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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,

"Unless the LORD builds a house we labour in vain"
Psalm 127:1. This week I am reminded how blessed we are by the prayer support for us as a school and that comes from many who support the 50 year vision for Christian Education in Wellington. We are blessed to be backed by Wellington Christian Education Project, other trusts around the country, Gateways Intercession Group, and various other groups. We have also recently been gifted a prayer quilt from Tawa Baptist (further information below).

Primary Teachers Union Meeting

Wedy 1 March 2023 - Pick up tamariki at 1:30pm

On Wednesday 1 March our teachers are attending an important **primary teacher's union meeting** from 2-3pm. The Principal will also be out of town on this day attending a Christian Schools Principals Meeting. To allow them time to get to the venue, they need to depart school by 1:30pm. To cover this situation, we are asking if you could pick your tamariki up at 1:30pm THIS Wednesday 1 March 2023. If you cannot pick up your tamariki at this time, school will still be open, and we have arranged for a reliever to be on site to supervise your tamariki.

Prayer Quilt



Miramar Christian School was gifted a prayer quilt by the Tawa Baptist Church Prayer Quilt Team. It is designed especially for Miramar Christian School. It was presented to the Principal at a Sunday morning church service in February. During the church service, each person in the congregation took turns to pray for Miramar Christian School while tying a knot in a tassel as a visual reminder of their prayer. Gateway Intercessors (who faithfully pray for us every week) have also tied knots on the tassels to mark their prayers. The knots stand as a visual reminder of the prayer support we continue to receive.



This quilt is to encourage us and others to pray for our school and the fulfilment of vision for Christian Education in the greater Wellington region. It is a visual reminder of the prayer support Miramar Christian School receives and is also an invitation for all our school community to pray.

As you pray, use a tassel to tie a knot, as a symbol of your prayer to encourage our community.

Mihi Whakatau, Thurs 9 March 2023, 12:50pm



We are holding a Mihi Whākatau to formally welcome new whānau and staff on Thursday 9 March at 12:50pm. This is an exciting time where we can come together as a community to do this formal welcome. You are all invited. Supporting whānau (Tangata Whenua) join us in the hall for a 12:50pm start and newcomers (Manuhiri - Joseph, Adaline, Oluwaseyi, Eliora, Pauline, Ashli, Miss Young and their whanau) meet on the court at the basketball hoop and all others meet in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

2023 Start of School Blessing

Thank you to Phil, Ben and Sarah who helped run this and all those that joined us for the blessing and helped transport our ākonga back to school. Thank you also to the ākonga who wrote and delivered prayers on the day. This was a special time and an excellent way to be able to begin our year with God at the forefront.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all those who made time to come to our "Meet the Teacher Evening" last Thursday. We value being able to work with you.

Dog Handler

Last Tuesday, Vicki from Wellington City Council came to visit. She taught our ākongā about ways to be safe around dogs they know and don't know. Ākongā took home information about this. I hope you have had a chance to read it through with them.



Minibus

We are continuing to look for volunteer 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 "MCS Volunteer Mini-bus Driver Agreement" (available from the school office) 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.



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 6:30 - 7:30pm and will alternate between being 'online' and 'in person' at MCS school. The APT will be meeting on the following dates: -

- Wed 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. His name is Pheaktra.

It costs \$30 per month/\$360 per year to support him (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 donation. 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 31 March 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

Summer Uniform & Sun hats

Summer has arrived. Ākongā wear a summer uniform in Term 1. We encourage all ākongā 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 ākongā 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.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For the prayer support from many Christians around Wellington and the country
- For input of all those who faithfully worked to bring our school to where it is today.
- For God’s faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 44 years.

Please pray:

- For lasting friendships for our new ākongā.
- Continued growth in our school especially in the senior room.
- 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 aides, principal and office manager) and whānau (including our ākongā) would during this time know God’s support, help, direction, wisdom, and blessing.
- Please pray for Miramar Christian School, Wellington Christian Education Project, New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust, and Peniel Land Trust in establishing their 50-year vision for Christian Education in Wellington.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 5: Shayna, Abhinav, Hugo, Judah
Week 6: Sage, Alfonso, 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.

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

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.

