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## Newsletter No 19

### Monday 13 December 2021

Character, Excellence, Community

**Term 4 Theme:** God is With Provider.  
**Threads:** Caretaking the earth,  
environmental awareness,  
pondering creation,  
transforming thinking  
**Key Competencies:** Managing self, Thinking

#### 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

We are dashing towards the end of the school year and Christmas; and yet we are now in the season of Advent. Advent means 'waiting'. It is a time to reflect on our God coming to dwell among us/people. For advent, all classes are meeting each day to do recall of significant people in the bible (most of whom are the ancestors of Jesus) and place a picture of each on our Jesse Tree. We are learning Christmas carols that reflect our faith. While it is hard to stop and pause, may God grant you times of reflection and rest during this advent season.



#### Winning House Prize

Bethlehem was announced as the winning house last Tuesday at Prizegiving. Today, Bethlehem House will celebrate their win by having a snacks (all individually packaged) and movie session in this morning while the rest of the kura (school) will start the end of year preparation for closing the school for 2021.

#### Prize Giving

We had a fabulous Prizegiving last Tuesday 7 December. It is always good to celebrate the

achievements of our students and acknowledge the hard work they have done. I hope you have taken the time to view this along with the addresses from Kim Coates (our School Board Presiding Member), Mark Larsen (Wellington Christian Education Project Manager) and myself.



#### Wellington Christian Education Project (WCEP) Meeting

The WCEP ran a very informative meeting last Wednesday 8 December. I know some of you were reluctant to go as there were only 50 places, however the meeting was recorded to enable more people to access this. The link for this meeting is [here](http://wcep.nz/) (<http://wcep.nz/>).

#### Expressions of Interest

The Wellington Christian Education Project is inviting expressions of interest for the new Christian School. To do this please go to <http://www.wcep.nz/>. Please note, this does not commit families to enrolling in the school but gives the project good data to share with the Ministry of Education to build a strong case for an increased roll cap. So far there are 170 students on this list that come from 100 families.

#### Student Learning

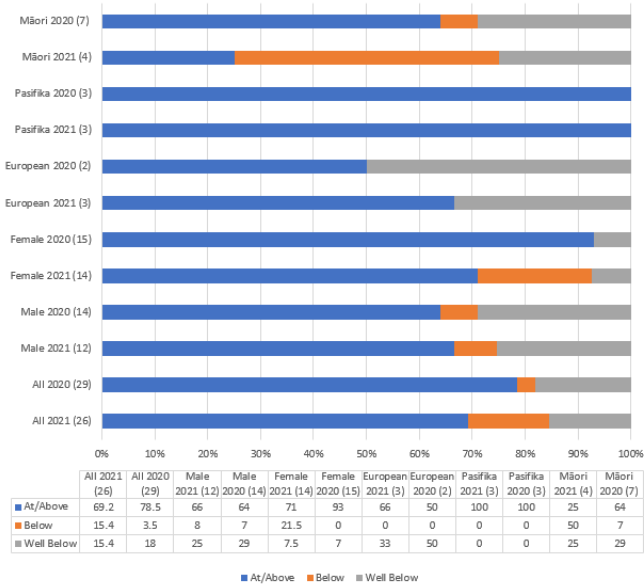
Everything in the world has again been against the backdrop of covid. We have had a lockdown and elongated time in Level 2. Despite this, ākonga have continued learning and results for our male ākonga are up in all areas.

While our Reading results in 2021 are lower than in 2020; male ākonga results are up very slightly in their achievement from 2020. The drop is in female ākonga results. Some of the drop in female ākonga Reading levels can be accounted for by changes in ākonga from 2020 to 2021. Also, in 2019 'Buddy Reading' (along with other measures) were successfully introduced to lift Reading results. These changes made a significant difference. In Covid-19 Alert Level 2 ākonga have not had buddy reading, or assistance from a reading volunteer. These things are likely to be contributing factors to female ākonga drop in achievement.

