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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

We are now in Holy Week. The lead up to Easter where we celebrate the core tenants of our faith. "This special week gives us the opportunity, again, to pause, ponder and journey through the final week of Jesus' life. To enter into the story, placing ourselves in every scene. To remember his sacrifice for our sins on a Roman cross. To celebrate his victory over death as he burst forth from the tomb. To honour Jesus as the only Lord and saviour who can and does restore what sin unravelled in Eden generations ago. To realise God's story and our own personal stories are interwoven.

Our God is the master weaver, working and rewriting our stories (as one who creates a beautiful tapestry) to fit in with his ultimate plans and purpose for our lives and the world." (Woven: A Holy week Devotional Bible Society, 2022)

What a privilege we have as a Christian school to be able to focus on our faith and reflect on these significant things. Ākonga will be reflecting on Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Crucifixion, and the Resurrection throughout the week. This may provide you with opportunities to further share the significance

of your faith with your tamariki. Be sure to grasp these precious moments to grow your tamariki in their faith. It is my prayer that you will be blessed as you do so.



Please note: Holy week is a short week as well as the end of Term 1, with school finishing on Thursday 14 April 2022 at 3pm.

Teachers Only Day

Staff travelled to Maranatha Christian School for their Teachers Only Day (ToD). There we connected with other Christian schools via zoom and shared in professional development around the new Aotearoa Histories Curriculum.

The four key ideas were:

1. Teachers should explain not blame - there are no heroes or villains.
2. Ethical judgments must come from a wide range of evidence.
3. We should not judge the past by the standards of the present.
4. We should be aware of our own biases.

Along with this is the notion that "Education is not religiously neutral ... it is always the expression of beliefs about life and living that are held by those who determine the educational process". (The Cause of Christian Education, Richard Edlin).

As well as time learning together, break out groups provided a marvellous opportunity for our staff to connect with other people working within similar roles in other Christian schools. Our learnings and connections will definitely benefit our ākonga.

Thank you for your graciousness in allowing us the time to do this.

Skylight – Counselling Session

Our local Community of Learning (Kahui Ako of peninsular schools) has secured a counselling session through Skylight for students who would benefit from working on resilience. Skylight will be delivering a half day Resilience Workshop at Miramar North School for Year 3 to 6 children, on Tuesday 26th April from 9am till 1pm. They will provide some morning tea. There will be no cost to you.

The workshop will be conducted by one, possibly two, counsellors and tackle topics such as leadership, collaboration, resilience, talking about tough situations, etc. It will be delivered in a fun setting via games, group activities, etc. The workshop will also address any anxiety issues with children returning to school. Please note this is not specifically Christian but may still benefit some – ākongā.

There are only 20-25 spaces for enrolment from all our Kāhui Ako schools so first in first served. Here is the link to the form for the [Skylight Resilience Workshop](#).

Wellington Christian Education Project (WCEP) Update

We thank Mark Larson, the Wellington Christian Education Project Manager, for continuing to work on our behalf. More information about the project can be found at their website (<https://www.wcep.nz/>). You can also view an update from Mark Larson on the WCEP Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonCEP>
Please keep this project in your prayers.

Updating Information

If you have changed your phone number, address or emergency contacts in the last twelve months, please ensure you send this information to the school office (office@christian.school.nz). Thank you to those who have done this.

The Coronavirus – Health and Safety Risk Assessment

All schools, after the lifting of the Mandatory Vaccination in Education, have been advised to make their planning available to staff and parents and invite feedback. We sent out information regarding our current plans around minimalising the risk of catching Covid-19 at Miramar Christian School on Skool Loop last Thursday April 6.

If you have any questions, queries or comments regarding this please contact us. We are also keen to hear from anyone who has tamariki or household members with underlying medical conditions which put them at higher risk from Covid-19 regardless of their vaccination status. Please contact me so we can check if any further measures are required around

these whānau members. We are keen to gain your feedback.

If you haven't had a chance to read this yet we would encourage you to do so. To make this easier we have attached copies to this newsletter. It is best read alongside the Skool Loop message.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For EASTER where we celebrate the most significant tenants in the Christian Faith.
- For the gift of Jesus' sacrifice that has provided us with salvation.
- For ākongā and whānau restored to health.
- 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:

- That over this week we would all focus on and celebrate the significant work of Jesus on the cross.
- For staff as they seek to think through how they will teach Aotearoa Histories to your children in a way that; honours God, seeks to appreciate the perspective of the tangata whenua of our land, that recognises our rich history as a nation, and helps them to learn from the past as they face the future.
- Staff would be refreshed and invigorated over the school holidays.
- For the health and safety of our school community especially over the holidays.
- 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.
- For progress in the work of the Wellington Christian Education Trust.
- For our prayer ākongā and their whānau: -
Week 11: Zephaniah, Azayliah, Hazel, Sophie
Week 1: Abhinav, Sage, 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 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.

Ka nui tēnei
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
APRIL	
Mon 11 Apr	Assembly p.m. (ākonga and staff only)
Thurs 14 Apr	End of Term 1, 3pm
MAY	
Mon 2 May	Start of Term 2, 8:55am
Mon 2 May	Assembly p.m.
Mon 9 May	Assembly p.m.
Mon 9 May	St John's Visit
Mon 23 May	BoT, 6:30pm, Staffroom or Room 3

We are fundraising with Entertainment

Support MCS by purchasing your Entertainment Membership today!!

Hop into an egg-cellent Easter with the family and enjoy a bonus eGift card! You will receive limited time Bonus Offers and a **Bonus eGift card** when you purchase your Entertainment Membership and support our fundraiser. Click on the following link to order your Entertainment Membership now

<https://www.entertainmentnz.com/orderbooks/104x302>

*BONUS Gift Card and limited-time offers promotional period: 6pm 1 March 2022 – 11:59pm 15 May 2022.

TOTS TO TEENS DIGI-MAGAZINE

Your school community's link to the April 2022 Tots to Teens digi-magazine is <https://issue2203.totstoteens.co.nz/>.

What's in this issue for parents?

- » 8 family-life habits for a healthy immune system
- » How to: Encourage your kids to open up
- » Kids shoes! They might look great, but do they fit properly?
- » Egg-cellent Easter recipes. Yuuum!
- and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS!



Springboard Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club offer diving lessons for kids aged 6yrs+ to adult sessions! Try something new - visit our website and register for a FREE 30min Trial Lesson in the school holidays or

during Term. After-school sessions available on Wed/Thurs and Saturdays - All levels welcome from beginners to competitive.

FREE Community Diving sessions one Sunday per month during Term. T&C's apply. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING, COACHING and TRAINING



The summer athletics season is over, and 'Track & Field' has ended. We are now starting cross country and the schools and inter-school events will

be held next term. Wellington Harrier Athletic Club are offering an introductory programme over the coming holidays to help children get a "feel" for the sport and see how they like it (if they do, they are welcome to join the club and train and race with us). There will be no charge for the introductory sessions, which will be held from 1:45pm on Saturday 9 April, Saturday 16 April, Wednesday 20 April, Saturday 23 April and Wednesday 27 April. The sessions are recommended for Years 5, 6, 7 & 8, so come along and try our sport! G. T. (Geoff) Henry MNZM, Email: gghenry@actrix.co.nz Phone: 04 388 3536 or Mobile 027 442 543

Nga Manu Easter Celebration 2022

[Ngā Manu Nature Reserve](http://www.ngamanu.org.nz), 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae, Kapiti Coast

Friday 15th April – Monday 18th April 10am – 5pm
Gather your family, pack a picnic, and come and celebrate Easter at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve. We have Easter eggs, children's activities and awesome daily prizes throughout the long weekend!

Full event details on our website

<https://ngamanu.org.nz/upcoming-events/nga-manu-easter-celebration/>

or on Eventfinda:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2022/nga-manu-easter-celebration/waikanae>

or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1147243622704903>

Families can visit our **Easter Zone** to make a decoration to hang on our **Easter Wishing Tree**, hunt for **Ngā Manu Easter Rocks** and **Winner eggs** throughout the reserve to win chocolate eggs and prizes throughout the long weekend. It's going to be lots of fun!

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE - Open Day Sun 1 May 2022

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from Thursday 14th April 2022 at the following stores:

Capital Fishing, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)

ADULTS MUST WEAR A MASK

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.

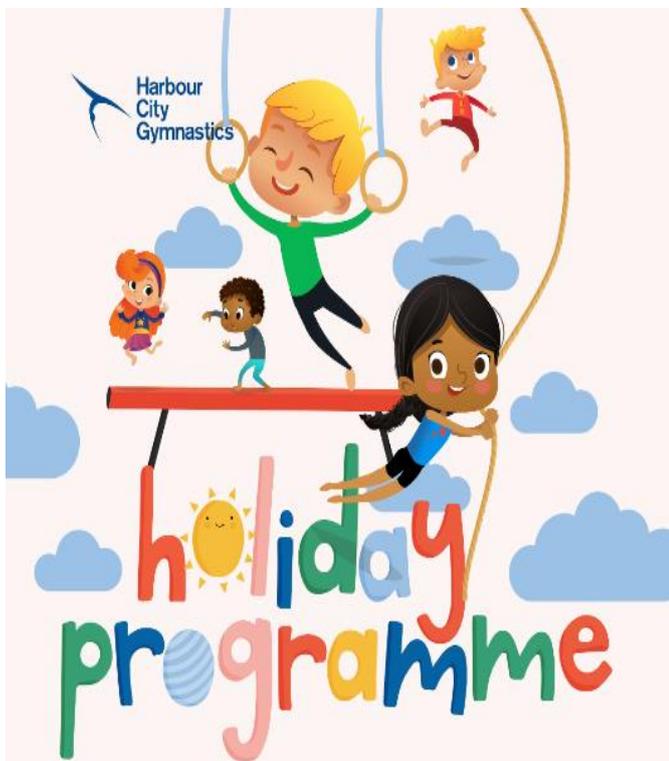
We are also available for private family bookings (e.g., Birthdays) or other social groups.

Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

Email: strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

The Capital Trout Centre will be open during the school holidays for private bookings. To make a booking please contact: Strato Cotsilinis, Capital Trout Centre, Ph:04 3877878, Email: strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com



Harbour City Gymnastics is running a holiday programme over the Term 1 break!

Your little gymnast will experience unique and challenging circuits, specific coaching tailored to their level, creative activities, and free play in our fully equipped facility.

Who?	Ages 5+
Where?	Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park
Dates	Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd Tuesday 26th - Friday 30th
Time	9AM - 3PM
Cost	\$45 per day

Spaces are limited!

Visit hcg.org.nz/holprog or contact office@hcg.org.nz to register.

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

At Bigair Gym, the classes are structured and follow a badge programme. This quality coaching & structure creates motivated and focussed learning, which allows children to focus on goals, gain feedback, reflect, and apply this to achieve through the levels! This type of training develops confidence, resilience and a positive attitude towards personal challenges and new learning. Parents keep telling us that Bigair Gym Classes are having a positive influence on their children, and they are benefiting from learning these lifelong skills outside of the gym. So, don't miss out on this for your children! **Book online for Term 2 classes from the 4 April into GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (Parkour with flips), TRAMPOLINING & CHEERLEADING!**

Bookings are OPEN NOW online for Bigair Gyms active, fun & popular upcoming **April HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**. Half day & full day sessions: 8.30am-1pm or 1-5.30pm = \$30, & 8.30am – 5.30pm = \$45. We offer **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** at Bigair too, so please inquire today.



ENGLISH CLASSES WITH CHILD CARE

MIRAMAR WELLINGTON
For parents who are residents and NZ citizens.

Holy Cross School Miramar, 2-6 Athens Street.

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 9-11:30AM

- Improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Meet other parents and caregivers
- For adults who do not speak English as a first language
- Free childcare provided for 0-5 year olds.

TO ENROL:
Reach out to KiwiClass at
04 384 3693
office@kiwiclass.org.nz
Or, come to class anytime!
KiwiClass.org.nz

Pirates Vs Ninjas

(vs The Evil Vampire Wizards)

Written By Russell King



Directed By Amalia Calder

18TH -29TH APRIL 2022
 \$7 PREVIEW SATURDAY 16TH APRIL!
 SHOW TIMES 10AM & 11:30AM
 4 MONCRIEFF ST, MOUNT VIC, WELLINGTON
 WWW.KIDZSTUFFTHEATRE.CO.NZ

Kidz Stuff

These school holidays KidzStuff Theatre for Children are presenting **Pirates vs Ninjas (vs The Evil Vampire Wizards)**. Written by Russell King from the book by Spike Milligan and Directed by Amalia Calder.

What: *Pirates vs Ninjas (vs The Evil Vampire Wizards)*

When: 18th - 29th April 2022

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets: \$12.50pp, Children under 2 Free

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz



GRAND TRAINING
 LEVEL 2, 2 WOODWARD ST, CORNER LAMBTON QUAY & WOODWARD ST

April Holiday Computer Classes
 Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays Wellington City location on Lambton Quay for ages 5 to 15.

- Roblox
- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java & Create 3D Games.
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing

Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children

For information & bookings 499-2211 or grandtraining.co.nz

The Rock Academy - Music Holiday Programmes



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

Lots of fun, busking trips every day and activities with personable inspiring teachers. Perfect for building confidence in creative children who would like to explore music or take their playing to a new level. Ideal for young singers, guitarists, pianists and bassists. Contact us to book or for more information.

geoff@therockacademy.co.nz or 021 565 750.

Tues 26 to Fri 29 April 2022 8:45am until 3:30pm.



#LEVELUP

Youth Holiday Programme

Create & print a 3D model | TinkerCAD
 Design a game | Dreams
 Build with Redstone | Minecraft
 Understand and Compete | Esports Titles

Week 1 April 18 - April 22
Week 2 April 25 - April 29

Ages 10 - 16 only | Limited spaces available

Level up your skills these school holidays for only \$40 a day!

Scan the QR code or visit respawn.co.nz/holidays to book




THE ULTIMATE EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

18-22 APRIL
MITCHELL PARK

25-29 APRIL
RENOUF TENNIS CENTRE

9.00am - 3.00pm
 Ages 5-14
 Day: \$79 + GST
 Week: \$349 + GST
 Before & after camp care available

SIGN UP TODAY!
planitpro.co.nz/upcoming/holiday-camp