



OUR PLACE TO LEARN

## Ngaio School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1

3 May 2019

### Community Calendar

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

#### 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](mailto:absences@ngaio.school.nz) Name, room number and reason for absence is required please.

#### Key Dates

Tuesday 7th May, 7.30pm	PTA Meeting - staffroom
Thursday 9th May, 5.30 - 7.30pm	Whanau Hui and Pot luck dinner
Friday 10th May, 9.00am	Whakatau - welcome to new children and families - assemble at the office
Monday 13th May, 3.00pm	Scholastic Book Orders Close
Tuesday 14th May, 7.15pm	<i>"The Importance of Reading Books"</i> talk with Bernice Williams and Camilla Peet. To be held in Tui
Wednesday 15th May, 9.45am - 12.30pm	School Cross Country followed by Sausage Sizzle and Nice Blocks
Friday 17th May	Pink Shirt Day - "Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying"
Friday 24th May, 8.00am	New Families Breakfast - staff workroom
Friday 24th May, 12.00 noon	Nominations Close - School Trustee Elections
Friday 31st May - Monday 3rd June	School Closed for Queen's Birthday Weekend

#### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back for term 2. It feels very much like autumn with the cold winter-like days a bit earlier than usual. Classes have started training for the cross country event in a couple of weeks and so far the weather has been kind. It's great to see the enthusiasm and effort as they try out the new routes and gear up for the competition to come.

Sadly, we've seen an increase in some poor parking and driving behaviour around drop off and pick up times. Please be considerate and think about safety over convenience when you're dropping off or picking up your children by car. There are safe options available so we'd really appreciate avoiding any accidents, as I know you would too. The staff car park is not a drop off or pick up area at the beginning and end of the school day, so please keep this in mind when you are deciding on your drop off or pick up point. We really appreciate the parent help at the Abbott Street drop off zone. This system works well and is safe so please use it if you can. Our Police Education Officer is planning to be on site at some stage soon so will be able to reinforce the need for safe driving and parking around the school.



Please also remember the recent Park and Stride initiative - there are drop off points in Bombay Street and Colway Street.

Thank you to all the parents volunteering for road patrol support this term - your support is important and valued. We're short a volunteer for Tuesday mornings currently so please let the school know if you can help out.



## NZEI TE RIU ROA

NZEI have been back at the negotiating table with the Ministry this week and preparing for the nationwide paid union meetings scheduled for next week. At the meetings they will report back on the outcomes of negotiations, talk about how to collectively shift the Ministry and the government from their current position

if needed, and vote on industrial action if that is deemed to be necessary.

We have planned to keep the school open on the days the teachers are attending meetings by sharing classes so these meetings will not require children to be picked up early. Following the meetings we will keep you informed of any outcomes that affect the school.

***Nga mihi nui***

***Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki***

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### **Wrapper-Free at Ngaio School**

This term we are starting to go Wrapper-free. We are starting this with Wrapper-free Wednesdays so

on Wednesday morning at 8:45am Environment Club students will visit classrooms and any students who want to can show them their lunchboxes. If they have only one or no plastic wrap in their lunchboxes, they will receive one point for their classroom. There will be no shaming or requesting to see any lunchboxes if students aren't wanting to share.

The rewards will be extra morning tea time, and other fun activities run by the Environment Club. Wrapper-free Wednesdays will begin next week.

Tips to achieve a wrapper-less lunch:

- Honey or beeswax, paper or reusable material wraps - these are great for wrapping sandwiches in place of plastic wrap.
  - Different sized Tupperware or other brand containers - there are many different sizes available so anything from small snacks to meals can be carried.
  - Lunchboxes with different compartments - these are great as food can be separated.
  - Stainless steel forks and spoons in place of single use plastic utensils.
  - Reusable plastic or stainless steel drink bottles
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### **Wanted - Supplies for the Quiet Room Please**

- ❖ Any old paper
  - ❖ art supplies
  - ❖ craft items - please drop any items into the office.
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### **Chess Club**

With winter approaching we would love to start a chess club. Are there any parents who would be willing to help us set this up at lunchtime? Also if anyone has any spare chess sets that we could have it would be much appreciated. Please contact Kirsten [k.reid@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:k.reid@ngaio.school.nz) if you are interested.

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### **Pink Shirt Day**

Friday 17th May is Pink Shirt Day and children are invited to come to school wearing as much pink as they wish! The aim in Aotearoa, is to spread aroha and kindness, celebrate diversity and put an end to bullying. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

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### **Whole School Cross Country - Wednesday 15th May (postponement 22nd May)**

The 2019 Ngaio School cross-country will be held on Wednesday 15th May. All children compete and there is fantastic support, excitement and community spirit as they complete their runs. We invite parents to support the children by joining us on the astroturf. Please note that due to the field repairs, the course has been significantly changed from previous years. The start and finish will be on the school astroturf. The best places for spectators are the wooden benches overlooking the astroturf.

We ask that, for the children's safety, parents and supporters stay off the track, which will be clearly marked on the day. Stairs, ramps and paths need to be kept clear at all times.

The children will be practising their running over the last few weeks and this event is particularly anticipated by those Year 4, 5 and 6 children trialling for a place on the Ngaio School Northern Zone team. The top five Year 4, 5 and 6 place-getters will go through to compete in the Northern Zone

competition on 6th June. The top five finishers in Years 0-3 will have the opportunity to take part in the Junior Invitational cross country on Tuesday 11th June.

**Although subject to change on the day the programme is as follows. Please note the races after morning tea begin with Year 6.**

**Starting time**

**Year 0-1 Boys 9.45am**

**Year 0-1 Girl 9.50am**

**Year 2 Boys 9.55am**

**Year 2 Girls 10.00am**

**Year 3 Boy 10.05am**

**Year 3 Girls 10.10am**

**Starting time**

**Year 6 Boys 11.00am**

**Year 6 Girls 11.10am**

**Year 5 Boys 11.20am**

**Year 5 Girls 11.30am**

**Year 4 Boys 11.40am**

**Year 4 Girls 11.50am**

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### **Cross Country Day Sausage Sizzle, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

It's nearly time for the Cross Country Day again and the PTA is hosting another yummy lunchtime sausage sizzle for all our students!

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May please make sure your children bring some coins to school if they would like to make an order.

**Orders will be taken between 8.30-9am on the covered stage outside rooms 2 and 3.**

The options are:

- ★ **A pre-cooked, no added gluten, free range meat sausage supplied by Cameron Harrison - \$2.00**
- ★ **A vegetarian sausage - \$2.00**
- ★ **A Nice Block - \$2.00**

There will also be some freshly chopped vegetables available for children for free when they collect their sausages!

**Can you please help us out on the day?**

From 8:15am we need parent volunteers to help take orders and payment on the stage in the junior school (outside rooms 2 and 3).

From 11:45 am we need parent helpers to help serve the sausages and Nice Blocks and keep things well-organised and running smoothly. Any help you can provide on our sausage sizzle days is very much appreciated!

**If you are able to help please contact Melissa Curry on 021 02742557 or email [mellyinwelly@gmail.com](mailto:mellyinwelly@gmail.com) Thank you!**

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## PTA News

We are pleased to introduce our newly elected executive committee: **Sarah Gardner** (Treasurer), **Melissa Curry** (Community Liaison), **Lisa Julian** (Secretary), **Roslyn McMahon** (Vice President) and **Jessie Williams-Shigeeda** (President/Chair).

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 7 May 7.30pm in the staff room**. All are welcome. Entry is through the staff car park.

Please note we have a wonderful **Mothers' Day raffle basket** to brighten up some lucky local mum/special lady's day. Drawn Friday 10 May 3.30pm and will be delivered to a local address. Tickets are \$1 and will be on sale before school and at the end of the day/after school for the week, on the stage opposite rooms 2 and 3. Not in the school? Send your kids down with some money. The basket includes some wonderful vouchers and goodies from The Chocolate Fish Café, Beauty and Beyond Spa Khandallah, Acme/Prefab, t Leaf T, True Calm Massage and Yoga and The Natural Cleaning Queens.



## Hoodies

If you missed out on a Ngaio School hoodie and you want to order one for your child we have a small number left. Sizes are 6, 8, 10 and 12. \$55 for one, \$50 for two or more. Email: [pta@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:pta@ngaio.school.nz) if you want one.



The **Ngaio School PTA** is pleased to host a talk with our librarian/kaitiaki pukapuka and enthusiast of all things language-and-book related **Bernice Williams** and wonderful local resource, speech and language therapist **Camilla Peet** on

## ***The Importance of Reading Books in a Digital Age***

**Tuesday 14 May, 7.15pm in the Tui Block**

Is too much screen time affecting our ability to focus, to concentrate for extended periods? Does reading from a screen reduce our ability to comprehend beyond the superficial? Has reading a book become a lost art? Come and join Bernice for a presentation highlighting the value of reading books for all ages, the pleasure and benefits of reading aloud, how reading fiction helps develop empathy in individuals, and the need for us all to be literate citizens. Camilla Peet will then focus in on the importance of reading aloud from a development perspective.

This is a free talk and open to the wider community. RSVP for catering purposes to [pta@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:pta@ngaio.school.nz)

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**Term 2 Ezlunch menu (sushi)**

[www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz)

[https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/pdf/school/ngaio\\_school/Menu.pdf](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/pdf/school/ngaio_school/Menu.pdf)

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### **Community Notices**

#### **KELLY SPORTS TERM 2 – Starts in Week 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, teamwork and gives them a place to channel their energy.

**Wicked Winter Sports! (Yrs 1-2)** – Wednesday's 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.

**Wicked Winter Sports! (Yrs 2-4)** – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try **Football, Netball, Handball and Ripa Rugby (2 weeks of each sport!)**. 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

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**DRAMA CLUB** supports your child so they feel happy and confident when performing in front of others. We work on developing your child's performance skills so they can give an engaging and captivating performance. We have small classes, grouped by your child's age and we work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Email [bridie@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:bridie@dramaclub.co.nz) to trial a couple of our classes to see if they fit for your child's needs.

