

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: Please note the teacher only day scheduled for Friday 29th May has been cancelled. School is open as usual. Monday 1st June is Queen's Birthday holiday.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is reassuring to see the continued low number of new cases across the country and here in the Wellington Region we have 0 cases, with the last case reported on 16 April. We remain at Alert Level 2 and the good practices we have introduced with hygiene, recording attendance and visitors and not having sick people on site, need to continue.

Thanks to your support, the return to school has gone really smoothly. We have really appreciated your patience and trust and it has been brilliant to see how excited the students have been to get back to their learning and social routines. We are noticing most children arriving and departing relaxed and ready to be back at school. Parents dropping children off at the gate has provided authentic opportunities for children to self manage and show resilience. The junior children are especially proud of themselves being able to walk in without their parents holding their bags and finding their bag hooks for them. They're settling into class really quickly and happily. It has also been lovely seeing older brothers and sisters looking out for their siblings.

The latest Ministry of Education Bulletin mentioned there are some misguided concerns out there that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. The Ministry of Health has advised them and us that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms. Our schools are safe. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we're at Alert Level 2. We are of course very keen to hear the news on Monday regarding any move to Level 1. We are not yet sure what this would look like but will be once again collecting all the information, making our next plan and letting you know. In the meantime we'll continue to have extra teachers on duty and staff on the school gates at drop off and pick up time.

I hope you can have a relaxing weekend and recharge your batteries. Your children are likely to be quite tired, as being back with friends and in class learning in more of a routine will have been hard work. So much talking and laughter - so much more action and noise!

We've been amazed to see so many creative rockets arriving at school over the week. There are some fabulous creations. We're planning a celebration to share these with each other some time next week. We'll be taking lots of photos to share with you.

Recently a parent shared with us an online experience that happened in their home during lockdown. Their child came across undesirable images when searching on a device for gifs. Netsafe provides support for internet users to stay safe online. It has helpful advice for parents to manage the online

world including talking to your child about internet safety and security measures. We highly recommend you refer their helpful information at www.netsafe.org.nz

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Year 5 and 6 Kiwi Competitions

University of Canterbury are delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions open to all Year 5 & 6 students. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group across New Zealand. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.00 per competition entered. Students can enter in one or more subjects. This year the competition will provide parents with an Individual Pupil Report of a student's performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the first 3 weeks of Term 3. University of Canterbury do not release previous test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource. Entries are administered by the school.

A Google Form will be sent home on Monday 25 May if you wish to enter. Please note entries close 3pm Tuesday 2 June.

Road Patrol Supervision

Thank you to our parent volunteers for Term 2. We are grateful for your precious time. We are still short a number of volunteers so if you able to help please email Kirsten - k.reid@ngaio.school.nz

Ottawa Road

Mornings - Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Afternoons - Thursday and Fridays

Colway Street

Afternoons - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday



Pool Key Holders

It is now time to return your pool key if you have not already done so. Please simply drop your key + tag into the red letterbox at the top of the drive on Abbott Street.

Early return would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Movin' March 2020

If you have unfilled passports at home please return them to your teacher who will pass them on to Ms Reid by **Friday 29th May**. They will be stamped and returned so you can enter the draw. As we were unable to have Fancy Feet Friday we will reschedule this event for Term 4 when we have our traditional Ngaio School Spring into Spring event. There is a HUGE box of prizes to give away!!

Movin' March would love to hear from you about this year's event through their five-minute [parent feedback survey](#) and [student survey](#). Both surveys close on Friday 5 June.

We thought you'd like to hear more about The Clinic as we move closer to being able to have activities once we're out of Covid-19 restrictions. Get in touch so we can plan ahead.



What is “The Clinic” ? It sounds frighteningly medical ...

The Clinic was established in 2012 by four parents of children at Ngaio School. It operated out of the

school's old dental clinic, hence the name. That makes sense, it's not so scary now, right?

Ngaio School is super lucky to have parents and caregivers in our community who help out in all sorts of ways throughout the school year. The Clinic is one way you can be involved. We are a community-led project, with a core purpose to encourage our school whanau to share hands-on learning, students and families, together.

How does it work?

The Clinic team offers the students lunch-time (12.45pm – 1.30pm) drop-in sessions. These happen as often as the adults have time to run them. Sometimes 40 students and sometimes over 100 will come along. The students need at least 5 adult volunteers to support their exploration and keep everyone safe when there are H&S variables, like glue guns or sharp equipment or steep slopes!

... will it take up much of my time?

All adults in the school community are welcome to join in to run a session or help out. Time given varies depending on the involvement you want. Volunteering for a session is simply turning up for the 45 minutes of lunch-time, supporting and wondering with the students. Planning and running a session may be more involved. We are here to make it easy and you're most likely doing something that interests you so it's fun as! *You will absolutely love seeing and hearing the conversations from curious, inspired students.*

OK, you've got my attention, what's next?

We plan to run sessions very soon ... if you want to be involved or have other ideas please get in touch.

- Explore The Gully - it's time to get our feet into the earth and explore via a roped walk in our forest. We already have a parent who has put her hand up for this so you could join in the fun.
- Playdough - this is a super popular session with colour mixing, sensory exploration and creativity
- Wood construction - another extremely popular session with all ages
- Te Reo Waiata - bring your ukulele
- First Aid - a possible new session

- Beekeeping - yes! maybe some honey tasting and seed ball creation. Hopefully unrelated to the First Aid session



We can be student led, so please ask your children what they would like to do and get in touch to see if we can organise a session around that.

Check out our blog (<http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>) for photos and posts about sessions. What a variety of experiences and skills the children have had available to them through The Clinic. *Penny, Vivianne, Catherine and all our marvellous volunteers whatsapp / text Catherine on 021 187 3946 or email the clinic@ngaio.school.nz*

Community Notices



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Re-energise and Reconnect After School Sports Programme (Years 1-4) – Wednesdays 3:05pm-4:05pm

Get your children (Years 1-4) back into being active, feeling excited about playing sports & having fun with their friends.

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a safe, fun & enjoyable environment. It encourages their enthusiasm for sport & life skills that such involvement brings, giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

We have limited spaces available, so please enrol online urgently! Sessions start next Wednesday 27 May 2020. We would love to see you!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES - WINTER HOLIDAYS AT OTARI SCHOOL – WILTON

Dates: 6th – 17th July 2020 from 7.00am-6pm daily **Fees:** Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session ; Weekly: \$243 per cub/week or \$453 for two or more siblings/week .

Discounts/Funding Available: Wild Card (15%) off across all our services. MSD approval providing WINZ Subsidies for eligible families.