



The Ngaio School Board of Trustees Update

Term One: March 2020

Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to 2020 and a very special welcome to all children and families who are new to Ngaio School this year.

BOT TEAM:

The Ngaio School Board very much works together as a team unit, however we do also have our own portfolios which we take the lead on:

Estelle Jaine - Chairperson

Raewyn Watson - Principal

Mark Palmer - Property

Sarah Smart - Staff Representative

Sarah Sims - Policy

Clinton Geeves - Treasurer, Personnel

Christian Hawkesby - Miscellaneous

Helen Shields - Secretary

COVID-19:

As a Board we are working hard to ensure our school is as prepared as possible for the outcomes of a COVID-19 outbreak in our area. The school has plans in place for preventing the spread of the virus at school, handling staffing matters, coping with potential school closure, coordinating learning from home, and supporting staff & families as we all go through this together.

We are holding an extra board meeting this week to discuss specific COVID-19 issues for our school. As the situation progresses we will take advice and direction from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.

If you need any information around COVID-19 please check the MoH website:

<https://www.health.govt.nz>

VALUES, VISION & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This month the updated Ngaio School Charter and Strategic Plan for 2020-2022 was submitted to the Ministry of Education.

[Ngaio School Charter 2020-22](#)

Thank you to everyone - senior management, staff, students and whānau who contributed toward the new values and direction for the school. We enjoyed meeting with families at the school picnic in February to talk over the new ideas.

This has been a big job, and although it has been led by Principal Raewyn Watson and the Board, with so much input from everyone it really is a vision that reflects the whole school community.

The Board will now monitor the delivery and progress of the new strategic priorities. It is exciting to see the new ROCKET values already being enthusiastically incorporated into school life.

OTHER RECENT EVENTS/INITIATIVES:

- The new ***Ngaio School website and Portal App*** are coming! We are very close to having the website content ready for the next development step. We know this will provide a big improvement to communications between school and home.
- Letters have been sent home regarding the ***Family Donation*** request. These donations support areas that will enrich childrens' learning but are not covered by Ministry of Education funding. As parents and caregivers we know you give a great deal to the school, however we are reliant on these donations to be able to sustain the breadth and quality of education the children receive. We greatly appreciate your support.
- ***Bikes in Schools*** bike track and bike fleet - keep an eye out for our community consultation around this initiative for Ngaio School.
- ***Kia ora Volunteers!*** The Board would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that supported Ngaio School over summer including pool testers and field waterers. Charlene Mitchell went to great efforts coordinating the pool testers so families could enjoy a swim in the school pool, thank you so much Charlene. Tracey Henderson has also been working hard volunteering her time and expertise on the new graphic designs for the Ngaio School logo, motto and our new rocket, thanks Tracey! Thank you also to the PTA who have continued their work supporting the school.

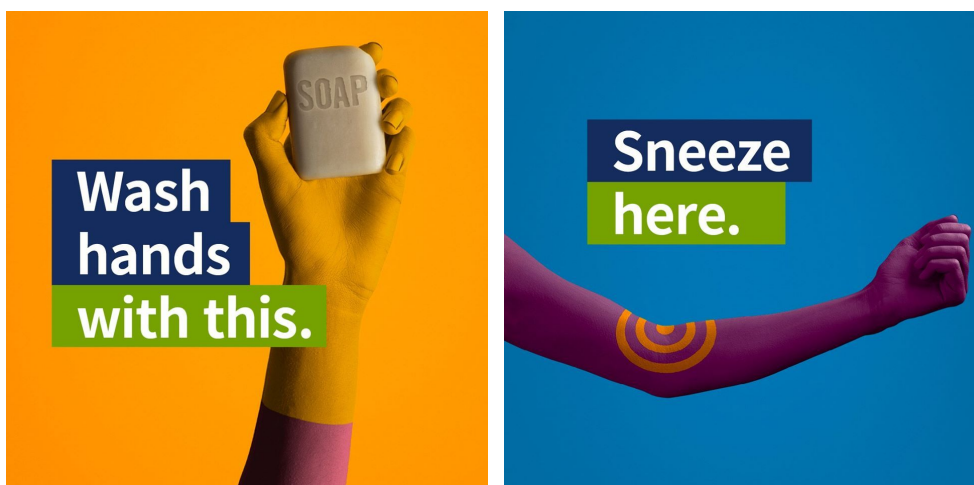
CONTACT:

We are always happy to hear feedback from the community - parents/whānau, children, teachers - regarding the governance of the school. Please feel free to attend our monthly meetings advertised in the school newsletter, or you can contact us directly via the Chair at: botestelle@ngaio.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Estelle Jaine, Chair

On behalf of Clinton Geeves, Mark Palmer, Sarah Sims, Sarah Smart, Christian Hawkesby and Raewyn Watson.



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