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Newsletter No 5

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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,

Easter is coming! As a Christian School we are so privileged to be able to embrace and celebrate Easter fully here at school. Each day next week (Monday to Thursday, 3-6 April) at 9:05am we will focus on a different part of the Easter story. A Christian leader is coming each day to bring understanding to the Easter story. We will finish the week celebrating Christ is risen. Please feel free to come and join us.

Welcome



We warmly welcome Nirvana, brother of Amia-Rose, to Miramar Christian School. We pray God's blessing on him and his whanau as he grows and learns at MCS.

Kauri Class Yachting Trip is happening today

Ākongā in Kauri have been working on the Kōrinorino module. Kōrinorino classroom experiences include activities that teach about the journeys of discovery to Aotearoa New Zealand. Kōrinorino sailing experiences include going sailing and imagining what it was like to sail across the ocean to this land. They will have a session focused on learnings about Kāpehu Whetū –

the Māori star compass in Term 4. This work is part of ākongā Aotearoa History work. It is very exciting to be able to go on this yachting trip, provided through Worsler Bay Boating Club. Pictures to follow on Facebook.

Community Event – 6-7pm, this Thursday



Please lock this date into your calendar. At this community event we will have a shared meal followed by ākongā sharing their learning about Te tiriti. Some learning will be presented in dance and song.

All whānau are invited - this includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. We would love all ākongā to be present and supported by their whānau.

Please bring some food to share. Finger food works well. **RSVP (on the form below with your whānau numbers).** This will help us organise the correct number of plates, seats etc we need.

We will also be asking you if you had to use a Picture to describe the school what it would be. This may require a bit of pre-thinking so we thought we would give you a heads up now.

Football Tournaments

The Year 3 and 4 had a great day of football in challenging weather. They demonstrated determination and a great team spirit and took up awesome opportunities to learn from each other and the other teams. We are very proud of them. Kia kaha.

We look forward to the Year 5-6 football tournament this Wednesday 29 March where ākongā have the opportunity to challenge their skills and work as a team. We wish them well at this event. Please feel free to come and cheer our ākongā on.



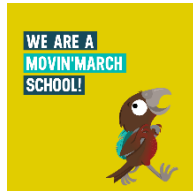
New Hockey Sticks

Last Tuesday I returned from touring some prospective parents around our kura to a lovely surprise of a fabulous new hockey set. Our kids love hockey and are thoroughly enjoying this set. Thank you so much to the "Sport, Education, Community & Cultural Foundation" (SECC) for arranging this. Please also pass on our thanks to the Air Rescue and Community Services Grant trust.



Moving March - WOW Passport Challenge

Thank you to all those who have made an effort to find a way to increase moving this March. Especially those who live a long way and have been parking a walkable distance away so their ākongā could walk or ride the rest of the way. We are now in our final week. There is also a nation-wide prize draw for all completed cards. Happy walking and riding.



Uniform

In PB4L this week we are going to be looking at wearing our uniform with pride. We would love you to be part of this conversation too.

We will be teaching ākongā the following:

I will:

- Come to school with my shirt already tucked in. After I use the toilet, I will tuck my shirt in before I leave the toilet area. When I come in from the playground, I will tuck my shirt in if it has come untucked.
- Look in the mirror each morning before coming to school to see if my collar is straight.
- If I am wearing the long wool socks I will pull them up to my knees. If they fall down, I will pull them up. Garters can help keep my socks up (I may wear navy blue or black socks when I am wearing long pants).
- If my hair is touching my shoulders or longer, I will tie my hair up each day.

We will also be looking at some misconceptions around keeping warm in the winter uniform.

Tights: In winter, girls may wear navy or black **tights** under their uniform to keep warm. These are easily confused with leggings, which are not part of the school uniform. The easiest way to tell the difference between tights and leggings is that tights have 'feet' as part of the garment where as leggings do not have 'feet'.

Thermals: We are more than happy for **white** thermals to be worn under shirts and blouses. However, these should not be seen below the bottom of the sleeve; i.e. long sleeved thermals should not be worn with short sleeved shirts.

Coats: The school does not have an official raincoat or windbreaker. Ākongā are welcome to wear a coat of any or many colours to keep them dry and warm.

Other: Taonga, religious necklaces and plain studs are the only jewellery to be worn with the uniform. We are no longer requiring taonga and religious necklaces be worn under the shirt. This change brings us in line with the human rights recommendations for uniforms. The top button is only done up by Year 7-8 ākongā when they are wearing a tie.

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.

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.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For opportunities for ākongā to engage in community events.
- 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 ākongā and whānau to experience joy as they are involved in various activities.
- Continued growth in our school especially in the senior classroom.
- For the perfect site in central Wellington to be found and be available in God's perfect timing for our school to move to.
- For enquiries to turn into enrolments.
- 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, The Wellington Christian Education Project, and 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 9: Nirvana, Xander, Zephaniah, Hazel
Week 10: Adaline, Anna, Sophie, Nova

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 in the first instance and if your concerns are not resolved you can then 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

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
MAR	
Mon 27 Mar	Kauri Class Yachting Trip
Tue 28 Mar	Kelly Sports p.m.
Wed 29 Mar	EZ Year 5/6 Football Tournament
Wed 29 Mar	APT Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, Online
Thurs 30 Mar	MCS Community Event (6pm)
Fri 31 Mar	Be Yourself Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Fri 31 Mar	Kauri Class Library Visit, 11:30am
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

