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Character, Excellence, Community

2024 Theme: Changemakers.

Term 1 Topic: Inventors and Inventions.

Big Idea: God is the master designer. He created many new things. We are made in His image and can also step out into the unknown to create/invent new things. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to discover and use the earth in new ways - designing products, processes, services and ideas. These innovations have a purpose: to demonstrate love, to be of service to others, to explore God's creation further, to create wonder, and to bring praise and honour to our Master Designer. Successful designs are change-makers.

Threads:

Imagining innovations: We acknowledge God as the ultimate designer and seek to create things that serve positive purposes, benefiting people and society. By doing so, we honour God as the Master Designer."

Overcoming Setbacks - Knowing God can help us build resilience and emotional strength, which in turn helps us in our work. We can also learn from the responses of inventors who have a "can do" attitude, demonstrate patience, and persevere in their tasks until they complete them.

Key Competencies: Critical Thinking, Participating and contributing, Self-management.

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 2024

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Romans 15:13

Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau,

This term, two central concepts that ākonga are exploring are the power of **imaging innovation** and the importance of resilience in **overcoming setbacks**.

In our local curriculum, we refer to these as "threads." As I've been reflecting on these ideas, I've realised they are interconnected: by imagining innovations i.e. new solutions, we can often overcome obstacles. As Christians, we take this a step further by inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us through this process.

For many families, fees for the new school, coupled with financial constraints, have presented a significant setback. I am hopeful that the innovation by the proprietors - establishing a Scholarship scheme, will help overcome this financial obstacle for our families. Let's remember these principles as we navigate our educational journey together.

Please read the letter below from Peter Wilding who is both the NZCPT Proprietor Rep and School Board Presiding Member about the **scholarship scheme**: -

Wellington Hills Christian School - Scholarship Scheme

Kia ora Miramar School family,



As plans continue to prepare for our move to Johnsonville, some families have expressed concern about whether they will be able to meet the increased attendance dues and make donations to support the purchase and renovations required at the new site. Our proprietor is committed to seeking ways to ensure we can bring all our families with us who would like to attend school at the new site and continue the blessing of Christian education for their children.

As part of this, we the proprietors, are setting up a scholarship scheme to support families. Finances given for this scheme can be targeted to an individual or placed in the general sponsorship fund which, closer to the time of our move, families will have the opportunity to apply for.

We are looking for many avenues to raise finances for this scheme. We are also seeking your involvement in promoting this scheme. We have prepared a letter and ask that you prayerfully consider who you could pass this on to. The letter outlines the opportunity for partnership with members of your extended family, friends, those within your church, and other relationship circles to help support your children's receipt of a quality Christian education.

While we will continue to explore other opportunities to raise support, we know from experience that the

best support usually comes from those who we are in relationship with. Please take time to consider who you could approach that might be willing to walk in partnership with your family and to bless your children's education. This support will make Wellington Hills Christian College accessible to more students.

With much appreciation
Peter Wilding
(Presiding Member)

Support Staff Week

This week, we're celebrating Support Staff Week! Let's recognise and appreciate the invaluable contributions of our support team members: Cheree Graham (Teacher's Aide), Kerrin Allott (Office Manager), and Karl Anderson (Caretaker). As the teaching staff, we acknowledge their dedication and essential role in keeping our school running smoothly. If you're in the school this week, please take a moment to intentionally express your gratitude to them. They truly make a difference!

Cross Country Running

Year 4-8 ākonga had their cross-country trials last week. We will be taking our largest group in 5 years to the Eastern Zone Cross Country races this year! You will be advised if your tamariki have made it to this level. Year 1-4 will have their cross-country event at 11:15am this Thursday (14 May). It will be run by Kauri ākonga and look like a multi-activity/obstacle course circuit. The aim is to see how many circuits ākonga can do within their set time. You are most welcome to come and cheer your tamariki on.

