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Monday 31 October 2022

Character, Excellence, Community

Term 3 Theme: God is light
Threads: Pondering creation, Imagining Innovations, Discovering Patterns
Key Competencies: Critical thinking, Managing self, Participating and contributing

Our Mission Statement:

For each learner the kura (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 hope you have had a good weekend and found some whanau time and activities to do between the raindrops.

This week the staff have been very encouraged as we have seen ākongā independently choosing to read the bible in their own time and others using their memory verses at poignant times to inform their thinking. We are so privileged to be able to run a Christian School where faith can be ignited and come to life.

Last week staff received professional development in how to give ākongā an over view of the whole Bible. We look forward to introducing this to our ākongā during the advent season.

We are in for a busy week, starting with worship this morning followed by our first swimming lesson this afternoon, plus a "Working Bee" tomorrow (Tuesday) and School Athletics Day on Wednesday. We welcome you to join with us during these times.

WORKING BEE - moved to Tues 1 Nov, 1– 2:30pm

Due to bad weather we were unable to hold the working bee on Saturday. The weather is forecast to be fine tomorrow (Tuesday). If you are able to come and help from 1- 2:30pm that would be fantastic!



Swimming Lessons - start today!

Swimming lessons start today at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. They will run from **Week 3 - 8, 2 - 2:30pm**. We invite you to join us for this as it is a great time to observe what your tamariki learn in the pool. As the pool is no longer operating under the "Traffic Light System" they are allowing some recreation time in the spray pool after lessons (**2:30 – 2:45pm**). Please note, this means **ākongā will need to be picked from the pool at 3pm**. We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.



Athletics – Wednesday 2 November 2021

With summer rolling round it is now athletics season. We are running the Miramar Christian School Athletics this Wednesday 2 November starting at



11am at Miramar Park. You are most welcome to share in this time with your tamariki.



"Follow that Star" Gala, 11am – 2pm, Sat 3 Dec 2022



The Gala now has a Christmas theme – "Follow that Star". I hear there is going to be a petting zoo, along with other things that will also be great fun. These events are also great community builders and provide fun for the whole whanau. The main focus of this gala is to build community, with a little fundraising on the side. There will be multiple ways to be involved, including baking cakes, helping with setting up, helping at a stall and packing up after the event. If you are interested in having your own stall – stalls cost \$30. Please mark this on your calendar.

Summer Uniform – Sunhats



Term 4 heralds our move to summer uniform. One of the key parts of our summer uniform is that all ākonga have a sunhat, due to the harshness of the New Zealand sun. For those new to our school, we have attached above pictures of appropriate summer uniform sunhats.

Term dates for 2023

For those of you planning ahead here are our next year term dates. These dates will also be available to view on our website shortly.

Term Dates for 2023:

Term 1: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 Apr

Term 2: Mon 24 Apr - Fri 30 Jun

Term 3: Mon 17 Jul - Frid 22 Sept

Term 4: Mon 9 Oct - Frid 15 Dec

Health and Safety - SHAKE OUT



Ākonga all took part in the nationwide Shakeout. In this they practised, “Drop, Hold, Cover”, filing out of the classroom safely and what to do if an earthquake is

long and strong. Ākonga carried out all parts of the practise well.



Skool Loop

Please check if you still have your notifications on for Skool Loop. This is one of our important communication tools. We would love all school families to receive all communication sent.

We also wish to thank all our sponsors of our Skool Loop App. There is a poster at the end of our newsletter showing our sponsors logo.

- Annie Newell – Lowe & Co Realty
- Miramar Auto Centre
- Julia Kuiper at Broker Intel
- Toma’s Kebabaria
- Peninsula Dental Centre

Formal School Photos – Tues 8 Nov 2022 9am

School photos will take place on Tuesday 8 November 2022. Please ensure you send your tamariki to school in their formal school uniform, including their school jersey.

APT

APT are doing exciting work with Ben from Gateway Baptist in preparing for a school gala in Term 4 (see above). Why not join them and see how you can contribute? Contact Elma for more information.

