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## Newsletter No 17

### Monday 23 November 2020

Character, Excellence, Community

**Term 4 Theme:** God is Pure and Holy  
**Values:** Security, Respect, Care  
**Threads:** Celebrating Life,  
Expressing Ourselves in Words,  
Taking Responsibility  
**Key Competencies:** Managing Self, Using Language

#### Our Mission Statement:

**For each learner the school community will provide quality learning opportunities that encourage Christian perspectives and affirm Biblical principles.**

#### Memory Verses for 2020

"Set your heart on God and reach out to Him".

(Job 11v13)

"... 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself'."

(Luke 10v27)

#### Principal's Pen

Kia ora Koutou,

The end of this unusual year is approaching fast. We are again counting our blessings that we are in Level 1 and therefore able to finish the year with our celebration events. We have held speech our competitions last week, are working towards our robotics competition, graduating students are about to paint their silhouette on the fence and have their graduation dinner; prizegiving and a beach trip is looming and we are working on preparations for next year. It is good to be able to challenge and honour our students. We look forward to seeing you in as many events as you can make.

#### Speeches

Each Year 1-2 child has learnt and recited a poem.



All Year 3-8 students wrote a speech. The quality of the work students has done is impressive.



We are so proud of all our students. You may like to check the speeches photos on our Facebook page.

The overall winners were: -

**Year 1-5** – Aisha-Jadah

**Year 6-8** - Elena-Jin

Aisha-Jadah and Elena-Jin will both present their speech at Prizegiving on Wednesday 9 December 2020.

#### Year 6-8 students who made the finals:

Justine, Raiden, Josiah, Chirag, Elena-Jin, Adalayd

#### Year 6-8 final results:

1<sup>st</sup> Elena-Jin

2<sup>nd</sup> Justine

3<sup>rd</sup> Adalayd

#### Year 1-5 students who made the finals:

Joseph, Timothy, Dylan, Nova, Hawi, Rebecca, Hugo, Mary, Aadarsh, Zeanelle, Elisha, Aisha-Jadah, Ruth.

#### Year 1-5 final results:

1<sup>st</sup> - Aisha-Jada

2<sup>nd</sup> - Aadarsh

3<sup>rd</sup> Equal - Ruth, Mary and Zeanelle

#### Y1-2 Highly Commended for poetry recital:

Nova, Timothy, Hawi

#### Staffing 2021

**Year 1-4** - Mrs Betsy Anderson

**Year 4-8** - Mr Fraser Reid

We are excited about our staff for 2021. The school had nationally advertised for a Year 4-8 teacher. Current teachers (whose long-term relieving positions will finish at the end of 2020) were also invited to apply alongside any other applicants. All applicants were scored against criteria and the best candidate received the job. I am delighted to announce Mr Fraser Reid has been appointed to our Year 4-8 class for 2021.



Mr Reid is passionate about education and the Christian Faith. He has a heart for children, quickly builds rapport with students and gains pleasure from seeing them learn and grow. Fraser brings strengths in science, technology, maths and the arts; as well as physical education. He has a wealth of experience in officiating, and coaching sports such as rugby and basketball. We look

forward to having Fraser Reid on our team in 2021.



Mrs. Anderson has been teaching Years 3-5 at Miramar Christian School for 10 years. This year she really enjoyed teaching Years 1-3 in Kowhai Class each Friday. She is looking forward to teaching Y1-4 next year. Mrs. Anderson has a lot of experience teaching multi-levelled classes and wants you to know that your child

will be well catered for in her class. She loves to challenge and extend the learners in her class and cares deeply for her students.

We thank Ms Copley and Miss Musuva for all they have done this year for students in Kōwhai and Kauri Class and for their contribution to the wider school. We invite you to take the time to personally thank these teachers for the contribution they have made to your child's education. We will miss them and wish them well.

#### 2021 Swimming Lessons: The Aquatic Centre or Miramar North School Pool?

In 2019 parents from APT requested that students receive swimming instruction from The Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie rather than lessons at Miramar North School Pool. While there were a few reasons for this request the main reason was that it was only possible to book swimming at Miramar North in Term 2 and 3 (the winter terms). Parents were also not keen on their children getting out of the pool and walking back to school with wet hair in winter. Consequently, this year we have booked in for Term 4 at the Aquatic Centre.