It also needs to be noted Mrs Anderson has introduced structured literacy in kowhai. This has positively

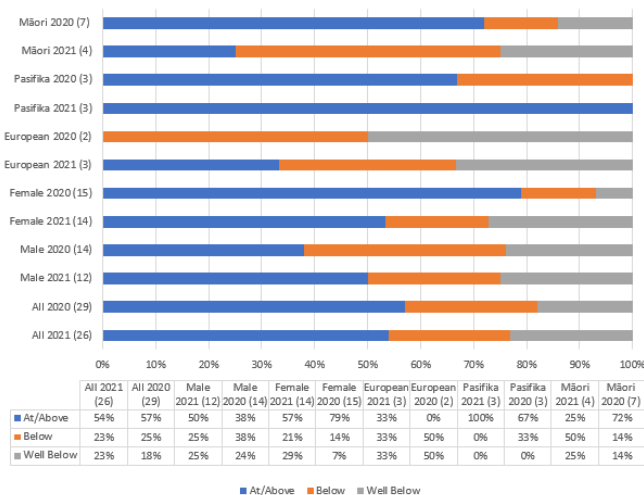
impacted Reading and Writing results but is not reflected fully in school data, as school data only contains information from ākongā in Year 2 and up. I look forward to seeing the impact of this programme in 2022 when we can see the 2021 Years 1's results in our data. We have also run the 'Reading Together Programme', which positively impacts Reading. If you haven't done this course, please look out for it in 2022 and look at it as a way to invest in your tamariki.

2021 Final Reading versus 2020 Final Reading



Our Writing shows mixed results. Our male ākongā are achieving significantly higher than male ākongā in 2020. However, our female ākongā are achieving at a lower rate than in 2020. The net result is approximately the same rate of achievement as 2020. It also needs to be noted that there was a 10% shift from mid-term results to end of years results. This is a greater shift than in the past 3 years. Again, I look forward to seeing the impact of structured literacy in our 2022 data.

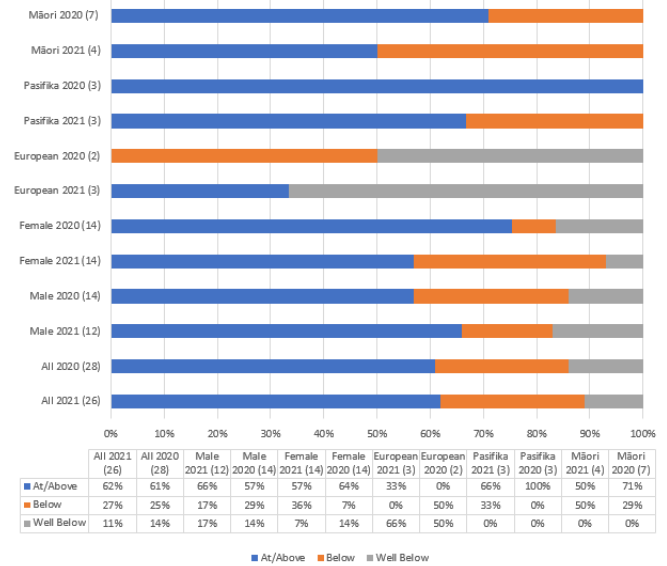
Writing: 2021 Final vs 2020 Final



Our Mathematics results are approximately that of 2021. They follow a similar pattern with male ākongā

showing better results and female ākongā results dipping. In Mathematics, the dip is less marked than in Reading and Writing.

2021 Final Mathematics versus 2020 Final Mathematics



If you are interested in seeing the rest of our data, please email me for a copy.

**Prayer points: -**

**Thank God:**

- For the achievements of students this year.
- For all the good things God has planned for us in 2022.
- For the interest shown in the Wellington Christian Education Project.

**Please pray:**

- For rest, refreshment wellbeing and the safety of all our ākongā, whānau, and staff over the holiday break.
- For the work of the Wellington Christian Education Trust to be progressed; particularly around expressions of interest and securing God's choice of land for the new school.
- God's guidance, wisdom, anointing, and protection on the work of the Peniel Trust and Mark Larsen as they work on the new vision for Christian Education in Wellington.
- Pray for families moving out of Wellington or moving on that they would know God's blessing. And those ākongā and whānau who are staying would release others with blessing and look forward to the good things God has for them here.
- That Miramar Christian School would be a blessing to the community and wider Wellington.
- For our prayer ākongā and their whānau: - **Week 9: Hannah, Samuel, Hugo, Judah**

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 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.

