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Character, Excellence, Community

Term 4 Theme: God is With Provider.
Threads: Caretaking the earth,
environmental awareness,
pondering creation,
transforming thinking
Key Competencies: Managing self, Thinking

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 Term 4.

As a staff, we have planned out our term. Our topic this term is God is our provider. Under this topic, ākongas will explore God's provisions as shown in the bible and God's provision through plants. This will be complemented with our usual reading, writing, and maths lessons. We have also planned a joint school/church event, swimming, kapa haka, poi work (with Noni from the Heart Foundation), formal school photos, prizegiving, graduations and many other things. We have planned, hoping for lower Covid-19 levels. We will keep you updated with changes as they come to hand.

After a term of much change, we pray for a settled Term 4 where ākongas do much learning. Despite all, we know "*We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.*" (Proverbs 16 v.9, New Living Translation) and what God has determined will be used for good.

Reading Together

Congratulations to the parents who recently completed the Reading Together Programme. Well done! You have done an excellent thing for your tamariki. It was great to hear how the course helped

you, your whanau, and your tamariki. We heard about ākongas moving from being disinterested in books, to enjoying reading; whanau developing confidence in choosing books at the library; and transforming reading together into a positive time.



Summer Uniform

It is good to know summer is on its way. In Term 4, we look forward to seeing the ākongas kitted out in their summer uniform (as per the photos below). This includes *wearing sunhats when outside.*



PE Uniform and Wheels Day

Please note in Term 4, PE and 'Wheels' days have changed to *Mondays* and *Fridays*.

Covid-19

We continue to ask that if your tamariki feels unwell, they should stay at home (or go home), and you seek advice about getting tested for Covid-19 from Healthline or your GP.

You'll find up-to-date information about symptoms to look for via <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/about-covid-19#symptoms>

However, if your tamariki suffers from allergies, asthma or hay fever, and a doctor has cleared them as not having Covid-19, and they are well enough to be at school – we encourage you to send them to school. Also, if your tamariki suffers from allergies, asthma, or hay fever, please ensure the school office is aware of

this and added it to the medical information for your tamariki on the ākongā management system.

Covid-19 Lockdown Questionnaire

We are keen to gather your thoughts and feedback about the Covid-19 Level 3 and 4 Lockdown. As we have also been in Level 2 for some time, we also invite you to add comments about the school's response in Level 2 in the 'final comment' section. Please follow the questionnaire link and fill in the form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1f8YQflxdryRV8G1S UdXDgVF0WSvsEzjKJAQ5PQkYS6U/edit>

Thank you for taking the time to fill this in. This will help us with future planning.

Formal School Photos – Tues 2 Nov 2021 9am

Information about school photos will be coming home today with a hard copy of this newsletter.

Please note the school photo process will run differently this year from previous years.

The only change on "photo day" will be that a portrait photograph of every ākongā will be taken, where-as in the past portrait photographs would have only been taken of those who had pre-ordered.

Every ākongā will then get a "Key Code" with a unique code to purchase their photos online through the PhotoLife Studios website.

Assembly TODAY via Google Meet 2:30pm

We will be running our assembly on Google Meets today (Monday 18 October 2021). Due to privacy recommendations, we are asking those who wish to join the assembly to contact the Principal to request a link.

Basketball Rescheduled for Term 4

The basketball team is scheduled to be playing on the first six Wednesdays of this term. The team will be playing under Covid-19 Level 2 guidelines with only players and coaches allowed into ASB Sports Centre.

Games times are to be found using this link

<https://www.wellingtonbasketball.co.nz/y34-kids>

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons should resume this term.

Swimming - starts Week 3 – Mon 1 Nov 2021

We have recently heard, and are excited to announce, that swimming lessons will go ahead in Covid-19 Level 2. Our lessons start Monday 1 November 2021. There are a few extra health and safety measures being put in place to maintain ākongā safety. These will be outlined in the swimming notice which is also coming home with a hard copy of this newsletter today.

Swimming is an important part of the curriculum provided for your tamariki. Please note that while you are not being charged for these lessons, the school is

paying for them. Please honour this by making your tamariki's attendance at these lessons a priority. We would also love your help with transport and assistance at the pool. Let's ensure our tamariki know how to be safe in the water.

Absences

This is a friendly reminder to please let the office know if your tamariki is going to be away **and why** they are away. The reason the school needs to know, is because all schools are required to record tamariki absences.

