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Character, Excellence, Community

Term 2 Theme: God is calling us
Threads: Caretaking earth, Discovering patterns, Pondering creation, Imagining innovations, 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,

Last term ended beautifully with a great Community Event and Easter activity. This term our overarching theme is "God is calling us". Mysterious Mixtures is our topic focus. We will be teaching:- God is calling us to walk with Him, as we interact with the physical nature of our world. God created chemicals, and they are a valuable part of His creation. Chemicals need to be mixed and used in ways that don't cause harm. Through the unit, ākongā will consider ways to respond to God's call to walk with care in creation. We look forward to learning through our Mysterious Mixtures unit, lessons on nutrition from the Heart Foundation, a trip to hear the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, a focus on Pentecost and Acts, a Cross-Country Event and mini foci on the Kings Coronation, Government Elections and Matariki.

There are also many other experiences happening for Kauri ākongā. Our intermediate ākongā are receiving technology lessons from specialised technology teachers at EBIS. Our buddy readers will continue to support ākongā at the Montessori Preschool ākongā up the road. A group of ākongā is booked to go to World

Visions Leadership Day and another to the Maths Madness regional competition.

We look forward to you joining us for assemblies, trips, our Cross-country running event, Community Event and APT's fundraising activity.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Annita and Archie to Miramar Christian School. We pray God's blessing on them and their whānau as they grow and learn at MCS.



Holy Week Easter Activity



Ākongā reflected on different aspects of Easter with Pastor Sarah Green presenting ideas around the meaning of Palm Sunday. Next, Youth Pastor Ben Edwards looked at the

meaning of the last supper. Pastor Phil Coates looked at the crucifixion. Then finally on Thursday after reading about the resurrection, a group of ākongā performed an Easter drama and shared what Easter meant to them and why they celebrate Easter. This was followed by celebration with an Easter egg hunt.



As a Christian school we are so privileged to be able to embrace and celebrate Easter fully here at MCS. Kauri class easter reflection work.



Community Event

It is always good to gather together for fellowship, food, sharing and entertainment, all of which happened at our recent Community Event. It was great to see what our ākongā have been learning. Both

classes can be proud of their work and the way they have shared this.



Artwork

Kauri class has produced some amazing artwork in the Waitangi-Conflict in History unit. In these pictures ākongā have depicted a



traditional house or building within their own culture, alongside a Māori and European



houses. All are combined as one building as our nation is founded on Te Tiriti and is the home to people of many cultures.

Assemblies

We ask **you to join us at our Monday afternoon assemblies** at 2:30pm in Room 3. We will be having a “sharing” assembly on Monday 22 May. We would love to see you here.

Winter Uniform

It is now the winter term, so it is a good time to remind you about our winter uniform. The students in the photo below are wearing the correct winter uniform.

Girls Y1-6 Winter Uniform

- Long sleeve blouse
- Tunic pinafore
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped tights or white socks
- Black leather shoes

- Hair ties to be black, red or navy



Boys Year 1-6 Winter Uniform

- Long sleeve Shirt
- Long navy Pants
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped socks
- Black leather shoes

Girls Year 7-8 Winter Uniform

- Neck tie
- Long sleeve blouse
- Navy school jersey
- Two pleat skirt
- Black or navy striped tights or white socks
- Black leather shoes

- Hair ties to be black, red or navy

Boys Year 6-8 Winter Uniform

- Neck Tie
- Long sleeve Shirt
- Long navy Pants
- Navy school jersey
- Black or navy striped socks
- Black leather shoes

Common misconceptions related to the winter uniform.

Tights: In winter girls may wear navy or black tights under their uniform to keep warm. These are easy to confused these with leggings Tights have feet as part of this garment. 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 and religious necklaces and plain studs are the only jewellery to be worn with the uniform. We are no longer requiring taonga and religious necklaces are worn under the shirt. This change is to bring 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 26 Apr – Online
- 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.

Please support the APT’s next fundraiser – a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Sat 6 May from 9am – 4pm. See their flyer later in the newsletter for more information.