From all of us at Miramar Christian School - have a safe and restful festive season and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū Ia  
(Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year)  
**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>DECEMBER</b>	
Mon 13 Dec	School Beach Trip p.m.
Tues 14 Dec	Last day of Term 4 – school finishes 12pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Wed 2 Feb	First day of school – 8:55am, Term 1, 2022

**We're climbing towards the end of the year!**

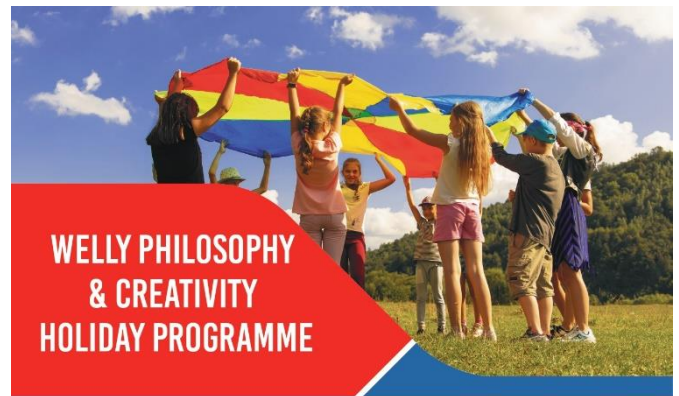


We are updating the Skool Loop app regularly. Don't forget to check our school app to avoid missing important end of year notices and events.

- ✓ Events ✓ Notices ✓ Push Notifications
- ✓ Newsletters ✓ Permissions Slips ✓ Contacts
- ✓ Absentees ✓ Parent Teacher Interviews

And check out the \*NEW\* translation function on our school notices

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

Enjoy thinking about big ideas and using your imagination? Want to grow as creative thinker while having fun and making new friends? Then this might be the holiday programme for you! Activities include daily philosophy dialogues, collaborative creative projects and outdoor games and activities.



- Children will be selected based on their interest in the activities of the programme and to ensure diversity in terms of age, gender and cultural background.
- This programme is offered as part of a study funded by Victoria University of Wellington. All registered children are expected to participate in the study.
- Bursaries available.

**DATE:**  
January 10-14 for children aged 7 to 10;  
January 24-28 for children aged 11 to 14.

**TIME:**  
Drop off 8.30-9am; pick up 3.30-4.30pm.

**LOCATION:**  
Ridgway School, 120 Mornington Road, Brooklyn, Wellington 6021.

**Cost** • \$75.00 PER CHILD



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION  
<https://wellyphilosophy.well.ac.nz/forms/expressions-of-interest/>



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## BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

### PRE-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP

Bigair Gym is running its popular Pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021**. Book your kids in for some active fun, giving you time to finish work, and complete Christmas preparations & shopping!

### JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Bigair Gyms JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME is running from the **10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022**. This involves gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.

Spaces are limited, so book online today!  
[www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)

SIMON LEARY & GAVIN RUTHERFORD'S  
**The Little Mermaid**  
THE PANTOMIME

DIRECTED BY SUSAN WILSON  
MUSIC ARRANGED & DIRECTED BY MICHAEL NICHOLAS WILLIAMS

**AN UNDER-THE-SEA MUST-SEE!**

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19 NOV-23 DEC & 2-15 JAN  
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## Qisma Tech's STEM Holiday Programme

Open to kids between the ages of 7-12 years old

Years 3 - 8

### When:

Monday 17th  
January - Friday  
28th January 2022 or  
(weekdays only)  
9 am to 3 pm

### Price:

\$80 per day

Purchase the whole 10 days and get one day free! \$720

### Where:

Hataitai School,  
2 Arawa Road,  
Hataitai 6021

Learn more here:

[www.qismatech.com/holiday-programme-1/](http://www.qismatech.com/holiday-programme-1/)



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## PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT WESTERN SUBURBS (WILTON) & SOUTHERN SUBURBS (BERHAMPORE)<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> DEC 2021 and Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, Keep Fit Karapu Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81.04/cub per session or \$137.77 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$324.16 per cub/week or \$551.07 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

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