

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.

Key Dates

Year 6 Camp Information meeting	Tuesday 25th February, 6-7pm in Harakeke
Northern Zone cricket	Tuesday, 25th February : 9:00am – 2:15pm <i>pp Thursday, 27 February : 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>
Board Meeting, Staffroom	Wednesday 25th February, 7:00pm
Arctic Challenge for Rata (year 5), Khandallah Pool	Wednesday 26th February (<i>rain day Tues 27th</i>)
New Family Breakfast	Friday 28th February, 8:00am, Room 4
Tui Assembly, Ngaio Town Hall	Friday 28th February, 1:30-3:00pm
Kowhai/Pohutukawa Assembly, Ngaio Town Hall	Tuesday 3rd March, 9:00-10:30am
New Parents Seminar, Staffroom	Wednesday 4th March 1:40-3:00pm
PTA Meeting, Staffroom	Wednesday 4th March 7:30-9:00pm
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
PTA Fundraiser - Inspire Photography, Dental Clinic	Saturday 21st March
Board Meeting, Staffroom	Thursday 26th March, 7:00pm
Tui Assembly, Ngaio Town Hall	Friday 27th March, 12:30 - 3:00pm
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>
ANZAC Day Observed - School Closed	<i>Monday 27th April</i>
Term 2 Begins	<i>Tuesday 28th April, 9:00am</i>

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for taking the time to complete the All About Me sheets and meeting with your children's teachers last week. We've had some really good feedback from many of you as well as the teachers who found it a really valuable exercise. Your children will be working with their teachers to come up with goals to support their learning, based on the school values and/or Key Competencies. If you're visiting the school, take the time to look at the teacher versions - if they're not outside the classroom there is a display of them in the corridor above the office. You'll learn some fun facts about our talented staff!

Many of you joined us for a picnic on one of Wellington's rare perfect evenings and took the time to talk with board members about the new values and strategic plan. If you weren't able to make it the display is still up in the school office. The Ngaio School Values Survey 2019 involved a varying set of questionnaires for the children, staff and whānau in our school community. The results of these questionnaires were a major factor in the values decision-making process undergone by the Board of Trustees and senior management team. You should have received a copy of the report by email and hopefully your children will start to talk about them as they are introduced and unpicked in school.

The new Ngaio School values are:

Resilient
Open-minded
Curious
Kind
Empathetic and
Trustworthy



Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki



Abbott St Drop Off Zone

This is located at the top of the Abbott Street driveway and has been put in place due to the traffic congestion and consequent concern for children's safety on Abbott Street, particularly on wet days. The 'drop-off zone' assists you to get your children to school safely by car, without having to find a carpark or get out of the car.

We rely on you, school parents volunteer to be rostered on at the designated car parking area at the top of the school drive between 8:30am and 9:00am.

The adult on duty will:

- Wait for you to stop in the park.
- Open the door for our child/ren and help them to exit safely.
- Close the door.
- Direct the children down the path to school.

Please

- Have your children dressed in any jackets, shoes etc., before getting in the car at home.
- Have their bag organised and easy to access when they get out of the car.
- Have completed any good-bye routines except for a final 'Good-bye', etc. before leaving home.
- Enter Abbott Street from the southern entrance so that you don't have to turn into any driveways.



- Move on through the drop-off area as soon as the children are safely out of the car and the door has been closed.

If you are planning to park and walk your child into school yourself, please park your car safely and legally away from the drop-off zone.

Please note: the school driveway is not a drop off area or pedestrian thoroughfare. Please do not drop children in the school car park.

We rely on good driving and parking behaviour to ensure the safety of children and families at school pick up and drop off times. It is important for everyone to conform with basic traffic safety rules.

Thank you for your consideration.

Little Hearts Day 2020

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Little Hearts campaign last Friday. \$416.50 was raised for this important cause. Thank you to our Year 6's Eva, Frankie and Holly who organised the collection of money around the school.



Colway St Road Patrol

We are still looking for cover on Thursday and Friday after school at Colway St. If you are available to help could you please let Kirsten Reid know.

March is Coming – Let's Get Movin'!

We're a Movin' March school and we can't wait to make the most of this beautiful weather and encourage your child/ren to Walk or Wheel to and from school. Explore the website (<https://www.movinmarch.com/>) for tips and check out the parents page on how to build active travel into your daily routine. This year we'll be encouraging whānau to take part in the Parent Facebook competition (daily prizes plus one scooter to give away every week!) and the Share your Story competition which has weekly prizes (plus a family pass on Bluebridge Ferries!)

Why Movin March?

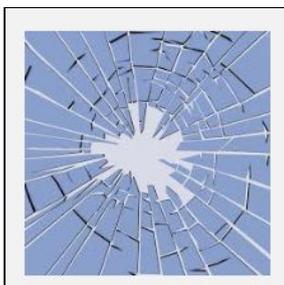
Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, we also get to slow down and get some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real confidence boost and families get to do their bit for the environment!

