



Community Calendar <http://www.ngaio.school.nz/welcome>

Key Dates

Monday 1 st May	Term 2 Commences
Thursday 18 th May, 9.00 – 12.30pm	Ngaio School Cross Country Race
Friday 19 th May	Cross Country Postponement Date
Thursday 25 th May, 7.00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting - Staffroom
Tuesday 30 th May	ICAS Science Test – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 30 th May	Northern Zone Cross Country – Nairnville Park
Tuesday 13 th June	ICAS Writing Test- Year 4, 5 & 6

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Holiday Break

I hope everyone manages to avoid Cyclone Cook and have a restful family orientated Easter holiday break. The forecast is dreadful so I hope everyone travels safely and that the heavy winds and rain do not cause damage.

Our campers have avoided the worst of the weather and are expected back at school at 2pm. The weather has mostly been fine although the rain was settling in around 3pm yesterday. The staff and parents have been incredible and our tired students will return needing a hot bath and a warm bed.

Chicken Pox

We have had 6 cases of chicken pox identified across the school this week. If a child has spots they must not come to school.

New Entrant class - Room 2

Wendy Holbrooke opens a new entrant class at the start of next term.

Property Update

The port-a-loos will be removed over the holiday break as the Kowhai toilet block is being remodelled.

The big shift occurred over the weekend and NOSCAR and Room 20 are now back to being operational.

Please contact me if you have any queries about our new build.

l.millar@ngaio.school.nz

Bikes at School

Thank you for emailing me your thoughts re biking to school. Feedback has been light so please keep emailing me your thoughts- currently 5 responses have been received.

The general flavour of feedback is that the choice rests with the parent as to when a child bikes to school.

Our procedure manual actively discourages riding or bringing scooters to school so a review is timely.

For your interest the procedure manual has been in a state of flux for a number of years now as every time the staff and I have set about to review it another building change or challenge has altered the situation. A good example of this being school evacuations - in my time here we have had over 25 iterations of evacuation procedures due to ongoing building projects changing organisation.

Below is a statement from the school procedures manual currently being reviewed.

SAFETY

Road Safety

- The school promotes children's awareness of road safety through the curriculum, with specialist teaching assistance and resources, especially those of the Police. Teachers are aware of the contribution of family education and experience to children's development of good road safety habits.
- The school is committed to the Road Sense in School programme and will support additional road safety education as offered.
- Children are encouraged to travel to school by car or on foot. The use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades and roller-skates to and from school is actively discouraged.
- Ngaio School children and parents operate the school patrol on Ottawa Road with maximum safety measures at all times. Wardens operate after school on Abbott

Street and Colway Street. School pupils who volunteer for the school patrol are recognised for the valuable duty they perform.

- Volunteer parents may record offences using a cell phone when necessary. The offences will then be passed on to the appropriate authority.
- Unacceptable driver behaviour includes:
 - Not stopping for pedestrians at crossings
 - Not reducing vehicle speed according to the conditions. The maximum recommended speed outside the school is set at 30Km
 - Stopping and/or parking on broken yellow lines
 - Double parking restricting vision for drivers and pedestrians
 - Driving into or reversing out of driveways to turn around
 - Doing u turns outside the school
 - Parking on the footpath
 - Parking across driveways and blocking residents' access
 - Calling/beckoning children from the opposite side of the road as they may walk/run straight across the road without looking or using the crossing
 - Letting passengers out onto the roadside of the car and putting them at risk of being hit by a passing vehicle.
- Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours unless special permission has been sought.
- Parents will be encouraged to arrange for younger children to be delivered to school in the morning and met in the afternoon.
- Parents should be encouraged to arrange for older children to walk to school in groups rather than singly. Children should be told of any places on the route home where reliable adult help may be sought (e.g. library, shops). They should know what to do if they arrive home to find no one there.
- Parents must make sure that an up-to-date phone number is left at the school office.

Recently Reported Road Safety Incidents

- "A car pulls up at the school driveway and sits in the middle of the road as a child runs from the footpath and gets in the car."
- "A caregiver (perhaps a nanny) for two girls, consistently makes u turns."
- "Parents with children crossing Colway Street after school choosing to cross between cars further up the road and not using the crossing guards."

A Reminder – It would be appreciated if all outstanding Activity fees, Maths Licence fees (year 5 & 6) and Sports fees could be paid before the beginning of Term 2.

Thank you

Playing on the Field – If your child enjoys playing on the field please include a change of clothes next term just in case clean clothes are needed to prevent mud being carried into the classrooms.

Uniforms for after school sports

Dear parents

Please follow this [link](#) to see Ngaio Schools online uniform shop. We are excited to be introducing our new sports kit which features modern, breathable fabric and an embroidered logo. You can view or try on samples of our new sports kit by visiting the office. We have a range of sizes on display to help you make the best decision for your child.

<http://ngaioschool.nzuniforms.com/>

Following consultations with our community we would like to clarify the school's position on uniform purchase. In the past we have charged a \$15 per year uniform levy. However, the current stock of uniform has been well-used and is due for a refresh. We understand that for the families of Year 6 students the cost of buying a new uniform will only be spread over one year and therefore seem quite expensive. Because of this we are keeping the option to pay the uniform levy to hire the existing sports kit for Year 6 teams and Year 5-6 mixed teams.

