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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 dashing towards the end of the school year and Christmas; and yet we are now in the season of Advent. Advent means 'waiting'. It is a time to reflect on our God coming to dwell among us/people. For advent, all classes are meeting each day to do recall of significant people in the bible (most of whom are the ancestors of Jesus) and place a picture of each on our Jesse Tree. We are learning Christmas carols that reflect our faith. While it is hard to stop and pause, may God grant you times of reflection and rest during this advent season.



Prizegiving

What a fabulous Prizegiving we had last Tuesday (6 Dec). It is always good to celebrate the achievements of our ākonga and acknowledge the hard work they have done. It was also good to be able to have whanau, and all speakers 'in person' on the night. We are especially grateful to Mark Larson who flew to Wellington especially for this event.

It was interesting to hear each speaker give the same message in their own words. That is the message that

while we have not got "The Street" site, there is still a strong vision that we are moving forward for our school. We are supported in this vision by a crowd of witnesses (other Christians) who are cheering us on. We remain strong and resolute in this vision even if we need to push against forces to make this happen.

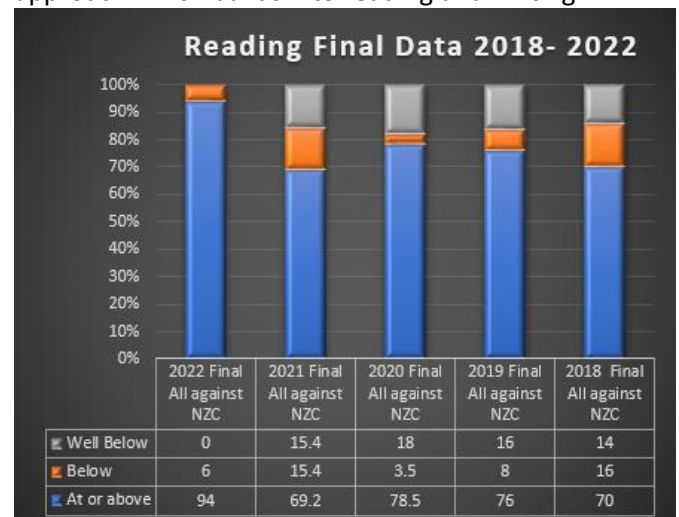
Academic Results

This year we are excited to celebrate very good academic results in reading, writing and mathematics. These results come from the ākonga and teachers hard work, teachers being able to teach 'face to face' and the teachers benefiting from some professional development.

Reading:

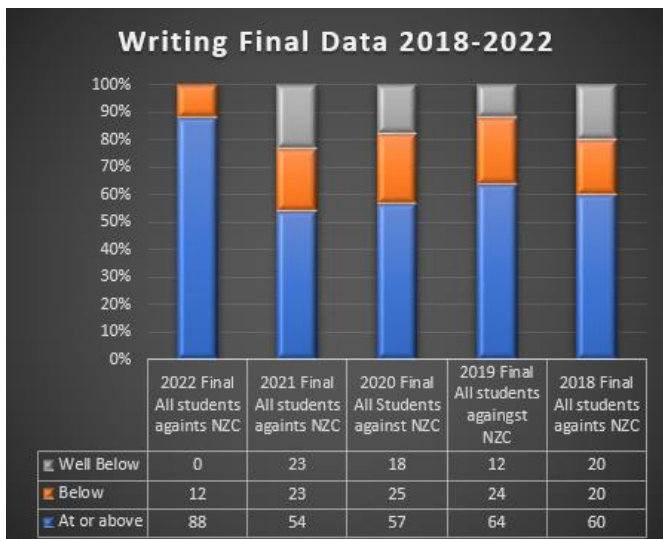
In 2021 69.2% of ākonga were reading 'at' or 'above' in reading. This year, 94% of ākonga are reading 'at' or 'above'. How exciting is this!!!

Kowhai class continue to receive a structured literacy approach which builds into reading and writing.



