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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

It is hard to believe we are in Week 3 already. Our focus is 'God is creative' and we can be creative too. Ākonga have been learning about the creativity in other cultures (particularly Māori), as well as practising creativity. Kōwhhai has been learning about the Treaty of Waitangi and Kauri have explored things 'Maori' through their reading programme. This includes learning about, and, to appreciate, Māori kites and creating manu taratahi (refer below for more).



In our memory verse programme, we are teaching ākonga they are made in the image and likeness of God. Kauri ākonga have created works to reflect this.



Meet the Teachers Evening Last Week

Thank you to all those who joined us for our online "Meet the Teacher" session. It was good to be able to meet with you. We hope you found these sessions useful. If you missed this time and wish to meet your tamariki's teacher, please feel free to pop in or make an appointment with them.

Manu Taratahi



Ākonga in Kauri and Kōwhai were visited by Noni from the Heart Foundation last week. Noni showed ākonga a Māori kite her mother made for



her out of harakeke. Every part was special and full of meaning. Seeing a real example of a Māori kite has helped ākonga appreciate the creative work in kite making.

Kauri have been reading about Māori games in their



reading programme.

In groups, Kauri ākonga also made a manu taratahi ('bird' kite). Didn't they do well!



2022 Start of School Blessing



Instead of having a Commissioning Service at Gateway Baptist, this year Pastor Phil came and visited each class and ran a start of year devotion.

This focused on what a blessing is, praying for God's blessing and favour on our school and all those associated with it.



The Coronavirus – Red Traffic Light

As you will be aware, we are continuing to operate at 'Red' Traffic Light level. We are following Ministry guidelines and procedures as ākonga safety continues to be uppermost in our minds. If you have any queries about these procedures, please feel free to come and discuss these with staff.

Unfortunately, our Kapa Haka provider has decided not to do Kapa Haka this term while we are at 'Red' Traffic Light. We are looking at alternative ways of promoting things Māori to compensate for this.

Uniform

Well done whānau! All ākonga are in their correct uniform and have sunhats. The school office has brand new PE uniform and some secondhand formal/PE uniform if you need to 'top up' or replace anything.

New formal school uniform can be purchased from The Warehouse at Lyall Bay.

Digital Citizens Agreement

Thank you to all whānau who have worked through the Digital Citizen Agreement with their tamariki and returned it. These have now all been returned.

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 a great start to the year.
- The welcome our new ākongas have received.
- For those who are committed to Christian Education and support us faithfully.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 43 years.

Please pray:

- For a great welcome and friendships for our new ākongas.
- 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 a blessing to the community.
- That our staff, (teachers, teacher aides, principal and office manager) and whānau including our ākongas would during this time know God's direction, wisdom, anointing and blessing on their work.
- For our prayer ākongas and their whānau: -
Week 3: Hannah, Abishua, Hugo and Judah
Week 4: Samuel, Xander, Aadarsh, 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.

Shalom and Ngā Mihi
Kaye Gillies
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

Every Mon	Assembly 2:30pm (weather permitting) (ākonga and staff only)
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	
Mon 14 Feb	Assembly p.m. (ākonga and staff only)
Tues 15 Feb	Kiwi Hoops p.m.
Thurs 17 Feb	Dog Handler visit a.m.
Fri 18 Feb	'Pals' Leadership Training a.m.
Mon 21 Feb	Assembly
Mon 21 Feb	BoT, 6:30pm, Staffroom or Room 3
Tues 22 Feb	Kiwi Hoops p.m.
Fri 25 Feb	Heart Foundation a.m.
Fri 25 Feb	'Pals' Leadership Training a.m.
Mon 28 Feb	Sharing Assembly (ākonga and staff only)

TOTS TO TEENS DIGI-MAGAZINE

Your school community's link to the first 2022 Tots to Teens digi-magazine is <https://issue2202.totstoteens.co.nz>

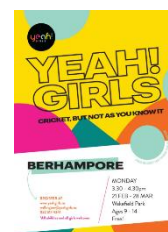
GIRLS CRICKET WELLINGTON – FREE!



Summer Smash Yr 3-6

This four-week programme runs during Term 1, 2022 and is for girls in school years three to six. Summer Smash is a social, fun-filled introduction to cricket where girls will learn fundamental movements and teamwork skills, as well as have an opportunity to make new friends in a safe environment. All equipment is provided. All registered players receive a free Summer Smash T-shirt. Transport hardship fund is available to support students to attend.

BERHAMPORE: Mondays / 4.00 – 5.00pm / 7 March – 28 March 2022 / Wakefield Park
 Go to <https://www.cricketwellington.co.nz/hidden-menu-items/junior-girls-1> to register.



YEAH! Girls / 9-14 years old

YEAH! Girls is the cricket revolution taking Wellington by storm! It's cricket, but not as you know it - a social, fun, inclusive way to give cricket a go. No previous experience required. This six-week programme runs midweek during

Term 1, 2022 and is for girls in school years three to six.
 BERHAMPORE: Mondays / 3.30 – 4.30pm / 21 February - 28 March 2022 / Wakefield Park
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