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Newsletter No 19

Monday 14 November 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,

As a school we are very fortunate to be part of a bigger picture. We are part of a Christian Schools Community of Learning (CoL), as well as being part of our local Community of Learning (CoL), and also a significant part of the Wellington Christian Education Project (WCEP) to name a few. Next week, I am going with our local CoL to meet with Te Atiawa as the first step in our CoL building a relationship with our local iwi. It is significant for all schools in our area. This meeting has been a long time coming so it is extra exciting now that it is here.

There has also been significant news from the Wellington Christian Education Project (WCEP) group. As you know the WCEP leader, Mark Larsen, has been working hard to secure a site for us to move our school to. Unfortunately, 'The Street' church site which was being pursued has fallen through. Be heartened though - this is not the end of this work. The WCEP vision for Miramar Christian School and Wellington Christian Education will continue. Please see below for more details.

We are in for a busy fortnight. We will begin each week with worship, followed by swimming lessons, class speeches, speech finals and Kauri class will visit

Miramar Library (Friday). We welcome you to join us during these times.

WORKING BEE - Thank you



Thank you to all the wonderful parents who turned up to our working bee last Tuesday afternoon. You have made a huge difference by enabling us to now be able to walk safely around the garden using the path. We really appreciate your help.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre continue. Our last lesson is in Week 8 (Monday 5 December 2022). Thank you to the whānau who are helping with transport and to all whanau who are picking their tamariki up from the pool at 3pm on swimming days.

We have noticed some tamariki have not got their uniform named. Please check your tamariki has their name on all uniform items.



Athletics – Postponement Day THIS Wednesday!

This Wednesday (16 November 2022) at 11am at Miramar Park is our new athletics date. We will leave a little before 11am so we can start on time.



We are praying for fine weather. We would love you to come and join us.



Gala – Follow that Star

11am - 2pm Saturday 3 December 2022



The Gala is getting closer. It is an exciting event. We are so blessed to have the support of Gateway Baptist and other churches as well as our own APT. Have you seen the great sign the APT organised out the front of the school? More signs are displayed in other locations, posters have gone out and fliers have been printed and are ready to be delivered. Each family will receive ten fliers to deliver

to friends and family. In addition to these fliers, there are other fliers to be delivered in the streets surrounding our school. If you can help with this please contact Ben Edwards, 022 401 5720.

As this is our biggest event of the year, once again we will be asking each family to contribute a significant amount of time to ensure we play our part alongside the churches and APT. A list of the help required will be displayed in the foyer for parents to sign-up to from Monday 21 November 2022.

School Photos

Last Tuesday we had school photos. We thank you for sending your tamariki to school in their correct uniform. They all looked very smart.

Package options and pricing will be sent home later this week. You will be able to choose between a formal or casual class photo and/or a whole school photo, as well as individual and sibling photos.

Speeches



Ākonga are working hard on their speeches. Classes will be having their speech competitions on Thursday 17 November. The Speech Finals will be held at 11am on

Monday 21 November. The best two speeches will be presented at Prize giving. We would love you to join us for speech Finals.

Piano Recital - Tuesday 29 November at 2pm



On Tuesday 29 November our ākonga who have been learning the piano this year will be sharing what they have learnt at 2pm. This will be

followed by a regular assembly at approximately 2:30pm. All whanau are invited.

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.

Wellington Christian Education Project (WCEP)



We have received news that The Street Church site has fallen through. This will feel like a significant blow to many of you who were looking forward to our imminent move and especially to

those who have older tamariki. This is very disappointing and yet this is not the end of this venture. The WCEP vision for Christian Education in Wellington remains strong. WCEP will continue to search for another suitable site in the CBD (for more details see the attached letter or visit [www.https://www.wcep.nz](https://www.wcep.nz)).

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

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 communications 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 logos.

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

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For the good news that is retold in the upcoming Christmas season.
- For the input of all of those who faithfully worked to bring our school to where it is today.

- For the work of the WCEP.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 43 years.

Please pray:

- For a central site for our school to move to.
- 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 make decisions for our school.
- For the continued progress of the Wellington Christian Education Trust's work.
- For the continued sense of building community in our school.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 5: Abishua, Samuel, Dylan, Zephaniah
Week 6: Xander, Anna, Hazel, Sophie

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

Miramar Christian School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Miramar Christian School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Miramar Christian School once installed.

