

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

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
Kakapo Assembly, Ngaio Town Hall	Friday 20th March
PTA Fundraiser - Inspire Photography, Dental Clinic	Saturday 21st March
Board Meeting, Staffroom	Thursday 26th March, 7:00pm
Movin March Fancy Feet Friday	Friday 27th March
Tui Assembly, Ngaio Town Hall	Friday 27th March, 2:00 - 2:30pm
African Drumming Performance	Wednesday 1st April
PTA AGM, Staffroom	Wednesday 1st April, 8:00pm
Pedal Ready - Rata (year 5)	Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April
Year 6 Camp, Forest Lakes, Otaki	Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April
Yr 1 - 4 Futsal, ASB Sports Centre	Tuesday 7th April, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Yr 5 Futsal, ASB Sports Centre	Wednesday 8th April 9:00am - 3:00pm
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

It has been great seeing our first two assemblies being held at the Ngaio Town Hall. Being the first time, the teachers have been feeding back what worked and what didn't. We loved the sideways set-up for the juniors so think that's a great move for everyone to adopt. Not having a screen or overhead projector was a lesson - older students sing more complex songs and not having words backfired. They're working on that for next time so the kids know the songs without words! We'll have the timing sorted too, now we know how long it can take to cross over Ottawa Road in batches with the traffic lights. Our teachers are amazing problem solvers so these things will be refined and improved as we go along. Thanks to all the teachers for agreeing to this initiative - the amazing parent turn-out showed us it is a positive well received change. On that note, thank you to everyone who took time out of busy schedules to attend.

Ngaio School is now officially part of a Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) with the other Northern Zone schools. This really means we will be continuing to work closely together, as we have been doing so well, but with more Ministry support and funding. Our first event for this year was a staff gathering, held here at Ngaio School. Over 200 staff from the various schools attended. It was a beautiful afternoon so we were able to be outside under Te Kapua. Our visitors really appreciated being shown around the school by several of our teachers who were proud to be able to show off our amazing school.

Pearl Moon finishes up her work at Ngaio School this week. With baby due in just a few weeks it is time for Pearl to take it easy and make the most of the time before she manages the life of a Mum with a baby and toddler. We have Emma Johnson stepping in as the part time teacher for Ruma 15 on a Friday. We're still confirming the arrangements for her classroom release and leadership release roles. We can look forward to Pearl joining us again in 2021.

There's been a lot of activity in the past couple of weeks, with lots of helpers supporting various activities and events. Thank you for this, it makes it possible to offer a varied programme for Ngaio School students. The Arctic Challenge, Beach Education and other sports events would be difficult or unable to be planned without your support. Northern Zone Football is coming up and then there's the year 6 camp in a couple of weeks. We really appreciate all the offers of help.

We've been having a lot of property meetings of late as we prepare for work to start on the retaining wall under Pohutukawa classrooms, some improvements to some classrooms, and drain repairs to prevent our awful flooding near the Colway Street entrance. The library and Ruma 15 have already been recarpeted and look amazing. We have a range of other projects on the wishlist so will be evaluating and allocating our property funds to a range of other projects soon. We'll keep you posted.

Thank you to the PTA who hosted this term's New Parent Breakfast last week. We love this opportunity to meet those of you new to the school community. If you couldn't make it, look out for next term's one and come if you can. It's a really nice chance for a casual meet and greet with other Ngaio families.

Please be assured we are keeping up to date with news about the status of Coronavirus COVID-19. We are encouraging handwashing and good practices with sneezing and coughing. We receive regular updates from the Ministry of Education and are following their advice as it comes to hand.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Movin March

Movin March is here!! It is great to see so many children walking, scootering and biking to school for Movin March! Nga Rangatahi o Ngaio have two passport stamping stations set up this year. One outside the Year 3 classrooms and one under Te Kapua. Remember, if you can't walk, bike or scooter to school get dropped off at one of our Park and Stride signs (on Aplin Terrace or Colway Street) and get your passport stamped! We have amazing prizes to give away for Movin Marchers!!! If you fill up your passport there are more passports available. All passports will go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 AVANTI vouchers.

Wednesday 11th March Milo Wednesday

Walk, bike or scooter to school, bring a plastic cup (no glass, crockery or drink bottles please) and Nga Rangatahi will make you a delicious milo to start your day, (preschoolers are welcome to join us). This will be held outside the Year 3 classrooms.

Friday 27th March Fancy Feet Friday

We want to celebrate the completion of Movin' March and the huge effort Ngaio School children have put into walking and wheeling to school with a Fancy Feet Parade hosted by Nga Rangatahi O Ngaio. Feel free to decorate your feet or shoes and we will parade our fanciness on Friday morning at 9.15am.

Family Competition

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin' March and win. It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on Facebook or Instagram with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

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.

The PTA AGM is on Wednesday 1 April at 8.00pm in the staff room (enter through staff car park). All are welcome! You do not need to be a committee member to attend. If you are thinking about joining the PTA team or just getting more involved with school events come along.

This year we encourage you to come meet our current PTA members. The AGM is a great opportunity to hear about our past year. For up to date news and information see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ngaioschoolpta/>.

Library News

Hello from the Library Team, Anne, Bernice and Cristin, (the ABC of Reading). We've had a fantastic start to the year, lots of excellent class visits, books whizzing in and out, and some lovely new carpet on the floor, so we're looking really good. Thanks to the support of the school community, we've received our second lot of Scholastic standing order picture books, and they are gorgeous! We'll have them on the shelf ASAP.

Please remember that if you have any queries or concerns about the library, just send an email to library@ngaio.school.nz

If you're able to, feel free do drop in for a visit, lunchtimes are 12.45 – 1.30pm.

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!"

– Dr. Seuss

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.

2020 Registrations for after school sports are now open: Please click on the links for more information and to register your child.

Registrations close on Monday 9th March at 10:30am.

Netball

<https://forms.gle/aCy1E3E1wKX6kWwT9>

Hockey

<https://forms.gle/NxYbL5gJ2bZgCm6E8>

Miniball

<https://forms.gle/553KcvcUZXMHGoyq6>

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

We are looking forward to the Weetbix Tryathlon which is Sunday 15th March at Kilbirnie Park. If you have not yet signed up there are still places available for the afternoon event. We currently have 36 children registered for the morning event and 12 registered for the afternoon.

You can click to register for the afternoon event before Wednesday 11th.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35583>

In the past, Ngaio School has set up the school flag and/or marquee to act as a meeting point for families. If you are interested in taking these to the event and setting them up please contact Dan Byrne to arrange pick up. You can set up the marquee during the following times:

- 7:45pm-9:30pm, Saturday 14 March 2020 *(For security reasons, please do not leave any items in the marquee overnight)*
- 5:30am-6:30am, Sunday 15 March 2020 *(There won't be vehicle access available on event day, so marquees will need to be carried onto the field)*

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

Play Rugby this Year

West's Junior Rugby Club invites **you** to play rugby this season. The club is open to girls and boys from age 3-13. Start out at Nursery, play Rippa Rugby for under 6 and 7, play the fast growing RipRugby under 8/9 and under 10/11, o-r play Tackle rugby for the Under 8s and onwards which are weight and age graded.

Register online, ask a question or check our FAQs at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/westsjuniorrugby/>

Games start in Term 2, but the club Welcome and Weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the Thursday 12th (5:30 – 7:30pm) and Saturday 14th of March (1:30 – 3:30pm). See you there.