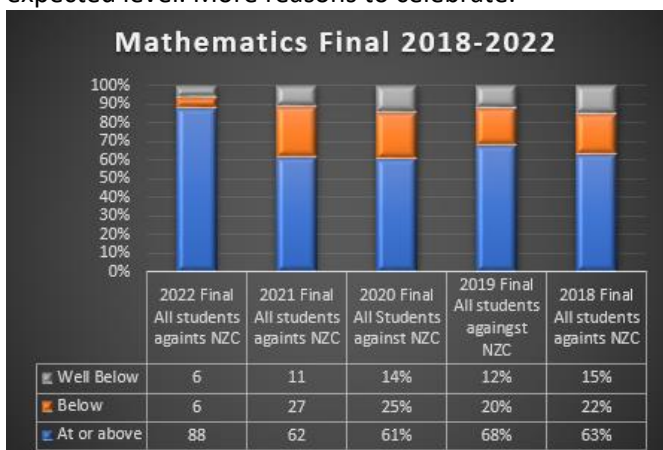
Writing

In 2021 54% of ākonga were 'at' or 'above' in writing - This year 88% are 'at' or 'above' their expected level. This is a 34% increase and a reason to celebrate. Both teachers attended a very helpful writing course. Ideas from this course were implemented in their classes. This, as well as structured literacy will positively impacted 2022 achievements.



Mathematics

In 2021 62% of ākonga were 'at' or 'above' in mathematics - this year 88% are 'at' or 'above' their expected level. More reasons to celebrate.



Well done to our ākonga and teachers.

Christmas Hampers for every school family – Today (Mon 12 Dec) - remember to pick yours up

"Nourish at Christmas" have provided us with a hamper (2 boxes) for each school family. They have arrived this morning. As today is our Beach Trip day, we are hoping you'll be able to collect your boxes before heading to the beach (if this is not possible for you these will be left in Totara (Room 3) for you to collect either today or tomorrow). We need them collected as soon as possible as the hampers have perishables in them.

Gala – FOLLOW THAT STAR



Wow! Thank you all so much for coming together as a community to help to make the gala such a big success. This has been a great collaboration between Gateway, The Salvation Army and the school community.

After expenses were paid out, the school has received a profit of \$1000. Expenditure to create the gala was up on last year but the money raised was also up. This was mainly raised through the café and BBQ, plus silent auction. Surprisingly we were able to raise more funds this year with less people coming through the gates.

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.

World Visions 'Be Yourself' Day



Our November 'Be Yourself Day' raised \$76.90 for our sponsored

World Vision child, Pheaktra. That brings our overall total raised to \$354.80 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 \$5.20 at the next remaining 'Be Yourself Day' in 2022 to reach this target. We thank you for your overwhelming support in ensuring this target will be reached, it truly is appreciated.

Our next 'Be Yourself' Day is THIS THURSDAY 15 December 2022 (the last day of school).

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.

NB: Since we last printed the 2023 term dates the Ministry of Education have provided schools with an extra 'Teachers Only Day (ToD)' in 2023. The ToD date was decided by the "Community of Learning (COL)" and will be taken on Monday 24 April 2023 - this was originally the first day of Term 2, 2023. As Tuesday 25 April 2023 is Anzac Day, **Term 2, 2023 will now begin on Wednesday 26 April 2023.**

Term Dates for 2023:

Term 1: Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 6 Apr
Term 2: Wed 26 Apr - Fri 30 Jun
Term 3: Mon 17 Jul - Frid 22 Sept
Term 4: Mon 9 Oct - Frid 15 Dec

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For the good news that is retold in the coming Christmas season.
- For the input of all those who faithfully worked to bring our school to where it is today.
- For the successful gala.
- For work of the WCEP.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 44 years.

Please pray:

- For ākongā, their whānau, staff, school board members, and WCPT workers to have a great holiday break.
- For the School Board along with WCPT support, to be able to get arrange a school bus for the beginning of Term 1, 2023.
- For the perfect site in central Wellington to be found and be available in Gods perfect timing for our school to move to.
- For effective marketing.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 9: Shayna, Abhinav, 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 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

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.

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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
DEC	
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

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Peniel Charitable Trust Board Inc.

ANZ Bank

Account Number: 06-0529-0894147-00

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**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

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

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<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

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Te Pokapū Puoro o Te Whanganui-ā-Tara

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