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Newsletter No 1

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Character, Excellence, Community

Term 1 Theme: God is Creative.
Threads: Building community, Embracing diversity, Practising Hospitality, Transforming thinking, Pondering Creation
Key Competencies: Critical thinking, 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 2022

King of the World - Go ahead - sing your new song to the Lord! Let everyone in every language sing him a new song. Don't stop! Keep on singing! Make his name famous! Psalm 96:1

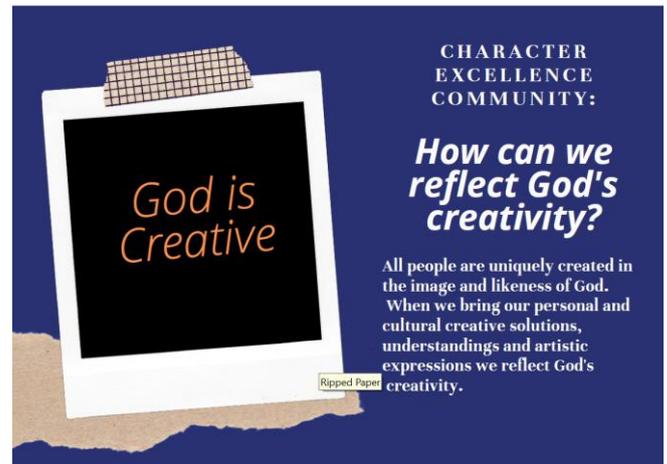
Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to a new year, a new time.

In the holidays I re-read the verse, "Remember your creator in the day of your youth" (Ecclesiastes 12.1, New international Version) and it struck me again how fortunate our tamariki are that they are encouraged to remember their creator at school and at home. No matter what is happening in our world, the restrictions, the disruptions, etc., we can continue to encourage our tamariki to remember their creator.

Staff have been busy preparing for the arrival of your tamariki. Environments have been cleaned and refreshed, lessons have been planned and ideas for teaching in our new context have been shared. The ākongā's return has created a real buzz. Schools are so much better with tamariki in them. We look forward to journeying with you in 2022, watching your tamariki learn and grow as we work together.



This term our theme is 'God is creative'. Ākongā will be reminded they are made in the image and likeness of God; and learn when we bring our personal and cultural creative solutions, understandings and artistic expressions, we reflect God's creativity. Ākongā will consider how they can reflect God's creativity. The topic that sits under this is things Māori. This is an exciting topic. Ākongā will be looking at tikanga and language related to marae and note God's creativity reflected in different cultures.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Azaylia and Abishua to Miramar Christian School and we pray God's blessing on them and their whānau.

Meet the Teacher – Thurs 10 Feb 2022

Please prioritise attending our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. This will be held online.

Kōwhai's session will start at 6pm and will run for up to 45 minutes.

Kauri's session will start at 7pm and run for up to 45 minutes.

Teachers will be sending you a link to their meet the teacher session.

Uniform

Summer has arrived. Ākongā wear a summer uniform in Term 1. As the sun can be fierce in Term 1, all ākongā are to wear a sunhat when outside. Please check your tamariki has a hat each day. We also ask for ākongā to bring a **named water bottle** each day as our drinking fountain is out of action at Red Traffic Light. Suncream may also be of benefit at this time. The school sunhat and other formal uniform items can be purchased at The Warehouse in Lyall Bay. School PE

uniform is available from the office. We encourage all ākongā to wear their uniform with pride.

The Coronavirus – Red Traffic Light

We wish to assure you that as a school we will be doing all we can to keep ākongā safe. We have thoughtfully created safety plans. We begin 2022 under the Traffic Lights system. **At the Red Traffic light schools are open for instruction.** School is **open for all ākongā**, even if they are not vaccinated. Some activities will be affected. During this time we encourage you to keep up to date with procedures that impact yourselves and your tamariki.