How to make it work for your whānau

- o Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not Park and Stride? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate! We have Park and Stride signs on Colway St and Aplin Terrace. Meet your friends at the Park and Stride sign and walk together!
- o Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter's safety tips or NZTA's Hike it Bike it safety suggestions.
- o Walking School Buses build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.

Our school will hold these special Movin March Events:

- Our Movin March ambassadors will stamping passports every day! Get your passport stamped and be in the draw for some amazing prizes!
- Milo Wednesday 11th March: Walk, bike or scooter to school, bring a mug and our Movin March Ambassadors will make you a delicious milo!
- Fancy Feet Friday on Friday 27th March where we invite all families to walk or wheel – even for just this one day. Wear some Fancy footwear and be part of our celebration!



Broken Windows

If you are using the school ground on the weekends or after school, please take special care with the use of balls, especially cricket balls. The cricket nets line up really nicely with Kowhai windows and we have recently had 3 broken windows. The first has been quoted as over \$300 so we're not looking forward to the total invoice for these repairs.



Coronavirus

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

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



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

NETBALL CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

We require a parent volunteer to lead the organising of school netball. You will be assisted by Ann Hay who has many years of experience organising our school sport, so you do not need to have previous experience, only some knowledge and enthusiasm for netball! We rely on parents to organise school

teams. In the unfortunate situation of no parents offering to organise teams we will be unable to offer that sport to the children.

You will (with guidance and assistance from Ann if required):

- Create team lists
- Enter the teams into the league
- Communicate to coaches and managers with draws, results, payments and any issues
- Communicate to Ngaio School about the teams and their results.
- Check and distribute equipment bags to coaches and managers.
- Be the link between teams, managers, coaches and school.
- Attend league meetings as required

If you have any questions Dan Byrne can be emailed at sports@ngaio.school.nz or Ann Hay at amshay@outlook.com

The deadline for responses is **Monday 9th March**.



We were thrilled to receive this thank you letter for the amazing contributions to the It's in the Bag charity collection at the end of 2019. Thank you for your support.

To Ngaio's School pupils & Teachers

I am sending this card to say a big thank you for all your hard work getting and filling bags for all the children in our care. There were many smiling faces on Christmas because of all your efforts. You all should be proud.

Have an Awesome 2020

Thank You
Tena rawa atu koe

Dr Ang Jury, Chief Executive

Inspire Photography fundraiser on Saturday 21st March

Inspire Photography is returning to Ngaio School to photograph families between 9am and 4pm on Saturday 21st March 2020. Inspire Photography is an award-winning, Wellington-based professional photography studio who specialise in primary school and family portrait photography. They will be offering family portrait mini sessions 15 minutes in length. Sessions book out immediately, so get in quick to avoid disappointment.



What to expect on the day:

- A totally relaxed and unique style of photograph
- A friendly and easy-going photographer
- Fun, games and general silliness to get even the shyest children smiling
- Portraits will be taken outdoors (weather permitting - wet weather venue will be provided at school).
- Family portraits, siblings and individual portraits. Variations may depend on the number of family members.

As part of Ngaio School's 2020 fundraising, Inspire Photography will donate 10% of all sales directly to the PTA. The \$20 sitting fee also goes directly to the PTA.

An email with booking information will be sent out in early March. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Ruscoe at pta@ngaio.school.nz.

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.

Parent Volunteer needed for School Sports Uniforms

We are looking for a parent helper to assist with the school sports uniforms. This can be done once or twice each term. The uniforms need to be checked and sorted. We sometimes need uniforms to be re-labelled. If you are interested in volunteering for this role please contact Dan Byrne, d.byrne@ngaio.school.nz

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



Khandallah Arts Theatre's
Play in the Park 2020
Mean Jean the Pirate Queen
by Miehlanng 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



Khandallah Park Annual Summer Picnic

The Onslow Residents Community Association is holding their Annual Summer Picnic at Khandallah Park on Saturday 22 February from 11am - 1:30pm. This coincides with Khandallah Arts Theatre's Play in the Park production Pirate Jean. Children are encouraged to dress as pirates.

Ngaio Community Picnic

Sunday 1 March at Cummings Park. 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Bring your picnic, meet other locals and have some fun.

Stalls, games, fire engine, entertainment.

Enter one of our 3 competitions:

1. Give your best Carbon Neutral idea
2. Nominate our best neighbour
3. Capture our local essence in a photo.

See website www.ngaio.org.nz or Facebook for more details and how to enter or call 939 8441.

An evening with Barbara Arrowsmith-Young at Marsden - Arrowsmith Programme

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School is hosting Barbara Arrowsmith-Young, the founder of the Arrowsmith Program, on **Tuesday 25 February at 7pm, Marsden School Auditorium**, Marsden Ave, Karori. The invitation is open to anyone interested in the links between education and neuroplasticity or has a child who would benefit from enhancing their learning and general wellbeing by improving their cognitive functions. Barbara will be presenting her fascinating talk about her cognitive training programme and personal journey. If you have a child who has a learning difference such as dyslexia, processing difficulties, dyscalculia or auditory processing difficulties, we recommend you attend. Entry is free. Please register here: <https://www.marsden.school.nz/about/whats-on-now/event-registration/>