

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

Key Dates

Tuesday 31 st July	ICAS English (year 4-6)
Friday 3 rd August, 11.30am	Tui Syndicate Swimming Sports Assembly
Tuesday 7 th August, 7.30pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Tuesday 14 th August	No Sushi today
Tuesday 14 th August	ICAS Maths (year 4-6)
Friday 17 th August	School Disco, Raroa Normal Intermediate Hall
Wednesday 22 nd August, 1.40pm	New Parent Information Seminar, Staffroom
Wednesday 22nd August, 7.00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting, Staffroom

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back for another exciting term at Ngaio School. A special welcome to Gillian Goldring who has joined the teaching staff, working in room 2. We wish Wendy Holbrooke all the very best as she travels to Hong Kong next week to teach for two years. We're currently seeking an additional teacher so we can start our fifth new entrant class mid-term. Across the country, recruitment is continuing to be a serious issue so we're hoping to have some applicants for this role. The teachers have had two staff meetings this week, the second learning more about the digital technology curriculum. We had a lot of fun learning about binary numbers and how we can teach this concept to students. The year 4 classes started off the term with their swimming sports, held at Keith Spry pool. Well done to everyone who competed and a big thank you to everyone who helped out or got along to support them. Thank you to Dan Byrne for his organisation and the Easyswim staff who helped out.

NOSCAR: As part of their review cycle the Board of Trustees have been undertaking a review of our after school care programme so we can continue to support Charlene and Caroline with sound policies and procedures as well as the facilities and resources to ensure the programme is fulfilling its intentions. As you know the roll is usually under pressure with a wait list that is both complex and long. NOSCAR comes under the umbrella of MSD (Ministry of Social Development), and as such an external review is undertaken every few years. This is about to take place and as part of this we are looking at the option to increase the maximum roll number. If successful, this wouldn't be able to happen overnight but would be planned according to their recommendations and the ability to staff larger group numbers in line with the regulations. We'll keep you posted.

Park and Stride - Walking Pou. As mentioned previously, Kirsten Reid has been working with Hilleke Townsend from the Wellington City Council to introduce Park and Stride as a trial. The initiative is intended to encourage parents, to drop children further away from school so they can walk part of the way to school. Thank you for the feedback to Hilleke so far. We understand there are varied views on the scheme and these will be taken into account as we gauge its success and whether it becomes a permanent thing for Ngaio School. It is not expected that the meeting places and routes are completely guaranteed as 'safe', rather an opportunity to learn how to make good decisions as they walk the short distance, for example knowing to take care walking past driveways. We encourage families to coordinate their arrival at the drop off site so children are not walking alone. We appreciate there is a walking bus currently operating successfully and would love more of these to be put in place. The walking Pou, as a meeting place, may encourage more 'walking bus' opportunities to be created.

A successful Park & Stride scheme can reduce congestion issues around the school. The pou allows students to get a little bit of exercise and fresh air before school and gain some independence and self-

reliance. It provides an opportunity for a little extra exercise for children, socialisation with other families and the learning of important road safety skills. Any sites that aren't well used will of course be reconsidered. There will be continued opportunities to feed back - more details will be provided once a start date is confirmed.

2019 Term Dates: You will have received Term dates for 2019 by e-mail yesterday and I thought clarification might be helpful. The Ministry of Education set the number of days the school must be open for instruction each year as well as the variations allowed for starting and finishing the year. (Earliest and latest dates). Schools work within these limits to decide on the date range that suits best. Many schools hold 'Teacher Only' work days during the school year or rearrange the dates to allow for extra holidays during the year. In either case the total number of days open for instruction remains the same. For example, if we hadn't tacked the extra days to Queen's Birthday and Labour Weekend this year we would have to close two days earlier at the end of the year. Next year we won't attach a day to Labour Weekend as we have found it is too soon after the October holiday break to be of benefit. Instead, in 2019, we will have a mid-term break in the third term which will hopefully be an appreciated long weekend during the winter term.

Teacher Strike: Primary teachers and principals have begun voting in a secret online ballot on whether to replace the three-hour strike on August 15 to a full day. The ballot is in response to some member feedback that many wanted to strike for a full day to send a stronger message to the Government about the need for time to teach, time to lead, and turning around the teacher shortage that is at crisis levels. Voting finishes at the end of July, after which time we can let you know the outcome. As mentioned previously, this is an important issue for the ongoing health of our profession - we need more teachers and we need teachers to stay in the profession. It's about kids' futures. It's about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive. I appreciate that this causes inconvenience, but ask for your support as we work through this process.

School Website: Unfortunately, we are experiencing difficulty with the website. Please bear with us as we work with the hosting company to rectify the problem. As always, please don't hesitate to call or email the office if you require information.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Year 4 and Tui Arts Rotation

This term Year 4 has joined with Tui to participate in an Arts rotation. This takes place every Monday afternoon.

