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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

At the moment watching the news can be unsettling. I recently read a review of a sermon by Gavin, and it said "If you're becoming increasingly discontent by watching TV news reports etc - then turn it off and spend time on other things like filling your mind with the truth of God's Word! ... We can listen to what God's Word has to say about getting a higher and more helpful perspective on the things that can overwhelm us in this life".

One of my favourite verses is Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things". Now, more than ever before, is a good time to be leaning into the things of God.

Wellington Christian Education Project

Check out the new Wellington Christian Education Project website (<http://www.wcep.nz>). It looks great. This fabulous website has been developed to champion the developments being made for Christian Education in Wellington. It shows what the group's plans are and how we, as Miramar Christian School, fit into this picture. Please share this with your churches and friends. We are keen that as many people as possible see this site. There is a section for those

interested in the new school to indicate this. We would love you to fill this in and pass it on to others who may be interested in the new school. The latest WCEP newsletter will be coming home today with this newsletter.

Powerhouse Fun Day (Church/school event)

This event was run on Saturday. Thank you to Gateway Baptist and a special thank you to Ben, the Youth Pastor at Gateway, who masterminded this event. Thank you also to Elma for co-ordinating help from Miramar Christian School parents, and to the parents for helping. The students had a fabulous time!



Swimming

Swimming is now well underway. It is good to see the students in the water learning new things. Thank you to all whanau who have stepped forward to help with transport, and who have jumped through government "vaccination hoops" to enable this to happen.

Athletics

Students were blessed with a fabulously fine athletics day. They competed in running and throwing events. The results are as follows:

Vortex	
Year 1: Boys	First = Abhinav & Samuel
Year 1: Girls	Ifeyinwa
Year 2: Boys	Zephaniah
Year 3: Boys	Nova
Year 3: Girls	Miana
Year 4: Boys	Aadarsh
Year 4: Girls	Mary
Year 5: Girls	Amia
Year 6: Girls	Ruth
Year 7: Boys	Raiden
Year 7: Girls	Adoma
Year 8: Boys	Chirag

Quoits	
Year 1: Boys	Alexander
Year 1: Girls	Hannah
Year 2: Boys	Zephaniah

Year 3: Boys	Nova
Year 3: Girls	Miana
Year 4: Boys	Jesse
Year 4: Girls	Mary
Year 5: Girls	Amia-Rose
Year 6: Girls	Ruth
Year 7: Boys	Raiden
Year 7: Girls	Adoma
Year 8: Boys	Chirag

Sprints	
Year 1: Boys	Samuel
Year 1: Girls	Ifeyinwa
Year 2: Boys	Dylan
Year 3: Boys	Nova
Year 3: Girls	Miana
Year 4: Boys	Akachukwu
Year 4: Girls	Mary
Year 5: Girls	Amia-Rose
Year 6: Girls	Ruth
Year 7: Boys	Raiden
Year 7: Girls	Adoma
Year 8: Boys	Chirag

Assemblies – Mondays 2:30pm

We have recently been reviewing our Covid-19 Level 2 procedures. Some of our Covid-19 Level 2 measures have been more restrictive than required. Assemblies are in this category.

When parents attend an assembly, the assembly becomes an 'event' and is governed by Covid-19 Level 2 event restrictions, i.e., a maximum of 100 people, 2m spacing between visiting adults, and masks are to be worn by the visiting adults. Now that it is warm enough to use the hall for assemblies, we will trial **parents attending**. In the trial we have a **maximum of 8 spaces for parents** each assembly. The first 8 parents will be admitted. If we have more parents than 8 wanting to attend, we will create a system to make entry fair. Students will be spaced appropriately for assemblies. Doors will be kept open for ventilation. We will review this again early in 2022, or earlier if Delta arrives in Wellington.

NB: As swimming lessons have moved to Tuesdays, assemblies have moved back to Mondays.

Covid 19 Public Health Order

Please be assured that all staff, volunteers, and other workers working with our ākongas as from today are vaccinated. Thank you to all those who volunteer and work at our school who have provided us with evidence of being vaccinated.

Uniform

It is great to see so many students in summer uniform. We wish students to take pride in their uniform. One of the ways we do this is to have 'uniform checks'. We plan to do a uniform check this week.

2022 Attendance Dues

Each year Peniel Trust reviews Attendance Dues. These are adjusted for inflation and to assist in covering property costs. The revised 2022 Attendance Dues are listed below. The table below shows how much it will cost, payment options, and how to qualify for a discount (10% discount for early payment in full before 28 Feb 2022, and 10% discount for two or more students at the school).

