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## Newsletter No 2

### Monday 13 February 2023

Character, Excellence, Community

**Term 1 Theme:** God is peace  
**Threads:** Challenging distortions, overcoming setbacks, pursuing peace, seeking justice  
**Key Competencies:** Critical thinking, relating to others, participating and contributing, thinking about thinking, initiative

#### 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 2023

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3: 5-6

#### Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau,

As I sit in my Office I hear the sound of cicadas - the sound of summer and know that we are blessed. It is wonderful having our new ākonga with us and extra special to have the opportunity to engage in our Start of School Blessing tomorrow morning.

I also think of those less fortunate in Northland and Auckland who are less fortunate and have suffered loss at the hand of Cyclone Gabrielle. Please pray for those who have been hit hard.

We are aware that tomorrow Cyclone Gabrielle will have moved down to our part of the country and may effect our plans. We are going to continue with our Start of School Blessing at 9am at Gateway. Instead of walking back we will return by car. If you are able to help with transport please let us know. We will make a decision tomorrow about whether to postpone our Meet the Teacher evening scheduled for tomorrow evening. Please keep a look out for a message on Skool Loop in regard to this.

#### Mini-bus



We are continuing to look for volunteers drivers for our mini-bus. We are looking for anyone who is willing to fill in if the current volunteer driver is sick or sometimes

unavailable. This would involve filling in the attached form and being police vetted, then being added to a list that can be contacted as required. Being on the list does not mean having to say, "yes", if you are contacted.

Please continue to let others who are interested in our school know about the mini-bus.

#### Transition to New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) - Attendance Dues

The NZCPT is sending out a letter via email of introduction to you all today. They are also sending out a contract form, as the agreement now needs to be between them (as the new proprietors, rather than Peniel) and yourself. Once you have filled out these forms, they are to be sent directly back to NZCPT. Invoices for 2023 will also be sent out shortly. I understand that the information being sent out is quite complex. If you need help understanding anything please come and see us in the school office. You will also note further on in this newsletter we have provided the NZCPT bank account number details. *Please note the NZCPT bank account number will replace the Peniel bank account number from now on and all "attendance dues" payments will be made to NZCPT.*

#### 2023 Start of School Blessing – Tues 14 Feb (tomorrow!) at 9am – Gateway Baptist drop off

We'll be having a "Start of School Blessing" held at Gateway Baptist tomorrow at 9am. This will focus on seeking God's blessing and favour on our school and all those associated with it. All are welcome and we'd love to see you all there. ***Please drop your ākonga at Gateway Baptist instead of MCS with their car seat if they require one. If you are able to assist with transport back please let us know.***



## **“Meet the Teacher” – Tues 14 Feb (tomorrow!) - Weather Dependant**

Our plan is to run our “Meet the Teacher” evening to provide an opportunity for whānau to meet teachers and for teachers to let you know about how your tamariki’s class works.

6pm for whānau of Kōwhai and 6:30pm for whānau of Kauri. It would be lovely to have all parents attend. We will also be asking you to check if the contact details you have listed with us are up to date. While this time is designed for parents you are welcome to bring your tamariki and we will supervise them.

We are aware that Cyclone Gabrielle may be hitting Wellington during this time. If the weather conditions look too bad we may have to postpone this. Please check for Skool Loop messages before to school.

## **Summer Uniform & Sun hats**

Summer has arrived. Ākonga wear a summer uniform in Term 1. We encourage all ākonga to wear their uniform with pride.



Year 1-6  
Girls

Year 1-6  
Boys

Year 7 & 8  
Girls

Year 7 & 8  
Boys

As the sun can be fierce in Term 1, all ākonga are to wear a sunhat when outside. Please check your tamariki has a hat each day. Sunscreen may also be of benefit at this time.



The school sunhat and other formal school uniform items can be purchased at The Warehouse in Lyall Bay. School PE uniform is available from the school office.

## **Active Parents and Teachers (APT)**

Miramar Christian School has a parent/teacher group who assist with fundraising, profile raising activity, along with various other activities. They are an active group (as their name suggests) who meet once a month. They are keen to welcome new members.