The Aquatic Centre is now asking for bookings in 2021 so I am asking you, the parent community, if the Aquatic Centre is still your first choice for swimming lessons? Please follow [the link](#) and fill in the form by Friday 27 November. If you don't have computer access, please collect a paper copy of this from the office to record your responses on.

#### Community Fair

Thank you again for your support and help in the "Community Fair". This event has raised our profile in the community and allowed us to fundraise. We raised \$1443.00 from our barbeque, cake stall, sale of costumes in the hall and Epiphany's Donut donation. Funds will go towards activities in 2021.

#### Prayer Requests

##### Praise

- For the growth we have seen in the students in 2020.
- For the God honouring speeches made by many students in our recent speech competition.
- For the ongoing enquiries at Miramar Christian School.
- For the new enrolments starting in 2020.

##### Prayer

- For the graduating students that their transition to college is smooth.
- For whanau excitement about 2021 changes.
- That current and future enquiries would turn into enrolments.

- That God would be held high in and through activity at Miramar Christian School.
- We would rely on God for all things and be faithful to him in the way we deliver our programmes.
- That we would be a blessing to others within and beyond the school community.

#### Prayer Students

- For our prayer students and their families: -  
**Week 7:** Dylan, Elisha, Oliver  
**Week 8:** Hawi, Mary, Chirag

I thank you for your on-going support. If you have any questions I can help with, please contact me (Mrs Kaye Gillies) on 021 293 5390.

Shalom and Ngā Mihi  
**Kaye Gillies**  
Principal

SCHOOL DIARY	
Every Mon	Assembly
Every Wed	Subway ordered lunch (optional)
Every Thur/Fri	Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform
Every Thurs	Technicraft (Yrs 7-8)
Every Fri	Music Lessons, 8:30am-10:45am
Every Sun	10am Gateway Baptist – all welcome
NOV	
Mon 23 Nov	BoT Mtg, 6:30pm, Room 4
Tues 24 Nov	Swimming 2pm
Fri 27 Nov	Mufti Day – bring a gold coin donation
Mon 30 Nov	Sharing Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 30 Nov	Yr8 Leavers Dinner, 6:30pm
DEC	
Tues 1 Dec	Swimming 2pm
Wed 2 Dec	EZ Miniball Tournament
Thurs 3 Dec	Robotics Competition
Mon 7 Dec	Bot Mtg, 5:30pm, Room 4
Tues 8 Dec	MCS Volunteers Morning Tea
Wed 9 Dec	Prizegiving Practice 9am @ Gateway Baptist
Wed 9 Dec	Prizegiving, 6pm @ Gateway Baptist
Mon 14 Dec	MCS Beach Trip
Mon 14 Dec	Reports sent home
Wed 16 Dec	Last day of Term 4 – finish at 12pm

**Fridays 3-5pm**  
(come straight from school)

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

23 October  
30 October  
6 November  
13 November  
20 November  
27 November  
4 December

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](http://gatewaybaptist.org.nz) | [families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz](mailto:families@gatewaybaptist.org.nz) | ph 022 401 5720



food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

# Power House

## kids club

For kids 4-12 years old

**Fridays 3-5pm**

food & drink videos puzzles lego basketball

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

5 DECEMBER, 1-4 PM  
@ ST AIDAN'S, MIRAMAR

## Christmas Crafts

\$2 per person

Crafts (to make & take home) include:

Decorated Biscuits, Crackers, Bells, Angels, Filled Baubles, Decorated Candles & Glitter Tattoos.


Plus - Afternoon Tea and a Reading of the Christmas Story

PENINSULA PARISH

Heart Foundation

## Spring lunchbox

**Wholegrain toastie:** + Choose one or more from each group to have on the side:  
Wholegrain bread, egg and tomato



Cucumber and/or tinned corn

Banana and/or tangelo

Cheese and/or yoghurt

Nuts and/or hummus

For more information visit [heartfoundation.org.nz](http://heartfoundation.org.nz)

## Spring into Spring & stay in the loop with our school app



✓ Events ✓ Cancellations ✓ Notices  
✓ Newsletters ✓ Permission Slips  
✓ Instant notifications ✓ Absentees

**Simple free download:**  
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

Available on the App Store | Get it on Google play

### Capital Trout Centre - Special Children's Open Day Sunday 6th December 2020

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from Saturday 21st November 2020 at the following stores:

- **Capital Fishing,**  
49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)
- **Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing**  
8 Te Puni Street, Petone

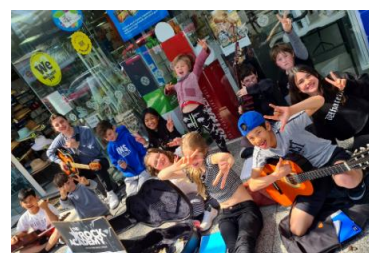
The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days. Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle.