World Vision - ‘Be Yourself’ Day

World Vision 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 28 April 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 the perfect site in central Wellington to be found and be available in God's perfect timing for our school to move to.
- For ākongā and whānau to experience joy as they are involved in various activities.
- Continued growth in our school especially in the senior room.
- 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 1: Amy, Cindy, Eliora, Mary
Week 2: Amos, Joseph, Pauline, Hugo

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 first and if your concerns are not resolved 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

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

SCHOOL DIARY

Every Mon	Wear Formal Uniform
Every Tues	Wear PE Uniform Wheels Day Assembly 2:30pm
Every Wed	Wear Formal Uniform Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thurs	Wear Formal Uniform Kapa Haka
Every Fri	Wear PE Uniform Wheels Day Paid Piano Lessons, a.m. Buddy Reading @ Montessori (Kauri) Devotions with Ben (Kauri) Kids Club @ Gateway Baptist 3-5pm
APR	
Mon 24 Apr	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day – school closed
Wed 26 Apr	Term 2 starts, 8:55am
Wed 26 Apr	APT Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, Online
Fri 28 Apr	Be Yourself Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Fri 28 Apr	Heart Foundation a.m.
MAY	
Thurs 4 May	Y7's @ Tech @ EBIS a.m.
Mon 8 May	World Vision Leaders Conference
Fri 12 May	Kauri Class Library Visit, 11:30am
Mon 15 May	Food for Thought – Heart Foundation a.m.
Mon 15 May	Y7's @ Tech @ EBIS a.m.
Mon 15 May	School Board, 6:30pm, Room 3
Tue 16 May	Food for Thought – Heart Foundation a.m.

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

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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.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
6th May 2023
9am - 4pm
Bunnings Lyall Bay
22/54 Kingsford Smith Street,
Rongotai, Wellington 6022

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball
Power House
Kids Club
 For kids 4-12 years old
Fridays 3-5pm
 Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | gatewaybaptist.org.nz | families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz | ph 022 401 5720

Fridays 3-5pm
 (come straight from school)

5 May
 12 May
 19 May
 26 May
 2 June
 9 June
 16 June
 23 June
 8 July - Movie & Pizza

Hey parents, we're keen for you to stay and join in the fun!

This FREE programme is run by **Ben Edwards**
 Children, Youth & Families Pastor
 Gateway Baptist Church
 with the assistance of church volunteers

Any questions? Ring Ben on 022 401 5720

Gateway Baptist Church, 33 Park Rd, Miramar | gatewaybaptist.org.nz | families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz | ph 022 401 5720

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Parenting Talk by Parenting Place
 Hosted by The Salvation Army Miramar
 \$5 per person

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If juggling parenting, work responsibilities and the intensity of life in general has left you feeling overwhelmed or in need of some fresh ideas, then this is the talk for you. *Kind, Firm, Calm* opens the lid on common parenting struggles and provides proven strategies and insights that cut to the heart of daily challenges.

Whether you have the world's strongest, wildest preschooler or a young person who just won't do what they are asked, practical advice and heartfelt encouragement will restore hope to your parenting.

Thursday 11 May
Join us for refreshments from 7pm for a 7.15pm start.
 The Salvation Army Miramar, 63 Miramar Ave (behind The Family Store)
 Book at: <https://parentingmiramar.eventbrite.co.nz>

Jerry Ho is a senior family coach and has been at Parenting Place for over 22 years. Her life long passion is working with families and helping them find solutions to the challenges that come hand in hand with parenting. Jerry enjoys writing for parents as well as speaking to audiences around the country. She is the author of *Kind, Firm, Calm*, a transformative parenting handbook where Jerry distilled her decades of learning, wisdom and deep care for families.

Parenting Place

To register please go to:
Kind, Firm, Calm - Parenting Place Seminar Tickets, Thu 11/05/2023 at 7:00 pm | Eventbrite

