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## Newsletter No 12

Monday 25 July 2022

Character, Excellence, Community

**Term 3 Theme:** God is forgiving  
**Threads:** Pondering God, caretaking earth, reflecting creativity  
**Key Competencies:** Critical thinking, managing self, relating to others

### 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 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

This term more opportunities have opened up in wider Wellington. Ākonga will be attending sports sessions at the ASB and the Royal New Zealand Ballet, and Kauri class will be able to start attending Miramar Library again. There will also be opportunities for you to be involved with trips, options and a Mihi Whakatau plus an end-of-term gathering. Many of the Principals' conferences that have been postponed over the last two years seem to have been rebooked for this term. Consequently, I will be away for quite a few days. This does not mean I have forgotten you, but am instead updating my knowledge so I can bring up-to-date information to you at Miramar Christian School.

This term's theme is 'God is forgiving' and our topic is 'Kitchen and Chemical Change'. This unit of work will again involve hands-on activity.

The biblical worldview underlying the theme and topic work is:

*God has created us with the ability to try new things, to operate within the laws of creation, make changes to the resources around us, think flexibly and use our initiative. We celebrate that God never changes but has made provision in the world for spiritual, chemical and physical change.*

### Welcome



We warmly welcome Amos to Miramar Christian School. We pray God's blessing on him and his whānau as he grows and learns at Miramar Christian School.

### School Board Elections

School Board elections are being held this term. Nominations are now being called for. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate and/or if you are available to stand for this election. This election has extra significance for us as a school as the board members elected will be the school board that transitions our school to the new site. Please see below for more information about this.

### ASB Sport Sessions - for all ākonga starting tomorrow! NB: Pick up at 3pm from ASB required

In Term 3 (this term), on most Tuesdays ākonga will be going to the ASB Sports Centre. Year 1-3 ākonga will be doing inflatables and cricket on alternate sessions. Year 4-6 will be doing ultimate frisbee and pickleball on alternate sessions. The sessions run from 2:10-2:55pm. We will be travelling to the ASB Sports Centre by bus.

**As the session finishes at 2:55pm we are asking you to pick your ākonga up from the ASB Sports Centre on the following Tuesdays this term:** - 26 Jul, 9 Aug, 16 Aug, 23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sep and 20 Sep. Please mark these dates in your calendar. There is a schedule below which you may also find helpful.

Thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions or need support with arrangements, please contact either myself, or the classroom teacher.

### ASB Sports Centre Schedule: -

26 Jul - Inflatables/Ultimate Frisbee  
**2 Aug - NO ASB session**  
9 Aug - Cricket/Pickleball  
16 Aug - Inflatables/Ultimate Frisbee  
23 Aug - Cricket/Pickleball  
30 Aug - Inflatables/Ultimate Frisbee  
6 Sep - Cricket/Pickleball  
**13 Sep - NO ASB session**  
20 Sep - Inflatables/Ultimate Frisbee  
**27 Sep - NO ASB session**

### Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB) Workshop

This Thursday, 28 July 2022, the RNZB are coming to do a workshop on their upcoming performance "Cinderella" with our ākongā. This is a wonderful opportunity for ākongā to build on work achieved in the RNZB "Firebird" workshop in 2020 and the "Ugly Duckling" workshop in 2021. In this workshop, ākongā will learn to perform part of a Cinderella dance. This will also prepare them to appreciate and carefully watch the RNZB dancers when we attend the RNZB performance of Cinderella at the Opera House next week.

### Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB) - Trip to Cinderella performance

We couldn't bypass this exciting opportunity and have booked and paid for 30 tickets to attend the RNZB performance of "Cinderella" next Thursday 4 August 2022. Attending the ballet provides students with an opportunity to build on their knowledge of dance. Cinderella is advertised as *"the perfect fusion of everything that makes ballet so special: human characters, a romantic story, magical costumes and beautiful and exquisite choreography. Set to a gorgeous backdrop and accompanied by a new score by composer Claire Cowan, this is ballet at its finest."* We would love you to join us. We have booked 24 seats for ākongā and 6 seats for adults helping with transport. If you would like to join us and can provide transport, please indicate on the consent form being sent home today with this newsletter. We plan on leaving school around 11:30am and will return around 2pm. All students are asked to wear their **formal uniform** to school as usual. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. This is one trip not to be missed.



### Options - a chance for you to share your gifts and passions with our ākongā

This is a programme which offers ākongā choices and opportunities to engage with activities that may not be offered in the regular class programme. It also allows you an opportunity to share your interests and talents with students. To deliver a range of activities we are inviting you to partner with us and share your skills.

