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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

The arrival of December marks the start of summer and advent. This year, come the 3 December, it also will mark the start of the "traffic light system" and the introduction of the 'Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF)'. Advent is the time when we anticipate the celebration of Jesus (our God) entering the world as a baby. During advent, our ākongā will recall significant people to Jesus in the bible and place decorations showing these people on a Christmas tree. Advent is an exciting time in the Christian calendar that we are looking forward to celebrating.

Welcome



It is exciting to welcome our 15th student to Miramar Christian School for 2021. Welcome, Joel. We pray God's richest blessings on you and your whānau, and that you quickly feel settled and appreciated here.

Prizegiving – 9am Tues 7 Dec at Gateway Baptist

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year we will be holding our **Prizegiving in schooltime**. It will be videoed, so you will have the opportunity to view it. As this will take place during the school day, we are asking for your tamariki to be **dropped off at Gateway Baptist**

Church between 8.30 am and 9am on Tuesday 7 December.

Kapa Haka uniforms will be worn at the Prizegiving. We are therefore asking the **girls to come with their hair already up** so they're ready to have feathers added, and that the **boys come in their Kapa Haka black singlets and shorts**. Thank you for your support with this.

Prizegiving will be videoed, and a link will be sent to parents along with pre-recorded messages from myself (as Principal), Kim Coates (as Presiding Member of the School Board) and Mark Larson (the Project Manager for developing Wellingtons Christian Education). Pastor Phil Coates (as the school Pastor) will make his address during the Prizegiving.

This change is a result of New Zealand's move to the "traffic light system". Under the "traffic light system", Gateway Baptist Church can cater for a maximum of 50 people. This number limit means while we would love whānau to be able to be present for this event, it is not permitted so the event will only be a.

NB: We will now be **starting school at the regular time of 8:55am on Wednesday 8 December** as students will not have been up late with Prizegiving the night before.

Speech Competition



On 23 November we held our annual speech competition. The level of performance was high. I was particularly impressed by the amount of research behind each speech.

Congratulations to Zeanelle, the Junior Year 1-5 Winner and Aisha-Jadah, the Senior Year 6-8 Winner.



Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

While we cannot run our traditional "Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea" along with the Christmas Concert this year due to Covid-19 restrictions, we want you to know **we are most appreciative of all those who volunteer at Miramar Christian School**. The work you do for us is noticed and appreciated; and we know that ultimately it makes a difference for the students. **From**

us all at Miramar Christian School we say an enormous “thank you”!

Preparation for the Robotics Competition

Students are working hard on their Robotics. This year, all groups have assembled their robot and are coding its movements. It will be exciting to see how the robots perform in the upcoming competition.



Beach Trip – Monday 13 December (p.m.)

We are planning our Annual Beach Trip for Monday 13 December 2021. We are looking for vaccinated parent volunteers to assist with supervision of students in the water and on the beach. A notice with more details will be coming home later this week.

Wellington Christian Education Project

Invitation: You are invited to a public meeting on Wednesday 8 December at 7:30pm at Capital Vineyard (147 Thorndon Quay, Pipitea, Wellington) where you will hear from Mark Larsen (Project Manager for developing Wellington’s Christian Education) talk about the Wellington Christian Education Project and how it is tracking. You will also have a chance to ask questions. Please come and invite friends who may be interested to come too. Go to <http://www.wcep.nz/> to register your attendance.

Video Message from Mark Larsen

Mark Larson (Project Manager for developing Wellington’s Christian Education) was going to address our school community at Prizegiving. Since the Prizegiving has become a ‘student only event’, he will be sending a recorded message for you. Please take the time to listen to this and share the good news with your friends.

Expressions of Interest

The Wellington Christian Education Project is inviting expressions of interest in the new Christian School. To do this, please go to <http://www.wcep.nz/>. Please note this does not commit families to enrolling in the school but gives the project good data to share with the Ministry of Education to build a strong case for an increased “roll capacity”.

Strategic Planning

Every three years the School Board reviews and refreshes the schools Strategic Planning. This time has

rolled around again. The School Boards latest planning can be found [here](#).

You are welcome to provide feed back to any of our School Board members or directly to Kim Coates our School Board Presiding Member at botchair@christian.school.nz.

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

Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF) or “traffic light system”

A copy of the “CPF” is attached to this newsletter. This comes into effect after Friday 3 December 2021. The CPF has been translated into 27 languages on the Unite Against COVID-19 website. [Information and advice translated into different languages – Unite Against COVID-19](#).

