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Monday 28 November 2022

Character, Excellence, Community

Term 4 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 are now in the season of Advent. This is an important time in the Church calendar - and a time where we celebrate our God coming to dwell among us, in human form. To mark this time, each day we are gathering for carols, reading about a person in the bible and adding a decoration showing that person. The "Jesse Tree" readings provide an overview of the bible through the lens of key biblical figures. It starts in Genesis and finishes with Jesus. Through the Jesse Tree, we are preparing ākongā for Christmas by focusing on Jesus.



We ask Gods blessing on you as you and your whānau also prepare for Christmas.

Speeches

Ākongā have all competed in class speeches. The speech finals were held last week and the overall results are as follows: -

Year 0 - Amos
Year 1 - Alfonso
Year 2 - Hannah
Year 3 - Dylan

Year 4 - Sophie

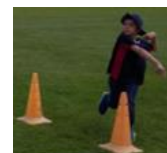
Year 5 - Jesse

Year 6 - Amia-Rose

The winner of the Year 0-3 speech was awarded to Dylan, and the winner of the Year 4-6 speech was awarded to Amia -Rose. They will both present their speeches to you at prizegiving. We look forward to you being able to hear them.

Athletics

We held our athletics last week on the Wednesday 16 November. Well done to all ākongā who competed. Here are our results: -



25m Sprint:

Yr 1: Azayliah (7 sec), Sage (6.19 sec)

Yr 2: Audrey (8 sec), Samuel (5.47 sec)

50m Sprint:

Yr 3: Zephaniah (9.81 sec)

Yr 4: Hazel (12 sec)

Yr5: Daniel (10 sec)

Yr6: Amia-Rose (14 sec)

Quoits:

Yr 2: Audrey (18m), Xander/Samuel (21m)

Yr 3: Zephaniah (25m)

Yr 4: Sophie (17m)

Yr 5: Aadarsh (26m)

Yr 6: Amia-Rose (26m)

Vortex:

Yr 1: Azayliah (10m), Abhinav (19m)

Yr 2: Samuel (19m)

Yr 3: Zephaniah (21m)

Yr 4: Hazel (12m)

Yr 5: Mary (20m), Aadarsh (21m)

Thank you to all whānau who came to help and support ākongā on the day.

Student Voice in the Community

Last term Kowhai ākongā looked at the plans for the new design of the Miramar North Playground and provided feedback submissions on what they thought would be good to have in the playground. The Wellington City Council Play Spaces specialist has recently written back to the school saying they received feedback from 24 individuals or families, including 16 children from Miramar Christian School. They made changes using our ākongā voice. It is exciting to know that even our youngest ākongā are heard and make a difference in the community.

HELPERS NEEDED for FOLLOW THAT STAR Gala – THIS Saturday 3 December, 11am – 2pm



The Gala is getting closer. We are so blessed to have the support of Gateway Baptist and other Churches as well as our own APT. As this is our biggest event of the year, once again we will be **asking each family to contribute a significant chunk of time** to this so we play our part

alongside the churches and APT. A list of the help required can be found on the link

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EqgJKml09HF52xdFcBFPk7R52CHFt3xy/edit> and a hard copy which we will endeavour to keep updated is in the foyer on a desk.

We are also asking each family to make a cake, muffins or other form of baking for the café. A plate to put this on is coming home this Thursday 1 December to be brought back to school the next day (Friday).

School Tours - Thursday 8 December, 9:30am & 11am



Do you know of anyone who may be interested in their child attending Miramar Christian School in 2023? If so, please let them know we are holding tours for prospective parents next week on Thursday 8 December 2022 at either 9:30am or 11am. Flyers are available for this are available from the school office.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre continue. Our last lesson is next week (Week 8) on 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.



School Photos

Photo orders have now closed and your photo packs will be sent home either today or tomorrow (if your payment has been received).

If you missed the order deadline but would still like to order photos, we can still accept orders up until Wednesday 30 November 2022 (this week).

Thank you for your support.

Piano Recital - Tuesday 29 November 2022, at 2pm

Next week, on Tuesday 29

November our ākonga who have been learning the piano on Friday mornings with Isobel throughout the year will be sharing what their progress. This will be followed by our regular assembly at approximately 2:30pm. All whanau are welcome.



Christmas Hampers – Monday 12 December 2022

'Nourish at Christmas' are providing us with **hampers for each school whānau (2 boxes per whānau)**. We are expecting these to arrive on Monday 12 December in the morning. As this is our Beach Trip day, we are asking you to collect your boxes before heading to the beach (if this is not possible for you, the boxes will be left in Totara (Room 3) for you to collect the following day, Tuesday 13 December 2022).