As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers, we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance.

Your donations will be appreciated.

**Contact:** Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

**Email:** [strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com](mailto:strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com)



## music holiday programme

[THEROCKACADEMY.CO.NZ](http://THEROCKACADEMY.CO.NZ)

### Music School Holiday Programmes

Fun and educational for musical kids. Located in Kilbirnie and suitable for ages 5 to 15. Great for singers, guitarists and keyboardists. Song writing, busking trip's, learning modern pop/rock songs and lots more.

**December dates 2020:** Monday 21 to Wednesday 23.

**January dates 2021:** Tuesday 19 to Friday 22.

### Summer Holiday Computer Classes.



Information & bookings:  
[grandtraining.co.nz](http://grandtraining.co.nz) or call 499-2211

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes in the summer holidays at Wellington Girls College and The Johnsonville Club, ages 5 to 15.

- NEW Roblox and Maya
- NEW Minecraft Modpacks and Setup a Server
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java
- Learn to Code & Create 3D Games.
- Minecraft
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing

**GRAND TRAINING**

Level 3, 17 Woodhouse Drive, Lower Hutt & Woodhouse St





### An amazing FREE Art event for Families



The Inspiration Garden is Wellington's newest, most inspirational FREE art event for all ages, curated with top Wellington designers & artists taking you behind the scenes of their passion, demonstrating their creative process & journey. Find stunning Christmas gifts & watch how

ceramics, jewellery, paintings, felt, leather products, sculptures & many other artworks are made. Come along to experience the creative magic & leave with beautiful products along with a new knowledge and understanding of art/design that will spark your curiosity for creation.

**When:** Saturday 28 November 2020

**Time:** 10am till 4pm

**Where:** Petone Baptist Church.

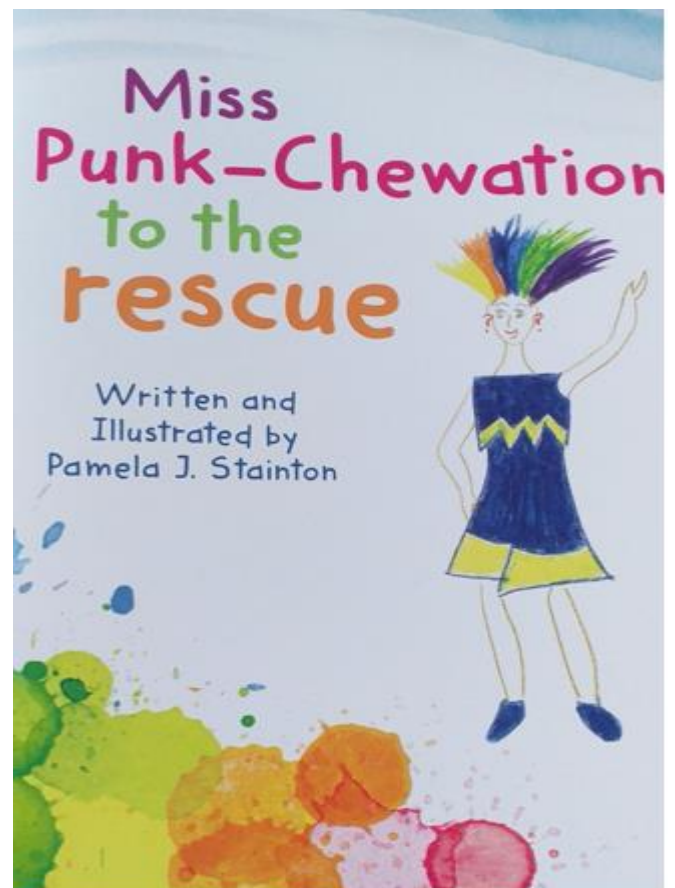
**Cost:** FREE!

Perfect for all ages, children & families.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/338296837252499/>

A link to the Promotional Video:

<https://youtu.be/3Xj1VAxav4A>



Looking for a Christmas gift for your child?

Here is a fun filled picture book for young kids that teaches them about punctuation.

Check out reviews at [www.welltara.co.nz](http://www.welltara.co.nz).

Costs \$23.

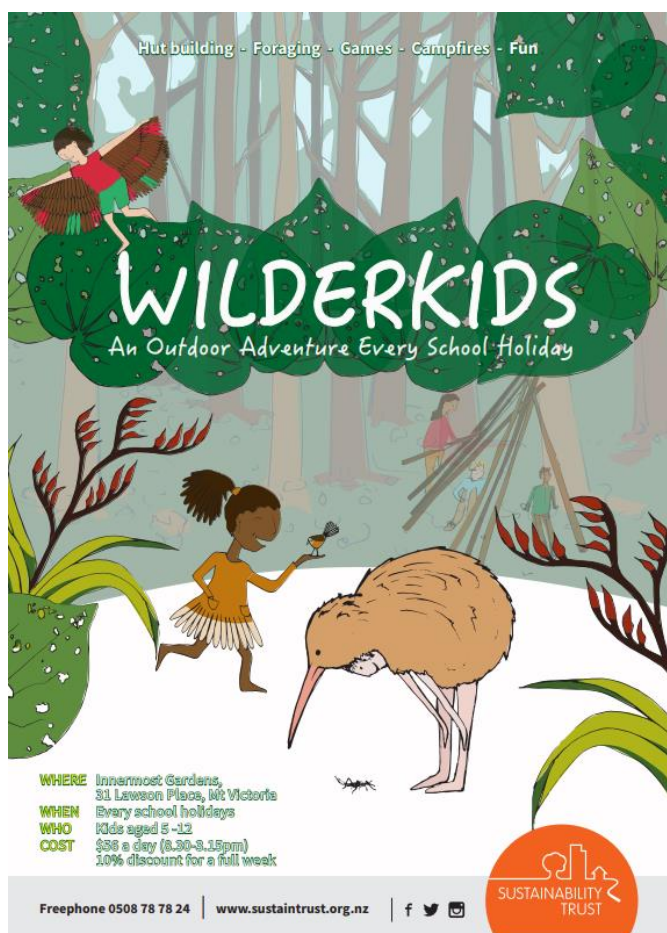
## BASS PLAYERS NEEDED!

Are you 8 years old or older? Do you play the bass guitar? Do you want to play gigs every term? Do you want to record in a recording studio and have your music on Spotify? If the answer is 'yes' then contact us today and book a free trial lesson with one of our bands. We will place you with band members of a similar age and level.

Contact us today for a **FREE TRIAL SESSION**  
[www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz) - P. 021 565 750

## The Voice of Christmas: WIN A SMART BEDROOM!!

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'... If you can sing, and you're under 13, call **0800 THE VOICE** (that's **0800 843 864**) and sing a Christmas carol or Christmas song as your audition. The grand prize? The ultimate smart bedroom bundle complete with an Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs! Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6am, to see if you've won!



Hut building - Foraging - Games - Campfires - Fun

# WILDERKIDS

An Outdoor Adventure Every School Holiday

**WHERE** Innermost Gardens, 31 Lawson Place, Mt Victoria  
**WHEN** Every school holidays  
**WHO** Kids aged 5-12  
**COST** \$36 a day (8.30-3.15pm)  
10% discount for a full week

Freephone 0508 78 78 24 | [www.sustaintrust.org.nz](http://www.sustaintrust.org.nz) | f t i

SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

## Wilderkids \$10 Places

Sustainability Trust are putting aside one \$10 place a day for a child whose family has a Community Services Card. If you apply, Sustainability Trust will let you know if your child has been selected by 23 December 2020. No-one will know you got a \$10 place - it'll be drawn by someone at Sustainability Trust, but the educators and other parents and children won't know who was allocated the place. To register, go to [https://sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids-csc?goal=0\\_cf5960b14f-489be8e01e-57942513&mc\\_cid=489be8e01e&mc\\_eid=5f83dde082](https://sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids-csc?goal=0_cf5960b14f-489be8e01e-57942513&mc_cid=489be8e01e&mc_eid=5f83dde082)



## Children Understanding Mental Health Programme

Is a free education/activity based programme for children aged 8 to 12 who have a member of their family or whānau experiencing mental health and or addictions concerns

**When:** Saturday mornings  
13, 20, 27 March 2021  
**Where:** Porirua  
**Email:** [anne@atareria.org.nz](mailto:anne@atareria.org.nz)