At our current traffic light level the biggest change we will see is ākongā in **Years 4-8 ākongā and staff wearing face masks** in indoor settings.

We are impressed with the way Year 4-8 ākongā are wearing their masks and following new routines related to this. **While ākongā in Years 4-8 will wear masks inside, they will need to take these off for eating and drinking. To ensure your tamariki puts on the correct mask when finished, please name their masks.** Whenever possible, ākongā will eat outside. While Years 1-3 ākongā are not required to wear facemasks, we will support them to do so if their parents wish them to.

Some things are business as usual at all the lights and phases. For example, we will be continuing to ask you to scan and sign in when entering the grounds, we will ventilate classes, promote hand washing, covering sneezes and coughs with elbows and ākongā staying home if ākongā, whānau or teachers are unwell. We are also continuing to ask for ākongā to bring a **named water bottle** each day as our drinking fountain is out of action at Red.

Online learning: Online learning will be available for ākongā who are identified as being 'contacts' or 'close contacts' and are required to self-isolate. This will become available on Tuesday 8 February.

Events: We will be simplifying most events and where possible doing them with ākongā and staff only. This also applies to mihi whakatau and assemblies. Our "Meet the Teacher" time will be held online.

Commissioning Service

Instead of our Commissioning Service (which is usually held on a Sunday at Gateway Baptist), Pastor Phil will be coming into school to take devotions and prayers dedicating 2022 to God with each class. This will take place on Wednesday 9 February.

I have outlined above the most important changes that Red Traffic light has brought to Miramar Christian School. If you want future detail, please refer to the plan attached.

Absences

It is important you communicate with us when your tamariki is away and to let us know why. This helps with tamariki safety and allows us to know how to support your tamariki. Tamariki who are self-isolating at home are expected to continue their education through distance learning online. Tamariki who are physically sick are not expected to continue their learning until they are well enough to do so.

Digital Citizens Agreement

Sometime this week, a copy of the Digital Citizen Agreement will come home with your tamariki for signing. Before allowing your tamariki to sign this agreement, please read through it with your tamariki and make sure they understand what it means.

Skool Loop Sponsors

As a school we wish to thank our 2022 Skool Loop Sponsors.

- Moses Electrical
- Annie Newell – Lowe & Co Realty
- Miramar Auto Centre

These people fund the service Skool Loop provides for us.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For refreshing brought by our summer break.
- For those who are committed to Christian Education and support us faithfully.
- For the lessons learned during 2021.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 43 years.

Please pray:

- For a great welcome and friendships for our new and returning ākongā.
- For the health and safety of our school community during this time.
- That our whānau would look out for others in our community and beyond; so that there would be many kind wise actions and deeds in which people support one another.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- That our staff (teachers, teacher aide, principal and office manager) and all our whānau would know God's creativity, direction, wisdom, anointing and blessing during this time as they adapt to the Red Traffic Light settings.
- For our prayer ākongā and their whānau: -

Week 1: Azaylia, Abhinav, Hazel, Sophie

Week 2: Alfonso, Audrey, Nova, 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

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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 1 classes - from preschool to adults. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register.

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
FEBRUARY	
Wed 2 Feb	First day of school - Term 1, 2022
Mon 7 Feb	Waitangi Day observed – School closed
Tues 8 Feb	Immunisation Education 9:15am Y7/8
Wed 9 Feb	Subway starts for 2022
Wed 9 Feb	Commissioning Service a.m. (ākonga and staff only)
Thurs 10 Feb	Tech starts (8:50am bus)
Thurs 10 Feb	Kapa Haka p.m.
Thurs 10 Feb	Meet the Teacher – Online (Kowhai 6pm, Kauri 7pm)
Fri 11 Feb	Piano Lessons start for 2022
Fri 11 Feb	Heart Foundation a.m.
Mon 14 Feb	Assembly p.m. (ākonga and staff only)
Tues 15 Feb	Kiwi Hoops p.m.



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