

Advising an Absence

Please ensure the office is informed of your child's absence before 9.00am either by leaving a voice message on the phone 939 6455 or by emailing absences@ngaio.school.nz Name, room number and reason for absence is required please.

Key Dates

Wednesday 22nd May - Thursday 23rd May, 8.45am - 2.50pm	Raroa Normal Intermediate Open Days
Thursday 23rd May, 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Raroa Normal Intermediate New Parent Information Evening
Thursday 23rd May, 7.00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting, staffroom
Friday 24th May, 8.00am	New Families Breakfast - staff workroom
Friday 24th May, 12.00 noon	Nominations Close - School Trustee Elections
Friday 24th May	Year 5 & 6 - Last day to register for ICAS and Kiwi Competitions
Tuesday 28th May	Year 6 Visit to Raroa
Wednesday 29th May	School Closed - Teachers' Strike
Friday 31st May - Monday 3rd June	School Closed for Queen's Birthday Weekend
Thursday 27th June, 7:00pm	First Meeting - New Board of Trustees, staffroom

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We had a fabulous day of cross country on Wednesday this week. Our changed format to manage not having the field available worked really well, with lots of viewing opportunities and a varied running route for the students. The party atmosphere and support for the runners made for a very successful day. Thank you to everyone who attended - spectators make this event extra special. We are appreciative of the work that goes into organising this event so a congratulations to Dan Byrne and thank you to all the teachers who supported him. We were very grateful for the support of Lionel Nunns, one of our Rotary Readers, who ran every single race, start to finish, supporting the runners and ensuring a successful finish for everyone.

We welcomed our new students with the term two whakatau last Friday. I always love this special event and this was one of our biggest as we welcomed a large intake of new children to Kowhai this term. We are continuing to recruit a new teacher to open our next new entrant class. We have been very much affected by the teacher shortage both in recruitment and day to day relieving. Luckily we have a good

pool of loyal relievers we are able to book ahead of time when we know someone will be away. They get snapped up very quickly when called at short notice.

We celebrated International Support Staff Day yesterday with a special morning tea for our wonderful teacher aides, office staff, librarians, caretaker and cleaners. They all work really hard at what they do to support Ngaio School. Children made lovely cards for them to acknowledge their important contributions.



NZEI TE RIU ROA

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO STRIKE ACTION 29 MAY

We greatly appreciate the community support we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution and there is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. Our schools are in danger of ending up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving the profession.

On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

Pink Shirt Day - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying

Today we celebrated Pink Shirt Day - a day focussing on aroha, kindness and diversity.





Ngaio School has been trialling the **Sports Start** programme and all classes will be using this going forward. You may notice some changes in the way your child explains their PE lessons. A parent information session for Sports Start will be organised in Term 3.

What is Sports Start?

SportStart aims to improve young people's physical literacy. This philosophy is based on developing fundamental movement and sports skills in tandem with critical thinking and communication skills.

Why is physical literacy important?

Physical literacy, facilitated through SportStart, is the development of fundamental movement skills and fundamental sport skills alongside critical thinking and communication. Successful and rewarding participation in sport and physical activity, whether for enjoyment or competition, relies on the development of all three skill areas. This foundation is essential for the long term development of healthy, confident and competent young people.

To all the new parents this term: 'Welcome to Ngaio School' from the Clinic team

The Clinic is a great place if you want to be involved in the education of our kids and share your knowledge and skills. We run fun, educational and hands-on sessions during lunchtime. Everything is run and organised by parent volunteers and it is an excellent way to meet other parents and to support the community.

For checking out past sessions: <http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com>

We also have a Facebook page where future sessions are posted once the dates are confirmed:
<http://www.facebook.com/ClinicNgaioSchool/>

The plan for term 2 is up and running. We will have sessions every second week. Last week we started with our South Africa session which was a great success. Coming up we have crafting with pumice, woodworking, and learning about money notes and coins. We will finish the term with a fabric session.

Next sessions will be on Monday and Tuesday (May 20th for Year 0-2, May 21st for Year 3-6), crafting with pumice. The more parents are willing to help, the more activity stations we can offer during this session.

We currently have 4 members in our Clinic Operations Team. Because Mary-Anne will head back home at the end of the month and Penny and Vivianne are working, we are keen to see new faces of people willing to be involved in the organisation of the Clinic.

On session days we meet at 12:30 in our Clinic room in the prefabs next to the upper playground and sessions last until 13:30. Maybe just come over for a nose to see what it is all about?

Sebastian from the Clinic team

Blog: <http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>

E-mail: theclinic@ngaio.school.nz

Community Notices

A Marsden education for your daughter in Year 7, 2020
Year 7 Information evening, Experience Day and enrolment

For students considering a Year 9 Marsden education, please note the following key dates:

Year 7 Information Evening – 10 June, 7pm, Marsden School Karori

Experience Marsden Day – 12 June, Marsden Karori

To register for the above events please visit: marsden.school.nz/experience

Tours – please call 476 8707 to organise a personal tour.

Enrolments – It is re

commended you come for a tour and that your daughter spends a day in class during Term 2. Apply to [enrol](#) for entry in 2020 by the end of Term 2.

Book Fair - Ngaio Town Hall - Saturday 25 May 2019 - 9am to 4pm.

Do join us.

We would love you to come and buy books, DVDs and CDs. Children's books are \$1, adult books are \$3 (\$2 each, after the first five books purchased).

All proceeds (about \$14,000 last year) will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have books, DVDs or CDs to donate, please contact Dinah Dobson, trustee, on 475 7371 or 027 686 4554.

Blue Dragon New Zealand

MUSIC LESSONS

Your child can learn how to play the keyboard at this school.

The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome!

The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 27 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy at any time for more information and to book a place.

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