



# Mirabel Newsletter

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## *To everyone who is part of the Mirabel extended family, thank you for always standing close by.*

Although there are many people and organisations still struggling with the ramifications of the pandemic, for us at Mirabel it is now almost business as usual. With the easing of social restrictions and the team back gathering at the office, the building is again filled with voices and activity, raising everyone's spirits. And when it was announced that we were able to resume camps and groups, I'm not sure who was more excited, the staff or the kids! Restrictions of course can change overnight but in the meantime, we make the most of every activity.

The challenges of last year strengthened the many friendships and support that Mirabel is so fortunate to enjoy. It gave us the energy and means to continue our work while the children continued to achieve great things despite such unforeseen circumstances. We know of course that Mirabel families are incredibly adept at handling the unexpected.

We look forward to keeping you updated on a year brimming with plans and please visit us anytime, particularly now that we're able to see you beyond Zoom!

Jane Rowe  
Founder/CEO

## Tilly's Story

Tilly is 8 years old and loves dancing, singing and soccer. When she grows up she wants to be an artist or an actress.

### **Tilly is brave, positive and smart. Tilly seems like your typical 8 year old but she isn't.**

Tilly was 3 years old when her mum died of heart failure after years of illicit drug use. She has never met her dad, in fact no one knows where he is. For the first three years of her life Tilly experienced neglect and trauma. This has delayed her development and will continue to impact her well into the future. Lucky for Tilly she has the extraordinary support of her 76 year old grandmother, Edna.

Tilly has lived with Edna for the past 5 years and is loved and nurtured. It's hard at times, but they couldn't live without each other. They are a team. Mirabel has been there to support them along the way. Edna attends support groups and Mirabel assisted her to access carer payments. Tilly attends Mirabel girls group in her local area and recently went on her first Mirabel camp. She says that her Nanny is her hero.

**Tilly isn't your typical 8 year old, she is however a typical Mirabel child.**



*“ Mirabel has been there to support me from day one – I couldn't have cared for Tilly without them. ” Edna*

*“ I've made so many new friends. We all live with our Nannas. ” Tilly*