The Ministry analyses absence records for each school as well as nationally.

We have listed the codes most commonly used below so you can see how this works: -

P = Present – the ākongā is in their regular class

L = Late - ākongā is late to class

M = Medical - ākongā absent due to short-term illness/medical reasons

J = Justified absence – the reason is within the school policy

T = Truant - no information provided (or throw-away explanation given) by parent/caregiver

If you have any questions about these codes, please don't hesitate to contact the Office Manager or Principal.

2022 Peniel Fees

Please be advised Peniel Trust is in the process of revising the Attendance Dues for 2022. Information about this will be sent out once it has been finalised.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For refreshing holidays
- For the freedoms Covid-19 Level 2 brings.
- For our staff and School Board members.
- For our new APT leader
- For all the good things God has planned for us.

Please pray:

- For the safety of all our staff, ākongā, and whanau as the country moves from a Covid-19 elimination strategy to a Covid-19 managing strategy.
- For God's guidance, wisdom, anointing, and protection on the work of the Peniel Trust and Mark Larsen as they work on the new vision for Christian Education in Wellington.
- For a settled term where ākongā do much learning.
- For God's wisdom and blessing on the School Board, all staff, whanau, and ākongā as they develop the strategic plan for the next few years.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community and wider Wellington.
- For our prayer ākongā and their whanau: -
Week 1: Alfonso, Xander, Judah, Aadarsh
Week 2: Jedidah, Tanikah, Akachukwu, Jesse

I thank you for your on-going commitment, support and prayers. If we can help you with questions or concerns relating to your tamariki's education, please see your tamariki'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. N.B. our Complaints Procedure is attached.

Shalom and Ngā Mihi
Kaye Gillies
 Principal

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Assembly 2:30pm
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Mon/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
OCTOBER	
Mon 18 Oct	Start of Term 4 (9am)
Mon 18 Oct	Assembly via Google Meets 2:30pm
Mon 18 Oct	BoT Strategic Planning 7:30-9pm
Tues 19 Oct	Basketball Game @ ASB (after school)
Thurs 21 Oct	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 21 Oct	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 22 Oct	Y4-8 Miramar Library Visit 11:30am <i>(only if in Covid-19 Level 1)</i>
Mon 25 Oct	Labour Day – School closed
Tues 26 Oct	Basketball Game @ ASB (after school)
Wed 27 Oct	Shakeout 9:30am
Thurs 28 Oct	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 28 Oct	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 29 Oct	Be Yourself (Mufti) Day <i>(bring a gold coin donation)</i>
Fri 29 Oct	Poi work a.m.
NOVEMBER	
Mon 1 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 1 Nov	Swimming Lessons start p.m.
Tues 2 Nov	School Photos 9am
Tues 2 Nov	Basketball Game @ ASB (after school)
Thurs 4 Nov	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 4 Nov	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 5 Nov	Poi work a.m.
Mon 8 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 8 Nov	Swimming Lessons start p.m.
Tues 9 Nov	Basketball Game @ ASB (after school)
Thurs 11 Nov	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 11 Nov	Kapa Haka p.m.
DECEMBER	
Tues 7 Dec	MCS Prizegiving @ Gateway 6pm



SUMMER HOCKEY
2021 JUNIOR SUMMER PROGRAMME

WELLINGTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW FORMAT FOR THE 2021 JUNIOR SUMMER HOCKEY PROGRAM, A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED FOR NEW AND EXISTING PLAYERS.

KEY INFORMATION
 - 6 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING THE WEEK OF 1ST OF NOVEMBER
 FINISHING WEEK OF 5TH OF DECEMBER
 - YEAR 1/2 & 3/4 - TUESDAY 4.00-5.00PM
 - YEAR 5/6 - MONDAYS 4.00-5.00PM

VENUES
 - NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, WELLINGTON
 - SAMUEL MARSDEN, KARORI
 - ELSDON PARK, PORIRUA
 - FRASER PARK, LOWER HUTT
 - MAIDSTONE, UPPER HUTT

Registrations Close October 25



RUN, JUMP OR THROW?
 GIVE IT A GO!

To find out about your local club, sprint to athletics.org.nz.

Want to learn how to run, jump or throw? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.

Every ākonga can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club, Wellington Harrier Athletic Club, is welcoming new members now and we encourage ākongas to get involved and get active.

Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available here athletics.org.nz/FindaClub and become a member.



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