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Wear Formal Uniform Wheels Day
Every Tues	Wear PE Uniform Assembly 2:30pm
Every Wed	Wear Formal Uniform Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thurs	Wear Formal Uniform Kapa Haka
Every Fri	Wear PE Uniform Paid Piano Lessons, a.m. Kids Club @ Gateway Baptist 3-5pm
FEB	
Mon 27 Feb	Sharing Assembly, 2:30pm
Mon 27 Feb	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3 or Staffroom
Tues 28 Feb	Kelly Sports p.m.
MAR	
Wed 1 Mar	Primary Teacher’s Union Meeting 1:30-3pm (if possible, pick up your tamariki at 1:30pm)
Tue 7 Mar	Kelly Sports p.m.
Wed 8 Mar	Kiwi Cricket Tournament Yrs 5-6 @ Miramar Park (tbc)
Thur 9 Mar	Mihi Whakatau 12:50pm – all welcome
Mon 13 Mar	Whole school Te Papa visit

Tues 14 Mar	Kelly Sports p.m.
Wed 15 Mar	Kiwi Cricket Tournament Yrs 7-8 @ Miramar Park <i>(tbc)</i>
Mon 20 Mar	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3 or Staffroom
Tue 21 Mar	Kelly Sports p.m.
Fri 24 Mar	Kauri Class Library Visit, 11:30am
Tue 28 Mar	Kelly Sports p.m.
Wed 29 Mar	APT Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, Online
Thurs 30 Mar	MCS Community Event (early evening)
Fri 31 Mar	Be Yourself Day <i>(bring a gold coin donation)</i>
APR	
Tue 4 Apr	No Kelly Sports this week
Thur 6 Apr	Last day of Term 1, 3pm finish
Fri 7 Apr	Good Friday – school closed
Mon 24 Apr	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day – school closed
Wed 26 Apr	Term 2 starts, 8:55am

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.

Miramar Night Market, Sat 11 Mar 2023, 4 - 9pm

Following the success of last year's very first night market in Miramar, Foxtail Events will be back again to bring you an even bigger and better experience this March!

Not only will we be showcasing a multitude of local talent from the arts and craft scene of Wellington, but we will have food trucks, coffee carts and entertainment for all!

Located at the Miramar & Maupuia Community Centre (27 Chelsea St, Miramar), this lovely venue built in 1911, is full of character and has great indoor and outdoor spaces for stalls, with a brand new playground for the kids to enjoy.

We will also be fundraising at this event with some raffles to raise money for Cyclone Gabrielle.

MIRAMAR CENTRAL SCHOOL

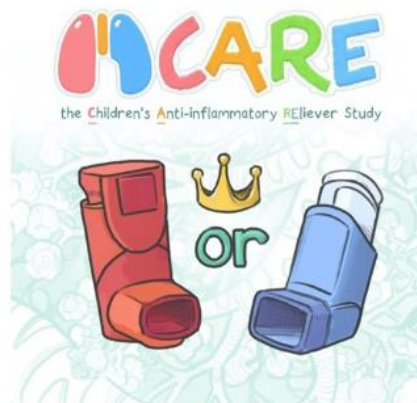
HANGI PACIFIC ROTI
MEXICAN INDIAN BBQ
CHINESE CAMBODIAN
CAKES CANDYFLOSS
WAFFLES JAMS & MORE

CULTURAL FOOD FAIR

GAMES ENTERTAINMENT RAFFLE EFTPOS

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH
5PM - 7:30PM
38 PARK ROAD MIRAMAR
PHONE : 049390684

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TAKEAWAY CONTAINERS TO HELP US REDUCE WASTE



CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers. To take part in this study you must:

- Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact:

- Email: care@mirnz.ac.nz
- Phone: 027 327 1191 / 04 805 0201
- Web: mirnz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/care-study

What does it involve?

- 1 year
- 3 In person or Zoom visits + 2 phone calls
- Inhalers provided free of charge
- Asthma education
- Reimbursement for data expenses



SCAN ME





NON COMPETITIVE SWIMMING FOR KIDS

JOIN NOW

Club Night – Friday 7.00pm – 8.00pm Aquadome

(Located at rear of Wellington East Girls College, accessed via Gate A off Austin and Paterson Streets)

We provide swimming and coaching in a fun and non-competitive environment for kids between 5-14 years.

Cost: \$85 per year

For more information or to complete a registration form visit www.maranuiswimming.co.nz or email maranuiswim@gmail.com or come along for a free trial on a Friday night.

www.maranuiswimming.co.nz



"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 for further information or to register"



If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands, Jumping, Swinging, Climbing or doing Flips, then they will

thrive at Bigair Gym! TERM 1 CLASSES ARE STARTING NOW, SO DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK IN TODAY! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and progress! Classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (thats parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

Its easy to book online at 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. wgt@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

Discounts available

2023 Open Doors



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.