Teacher Only Day – Monday 27 May – School Closed

The Ministry of Education (Te Tāhuhu o te Mātaurangi) has granted all primary schools a Teachers Only Day in Term 2 to work on becoming familiar with the Refreshed Curriculum - Te Mātaiaho. The staff at Miramar Christian School will have their Teacher Only Day on **Monday 27 May 2024**. This means there will be no school on this day.

We apologise for getting the date incorrect in the previous newsletter and any confusion this caused.

Vision Screening – Thur 30 May – Info for Parents

Te Whatu Ora, Health New Zealand provides a vision screening programme for all students. **This is scheduled to take place on Thursday 30 May 2024 at 9am.**

- **Vision** – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended, you will be notified by mail.
- **Children who wear glasses** and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

Non-consent – please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

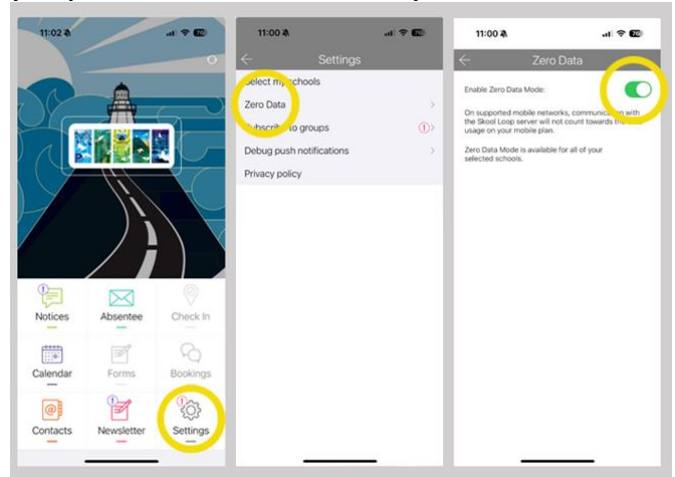
Skool Loop + Zero Data

For some school parents and caregivers, the cost of mobile data can be a barrier to accessing school information and communications!

Not anymore!

We are excited to announce Skool Loop has aligned with Zero Data removing this barrier by providing free access to your school app.

Follow the pictures below to set up the Skool Loop App on your phone so it uses no data when you use it.



Updating Contact Information

It is important when your contact information changes that you advise the school office so we can contact you if your tamariki becomes ill during the day or in the event of an emergency. This includes your phone numbers and your emergency contacts. Please check the contact details of your emergency contacts and advise of any changes. Thank you for your support with this.

Music Lessons

Goodtime Music Academy lessons will be held on Wednesday afternoons this term.

Year 7/8 Technology Lessons

Year 7-8 technology lessons remain on Tuesday afternoons this term.

Active Parents and Teachers (APT) Message

If you wish to join the APT or have any questions about the APT, please don't hesitate to have a conversation with Sarah at the gate after school or give her a call/message at 021 022 86336.

Sarah Green (APT Chair, Hannah and Archie's Mum, Miramar Salvation Army Pastor).

World Vision - 'Be Yourself' Day



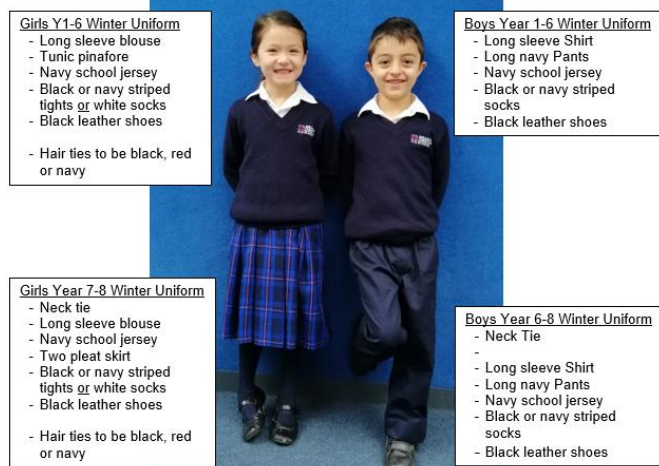
As a school we sponsor a World Vision child. His name is Pheaktra.

