

Tuesday 24th October	School Closed
Friday 27th October, 9.15am	Whakatau to welcome our new Principal, staff and families. Under 'the cloud', adjacent to the astroturf. All welcome
Monday 30th October (postponement day 3rd November)	Senior Athletics Day, Nairnville Park
Friday 10th November	Junior Athletics Day at school
Wednesday 15th November, 1.40pm	New Parents Information Seminar, School Staffroom
Monday 27th Nov - Friday 1st Dec	Book Week - more details to follow

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Ngaio School for the fourth and final term of 2017. I'm really enjoying my first week as Principal of Ngaio School and have been very appreciative of how welcoming everyone has been. I hope to meet as many of you as possible over the coming term and some of the upcoming events, like the school athletics day, will give me a chance to do that.

There's a busy time ahead with teachers already talking about and preparing for all sorts of events coming up. Please make sure you keep an eye on this newsletter and the school calendar to make sure you don't miss any important information.

Amanda Frater and I have been in constant contact with the Ministry of Education regarding the new building, which despite ongoing assurances, is still not completed. The driveway going down from the school carpark is about to be laid with asphalt and there is a lot of work still going on completing smaller aspects prior to handover. It is getting really close now but we don't want handover until we're satisfied it is completely finished to the required standard. It has been fantastic having the 'cloud' now available for outside activity when the weather isn't so great.

I've loved seeing all the biking activity outside my window this week. The Pedal Ready crew are fantastic - so skilled in their approach to getting children riding bikes well. There's been extra excitement over the week as they've reached the stage of getting out on the roads. Learning the skills for coping on the road is especially important around the narrow, busy roads around the school so we're thrilled to be offering this next stage in the Pedal Ready Programme.

Nga mihi nui
 Raewyn Watson
 Principal/Tumuaki

School Hats

Remember all children are required to wear hats this term. Teachers also wear their hats when on duty and outside with their classes. You can purchase school hats from the office at a cost of \$18.00

School Crossing

We are really fortunate to have a school crossing outside the school and especially appreciate all the parents who help supervise our dedicated school patrollers who operate the crossing each day.

We understand the temptation to cross further away to save waiting, but we love it when you take the time to use the crossing as this is not only respectful to the patrollers and parent helpers, but you are also providing a good role model for the children.

Scootering around the School:

A friendly reminder that students are not to use their scooters on school grounds, during school hours. This is to ensure the safety of students, staff and parents walking around the school. Recently, we have noticed older students scootering down the pathway that leads to the Colway Entrance. It is also important for children on scooters to use the pedestrian crossing when crossing the road.

Please remind your child to get off their scooter when they arrive on school grounds and to push it to one of the storage areas.

Driver Behaviour on Abbott Street:

Following on from some reports at the end of last term, I asked Duncan, our local Community Constable to come and look at driver behaviour on Abbott Street. After his time observing he shared some thoughts around what he noticed:

"I have recently completed a road safety assessment at Ngaio School. I saw the drop off point running smoothly. However I noted a few people doing three point turns in driveways close to the school. I believe that doing this at the start or end of the school day, with lots of children using the footpath is careless (or even dangerous) driving. I recommend going around the block. "

He continued to say that in the future, he may look at ticketing cars that are parked or causing obstructions during these drop off and pick up times.

Further to this, we have made contact with the Wellington City Council and are in discussions around ways in which we can ease the traffic flow.

Thank you to those parents who patrol those areas before and after school - we really appreciate the work that you do to keep our students safe.

Amanda Frater

Scholastic Book Orders - Closing Date 3rd November

This will be the last brochure of the year.

You are able to choose the gift option for Christmas presents and these will be kept at the office for your collection instead of being sent home with your children.

Below are some of the resources that have been bought with reward points accumulated by everyone who has made a purchase this year.

Thank you all for your support and giving the school the opportunity to have these resources. They are hugely appreciated within the classroom and the library.

Rebecca Clouston - Scholastic Coordinator



Pool Changing Sheds - Painting Working Bee

The refurbishment of the pool sheds is now complete. All that is left to do is the painting. To that end, if you would like to take part in a painting working bee please email Helen in the office info@ngaio.school.nz indicating your availability during weekends in November. Thank you.

If your child will be away

Please remember to email absences@ngaio.school.nz We need your child's name, room number and reason for absence please. Thank you

Sushi Lunches start the first week of term. Place your order for TUESDAYS via the Kindo Shop on your school website (or via www.ezlunch.co.nz)

Please note our final day for deliveries this year is Tuesday 12th December. There are no deliveries on Tuesday 24th October as the school is closed.

Community Notices

Kelly Sports Term 4

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 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.

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

Summer Fun in the Sun! (Yrs 2-4) – Wednesdays 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try **Football, Tball, Athletics and Basketball**. 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.

Ngaio Cubs currently have space, if your child is keen and between the age of 8-11 and would like to come along, please let us know. We have a four week 'try before you buy' period and welcome you along.

email - Hadyn at ngaioscouts.gl@gmail.com

Sunday 29 October 11am – 2pm. St. Benedict's School, [50 Nicholson Road, Khandallah](#). Come along and enjoy an afternoon where there is something for everyone: Toys, Clothing, a variety of food including an ethnic food stall, sweets, cakes, a café, Craft, tombola, silent Auctions, Books and a Kids Zone including a chocolate trailer, sumo wrestling, a box maze, a bouncy castle and so much more.

Raffles and a [silent auction](#) with fantastic prizes up for grabs

Take in beautiful, interesting homes AND support a great cause!

The Neonatal Trust are being supported by the 'Welcome Home' Home & Garden Tour on the 28th of October. This enables people to experience a day of beautiful homes and interiors while also supporting the work of The Neonatal Trust.

For the best context, here are a couple of articles that give a great insight into the wonderful and interesting homes that have generously opened their doors for our **Home & Garden Tour**:

<http://thisnzlife.co.nz/seatoun-families-open-doors-neonatal-trust-tour/>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/homed/houses/97504747/breaker-bays-three-eyes-gallery-opens-for-neonatal-trust-tour>

The link to more information, and to buy tickets is here:

<https://www.neonataltrust.org.nz/civicrm/event/info?id=10&reset=1>

Science Event

Event: **Science New Zealand celebrations**
Date: **Friday 10 November to Saturday 11 November**
Time: **10am to 4pm**
Location: **Te Papa - Soundings Theatre and Oceania Room**

Caroline Boyd Memorial Walk/Run on 12th Nov at Paekakariki

This is a special event at Paekakariki on 12th November to celebrate Caroline's life. It involves a walk or a run on the beach and in the midst of QE II park.

Here is the website which will manage all the entries, and has lots of relevant information.

<http://www.enteronline.co.nz/index.cfm?page=EventDetails&ID=5298>

St Brigid's School Fair

The St Brigid's School Fair is on Sunday 12 November 10:30am – 1:30pm. There will be a great selection of food and heaps of fun for the kids including a bouncy castle, Police and Fire, a photo booth, games, face painting, henna, the ever popular sumo wrestling and much, much more! There are some great silent auction items up for grabs, along with spot prizes at our tombola and spin-the-wheel. For those looking for a bargain, there are quality handmade craft items, plants, and books, toys, clothing, and bric-a-brac. A fun day out for all ages! See you there, rain or shine.