APT meetings are scheduled to take place on the last Wednesday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30pm and will alternate between being online and in person at MCS school. The APT will be meeting on the following dates:

Wed 30 November – In Person

The link for the online meeting will be sent via Skool Loop. If you cannot make every meeting that is fine, they appreciate what you can do. They look forward to seeing you there.

World Visions ‘Be Yourself’ Day

 Our October ‘Be Yourself Day’ raised \$27.00 for our sponsored World Vision child, Pheaktra. That brings our overall total raised to \$277.90 so far this year. It costs \$30 per month to support Pheaktra (whether we are at school or on holiday). This means we need to raise \$82.10 over the two remaining ‘Be Yourself Days’ in 2022 to reach this target. We thank you for your support.

Our next ‘Be Yourself’ Day is Friday 25 November 2022.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For news of a site the Wellington Christian School Project team are working towards securing.
- For the opportunities a new term affords.
- For the good news that is retold in the coming Christmas season
- For the input of all of those who faithfully worked to bring our school to where it is today.
- For God’s faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 43 years.

Please pray:

- For families who are considering Christian education for their tamariki and/or are waiting for the new school to open that they would hear about what we offer now and prepare to join us in the new year.
- For staff and the School Board as they lead our school.
- For the continued progress of the Wellington Christian Education Trust’s work.

- For the continued sense building of community in our school.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer ākonga and their whānau: -
Week 3: Sage, Alfonso, Aadarsh, Jesse
Week 4: Audrey, Xander, Daniel, Amia-Rose

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/Tumuaki

School Bank Account Number

For all school banking e.g., uniform payments, 'Be Yourself Day' koha payments, school fundraisers, etc. please make an internet banking payment to: -
 Miramar Christian School
 ASB Bank
 Account Number: 12-3481-0040719-00

Peniel Trust Bank Account Number

School attendance dues (fees) are paid to Peniel Charitable Trust Board Inc. Please make internet banking payments to: -
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SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon/Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Tues	Assembly 2:30pm
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Fri	Paid Music Lessons, 8:30am-10:45am
Every Fri	Kids Club @ Gateway Baptist 3-5pm
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist – all welcome
OCT	
Mon 31 Oct	Swimming Lessons p.m.
NOV	
Tues 1 Nov	Working Bee @MCS, 1 - 2:30pm
Tues 1 Nov	Assembly 2:30pm
Wed 2 Nov	Athletics 11am @ Miramar Park
Mon 7 Nov	Swimming Lessons p.m.
Tues 8 Nov	School Photos
Tues 8 Nov	Assembly p.m.
Wed 9 Nov	EZ Athletics
Mon 14 Nov	Swimming Lessons p.m.
Tues 15 Nov	Sharing Assembly p.m.
Thurs 17 Nov	Class Speeches Competition
Mon 21 Nov	Speech Finals Competition
Mon 21 Nov	Swimming Lessons p.m.
Mon 21 Nov	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3 or Staffroom
Tues 22 Nov	Assembly p.m.
Fri 25 Nov	Be Yourself (Mufti) Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Fri 25 Nov	Library Visit, Yr4-6, 11:30am
Mon 28 Nov	Swimming Lessons p.m.
Tues 29 Nov	Robotics Competition
Tues 29 Nov	Assembly p.m.
Wed 30 Nov	APT Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, In Person
DEC	
Sat 3 Dec	"Follow that Star" School Gala, 11am – 2pm @ MCS
Mon 5 Dec	Helpers Thank you Morning Tea (tbc)
Mon 5 Dec	Swimming Lessons p.m. (last one for the term)
Tues 6 Dec	Prizegiving Practice 9am @ Gateway
Tues 6 Dec	Prizegiving 6pm @ Gateway
Wed 7 Dec	EZ Basketball Tournament
Fri 9 Dec	School Reports sent home
Mon 12 Dec	NO Swimming Lessons
Mon 12 Dec	School Trip to the Beach (tbc)
Mon 12 Dec	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3 or Staffroom
Thurs 15 Dec	Be Yourself (Mufti) Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Thurs 15 Dec	End of Term 4 (12pm finish)

Fridays 3-5pm
 (come straight from school)
 2 October
 28 October
 4 November
 11 November
 18 November
 25 November
 3 Dec—Community Fair
 (more info to come)

School Holiday events
 more information to come!