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

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

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
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- Julia Kuiper at Broker Intel
- Toma's Kebabaria
- Peninsula Dental Centre

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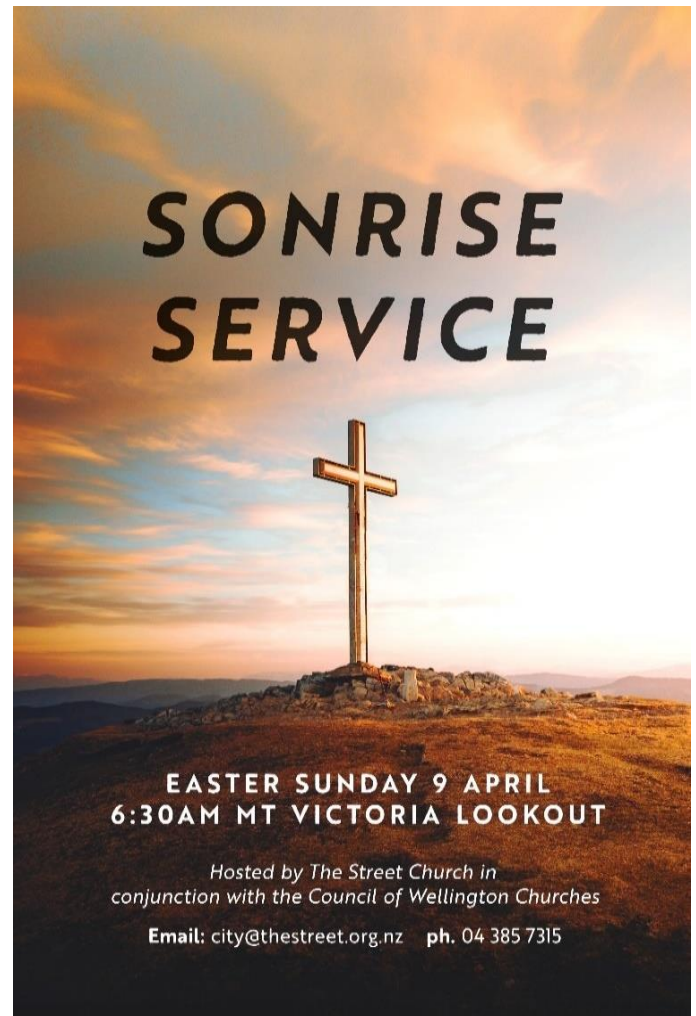


NZSO are excited to announce they are returning to Wellington for Open Doors on **Saturday 29 July** at the Michael Fowler Centre. Their musicians are going to be running several fantastic events – there will be something for everyone!

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.





"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

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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. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

The Ubuntu Learning Hub



The Ministry of Education has funded the ACCW to hold a series of 10 workshops with families in the African community. With these workshops we want to help parents better understand their children's education

Workshop Info

The workshops will run across two school terms from 10am-12pm on Saturdays.

- Block 1 - 18th March - 1 April

Johnsonville Club, 1 Norman Lane, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037 (Transport may be available)

Refreshments and sessions for youth and children will be available

Week 1 - 18 March

Overview of New Zealand Education system – pathways, legislation & National Education Learning Priorities

Facilitator: Elma Behring

Guest Speaker: Cinthia Soto (Ministry of Education)

Week 2 - 25 March

Understanding NCEA and Pathways – what is NCEA? What do parents and students need to know about pathways in secondary education and for school leavers.

Facilitator: Elma Behring

Guest Speaker: TBC

Contact Information

Contact Eddie Ennion-Dickison (Programme Coordinator) for further information and to register.

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CodeCamp April School Holidays

CodeCamp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

Thorndon School: 11th - 14th April & 17th - 20th April.

Book Now at <https://codecamp.co.nz>

School Holiday Programme at Wellington Hockey

Wellington Hockey is excited to be offering a school holiday programme again for kids aged 5 to 12 on both Wednesdays and Thursdays of the school holidays. This programme is designed to be fun and engaging for both kids new to hockey and those who already play. The school holiday programme will be held at National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore rain or shine and led by our Development Officer, Regan Fricker. Bring lunch and snacks, a drink bottle, a jacket and a change of clothes. Sticks and sports equipment will be available. If it is too wet or cold to be on the turf we will move indoors for activities and movies.

Who: Children aged 5 - 12 years
Where: National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore
Time: 8:30am to 3pm
Cost: \$45 per day or \$40 a day for multiple days
When: Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th of April 2023
When: Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th of April 2023
 Register via player management system PlayHQ <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/4a54c6>

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Jessica Bo Peep
 Written by Amalia Calder

8th -15th April 2023
 Show time 10am & 11:30am
 \$7 Special Saturday 8th of April
 4 Moncrieff Street, Mount Vic, Wellington

Pride Lands Fun School Holiday Adventures
 Held at Western Suburbs Rugby Club (Wilton and Southern Suburbs SWIS (Berhampore-Newtown)
Dates: 10th – 21st APR 2023, from 7.00am-6pm daily
 Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Cooking, Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available.
Daily: \$82.04/cub per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session;
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STEM Holiday Programme
 Open to kids between the ages of 7-12 years old (Years 3 - 8)

\$90 per day



When:
 Tuesday 11th April - Friday 21st April 2023 (weekdays only) 9 am to 3 pm

Where:
 VIVISTOP Wellington
 Ground Floor/15 Willeston Street, Wellington Central, Wellington 6011

Learn more here:
www.qismatech.com/holiday-programme/



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