2023 Open Doors

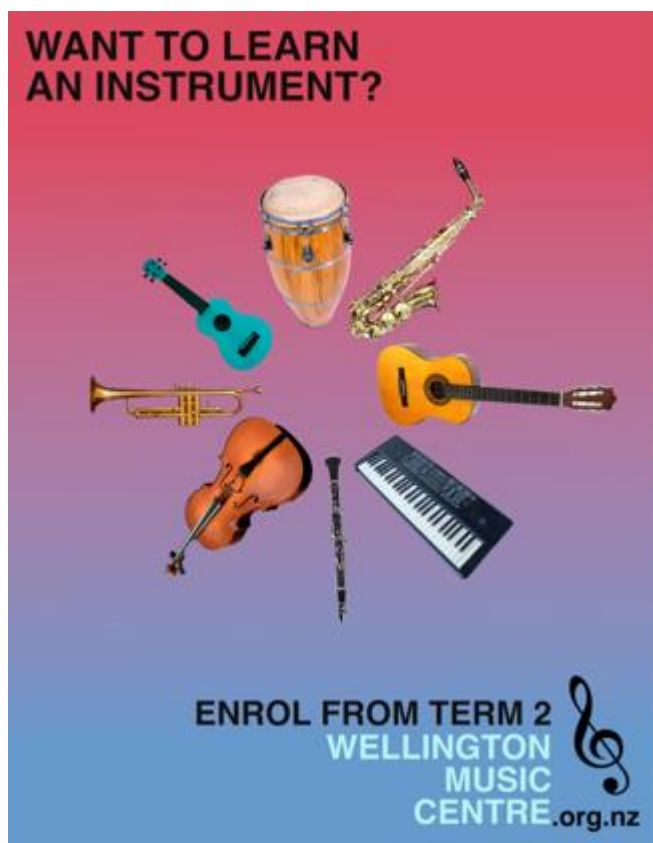


NZSO are excited to announce they are returning to Wellington for Open Doors on **Saturday 29 July** at the Michael Fowler Centre. Their musicians are going to be running several fantastic events – there will be something for everyone!

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.



Enrol for Music Lessons at Wellington Music Centre!

Join us at the Wellington Music Centre for an exciting and enriching musical journey! Our affordable, diverse, and quality music education is tailored to suit all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a beginner or already play an instrument, our experienced and passionate teachers will help you develop your talents and discover the richness of learning music!

We offer tuition in strings, brass, woodwind, percussion, guitar, ukulele, keyboard and singing, and teach a broad range of musical styles. Lessons only cost \$120 for the whole of 2023, with discounts for

students learning multiple instruments, or multiple children in the same family taking lessons.

We are particularly excited to announce our new pre-instrumental programme for kids ages 5-6, designed to give them a fun, playful start in music. It's never too early to discover the joy of music-making!

Enrollments for 2023 are still open, and we'd love to have you join us for the rest of the year. To learn more about our programmes, please visit our website at www.wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz or email us at contactus@wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz. Kia ora koutou!

FUN Sticks

FUN Sticks is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (school Years 1 & 2) 2023 FUN Sticks will focus on individuals' movement and motor skill development, helping build a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport. Hockey skills will be taught through fun, games-based activities.

FUN Sticks offers

- An introduction to hockey with an emphasis on having fun
- An opportunity to develop fundamental skills - running, dodging, striking
- A positive and quality coaching environment
- Full involvement for all participants
- Regular changes of activities to maintain enthusiasm and interest
- A safe environment for all activities
- Equipment required to play hockey (Hockey Stick & Ball) is provided
- We encourage parents to join in with kids if they want

Festival Day:

On the last week of the programme, there will be a festival day held at the National Hockey Stadium on the morning of Saturday 1st July. FUN Stick participants will be able to play games with players from different locations.

Please Note: There are no postponement days scheduled (excluding the festival day)

Where:

FUN Sticks is run at the following locations across Wellington,

- National Hockey Stadium (NHS), Wellington = 10:00 am – 11:00 am – Saturday starting 6th May

The cost for the 8-week programme is \$50.

Register using the following link for the Player registration system PlayHQ

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5a8236>

Please contact Regan Fricker, Development Officer (Umpires) regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz if you have any questions.

After School and Saturday Computer Classes

Our term time classes are smaller just 3 to 6 children. Classes are focused on what you want to learn. Class runs from 3:30 to 5:30 pm class fee \$45 or 10 sessions \$400 (doors open from 3:15). Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 pm. class fee \$65 or 10 sessions \$600.

- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python, JavaScript or Java
- Learn to Code & Create 3D Games.
- Minecraft
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Build Your Own Computer

INFORMATION & BOOKINGS: grandtraining.co.nz
OR CALL 499-2211



If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive

at Bigair Gym! 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 feel personal progression! Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING** (that's parkour with flips) **& CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 2 GYM CLASSES & BIGAIRS POPULAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME! April Holiday programme sessions are 8.30am-1pm, 1pm-5.30pm or 8.30am-5.30pm. Booking online is easy at

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