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## Newsletter No 3

### Monday 28 February 2022

Character, Excellence, Community

**Term 1 Theme:** God is Creative.  
**Threads:** Building community, Embracing diversity, Practising Hospitality, Transforming thinking, Pondering Creation  
**Key Competencies:** Critical thinking, Managing Self, Relating to others

#### 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 2022

King of the World - Go ahead - sing your new song to the Lord! Let everyone in every language sing him a new song. Don't stop! Keep on singing! Make his name famous! Psalm 96:1

#### Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau

At this time, Omicron is very much in our minds. While we do not have any reported cases in our school community yet, we know it is only a matter of time before we do. As a school that values community, I encourage you now to connect with others who are impacted by the Omicron wave. If anyone needs help or prayer, reach out to help and receive help from one another. May we be noted for our care of each other. We hope and pray you all keep safe and if you get Omicron that it's mild. Our lives are in God's hands, but also let's do all we can to keep ourselves and others safe. Be assured that this too (the wave of Omicron) will pass. Remember where our help comes from - our "help", it comes from the LORD," Psalm 121:1-2.

#### Training with Wellington City Council Dog Handler



In preparation of having Olive in the playground, ākongā learnt about dogs from Wellington City Council Dog Handler, Vicki. This included avoiding dogs whose owners are not present; always asking



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a dog owner if they are happy for you to pat their dog before doing so; how to approach a dog when given permission and how to touch a dog in a non-threatening way. Some ākongā touched a dog for the first time during this session. Ākongā all received an information booklet, wrist band and certificate. It was a very valuable session. Thank you Vicki.



#### New Bibles from Gateway Baptist Church's Grocott Trust

Kōwhai's bibles were getting very old and were quite broken. Last week Kōwhai received new junior bibles from Gateway Baptist Church's Grocott Trust. Thank you so much Grocott.



#### Virtual Tour of Te Papa

We are very much looking forward to a virtual tour of the Te Papa marae. Thank you, Anna, for helping organise this.

#### Learning about Whareniui

Kōwhai ākongā have been learning about whareniui. They drew and labelled a whareniui to demonstrate this understanding.



#### Moving March



Yes, 'Moving March' starts tomorrow. Moving March is a good time to think about a way of increasing your movement. Could you park two blocks away and as a whānau walk the rest of the way to school? Is your child confident on a scooter or bike? Could they scoot or ride to school with you? This year, just as in other years, there are incentive cards to encourage moving to school in a different way and prizes to go with these.

## The Coronavirus – Red Traffic Light

As you will be aware we are operating in Phase 3 of the Red Traffic Light. We are following Ministry guidelines and procedures as student safety continues to be uppermost in our minds. If you have any queries about these please feel free to come and discuss these with staff. Please also let us know if your tamariki or yourself test positive, so we can advise those that may have been in contact to monitor for symptoms. Thank you for your help with this.

## Uniform

Well done whānau, all ākongā are in correct uniform and have sunhats. If you want to top up on uniform we sell the PE uniform and some secondhand formal school uniform from the school office. New formal uniform can be purchased from The Warehouse, Lyall Bay.

## Prayer points: -

### Thank God:

- For a great start to the year.
- The welcome our new ākongā received.
- For those who are committed to Christian Education and support us faithfully.
- For God's faithfulness to Miramar Christian School for the last 43 years.

### Please pray:

- For ākongā to grow in faith, wisdom, understanding and athletic ability.
- For the health and safety of our school community during this time.
- That our whānau would look out for others in our community and beyond; so that there would be many wise actions and deeds in which people support one another.
- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- That our staff, (teachers, teacher aides, principal and office manager) and whānau including our ākongā) would during this time know God's direction, wisdom, anointing and blessing on their work.
- For our prayer ākongā and their whānau: -  
**Week 5:** Joel, Dylan, Daniel, Amia-Rose  
**Week 6:** Zephaniah, Azayliah, Hazel, Sophie

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.

Ka nui tēnei  
**Kaye Gillies**  
 Principal

# SCHOOL DIARY

<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Assembly 2:30pm</b> (weather permitting) (ākongā and staff only)
<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>FEBRUARY</b>	
Mon 28 Feb	Sharing Assembly (ākongā and staff only)
Tues 1 Mar	'Movin March' starts
Tues 1 Mar	Kiwi Hoops p.m.
Fri 4 Mar	'Pals' Leadership Training a.m.
Mon 7 Mar	Assembly p.m. (ākongā and staff only)
Tues 8 Mar	Kiwi Hoops p.m.
Fri 11 Mar	Heart Foundation a.m.
Fri 11 Mar	'Pals' Leadership Training a.m.
Mon 14 Mar	Sharing Assembly (ākongā and staff only)
Tues 15 Mar	No Kiwi Hoops this week
Mon 21 Mar	Assembly p.m. (ākongā and staff only)
Mon 21 Mar	BoT, 6:30pm, Staffroom or Room 3
Tues 22 Mar	Kiwi Hoops p.m.
Fri 25 Mar	Be Yourself (Mufti Day) (bring a gold coin donation)
Fri 25 Mar	Kauri Library visit 11:30am
Mon 28 Mar	Sharing Assembly (ākongā and staff only)
Fri 1 Apr	No School - Teacher Only Day
Thurs 14 Apr	End of Term 1, 3pm
Mon 2 May	Start of Term 2, 8:55am



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)

12 February  
 19 February  
 26 February  
 5 March  
 12 March  
 19 March  
 26 March

No Kids club on Good Friday 2 April  
 9 April

**Saturday 24 April:**  
 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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## TOTS TO TEENS DIGI-MAGAZINE

Your school community's link to the February 2022 Tots to Teens digi-magazine is

<https://issue2202.totstoteens.co.nz>.

