

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

Wednesday 17th June, 1.40pm	New Parents Information Seminar, Staffroom
Thursday 25th June, 9:00am - 12:30pm	School Cross Country
Friday 26th June	Postponement date - School Cross Country
Tuesday 30th June, 7:30pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Friday 3rd July, 3:00pm	Term 3 ends
Friday 31st July	Northern Zone Cross Country, Grenada North Park (Yr 5/6 only)
Monday 20th July	Term 4 begins
Monday 3rd August	A Day at Raroa - Year 6
Tuesday 11th August, (time tbc)	Raroa Normal Intermediate Parent Evening
Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th August	Three-Way Conferences - details to be advised
Thursday 13th & Friday 14th August	Raroa Normal Intermediate Open Days
Tuesday 8th September	Junior Invitational Cross Country - Amesbury School

### **Kia ora Koutou**

I hope you're all feeling very proud of how well your children have adjusted to the requirements of Alert Level 2 over the past few weeks. We really appreciate how you've supported your children to be resilient and trustworthy. Even our newest children are walking in proudly and confidently. Thank you for all the positive feedback too, we know so many of you are keen to continue this routine. To support this we are going to continue to have staff out and about welcoming students at our entrances in the mornings.

Like the mornings, many of you will be keen to continue your new routines in the afternoons, but I'm sure many of you will also be looking forward to reconnecting in the playground after school. We know the constraints in Level 1 will be even fewer than Level 2 and the Ministry of Education Bulletin, which comes to us following these announcements, will provide the official advice to us to work out this next stage and its implications. Keep an eye out for an update from us early next week.

We do know there will be a push for full student attendance, but we are already averaging 97% so that's not a concern for us. Well done everyone - we are so happy to have your children back.

So far we've been told that the Ministry of Education believe the following will be the key changes for schools at Alert Level 1:

- *there will be no specific public health requirements.*

- *there will be no restrictions on personal movement so all students, children and staff continue to be safe to go to school / early learning, and all students must attend school.*
- *we will no longer be required to keep a contact tracing register but will continue with the usual practice of having a visitor and an attendance register (and will need to work with local health authorities to identify close contacts, should there be a case connected with the school).*
- *physical distancing will not be a requirement but is still encouraged when you are around people you don't know.*
- *there will be no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.*

Later in this newsletter we've included the Prime Minister's Golden Rules for Level 1.

## School App

We are very excited to be very close to launching our school app. We will start with a limited amount of information and over time build on this. We're hoping it will improve our communication with you as you'll have quick and easy access to notices and important information. You'll be able to see information like daily attendance and your child/ren's history of attendance, permissions granted by you, general demographic and contact information and accounts. We'll let you know very soon how to download and install the App.



## Recycled Rocket Challenge

It's been amazing seeing all the creative rockets arriving at school in the past couple of weeks.

We have these displayed in the library so all the children can see them. There was certainly a lot of creative juice flowing and it's great to see the recycled materials put to good use. Thank you for supporting your children to complete these - it looks like you've had fun!

## School Reports and Three-way Conferences

The children's mid-year reports will be given out at the Three-way Conferences being held in week 4 next term. We have delayed these slightly to allow children to get back into their learning routines and for teachers to have time to carry out the necessary assessment tasks. We will send home invitations for the meetings early next term. In the meantime you can add Wednesday and Thursday 12 and 13 August into your calendars.

## Sports

We're looking forward to getting some sporting events happening again and have received some information regarding this which we have shared later in this newsletter. While some events have been cancelled, we can still look forward to some events, like our school cross country.

Enjoy the weekend- stay warm! Winter has arrived.

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Raewyn Watson**  
**Te Tumuaki**

## Hooked on Books

Do you have an 1 hour and or so free every week or have a grandparent who would be? Would you like to hear a Kowhai child read? We are looking at starting a Hooked on Books reading programme with our Kowhai Children. You would spend about 15 minutes working with a child, hearing them read and playing a high frequency word game. Full training is provided on the pause, prompt, praise method of reading. Please contact Kirsten Reid [k.reid@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:k.reid@ngaio.school.nz) if you are keen to make a difference!



## Hooked on Words

Do you have an 1 hour or so free every week or have a grandparent who would be? Would you like to help a Kowhai child increase the writing of their high frequency words? We are looking at starting a Hooked on Words writing programme with our Kowhai children. You would spend about 15 minutes working with a child writing words and play a high frequency word game. Full training is provided. Please contact Kirsten Reid [k.reid@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:k.reid@ngaio.school.nz) if you are keen to make a difference!

# SPORTS NEWS

## Cross country

Our school cross country has been rescheduled for Thursday 25th June (postponement 26th June). We have planned a route entirely within the school grounds at this stage, however we may decide to amend this based on advice if we go into Alert Level 1. Spectators will only be allowed if gathering restrictions are lifted. We'll update you as soon as we know but wanted to give you the date in preparation.

- Northern Zone cross country (31st July), Inter Zone cross country (TBC), and Regional cross country (TBC) have been rescheduled into Term 3. No Year 4 students will be taking part this year, only Y5-6.
- The junior invitational cross country (Y0-3) at Amesbury School has been rescheduled for Tuesday 8th September.

## Swimming

Our school swimming sports for Y4-6 is still planned to go ahead early in Term 3. We are still planning the format for this and will confirm final dates ASAP.

- Northern Zone and Inter Zone swimming have been cancelled for 2020.

## Hockey

- Northern Zone hockey has been cancelled for 2020.

**After school sports:** The netball, hockey and miniball seasons will be going ahead with changes to dates and the number of games to be played. Team practices will be happening at school as usual. Managers will be asked to keep a contact register, but they will not need to sign in/out as school visitors. (This may change at Alert Level 1). Children will be required to bring their own sanitiser to sanitise their hands (for at least 20 seconds) before and after training.

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## The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
10. People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.

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## Community Notices

**Free Webinar** - Join Queen Margaret College to find out what makes girls thrive. Their webinar answers a variety of questions. How can I help my daughter set and achieve goals? What skills does she need? What about her passions and interests? **7pm, Monday 15th June** Register today [www.qmc.school.nz](http://www.qmc.school.nz)

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### Wellington City Council - Travel Survey

In light of recent events surrounding Coronavirus and the impact this had on schooling, Wellington City Council would like to know if the school travel behaviour within your whānau has changed since your child/ren have returned to school in Level 2. This survey should only take 5 minutes to complete. You can find the link to the survey [here](#). The survey will remain open until Friday 19 June. Thank you for your participation. [Link to survey:](#) <https://forms.gle/UzZCD1ZgsqtoLCdDA>