These will run on four consecutive **Thursday afternoons** from 1:45 - 2:45pm, starting in Week 5 on Thursday 25 August 2022. We are keen to provide students with multiple learning choices.

We invite you to consider what you might be able to share with our ākongā. There is more information on the attached notice.

### School Board Elections

We have 4 PARENT VACANCIES on the School Board. Those who are currently on the School Board are eligible to stand again. By the end of this week, you will have received a sealed envelope addressed to you in your tamariki's bag. This contains further information and nomination forms for this mid-term election. Information about the election will soon be displayed in the foyer outside Kowhai (Room 2) and Totara (Room 3). Please carefully consider if serving on the School Board is a way you could serve the Miramar Christian School community, or if there is someone you feel prompted to nominate as you know they would make a great contribution to the School Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this role.

**All nominations must be received by the school office no later than noon on Friday 19 August 2022.**

### APT

APT meetings are scheduled to take place on the last Wednesday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30pm and will alternate between being online and in person at MCS school. Contact Elma for more information.

The APT will be meeting on the following dates: -

Wed 27 July - In person – THIS WEEK!

Wed 31 August - Online

Wed 28 September - In person

Wed 26 October - Online

The link for the online meeting will be sent via Skool Loop. If you cannot make every meeting that is fine, they appreciate what you can do. They look forward to seeing you there.

### Soccer Tournament Year 4-6

Kauri class attended the Miramar Rangers Football Tournament on Monday 4 July 2022. This was an opportunity to use the skills the ākongā have been learning on Fridays with Kale from Miramar Rangers. Thank you Mr Reid for arranging this event.



### Assemblies

Assemblies will continue to be held on Mondays at 2:30pm this term. You are most warmly welcome at all assemblies. In regular assembly gatherings ākongā focus on the memory verse, receive certificates and

notices are given. We also have 2-3 sharing assemblies each term. This term our sharing assemblies are booked in for Monday 15 August and Monday 5 September.

### Covid 19 and other Health Information

As the potential for infection from Covid-19 and other winter ills increase we are **continuing to ask ākongā in Years 4-8 to wear masks** inside. Thank you for your continued help with this.

The Ministry has advised that tamariki aged 3 to 12 years old can get a free flu vaccination from their GP, healthcare provider or at most pharmacies from **Friday 1 July**.

“Nano Girl” is also back. This time she has produced a video about ventilation and how and why this is a helpful way to reduce the spread of covid. To view this, follow the following link: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LS4x8WGM--0>

Our ākongā are very good at reading their class’s CO<sup>2</sup> metre and opening additional windows to ventilate their rooms when required.

### Be Yourself (Mufti) Day – THIS Friday 29 July 2022

This Friday, 29 July 2022, is “Be Yourself” day. If your tamariki is not in uniform, please bring a gold coin to help support our World Vision student.

### Skool Loop

Please check if you still have notifications turned on for Skool Loop. This is one of our important communication tools to our school community. We would love all school whānau to receive all communications sent.

### Prayer points: -

#### Thank God:

- For refreshment that comes from holidays.
- For an increasing sense of community, through the APTs fundraiser; and our Community Event.
- 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:

- About whether standing for the School Board is something you are called to do.
- About whom you will nominate to stand for the School Board in the upcoming elections.
- For ongoing health and safety of our ākongā as we begin travelling out into the community.
- For the continued sense of building community in our school.
- For new ākongā - that they and their whānau will feel welcome.


- That Miramar Christian School would be blessed and be a blessing to the community.
- That our staff, (teachers, teacher aide, principal and office manager) and whānau (including our ākongā) would during this time know God’s direction, wisdom, anointing, protection and blessing on their work.
- For progress in the work of the Wellington Christian Education Trust.
- For our prayer ākongā and their whānau: -  
**Week 1:** Dylan, Zephaniah, Nova, Mary  
**Week 2:** Amos, Azayliah, 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 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/Tumuaki