### What's in this issue for parents?

- » Handling school drop-off
  - » Filling the lunchbox
  - » Making maths fun for kids is the trick
  - » How to manage attention-seeking behaviour
  - » Parent guide: Teaching kids to ride a bike
  - » Fears and phobias?
  - » The dyslexia checklist
- and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS



of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance.

We are also available for private family bookings (e.g. Birthdays) or other social groups

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

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

## GIRLS CRICKET WELLINGTON – FREE!



### Summer Smash Yr 3-6

This four-week programme runs during Term 1, 2022 and is for girls in school years three to six. Summer Smash is a social, fun-filled introduction to cricket where girls will learn fundamental movements and teamwork skills, as

well as have an opportunity to make new friends in a safe environment. All equipment is provided. All registered players receive a free Summer Smash T-shirt. Transport hardship fund is available to support students to attend.

BERHAMPORE: Mondays / 4.00 – 5.00pm /

7 March – 28 March 2022 / Wakefield Park

Go to <https://www.cricketwellington.co.nz/hidden-menu-items/junior-girls-1> to register.

Coming to Wellington: Circus show for kids with a mental health message



**RĀTĀ STUDIOS SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

# RĀTĀ YOUTH ORCHESTRA

An orchestra to introduce young musicians (ages 6-12) to the fun and skills of playing together, without having to audition!

A brand new venture for Wellington's young musicians run by top Wellington professional musicians Brenton Veitch and Bruce Roberts with support from our adults' WELLSO Orchestra (Wellington Late Starters Orchestra)

Any orchestral instruments are welcome, String, Brass, Woodwind and of course Percussion.

Saturdays 1.30-2.30pm, 12 Feb - 9 April  
Enrol now at [ratastudios.co.nz](http://ratastudios.co.nz)

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Located in Scots College facilities in Strathmore

**RĀTĀ STUDIOS**  
Igniting Creative Futures

## Capital Trout Centre Open Day - Sunday 6 March 2022

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from Monday 21 February 2022 at the following stores.:

**Capital Fishing, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)**

**ADULTS MUST WEAR A MASK**

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

A local performing artist and entertainer based in Wellington is presenting a children's theatre show as part of this year's New Zealand Fringe Festival. The show is called "Tennis" and it follows the lovable but disaster-prone Patrick Federer (the fictional younger brother of tennis champ Roger Federer) as he bumbles through a big competition. Despite his challenges, Patrick emphasises the importance of being yourself and persevering to achieve your goals – even when other people are yet to see your true potential. This show brings grand slam tennis tricks, circus stunts and all-ages comedy – so it's perfect for tamariki and rangatahi of all ages, plus their parents, caregivers or wider whānau.

At the Red traffic light setting, The NZ Fringe Festival has reduced capacity and put extra safety precautions in place, so it's best to book your courtside ticket now to avoid disappointment.

The show will be presented 6.00pm every day from Tuesday 1 March to Saturday 5 March at the Gryphon Theatre in Wellington. Tickets here: <https://fringe.co.nz/show/tennis>



**ENGLISH CLASSES WITH CHILD CARE**

**MIRAMAR WELLINGTON**  
For parents who are residents and NZ citizens.

Holy Cross School Miramar, 2-6 Athens Street.

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 9-11:30AM**

- Improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Meet other parents and caregivers
- For adults who do not speak English as a first language.
- Free childcare provided for 0-5 year olds.

**TO ENROL:**  
Reach out to KiwiClass at  
**04 384 3693**  
office@kiwiclass.org.nz  
Or, come to class anytime!  
**KiwiClass.org.nz**

## The Rock Academy - Music Holiday Programmes



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Lots of fun, modern 'cool' songs and activities with inspiring teachers. Build confidence, explore music and lift your level. Ideal for singers, guitarists and pianists.

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

Lots of fun, busking trips every day and activities with personable inspiring teachers. Perfect for building confidence in creative children who would like to explore music or take their playing to a new level. Ideal for young singers, guitarists, pianists and bassists. Contact us to book or for more information. [geoff@therockacademy.co.nz](mailto:geoff@therockacademy.co.nz) or 021 565 750.  
**Tues 26 to Fri 29 April 2022 8:45am until 3:30pm.**

**NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING**  
Offering  
The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**  
**PARENTING COURSE**



- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

**TOPICS COVERED**

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

**IDEAL FOR GROUPS INDIVIDUALS OR A BUNCH OF FRIENDS**

Via  **zoom**

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