APT meetings are scheduled to take place on the last Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm - 7:30pm and will alternate between being online and in person at

MCS school. The APT will be meeting on the following dates: -

Wed 22 February – In Person

Wed 29 March – Online

Wed 26 April – In Person

Wed 31 May – Online

Wed 28 June – In Person

Wed 26 July – Online

Wed 30 August – In Person

Wed 27 September – Online

Wed 25 October – In Person

Wed 29 November - Online

The link for the online meeting will be sent via Skool Loop. If you cannot make every meeting that is fine, the APT appreciate anything you can offer. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **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 Vision - ‘Be Yourself’ Day**



As a school we sponsor a World Vision child. Her name is

Pheaktra. It costs \$30 per month/\$360 per year to support her (whether we are at school or on holiday). To raise these funds the school has a ‘Be Yourself’ day on the last Friday of each month, where you get to wear your own clothes (instead of the school uniform) for the cost of a gold coin. We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring this target will be reached, it truly is appreciated.

**Our next ‘Be Yourself’ Day is Friday 24 February 2023.**

## **Term dates for 2023**

The term dates for 2023 are as follows. They can also be found on the school website.

### **Term Dates for 2023:**

**Term 1:** Wed 1 Feb - Thursday 6 Apr

**Term 2:** Wed 26 Apr - Friday 30 Jun

**Term 3:** Mon 17 Jul - Friday 22 Sept

**Term 4:** Mon 9 Oct - Friday 15 Dec

### **Teacher Only Days in 2023:**

Monday 24 April 2023

## **Prayer points: -**

### **Thank God:**

- For a great start to the year.
- For the new ākonga who will officially start tomorrow.
- For input of all those who faithfully worked to bring our school to where it is today.
- For the new mini-bus.

- For God’s faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 45 years.

**Please pray:**

- For lasting friendships for our new ākongā.
- Continued growth in our school especially in the senior class.
- 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 our staff (teachers, teacher aide, principal and office manager) and whānau (including our ākongā) would during this time know God’s direction, wisdom, anointing and blessing on their work.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -  
**Week 3:** Amos, Joseph, Sophie, Nova  
**Week 4:** Adaline, Azayliah, Pauline, 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/Tumuaki

**Miramar Christian 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**

**New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) - Bank Account Number**

School attendance dues (fees) are paid to the New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust. Please make internet banking payments to: -

**New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust**

**ASB Bank**

**Account Number: 12-3107-0061704-16**

Please use the student surname in the ‘reference’ field so they can match the deposit.

**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

<b>SCHOOL DIARY</b>	
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Wear Formal Uniform Wheels Day</b>
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Wear PE Uniform Assembly 2:30pm</b>
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Wear Formal Uniform Subway ordered lunch (optional)</b>
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>Wear Formal Uniform Kapa Haka</b>
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Wear PE Uniform Paid Piano Lessons, a.m. Kids Club @ Gateway Baptist 3-5pm</b>
<b>FEB</b>	
Mon 13 Feb	First Assembly for 2023
Tues 14 Feb	“Start of School Blessing” 9am at Gateway Baptist
Tues 14 Feb	Kelly Sports p.m.
Tues 14 Feb	“Meet the Teacher” Evening, 6pm
Tues 21 Feb	Dog Handler Visit 9:15am
Wed 22 Feb	APT Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, In Person
Fri 24 Feb	Kauri Class Library Visit, 11:30am
Fri 24 Feb	Be Yourself Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Mon 27 Feb	Sharing Assembly, 2:30pm
Mon 27 Feb	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3 or Staffroom

**Miramar Christian School**

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"Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility. Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park, are currently taking in enrollments for Term 1 and have spaces available in our Monday and Tuesday Ribbon Award 5-6 y/o class! We also offer fun, safe, and educational preschool classes for your younger ones ages 3+. Email our office [office@hcg.org.nz](mailto:office@hcg.org.nz) for further information or to register"



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Its easy to book online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay ph. 383 8779 e. [wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz)

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

*Nau mai! Kuhu mai!*

- Instrumental and vocal tutition for tamariki aged 5-12
- Weekly classes on Saturday mornings
- Friendly and experienced kaiako for beginner to advanced ākonga
- \$120 for a full year's tutition!

**Enrol NOW for 2023!**  
[www.wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz)

Discounts available



NZSO are excited to announce they are returning to Wellington for Open Doors on **Saturday 29 July** at the Michael Fowler Centre. Their musicians are going to be running several fantastic events – there will be something for everyone!

**Tamariki Time – 10:00-10:45 (Renouf Foyer)**

Tamariki Time is a free concert designed for the smallest members of your whānau. Suitable for pre-schoolers or students up to the age of 8 years. This 45-minute concert features various short, dance/film-related pieces and instrument demos that your kids will love!

We also have an exciting Storytime performance for you. There is a relaxed attitude to noise and movement during the concert and a chance to get up and move to the music.

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