<b>SCHOOL DIARY</b>	
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Assembly 2:30pm</b> (in the hall)
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Subway ordered lunch</b> (optional)
<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>JULY</b>	
Mon 25 Jul	Start of Term 3, 8:55am
Mon 25 Jul	Assembly p.m.
Tues 26 Jul	ASB p.m.
Wed 27 Jul	APT Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, In person
Thur 28 Jul	RBNZ Cinderella Workshop a.m.
Thurs 28 Jul	Kapa Haka p.m.
Fri 29 Jul	Be Yourself (Mufti) Day (bring a gold coin donation)
<b>AUG</b>	
Mon 1 Aug	Assembly p.m.
Tues 2 Aug	ASB - CANCELLED
Thurs 4 Aug	RBNZ Cinderella Performance p.m.
Thurs 4 Aug	Kapa Haka - CANCELLED
Fri 5 Aug	Heart Foundation a.m.
Fri 5 Aug	Library Visit, Y4-6, 11:30a.m.
Mon 8 Aug	Assembly p.m.
Tues 9 Aug	ASB p.m.
Thurs 11 Aug	Mihi Whakatau p.m.
Mon 22 Aug	BoT, 6:30pm, Room 3 or Staffroom
Wed 31 Aug	APT Mtg, 6:30-7:30pm, Online

explore.  
faith  
life  
meaning



Alpha

You are invited to come and explore life and the Christian faith in an Alpha Group

Gateway Baptist, 33 Park Road, Miramar  
Monday evenings 7-9pm  
Starts July 25th 2022

Supper provided

Register by 22nd July  
office@gatewaybaptist.org.nz

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\*When you purchase a Single City or Multi City Membership between 8.00pm Friday 1st July and 11.59pm, Sunday 31st July NZST you will receive an extra two months for free. This will be applied automatically which means your 12-month Membership purchase will be upgraded to a 14-month Membership.

**TOTS TO TEENS DIGI-MAGAZINE**

The latest Tots to teens is now available by clicking on the following link

<https://issue2207.totstoteens.co.nz/>.

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

- » Cosy winter meals for kids
- » Are regressions a cause for concern?
- » Winter holiday ideas
- » Treating winter head and respiratory ailments
- » What are kids learning at school?
- » How to finance those pearly whites
- » Activities to keep little minds busy and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS

Ask your tamariki to **find this issue's Te Reo Māori words** including whakamataku, akoranga, tokarewa, taitai niho and kamuputu.



**BIGAIR**  
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If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, or parkour moves, then they

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Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression!

Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING** (that's parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

**GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 3 GYM CLASSES & BIGAIRS POPULAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!** Bookings open **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Booking in is easy online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.



Is your daughter or son looking for something a little different to do in Term 3? Come along to a Rhythmic Gymnastics class and give it a try! Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to

arrange a FREE trial. For more information about Elements and our classes, visit [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz)

# Winter Wellness @Matairangi ASB

FREE Whānau & Community Wellness Day

Saturday 6th August

1:30pm - 4:30pm

ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie  
-Matairangi room, Mezzanine Level

**Nau mai, Haere mai & Warm Pacific Greetings**  
Welcome! Bring your whānau to connect with us for health support and ideas for winter wellness.

There will be

- health checks,
- immunisations (child & flu),
- wellness packs,
- idea sharing,
- giveaways & more!




**FREE TRIAL LESSON**

FOLLOW YOUR PASSION  
FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

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LOOSE HEADS @ SMOKE FREE ROCK QUEST

## FREE TRIAL WITH THE ROCK ACADEMY BAND SCHOOL!

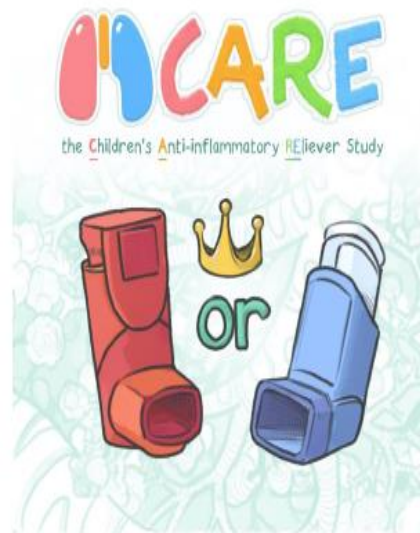
We are looking for pupils between the ages of 9 to 14 who might want to join a rock band.

Our band room is located in Cuba Mall and runs after school Monday to Friday.

It is a beautiful big room and parents often sit on the couch to watch.

Please visit our website to book:

[www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz)



## CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers

To take part in this study you must:

- ✓ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ✓ Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- ✓ Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact:

- ✓ Email: [care@mrnz.ac.nz](mailto:care@mrnz.ac.nz)
- ✓ Phone: 027 327 1191 / 04 805 0201
- ✓ Web: [mrnz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/care-study](http://mrnz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/care-study)

What does it involve?

1 year

3 In person or Zoom visits + 2 phone calls

Inhalers provided free of charge

Asthma education

Reimbursement for data expenses



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This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (20/NTB/200)