APT


APT are doing exciting work with Ben from Gateway Baptist in preparing for the upcoming school gala this Saturday (see left). 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 November 'Be Yourself Day' raised \$46.90 for our sponsored World Vision child, Pheaktra. That brings our overall total raised to \$324.80 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 \$35.20 at the next remaining 'Be Yourself Day' in 2022 to reach this target. We thank you for your support.

Our next 'Be Yourself' Day is Thursday 15 December 2022.

Wellington Christian Education Project (WCEP)



The WCEP are committed to their vision for Christian schooling in Wellington. They are currently looking for a site for us to move to.

Term dates for 2023

For those of you planning ahead here are our term dates for 2023. They can also be found on the school website.

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 coming 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 the Gala posters to reach people who would be blessed by coming to Miramar Christian School for these events.
- For the Gala and tours would result in enrolments at Miramar Christian School.
- For the perfect site in Central Wellington to be available and in Gods perfect timing.
- 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 sense building of community through the events over the next few weeks.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 7: Amy, Cindy, Nova, Mary
Week 8: Amos, Azayliah, Hugo, Judah

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 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 28 Nov	Swimming Lessons p.m.
Tues 29 Nov	Robotics Competition
Tues 29 Nov	MCS Piano Ākonga 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 Late School start (whole school)
Fri 9 Dec	School Reports sent home
Mon 12 Dec	NO Swimming Lessons
Mon 12 Dec	School Trip to the Beach p.m.
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

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.

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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>

RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2023

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin.

You are welcome to come along to see what it's all about. Orientation tours will be held on Saturday 3rd December between 10:00am – 12:30pm at Rāroa Intermediate School.

To register for 2023 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 18th February 2023.

www.raroamusic.org.nz



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



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 ākongā
- \$120 for a full year's tuition!

Enrol NOW for Term 4!
www.wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz
Discounts available



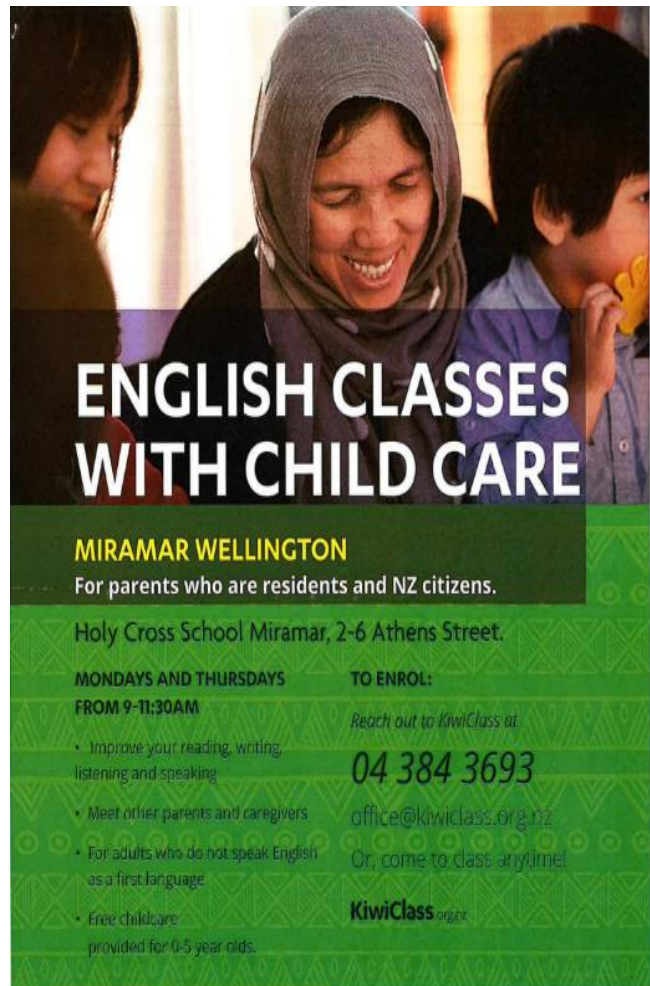
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ENGLISH CLASSES WITH CHILD CARE

MIRAMAR WELLINGTON
For parents who are residents and NZ citizens.

Holy Cross School Miramar, 2-6 Athens Street.

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS **TO ENROL:**
FROM 9-11:30AM

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EVERYONE OUT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

 **BOOKINGS FOR OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ARE NOW OPEN!!!** 

<https://enrolmy.com/everyone-out>

Everyone Out Holiday Programmes offer tamariki the opportunity to play and follow their own interests in an amazing natural environment. Whether they want to build huts in the bush, test out our slackline, learn how to start a campfire or just hang out in the hammock - there is something for everyone.

Bookings are open for our summer programme, 16-27 Jan, at enrolmy.com/everyone-out or for more information check out our website

www.everyoneout.co.nz