These teams may, by team manager decision, choose from the following options

1. Purchase Ngaio sports polo and shorts at cost of \$65
2. Purchase Ngaio sports polo only at cost of \$45.
3. Hire last year's sports kit at cost of \$15 (the same option as previous years)

Each team manager's decision, after taking parent preferences into consideration, will be final. All members of a team must wear the same uniform.

The uniform for Y3, Y4 and Y5 teams will remain the new sports kit to be purchased online or by visiting the retail store in Thorndon. If there are other circumstances that make it difficult for these families to meet the cost of sports kit, please contact Liz Millar as support will be provided.



SPORTS UNIFORM

WEBSITE COMING SOON:

<http://ngaioschool.nzuniforms.com/>

Polo & Shorts

AVAILABLE IN STORE FROM the 19th Of APRIL



FEATURES

Knit collar with contrast tipping and 3 button pocket
Contrast twin stripe from shoulder to sleeve cuff
Contrast curved panel from underarm to back of garment
Side splits

\$35 GST included



FEATURES

Fully elasticised waist with matching draw cord
Side splits on straight hem and 2 side pockets

\$29 GST included

Address
167 Thorndon Quay,
Pipitea, Wellington, 6011

Phone
04 238 4727

Open Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday
9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday
Closed

NZ UNIFORMS

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Community Notices

Get Squashing!

Khandallah Squash Junior Night – coaching and games. Open to all ages 7 - 16 years (under 10s must bring a parent/ caregiver) . Runs 4.30-6.30pm every Friday night from **5 May**. \$50 a term for non- club members, first trial session free. Drop down to Court 4, Khandallah Tennis and Squash Club, 55 Dehli Crescent, Khandallah. Supper and drinks available on site. Please contact Kirsten on kirstenmalpas@gmail.com for more information or just turn up.



Book Fair - Ngaio Town Hall - Saturday 20 May - 9am to 4pm. Please join us.
Come and buy books, DVDs and CDs.

Children's books are \$1, adult books \$3 (\$2 each, after your first five) and 'coffee table books' \$5.

All proceeds will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. They do this by rescuing children who have been trafficked to sweatshops or the sex trade, helping families in three rural areas to keep their children at school, and helping street kids in Hanoi to build a better life through shelter, nutrition, counselling and education.

Or, do you have books, DVDs, CDs to donate?
Contact Dinah Dobson, trustee, 475 7371/027 686 4554

Blue Dragon New Zealand
www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com

**HOCKEY HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB TURF
NEWLANDS**

These holiday programs are aimed at players with limited experience to give them a boost for the start of the season.

Please email all replies/queries to m@paradise.net.nz in the first instance

We will be holding more of our very successful Hockey Holiday programs during the April school holidays.

The Dates they will run are

*****11 a-side players and older 6 a-side Players*****

Wednesday 26 April til Friday 28 April

Time 8.30am til 12.00pm 3.5 Hours per day. Total 10.5 Hours for \$65

*****Mini Hockey Players (6 a-side) *****

Wednesday 26 April til Friday 28 April

Time 12.30pm til 4.00pm 3.5 Hours per day. Total 10.5 Hours for \$65

Sessions will cover basic skills, rules, umpire calls, understanding the game, set plays and positioning.

If your child is new to hockey, particularly 11 a-side, I would recommend they attend.

There are limited places and we will have an excellent player/ coach ratio

Turf address is 26 Black Rock Road Newlands

To secure a place please email rn@paradise.net.nz in the first instance otherwise phone / Text Ryan on [027 789-8940](tel:0277898940). Places will be allocated on a first come basis.

Places confirmed on receipt of payment.

Program will run wet or fine so please ensure your child has suitable clothing.

Participants need to bring their own morning/afternoon tea plus bring a drink bottle

Kids Cross Country Series starts mid-May

The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle. Only \$8 to enter. More info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS TERM 2

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Winter Sports Warm Up (Yrs 1-2) – Wednesdays 3.05-4.05pm - Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games & drills to build these skills.

Winter Sports Warm Up (Yrs 2-4) – Wednesdays 3.05-4.05pm - Come and try **Football, Dodgeball, Basketball and Hockey**. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Wild Eyes is a new Wellington-created website aiming to get Kiwi kids off screens and connected with NZ nature, conservation and science ... using screens! Wild Eyes provides awesome digital incentives to students for completing fun offline nature missions. Wild Eyes missions are curriculum-friendly, designed to be completed in or outside the classroom or at home, and are perfect for individual or group inquiry learning particularly with a focus on science, environment or sustainability topics.

To launch the (free!) website Wild Eyes is running competitions throughout April in partnership with What Now and Forest and Bird's Kiwi Conservation Club for kids.

For details check out the website at www.wildeyes.co.nz

Check out a mission here:

<https://www.wildeyes.co.nz/missions/backyard-spy>

Check out the competitions and enter to go wild and win! <https://www.wildeyes.co.nz/competitions/>

Khandallah Ngaio Community Creche - Open 8.45am-1pm Monday to Friday

Our community creche is a fantastic 25 place, teacher led nurturing environment in the heart of Khandallah. We cater for children from 18 months and offer a great 1:5 ratio. For more information please check out our website on www.kncc.co.nz