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
NOV	
Mon 14 Nov	Swimming Lessons p.m.
Tues 15 Nov	Sharing Assembly p.m.
Wed 16 Nov	Athletics 11am @ Miramar Park
Thurs 17 Nov	Class Speeches Competition
Fri 18 Nov	Library Visit, Yr4-6, 11:30am
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	Harold the Giraffe @ MCS
Mon 28 Nov	Swimming Lessons p.m.
Tues 29 Nov	Robotics Competition
Tues 29 Nov	Piano Recital 2pm in the Hall
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
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	10am school start for Yrs 0-2
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)

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: -

Peniel Charitable Trust Board Inc.

ANZ Bank

Account Number: 06-0529-0894147-00

We are fundraising with Entertainment

Support Miramar Christian School and purchase your Entertainment Membership from us today!!
Click on the following link to order your Entertainment Membership now

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



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Kids Club

For kids 4-12 years old

Fridays 3-5pm

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



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

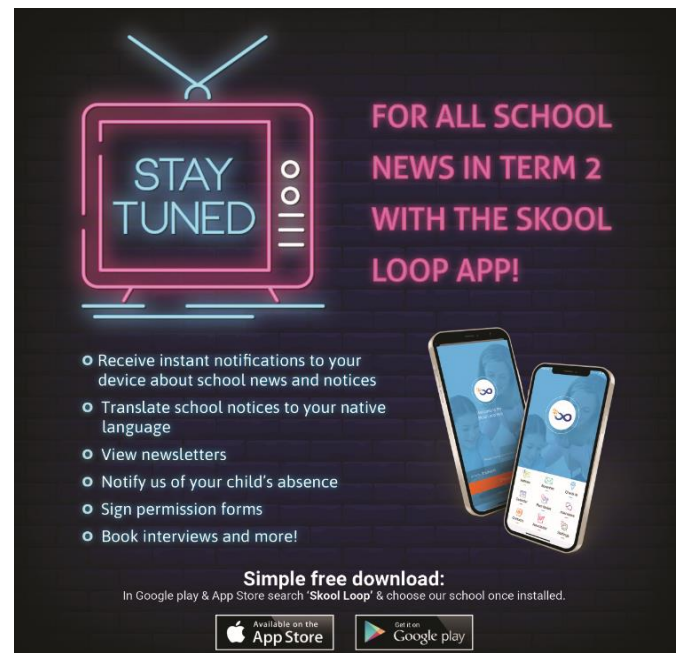
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BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

GREAT NEWS! Bigair Gym is holding its Annual Cheerleading Trials for next years 2023 teams! NZ

Cheerleading is a mix of dance, gymnastics & tumbling. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find out more by signing up today via emailing wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz! Cheerleading is a rewarding individual & team sport that young people love and adore, and continue right

through and into their teens, having a positive impact on their health and development. Your cheerleader will also create friendships that last a lifetime!

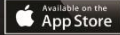



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Available on the  App Store 

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:

Di Jordan

Wellington High School

homestay@whs.school.nz

021 020 63860

04 385 8911 ext 781

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

BIGAIR GYMS Drop & Shop December School Holiday Programme is running Mon 19th – Wed 21st December

2022! Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active and to learn something new during the holidays! **BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme will run Mon 9th –**

27th Jan 2023. Bookings will be open on Monday 28th Nov! Book through our online website:
www.bigairgym.co.nz



Junior Darts

Thursdays from 6pm - 7pm
 Up until December 15th
 Junior 9-13yrs - Youth age 14-17yrs
 New players welcome - handicap format
 Played @ The Hub (Kilbirnie Park)
 \$2 entry each week - just turn up!
 Food available to purchase

Run by club legend Charles Hautapu and Stephen Wood (021384424)
 More details on Facebook: Wellington Darts Association



50th (2022) EXHIBITION and SALE

Seatoun Village Hall

Forres Street

Saturday 19 November

ONE DAY! 9.30 am - 5.00 pm



Wellington Music Centre
 Te Pokapū Puoro o Te Whanganui-ā-Tara

Nau mai! Kuhu mai!

- Instrumental and vocal tuition for tamariki aged 5-12
- Weekly karaehe on Saturday mornings
- Friendly and experienced kaiako of beginner to advanced ākonga
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- 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.

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office@kiwiclass.org.nz
 Or, come to class any time!
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