 E: anne@atareira.org.nz

www.atareira.org.nz

Group dates: 31st July, 7th August, 14th August 2021



ATAREIRA
Mental Health & Addiction Support for
Family Whānau,
Transitional Housing



Club Open day

Come along and try out a
Rhythmic Gymnastics class!

Saturday 31 July

Sessions:

- 10am–11 am School age
- 11.30am–12 noon Preschool age
- 2pm–3pm School age

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

To book: Email info@rhythmicgym.nz with

- Child's name and age
- Your name and contact email
- Details of any previous dance or gymnastics experience

Sessions will be held in the Chinese Anglican Mission Hall, 30 Glenmore Street, Thorndon.

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Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay ph. 383 8779 e. wgt@bigairgym.co.nz @ .14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.



Harbour City Gymnastics

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility. Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park, are currently taking enrolments for Term 3 classes - from preschool to adults. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register.