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Newsletter No 8

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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,

Over the past few weeks Steve Farrand (previous Principal of Maranatha Christian School) and I (Kaye Gillies) have had the privilege of interviewing families,

along with their tamariki applying for the new school, including some of our families who have tamariki due to start school in 2025. As part of this process, we have heard about reasons people are seeking Christian education for their tamariki and been inspired with parents' faith journeys. At the interviews, we also asked older students what the Christian faith means to them; and then heard how they have been touched by God, have made decisions to follow Jesus and are walking as disciples. It has been inspiring. From this experience, I can say with surety that there is a strong passion for Christian education among Wellington parents and that Christian education is producing fruit among our rangatahi. We are looking at having a superb group of Year 9s in 2025 at Wellington Hills Christian College.

Teachers Only Day

Teachers had a productive Teachers Only Day focusing on developing our Local Curriculum and learning about concepts underpinning the Curriculum Refresh. Thank you for your support in making this possible.

Eastern Zone Cross-Country

Year 4-8 ākonga finalists from our Senior Cross Country represented us at the Eastern Zone Cross Country races on Friday. Well done to all our competitors.

Vision Screening – 9am 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 – click on the following link

<https://forms.office.com/r/GvZtk9qGFF> 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.

World Vision - 'Be Yourself' Day

As a school we sponsor a World Vision child. His name is Pheakra. 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 THIS Friday 31 May 2024.

Year 1-4 Cross-Country Event – 11:15am Thur 6 Jun



Year 1-4 will have their Cross-Country at 11:15am this Thursday 6 Jun 2024. 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. If you are free at this time and would like to cheer your tamariki on, you are most welcome to join us. The photos are from 2023 to showcase the event come.

Meeting about WHCC Fees – 3:15pm Thur 6 June

Our School Board Parent and Staff Representatives are holding a meeting at 3:15pm on Thursday 6 June 2024 about fees for Wellington Hills Christian College (WHCC). We will be sharing information and seeking to answer questions related to this. This meeting will be held prior to the APT meeting.

APT Meeting – Mon 10 Jun 3:05pm

The next APT meeting will be held on Monday 10 June straight after school in School Hall. This meeting will include discussion and planning for their next fundraiser – a Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 22 June 2024. All are welcome.

If you wish to join the Active Parents and Teachers (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).

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.

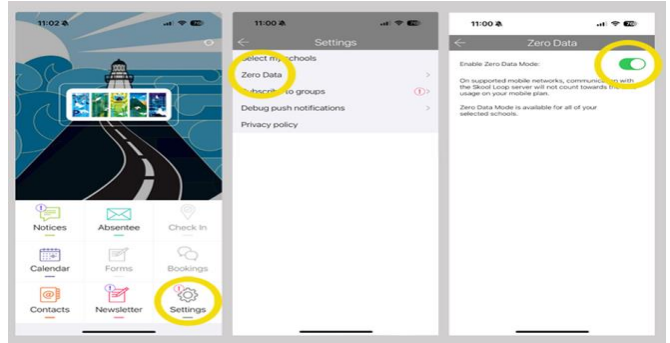
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We are excited to announce Skool Loop has aligned with Zero Data removing this barrier by providing free access to your school app.

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



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.

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.

<p>Girls Y1-6 Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long sleeve blouse - Tunic pinafore - Navy school jersey - Black or navy striped tights or white socks - Black leather shoes <p>- Hair ties to be black, red or navy</p>		<p>Boys Year 1-6 Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long sleeve Shirt - Long navy Pants - Navy school jersey - Black or navy striped socks - Black leather shoes
<p>Girls Year 7-8 Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neck tie - Long sleeve blouse - Navy school jersey - Two pleat skirt - Black or navy striped tights or white socks - Black leather shoes <p>- Hair ties to be black, red or navy</p>		<p>Boys Year 6-8 Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 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.

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.

Prayer points: -

Thank God:

- For the excitement building around Wellington Hills Christian College.
- For the number of applications we have had for Wellington Hills Christian College.
- For insurance covering the Johnsonville site while earthquake strengthening is completed.
- 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 struggling to be able to access WHCC.
- That the sense of community at MCS would grow stronger than ever before.
- For the Minister of Education's approval of our application.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- For our prayer students and their families: -
Week 5: Eila, Hannah, Jesse
Week 6: Praise O, Xander, Daniel

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 28 May	Y7 Immunisations
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
JUN	
Mon 3 Jun	Kings Birthday – School Closed
Wed 5 Jun	EZ Football
Thur 6 Jun	Y1-4 Cross Country 11am
Thur 6 Jun	WHCC Fees Meeting 3:15pm
Fri 7 Jun	Football Lessons
Mon 10 Jun	APT Meeting in School Hall 3:05pm
Fri 14 Jun	Football Lessons
Thur 20 Jun	Maths Madness Competition @ EBIS
Fri 21 Jun	Be Yourself Day (bring a gold coin donation)
Fri 21 Jun	Heart Foundation visiting
Fri 21 Jun	Football Lessons

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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ATTENDANCE

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KIDS COMMUNITY HUB

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

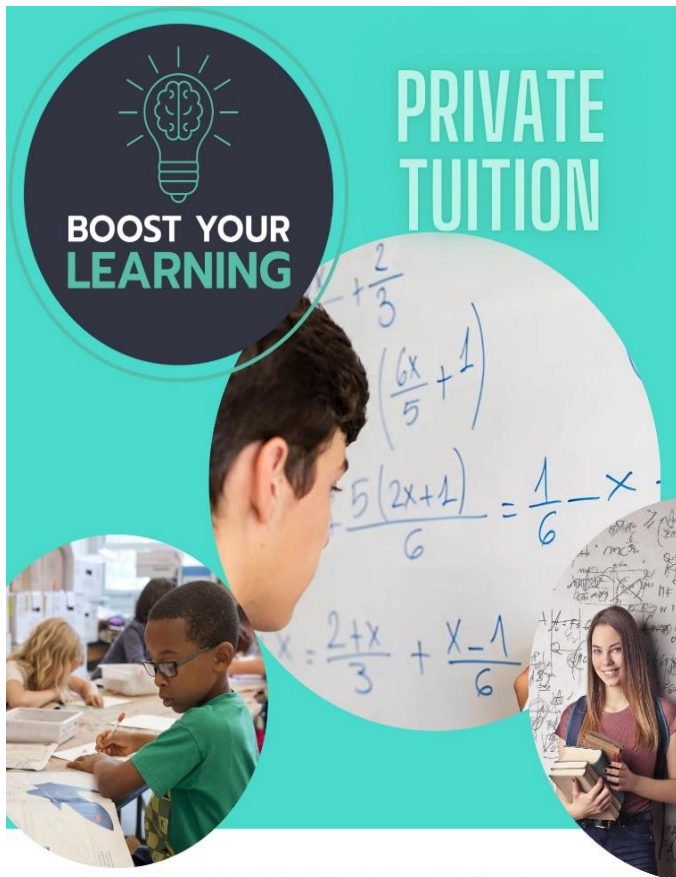
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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE Breakfast provided 7:30AM - 8:30AM Regular rates \$16.50 Casual rates \$18.50	AFTER SCHOOL CARE Afternoon Tea provided 3PM - 6PM Regular rates \$23.00 Casual rates \$25.50	TRANSPORT AVAILABLE \$5 PER TRIP, PER CHILD We take children to school from BSC & collect children from school & bring them to our ASC
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- Transport available around Eastern suburbs
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