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## Newsletter No 13

### Monday 9 August 2021

Character, Excellence, Community

**Term 3 Theme:** God is With Us.  
**Values:** Unity, Courage, Good Example  
**Threads:** Courage, Taking responsible risks, Overcoming setbacks, Getting wisdom, Discovering patterns  
**Key Competencies:** Thinking, Using language, symbols, and text

#### Our Mission Statement:

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

#### Memory Verse for 2021

"In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Roman 12:5

#### Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau

The students (ākonga) have started this term with a bang. They have had a ballet lesson, attended a Royal New Zealand Ballet performance, performed in the Kapa Haka Concert, and watched many other schools' kapa haka groups perform. Thank you to all whanau who have helped with transport and supervision. Without your help, the trips would not have been able to happen. Thank you also to those who attended the Sexuality Consultation meeting, the Parent Information meeting (re: new school), and the Reading Together Programme. It is great to have your engagement at this busy time in our school and is much appreciated.

Thank you to all those who have given their condolences after my father's passing and offered their support and prayers over the last week. It is good to be grounded in a Christian community.

#### Parent Information Evening - Establishing a New Christian Full-primary and College

Thank you to all those who came to the parent meeting to learn about planning towards a Christian Full-primary and College in Wellington. If you were unable to make this meeting, we trust you have received this information from the Peniel Trust.

If you have not received your information sheet or have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

#### Welcome

It is exciting to welcome our 12<sup>th</sup> student to Miramar Christian School. We welcome back, Ruth, and pray God's richest blessing on her and her whanau, and that she quickly feels settled and appreciated here.

#### Reading Together - third session next Mon 16 Aug after school 3:15- 4:15pm

Our third session of Reading Together is coming up fast. If you attended our first and second sessions, please remember to return your book bags by Thursday 12 August, so we can prepare your next set of books.



#### Motu Kairangi Kahui Ako (Peninsular Schools CoL) Kapa Haka Concert



Wow! What a performance. We are so proud of our fabulous ākonga. They did us proud at the Kapa Haka Concert. They knew their words, sang with good volume, and looked very smart. It is wonderful that this event has come together. There is something very special about coming together with our local community. A local Principal wrote to me and said, "I just wanted to say how glorious your darlings were at Kapa Haka this morning. I adored their pieces and outfits and just whole being - if that makes sense - full of grace." Thank you to all those who have supported us get to the point of performance. All your effort and help are appreciated. If you were unable to attend, please view the video of our ākonga on <https://www.facebook.com/MiramarChristianSchool>.

#### Carpet in the Foyer of our Main Block

The laying of new carpet in the main block has been booked for Saturday 28 August as this will cause less interruption to ākonga learning.

#### Royal New Zealand Ballet - Firebird

What a treat! On Wednesday 28 July, ākonga had a lesson from Lareen, who is part of the Royal New Zealand Ballet company. In this lesson, ākonga discussed things about ballet and learned how to

dance part of what they would see being performed on the Friday. At the Friday performance, our ākonga got to enjoy the Royal New Zealand Ballet company performing "Firebird."



**Personalised Artwork Calendars, Card, Diaries, Mouse Mats & Sketch Pads – a school fundraiser – Due Friday 13 August 2021**

This year our ākonga have been producing some fabulous artwork. Their artwork can be made into affordable calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats, and sketch pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Details and order forms were sent home with your paper copy of the last newsletter on the first day of Term 3. If you require another order form, please see the school office.

**Kauri to visit Rangiataea Church - Tuesday 24 August**

Rangiataea Church is built on a historic site significant to Māori and pakeha. The ākonga in Kauri will be learning about this significant church and taking a class trip to visit it. More details will be sent home later this week. Some links about this church are included below. They provide an overview of the history of the church and its significance in Aotearoa from its ordination.

- [Rangiataea Church - Wikipedia](#)
- [Anglican church - Waikanae Parish](#)

**Ukuleles**



This term, we are hoping to borrow enough ukuleles for whole class ukulele lessons. So far, we have eight, which is enough to go ahead. Ideally, we would like to borrow a few more. If you have a ukulele, you would be happy to loan to the school for term three, please let the Principal or your child's class teacher know. We are planning on starting in week 3.

**Prayer points: -**

**Thank God:**

- For the two students who have started this term and the other two who are yet to come.
- For the experiences (RNZB and Kapa Haka) ākonga have had in the past two weeks.
- For the opportunity Miramar Christian School has, to be involved in creating a new Christian Full-Primary School and College.
- For all the good things God has planned for us.