Vaccination Passport

To get your vaccination passport you need to sign up for “My COVID Record”. [How to sign up for My COVID Record – Information in other languages](#).

Required identification to get your Vaccination Passport: -

To sign up for My COVID Record, users will need to provide one of the following documents as confirmation of their identity.

A New Zealand:

- driver licence
- passport
- birth certificate (if issued after January 2003)
- or citizenship certificate

Or an Australian:

- passport
- birth certificate

If someone has been vaccinated but doesn’t have an ID, they can call 0800 222 478 to request a My Vaccine Pass. They should have their National Health Index

(NHI) number ready, but if they don't have it, they may instead be asked a few questions to confirm their identity (for example, name and date of birth).

Covid 19 Public Health Order

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

Swimming

We have two more swimming sessions. Thank you again to all whanau who have stepped forward to help with transport.

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, ākonga, and whanau as covid 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.
- For our continued growth.
- 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 rethinking events for the current Covid world, involved in assessment and reporting work.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community and wider Wellington.
- For our prayer ākonga and their whanau: -
Week 7: Abhinav, Alfonso, Raiden, Oliver
Week 8: Ifeyinwa, Audrey, Chirag, Mary

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 29 Nov	SHARED Assembly 2:30pm
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	Heart Foundation a.m.
Thurs 2 Dec	Kapa Haka p.m.
Thurs 2 Dec	Robotics Competition
Mon 6 Dec	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 6 Dec	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3
Tues 7 Dec	MCS Prizegiving Practice and MCS Prizegiving 9am @ Gateway
Tues 7 Dec	Swimming p.m.
Wed 8 Dec	EZ Miniball (TBC)
Fri 10 Dec	School Reports sent home
Mon 13 Dec	School Beach Trip p.m.
Tues 14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 – school finishes 12pm

We're climbing towards the end of the year!



We are updating the Skool Loop app regularly. Don't forget to check our school app to avoid missing important end of year notices and events.

- ✓ Events ✓ Notices ✓ Push Notifications
- ✓ Newsletters ✓ Permissions Slips ✓ Contacts
- ✓ Absentees ✓ Parent Teacher Interviews

And check out the *NEW* translation function on our school notices

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

Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sunday 5th December 2021

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from Monday 22nd November 2021 at the following stores.:

- **Capital Fishing, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)**

The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days. Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle.

As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers, we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance.

We are also available for private family bookings.

Contact: Strato by phone 387 7878 (wk), 386 3740 (hm) or email strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com.

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING - offering individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS via Zoom.

Eight one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you, available evenings.

Topics covered include Communication, Empathy, Setting Limits, Quality Time, Consequences, Choices, Redirection, Pick your battles with your child, Problem Behaviour, Praise vs Acknowledgement, Time In vs Time Out, The Pause, Erickson's Stages of Growth, Personality Types and how it affects your children.

WINZ funding assistance where eligible.

Website: www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz

Contact: brigid@nextchapterparenting.co.nz

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

PRE-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP

Bigair Gym is running its popular Pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME on

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd of December 2021. Book your kids in for some active fun, giving you time to finish work, and complete Christmas preparations & shopping!

JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Bigair Gyms JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME is running from the **10th – 28th Jan 2022**. This involves gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.

Spaces are limited, so book online today!

www.bigairgym.co.nz



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Lots of fun, modern 'cool' songs and activities with inspiring teachers. Build confidence, explore music and lift your level. Ideal for singers, guitarists and pianists.

WWW.THEROCKACADEMY.CO.NZ



Qisma Tech's STEM Holiday Programme

Open to kids between the ages
of 7-12 years old
Years 3 - 8

When: Monday 17th January - Friday 28th January 2022 (weekdays only) 9 am to 3 pm	Price: \$80 per day or Purchase the whole 10 days and get one day free! \$720
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Where:
Hataitai School,
2 Arawa Road,
Hataitai 6021

Learn more here:
www.qismatech.com/holiday-programme-1/



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PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT WESTERN SUBURBS (WILTON) & SOUTHERN SUBURBS (BERHAMPORE)^[SEP]

20th – 24th DEC 2021 and Jan 10th – Feb 4th, 2022, from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, Keep Fit Karapu Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81.04/cub per session or \$137.77 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$324.16 per cub/week or \$551.07 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare