

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

Name, room number and reason for absence is required please.

School is closed on Friday 7th February

Key Dates

Waitangi Day	Thursday 6th February
School Closed	Friday 7th February
Whakatau (welcome to new families)	Friday 21st February, 9:00am, under Te Kapua
New Family Breakfast	Friday 28th February, 8:00am, Room 4
School Picnic (cancelled if weather unsuitable)	Tuesday 11th February from 5pm, School Field
Values and Strategic Plan Displays (on rain/wind or shine)	Tuesday 11th February from 5pm, School Field
Girls only futsal festival	Friday, 14th February · 9:00am – 2:30pm
Beach Safety Education for Rata (year 5), Titahi Bay	Tuesday 18th February
Year 6 Camp Information meeting	Tuesday 25th February, 6-7pm in Harakeke
Arctic Challenge for Rata (year 5), Khandallah Pool	Wednesday 26th February (<i>rain day Tues 27th</i>)
Northern Zone cricket	Tuesday, 25th February · 9:00am – 2:15pm <i>pp Thursday, 27 February · 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>
New Parents Seminar, Staffroom	Wednesday 4th March 1.40-3pm
Northern Zone football	Tuesday, 10th March · 9:00am – 2:00pm <i>pp Thursday, 12 March · 9:00am – 2:00pm</i>
ASB Moneywise sessions in classes	Monday 16th to Thursday 19th March
African Drumming Performance	Wednesday 1st April
Pedal Ready - Rata (year 5)	Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April
Year 6 Camp, Forest Lakes, Otaki	Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April
End of Term 1	Thursday 9th April, 3:00pm
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 10th April</i>

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome back for the 2020 school year. It was really nice to have all the students back this week. We're looking forward to meeting you at the picnic and Board display of the values and strategic plan next Tuesday evening from 5pm.

Many of you have already booked your meeting time with your child's teacher. We're all looking forward to the change in focus of these meetings. Please support your child to complete the template they brought home and bring it with you to the meeting. These conversations will help the teachers work with your child/ren to set goals to support their learning. All school staff are completing a version of the All About Me sheet to share too. This fits with our 'Knowing me knowing you' intention so you can get to know a little more about us as well.

This is the link to book your appointment/s. <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=xp3b4>

Please note that bookings close at 10:30am on Monday 10th February.

The Board of Trustees will have a display of our refreshed Strategic Plan and revised values at the school picnic. Board members will be on hand to meet and talk to the information provided. We encourage you to read through the Values Review and draft Strategic Plan 2020-22 summary before you come. The strategic plan on a page is our high-level, overarching document that will form the basis for more detailed actions over the next three years.

Please see below the staff allocations for 2020. We have included release teachers so you know which other teachers are in your child's class regularly and why.

CRT is Classroom Release Time (non-contact time). All teachers are entitled to 10 hours CRT per term and at Ngaio School this is scheduled into blocks of 1 ½ hours over the term on a Wednesday. Each year group has their slot at the same time so they can work together. At times the schedule changes as we look at our part time staffing allocations each term.

Team leaders and some other teachers with responsibilities also have release time to carry out their duties, for example Sports and Digital Technology.

Principal: Raewyn Watson			
Deputy Principal: Kirsten Reid (oversees Years 1 to 3)			
Deputy Principal: Sarah Simpson (oversees Years 4 to 6)			
Office: Helen Shields (Full time), Nicki Mitchell (Monday - Thursday), Kirsty Neilson (Friday)			
Kowhai			
Year 1	1 2 3	Ruma Tahī Ruma Rua Ruma Toru	Christina Oldridge, CRT- Donna Beechey Gillian Goldring Monday to Thursday), Kathy Yamada (Friday), CRT- Pearl Moon Karen Doogan, Team Leader Yr 1 - Leadership release Thursdays - Karen Lewes, CRT- Rebecca Haswell
Pohutukawa			
Year 2	15 16 17	Ruma tekau ma Rima Ruma tekau ma ono Ruma tekau ma whitu	Morag Roberts (Monday - Thursday), Pearl Moon (Friday), (Emma Johnson from week 9 when Pearl goes on maternity leave), CRT- Rebecca Haswell Bronwyn O'Halloran, Team Leader Yr 2 - Leadership release Thursdays - Kathy Yamada, CRT- Donna Beechey Tessa Gatenby - Beginning teacher release Tuesdays - Kathy Yamada, CRT- Pearl Moon
Kakapo			
Year 3	10 11 12	Ruma tekau Ruma tekau ma tahī Ruma tekau ma rua	Abby Smalley - Digital Technology release alternating am and pm on Tuesdays - Donna Beechey, CRT- Rebecca Haswell Tessa Willis - 2nd year beginning teacher release 2.5hrs/week - Megan Palmer, CRT- Donna Beechey Sarah Smart, Team Leader Yr3 - Leadership release Thursdays - Pearl Moon, CRT- Pearl Moon
Year 4	6 7 8	Ruma ono Ruma whitu Ruma waru	Ashleigh Davis - Beginning teacher release Fridays - Caroline Dinness (Ms Summers), CRT- Pearl Moon Michelle Pontifex, Team Leader Yr 4 - Leadership release Thursdays - Caroline Dinness (Ms Summers), CRT- Rebecca Haswell Dan Byrne - Sports leader release Alternating mornings and afternoons Tuesdays - Donna Beechey, CRT- Donna Beechey
Tui			
Year 5	20 21 22	Rua tekau Rua tekau ma tahī Rua tekau ma rua	Karen Lathan - CRT- Donna Beechey Hayden Trass (Monday - Thursday), Donna Beechey (Friday), CRT- Rebecca Haswell Chiara Hobi - Beginning teacher release Fridays - Sandra Traut, CRT- Pearl Moon

Year 6	23 24 25	Rua tekau ma toru Rua tekau ma wha Rua tekau ma rima	James Mc Mullan, Team Leader Yr 5/6 - Leadership release Thursdays - Rebecca Haswell, CRT- Pearl Moon Sam Jenkins - CRT- Rebecca Haswell Chantal McKee (Monday - Thursday), Rebecca Haswell (Friday), CRT- Donna Beechey
Reading Recovery: Megan Palmer			
Curriculum Support: Sandra Traut - literacy support and Alwyn Rees - Te Reo and Tikanga Māori			
Teacher Assistants: Kerry Sutherland, Susie McGregor, Charlene Mitchell and Kirsty Neilson.			
Librarians: Anne Faulkner (Monday and Tuesday), Bernice Williams (Wednesday) and Cristin Smith (Thursday and Friday)			
Cleaner: Desmond Lyons (We also contract Crest Clean who provide cleaning services for part of the school.)			
Caretaker: Peter Tana (Crest Clean)			

We are extremely sad to announce that Alwyn Rees has tendered his resignation from term 2 and will only be working on Fridays in term 1.

With the support of Toku Reo Trust, Alwyn has taken up a contract for a programme of Māori language revitalisation called Hāpai Te Reo Tuku Iho; which translates to something like raising up Te Reo across generations. Its purpose is to lift the use of Māori language in the homes and wider lives of whānau with connections to Kura Kaupapa Māori and Kohanga Reo. Congratulations to Alwyn for this amazing opportunity.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Coronavirus

Please continue to keep an eye on the Ministry of Health website:

[Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#)



Road Patrol Help Still Needed!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this important support so far. We urgently need more volunteers on our Road Patrol Adult Supervisor Roster for Term 1. We would be very grateful if you are able to spare some time to assist with this. A job description is available.

We still have gaps at Colway St on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

If you are able to assist with this, please let Kirsten Reid know urgently - k.reid@ngaio.school.nz

Year 6 Camp

Information regarding Year 6 Forest Lakes Camp 6-9 April has been emailed to parents today. Harakake will be holding a parent information meeting Tuesday 25 February 6-7pm in Harakeke.



Reminder: All children must wear a sunhat in the playground this term.

Swimming

Easyswim Swim School are running swimming sessions in our school pool starting next week.

Monday: Rooms 8, 6 & 15

Tuesday: Rooms 10, 12 & 16

Wednesday: Rooms 1, 2, 3 and Year 5

Thursday: Room 17 and Year 6

Please remind your children to bring their swimwear on their allocated day. Ensure they have clothing labelled and a suitable waterproof bag for their wet gear.

Please click on the questionnaire link below to provide Easyswim with information used for grouping children at the level that best suits their needs. If your child does not swim with Easyswim, knowing where your child has swimming lessons allows us to adapt our teaching style to complement what they are learning elsewhere.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SR56N9>

Lunches

School lunches are available to purchase as follows:

- Monday and Wednesday: *Lunches Unlimited*. Please access the menu and ordering instructions on the homepage of the school website. www.ngaio.school.nz
- Tuesday: *Sushi*. Please order online at www.ezlunch.co.nz
- Thursday: *Subway*. Please order at www.subway.co.nz/schools

Your child should come to the office to collect their *Lunches Unlimited* order. Sushi and Subway orders are delivered to the classrooms.

Community Notices

English Teaching College in Wellington is searching for new hosts for our 2020 demi-pair students.

Our demi-pair students study English part-time, Monday to Friday from 9am – 12pm and outside of that are available to do 15 hours of childcare/housework in exchange for food and accommodation.

We have a rolling student intake, meaning that new demi-pairs arrive year round so there are many opportunities to interact with students from different cultures. They stay with us 12 to 36 weeks, and the family will be encouraged to meet their prospective demi-pair over Skype before confirming they are a good match.

Hosting a demi-pair is a great experience for families and children, so if anyone is interested please contact: **Allie Donoghue-Hunt** | *International Student Coordinator* www.etc.ac.nz

Karori Lions Carnival and Fair is on again – Sunday 16 February at Ben Burn Park, Karori. Quality Stalls selling superb merchandise, adventure rides, children's activities, raffles, lots of food and a full day of stage entertainment for the family. From 10.00 until 3.30 pm. Come along and have some fun.



Khandallah Arts Theatre's
Play in the Park 2020
Mean Jean the Pirate Queen
by Michélanne Forster
Khandallah Park
bad weather venue: Cochran Hall, 106 Cashmere Ave
(ring 022 083 5499 if not sure)

bookings not required
admission by donation

X marks the spot – but will the pirates
or the teachers get there first?
Swashbuckling fun for the under 9s.

1:30 & 3:30
February 22 & 23
February 29 & March 1

by arrangement with
Playmarket NZ