**Please pray:**

- For increased interest in Miramar Christian School.
- For years 6-8 ākonga as they learn about puberty.
- For Kauri's upcoming trip to Rangiataea Church - that this would enable ākonga to see God's hand in the history of New Zealand
- For an APT leader.
- For God's guidance, wisdom, anointing, and protection on the work of the Peniel Trust and Mark Larsen as they work on their new vision.
- For God's wisdom and blessing on the School Board, all staff, families, and ākonga.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community.

**Prayer Students**

- For our prayer ākonga and their families: -  
**Week 3:** Hazel, Sophie, Ruth, Davey  
**Week 4:** Makayla, Nova, Aisha-Jadah, Adoma

I thank you for your on-going support. If we can help you with questions or concerns relating to your child's education, please see your child's class teacher or contact me (Kaye Gillies) 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.

Shalom and Ngā Mihi  
**Kaye Gillies**  
 Principal

<b>SCHOOL DIARY</b>	
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Assembly 2:30pm</b>
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Subway ordered lunch (optional)</b>
<b>Every Tues/Fri</b>	<b>Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform</b>
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>Technology (Yrs 7-8) 8:50am pick up</b>
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Wheels Day / Wear PE Uniform Paid Music Lessons, 8:30am-10:45am</b>
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>10am Gateway Baptist – all welcome</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Mon 9 Aug	Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 10 Aug	Kelly Sport p.m.
Thurs 12 Aug	<b>8:50am</b> Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Fri 13 Aug	Kauri Library Visit 11:30am
Fri 13 Aug	Ukulele lessons start
Mon 16 Aug	Reading Together Programme 3:15p.m.
Mon 16 Aug	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3
Tues 17 Aug	Kelly Sports p.m.
Thurs 19 Aug	<b>8:50am</b> Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Fri 20 Aug	Ukulele lessons
Mon 23 Aug	Assembly 2:30pm
Tues 24 Aug	Kauri class to Otaki
Tues 24 Aug	Kelly Sports p.m.

Thurs 26 Aug	8:50am Technology Bus (Y7/8)
Fri 27 Aug	Be Yourself (Mufti) Day (gold coin donation)
Fri 27 Aug	Ukulele lesson
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Fri 3 Sep	Teacher Only Day
Thurs 30 Sep	Community Event 6pm



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)

30 July  
6 August  
13 August  
20 August  
27 August  
3 September  
10 September  
17 September  
24 September

Sat 2 October:  
Movie & Pizza night

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

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

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**Does God really exist?**

You're not the only one with questions.

#TryAlpha

### Alpha in Miramar

Some of the churches on the Peninsula are partnering together to provide an Alpha course in **Term 3 starting Monday 2nd August for 8 weeks**. Alpha is about exploring the Christian Faith through a series of evening sessions in a small group.

**Who can attend:** Anyone (all ages)

**When:** Monday Evenings (from 2 Aug – 20 Sep)

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** 33 Park Road

**How to register:** Go to [www.alpha.org.nz/try-alpha/](http://www.alpha.org.nz/try-alpha/).

Scroll down until you find the 'Find My Location' box

and type "Wellington" in the 'Enter a city or address to search nearby' box underneath and click on "Wellington New Zealand". Scroll down through the options until you get to No.7 and click on "Alpha in Miramar, Monday 2 August 2021". Type your name in the 'Name\*' box and your email address in the 'Email\*' box then click on 'Sign up to attend'.

### Biodiversity and Childhood Health Study

Massey University is conducting a study looking at how exposure to the natural environment affects health in **children**. The aim of the study is to find out if exposure to greater plant biodiversity may have health benefits, which may lead to better treatment for health conditions such as asthma and allergies.

If your child is **6-11 years old**, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this research to be successful, the study needs children with and without asthma and allergies to take part.

The study first involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in a breathing and an allergy test. The research team will later invite a smaller number of selected participants to take part in some further clinical tests. If you would like further information

about the study, please go to <http://publichealth.massey.ac.nz/home/research/research-projects/biodiversity-and-microbiota-a-novel-pathway-to-allergy-and-asthma-prevention/>.

To take part in the research, please contact the study coordinator: Jean Feary McKenzie

**05 08 ASTHMA** or [asthma@massey.ac.nz](mailto:asthma@massey.ac.nz)

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**Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay** ph. 383 8779 e.

[wgt@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgt@bigairgym.co.nz) @.14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.



## Children Understanding Mental Health Programme

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

Enrolments, or more information please contact Coordinator:

Anne McGregor P: 027 769 4405 E: [anne@atareira.org.nz](mailto:anne@atareira.org.nz)

[www.atareira.org.nz](http://www.atareira.org.nz)

Group dates: 31st July, 7th August, 14th August 2021



## FREE PARENTING HELPLINE

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