	Option A	Option B	Option B
Students	Payment for full year by 28 Feb	1 payment at the start of each term	Annual amount paid in Option B
1 Student	\$648	\$180	\$720
2 Students	\$1,152	\$324	\$1,296
3 Students	\$1,728	\$486	\$1,944
4 Students	\$2,304	\$648	\$2,592

Speech Competition Finals – Tues 23 Nov 9am

Due to the need of some of our students needing to use a data projector as part of their speech, speech finals will be held in a classroom. Unfortunately, this means parents will be unable to attend as there is insufficient room to do appropriate spacing within a classroom.

Prize Giving – Tuesday 7 December 2021, 6:00pm

Due to Covid-19 Level 2 procedures, prizegiving needs to be run differently this year from previous years. Seating for adults will be spaced. **Each family is invited to send one adult with their Miramar Christian School tamariki**. Other whanau are invited to attend via a Zoom link (Zoom links will be available closer to the time). As per Ministry guidelines for kura, we ask when you receive your zoom link that it is kept for your own use and not shared with others. Further information will follow in a notice dedicated to Prizegiving next week.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For students swimming lessons.
- For all the good things God has planned for us.
- For the new website launched for the Wellington Christian Education Project.

Please pray:

- For the safety of all our staff, ākongas, and whanau as Covid-19 inches closer to Wellington.

- For the visibility of the Wellington Christian Education Trust among churches, Christians and other interested people in the wider Wellington region and quick spreading of the website.
- 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 God's wisdom and blessing on the staff as they are extra busy with assessments, reporting work and navigating an ever-changing Covid-19 landscape.
- For our strategic plan for the next few years to be aligned with God's will.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community and wider Wellington.
- For our prayer ākonga and their whanau: -
Week 5: Hazel, Sophie, Davey, Aisha-Jadah
Week 6: Makayla, Nova, Adoma, Divya

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.

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
NOVEMBER	
Mon 15 Nov	SHARED Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 15 Nov	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3
Tues 16 Nov	Swimming p.m.
Wed 17 Nov	Rongotai Orientation Day Y8 Boys (all day)
Thurs 18 Nov	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 18 Nov	Kapa Haka p.m.
Mon 22 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 23 Nov	Speech Finals (9am)
Tues 23 Nov	Swimming p.m.
Thurs 25 Nov	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 25 Nov	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 26 Nov	Be Yourself (Mufti) Day (bring a gold coin donation)

Mon 29 Nov	SHARED Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 30 Nov	Robotics Competition a.m.
Tues 30 Nov	Swimming p.m.
DECEMBER	
Wed 1 Dec	Y8 Graduation Assembly 12pm
Thurs 2 Dec	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Thurs 2 Dec	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 3 Dec	Heart Foundation a.m.
Mon 6 Dec	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 6 Dec	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3
Tues 7 Dec	MCS Prizegiving Practice @ Gateway 9am
Tues 7 Dec	Swimming p.m.
Tues 7 Dec	MCS Prizegiving @ Gateway 6pm
Wed 8 Dec	School 10am Late start (due to Prizegiving the evening before)
Wed 8 Dec	School Beach Trip p.m.
Fri 10 Dec	School Reports sent home
Mon 13 Dec	School Beach Trip p.m. (postponement day)
Tues 14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 – school finishes 12pm

Job Vacancy - Office Manager @ Gateway Baptist

Gateway Baptist Church, Miramar is seeking a part-time Office Manager (24 hours @ \$25-30 p/h dependant on experience) to oversee the operation of the Church Office. This includes general administrative tasks, financial book-keeping, and managing the use and maintenance of the facilities. Additional experience in IT support and operation and/or budget setting & financial reporting would be desirable but not essential.

We encourage anyone to apply if you have:

- 3+ years of active participation in a Christian Church
- A warm personality & can work well in a team
- 5+ years of experience in office administration
- Competence in MS Office products and computer / technology skills
- Experience in bookkeeping, financial record keeping & budget tracking
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- A willingness to grow and learn in the role
- NZ Citizenship or Permanent Residency

Enquiries & Applications (inc CV & referees) to:

Senior Pastor Phil Coates, 021 236 8139,
pastor@gatewaybaptist.org.nz

Applications close: Sunday 21 November 2021



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