It costs \$30 per month/\$360 per year to support 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 31 May 2024.

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.



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 easily confused 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.

Raincoat: 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 no longer require taonga and religious necklaces to be worn under the shirt. This change is to bring us in line with the Human Rights recommendations for uniforms.
- the top button of the shirt is only done up by Year 7-8 ākongā when they are wearing a tie.

Term dates for 2024

The term dates for 2024 are as follows. They can also be found on the school website.

Term Dates for 2024:

Term 1: Fri 2 Feb – Fri 12 Apr

Term 2: Mon 29 Apr – Fri 5 Jul

Term 3: Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

Teacher Only Days in 2024:

- Thurs 1 Feb

- **Mon 27 May**

One more date may be announced after the Ministry of Education has confirmed it's still supporting a second teachers only day for professional development.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For the opportunity to have and grow Christian Education in New Zealand and Wellington.
- For advancement in the work towards Wellington Hills Christian College
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 45 years.

Please pray:

- For funds to be released in the Christian community to support large families and those financially challenged to be able to access WHCC.
- For the sense of community at MCS would grow stronger than ever before.
- For ākongā to be excited by their learning.
- For continued momentum toward the schools move.
- For insurance that covers the Johnsonville site while earthquake strengthening is completed.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 3: Nirvana, Audrey, Aadarsh
Week 4: Sofia, Athalia, Emerson

I thank you for your ongoing 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 me. We are here for you.

Ka nui tēnei
Kaye Gillies
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY

Every Mon	Wear Formal Uniform Assembly 2:30pm
Every Tues	Wear PE Uniform Wheels Day Y7 & Y8 Tech 1:30-3pm @EBIS
Every Wed	Wear Formal Uniform Subway ordered lunch (optional) Goodtime Music Academy
Every Thurs	Wear Formal Uniform Kapa Haka
Every Fri	Wear PE Uniform Wheels Day
MAY	
Tues 14 May	Y7 & Y8 Tech 1:30-3pm @EBIS
Wed 15 May	School Cross Country 11:15am
Wed 15 May	Goodtime Music Academy Lessons
Fri 17 May	Football Lessons
Mon 20 May	Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 20 May	School Board Meeting, 6pm
Tues 21 May	Y7 & Y8 Tech 1:30-3pm @EBIS
Wed 22 May	EZ Cross Country
Fri 24 May	Football Lessons
Mon 27 May	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Tues 28 May	Y7 Immunisations
Tues 28 May	Y7 & Y8 Tech 1:30-3pm @EBIS
Thur 30 May	Vision/Hearing Testing 9am
Fri 31 May	Be Yourself Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Fri 31 May	Kauri Class – Library Visit 11:30am
Fri 31 May	Football Lessons
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Mon 3 Jun	Kings Birthday – School Closed
Tues 4 Jun	Y7 & Y8 Tech 1:30-3pm @EBIS
Wed 5 Jun	EZ Football
Mon 10 Jun	Assembly 2:30pm

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

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Our public health nurses are coming to your school in the week starting 27 May to provide immunisation for Y7 tamariki.

- If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact us at
- res-immunisation@huttvalleydhs.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949.
- If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949.
- If you declined the vaccines last year but you have changed your mind and you now want your year 8 child to receive the vaccine(s) please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949.
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at res-immunisation@huttvalleydhs.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949.



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Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

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- Receive email receipt of your submission

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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
Breakfast provided 7:30AM - 8:30AM
Regular rates \$16.50
Casual rates \$18.50

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Afternoon Tea provided 3PM - 6PM
Regular rates \$23.00
Casual rates \$25.50

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\$5 PER TRIP, PER CHILD
We take children to school from BSC & collect children from school & bring them to our ASC

- Transport available around Eastern suburbs
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- Fun activities
- Games and activities
- Healthy snacks
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