The children were given two options from dance, drama, choir, music, visual arts and wearable arts and every child got either their first or second choice.

The dance, wearable arts, and choir groups will be performing as part of the Wellington Artsplash Festival and there will be more communication to come on this.

The visual arts group will also have their work displayed as part of this festival.

On Monday 24 September, parents will be invited in to see the work of all the groups. We will update you when we have more information on this.

So far the children are loving the sessions!

If you have any questions please email Lucy at l.unsworth@ngaio.school.nz or Dan at d.edmonds@ngaio.school.nz.

Arts Rotation - Wearable Arts

The focus for the wearable arts group is on sustainability and we are therefore looking for any materials have at home that can be recycled. Some of the items we need include:

- Plastic bags
- Bottle tops
- Beads or buttons
- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Cardboard rolls (not toilet rolls)
- Old clothes (camouflage, brown and football tops)
- Fabric - red, orange, yellow, blue, purple, navy, brown, all colours
- Ribbons (yellow)
- Lolly wrappers
- Milk bottles
- Skewers
- Feathers
- Old bike tyres
- Tinfoil
- Egg cartons

Please drop any donations at the office for collection by the Rata team. Work on this project will be starting next Monday.

Thank you for your support.

St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival Saturday 15th September (mark the date)

Ngaio School are looking forward to hosting this amazing event. We will be having two groups performing at the festival our - Senior Kapa Haka group and Te Tipu Hou (children from Kowhai and Pohutukawa).

We have an amazing group of parents working behind the scenes arranging the food stalls, gifts for participating schools etc. Thank you. We will be needing lots of support on the day and you will be able to sign up shortly to help with sausage sizzles, baking for the cake stall, selling raffle tickets etc.

We are also on the look-out for items for the raffle, so if you have something you can donate or have a relationship with a company or individual that may be able to donate something, please contact Kirsten Reid k.reid@ngaio.school.nz

Sushi Lunches - delivered every Tuesday. Place your order for Tuesdays via www.ezlunch.co.nz. Orders are accepted up until 9.00am on a Tuesday morning. A full menu, prices and allergy information can be obtained via your ezlunch account.

Please note there will be no sushi deliveries on Tuesday 14th August.

Ngaio School is raising funds. Order and receive your NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership!

Your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership expired on 1 June 2018. Please continue supporting our fundraising by purchasing the 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership from us today. Hundreds of great value offers are ready for your enjoyment, while also helping our fundraising! Be quick, the new Membership is selling fast!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10420o2>

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Community Notices:

KELLY SPORTS TERM 3 2018: Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes.

Play Like a Sports Hero”– Wednesday (yrs 1-2) 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.

Play Like a Sports Hero”– Wednesday (yrs 2-4) 3:05pm-4:05pm - Come and try **Football, Netball, Rippa Rugby and Handball**. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. 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

Khandallah Junior Tennis – Information Evening

Been thinking about tennis for your children this summer but don't know where to start?

Come along to the Khandallah Tennis club-rooms on **Wednesday 8 August**, between **7-8pm**, and find out how you can get involved, and ask all the questions you have.

The 2018/19 season starts in term 4, and we'd love your family to be part of it.

Please rsvp to paulcwilliams@xtra.co.nz

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Open Morning and enrolment information

You are invited to the Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Karori Open Morning, Friday 17 August, any time between 8.45am and 12pm. This is a great opportunity to see the Marsden campus, to explore the benefits of an all-girls education and to find out about Marsden's 21st century learning and well-being programmes. There will be staff and students to talk to and the girls look forward to showing you around.

For more information and to register visit marsden.school.nz/experience

Enrolments -Marsden applications for [enrolment](#) for 2019 are open but there may be wait lists for some year groups. You can also apply to register your interest for 2020 and beyond. If you have any questions or would like a personal tour, please call 04 476 8707.

<p style="text-align: center;">You are invited to the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONslow KINDERGARTEN 40TH CELEBRATION</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px dashed white;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">AFTERNOON TEA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 9 September 2018 2:00pm to 4:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1a Delhi Crescent Khandallah, Wellington</p>	 <p style="font-size: small;">Please RSVP by 31 August email: onslow@wmkindergartens.org.nz phone: (04) 479 1063</p>
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Chilton Saint James School is celebrating its Centenary on 26-28 October this year

Join us for three days of celebrations to honour the unique legacy of Chilton Saint James School. It will be a chance to share memories, re-establish connections, showcase the present and celebrate our future. Registrations are now open on the [Chilton Saint James School website](#), or contact us at centenary@chilton.school.nz



Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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