Hey parents,
 we're keen for you to stay
 and join in the fun!

This FREE programme is run
 by **Ben Edwards**
 Children, Youth & Families Pastor
 Gateway Baptist Church
 with the assistance of church volunteers

Any questions? Ring Ben on 022 401 5720

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | gatewaybaptist.org.nz | families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz | ph 022 401 5720

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VOICE FOR LIFE MOVIE FUNDRAISER

7TH NOVEMBER~7PM
 LOCATION: READING CINEMAS THE HUTT

THIS EVENT IS CO-HOSTED BY VOICE FOR LIFE WELLINGTON AND VOICE FOR LIFE HUTT VALLEY. VOICE FOR LIFE IS NEW ZEALAND'S OLDEST AND LARGEST PRO-LIFE ORGANISATION. WE ARE DEDICATED TO BUILDING A CULTURE WHERE HUMAN LIFE IS VALUED AND RESPECTED FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.

(LIFEMARK IS RATED PG)

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL ĀKONGA?

Open up the world for your whanau and be a part of enriching and transforming lives. Now global travel has opened up we are receiving many applications from ākongas wishing to start at Wellington High School in term one 2023. These ākongas will come for one term through to a year. We are now looking for new homestay families who are inclusive, caring, supportive and willing to share their home and Kiwi life with a ākonga. Visiting ākongas want to experience day to day life with a New Zealand whanau and to feel a part of the whanau. The 2023 homestay fee will be \$320 per week. After hosting more than 50 ākongas a homestay Mum summarised saying "Hosting ākongas opened up the world for our whanau. I can't think of the word to really describe how enriching the whole experience is."

Enquiries to:
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Te mate Tuatea, me te mate Pōuri o Aotearoa | Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Aotearoa (PADA) is looking for a multi-talented person who has experience in leading not-for-profits and understands the opportunities that this brings.

Job Description General Manager | Whakaaturanga o te Kaiwhakahaere Matua

About PADA

The vision and mission of PADA is to eliminate the stigma around perinatal mental health in Aotearoa New Zealand by championing awareness and facilitating best practice in perinatal mental health and wellbeing to ensure all families and whānau have equitable access to appropriate information and support.

Increasing proportions of the population are being diagnosed with perinatal disorders, even where social circumstances are improving. There are many more stressors and strains on mental health, generally relating to the increased pace and complexity of life. When someone is in good mental health they experience positive emotions, positive interest and engagement with the world around them, and meaning and purpose in their lives. Evidence suggests that people who are in good mental health are less at risk of physical and mental health problems and have better social relationships and outcomes. Studies indicate that in countries comparable to Aotearoa only a minority of the population is flourishing. Flourishing through developing positive mental health is a challenge, but a benefit for all.

PADA continues to develop strategies that eliminate the stigma of perinatal illnesses at a national level to ensure all whānau receive appropriate care and support that improves their mental health. We want to set targets to improve our collective mental wellbeing. There is no health without mental health. Increasing awareness will drive social change with a goal towards improving the quality of care for all people experiencing all types of perinatal anxiety and depression and will reduce the stigma of perinatal mental illness.

Outcomes:

- Te Ao Māori partnerships will inform and guide PADA's strategic approach throughout the next five years. Using an indigenous model will help give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi policy in guiding our work with Māori.
- Creating a national enthusiasm for increasing wellbeing and reducing the incidence of perinatal anxiety and depression.
- The mental health and wellbeing of vulnerable parents and children will be improved by having equitable access to high quality, non-judgemental, and culturally appropriate care and support.

Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Aotearoa
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