



Kia ora Whānau,

Warm welcome to you all!

We hope everyone had a relaxing winter holiday break and are now feeling rested and ready for another wonderful term of learning.

Each term a newsletter will be sent with information regarding the term ahead.

Our Team




Meet the Pōhutukawa teaching team. Please feel free to contact your child's Whānau teacher at any point during the year.


Rūma tekau mā rima (15) Morag Roberts - m.roberts@ngaio.school.nz and Emma Johnson - e.johnson@ngaio.school.nz (Friday release).

Rūma tekau mā ono (16) Bronwyn O'Halloran - b.ohalloran@ngaio.school.nz (Thursday mornings : Caroline Summers will release Bronwyn for Team Leader Duties).

Rūma tekau mā whitu (17) Tessa Gatenby - t.gatenby@ngaio.school.nz and Kathy Yamada - k.yamada@ngaio.school.nz in class support on Tuesdays.

Important Dates:

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| <p>Friday 24th July</p>  | <p>Whole school celebration to begin our Social Sciences unit "I am a Kiwi!" The children are encouraged to dress up in whatever they associate with being a "Kiwi" in Aotearoa. The day will begin with a fun parade and there will be activities across the school all day. At lunchtime there will be a sausage sizzle.</p> |
| <p>Monday 3rd August</p>  | <p>The Pōhutukawa Classes will visit Parliament Buildings for a tour. If you would like to be an adult helper for this trip please email your child's class teacher. Sadly our number of helpers we can take with us are limited and this trip is not for preschoolers.</p> <p>For this exciting trip please ensure your child brings to school a jacket, a packed lunch, a drink bottle and wears walking shoes for this adventure. We will be travelling into the city on a train.</p> |
| <p>Friday 7th August - 8am</p> | <p>New Families are welcome to join the PTA and staff members for breakfast, tea, coffee and chat from 8am. This event will be held in Room 4. Come along and meet other families new to Ngaio School.</p>  |
| <p>Monday 10th August</p> | <p>Educational Performance show : "The winner is?". This show will celebrate and explore a number of the New Zealand Book Awards titles for 2020.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 12th August and Thursday 13th August <u>3 Way Conferences and Reports</u></p> | <p>Over the 2 dates Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th of August the school will be holding our mid year 3 way conferences. During this conference the parents, child and class teacher will share and celebrate the learning journey your child has been on so far this year. At this conference you will receive a written report to take home. The booking schedule should have been sent out via your email address earlier this week.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 18th August 9:30am</p> | <p>Term 3 Junior School Assembly for Kowhai and Pōhutukawa. <u>Ngaio Town Hall - 9:30am start.</u> A big welcome and invitation to all for our Term 3 Assembly. This assembly will be a joint celebration with Kowhai (Year 1 students) and Pōhutukawa (Year 2 students) showing some of</p> |

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| | <p>our learning and singing songs together.</p> <p>The assembly will begin at 9:30am and you are warmly invited to make your way to the hall at 9am for a coffee or tea.</p> <p>The children will arrive at the hall with their teachers and will return back to school at the end of this event.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 19th August</p>  | <p><u>Pōhutukawa Visit to Government House.</u></p> <p>Pōhutukawa Classes will visit Government House for a tour. If you would like to be an adult helper for this trip please email your child's class teacher. Sadly our number of helpers we can take with are limited and this trip is not for preschoolers.</p> <p>For this trip please ensure your child brings to school a jacket, a packed lunch, a drink bottle and wears walking shoes for this adventure. We will be travelling to Government House on a bus.</p> |
| Thursday 27th August | Daffodil Day - the school will be raising money for the Cancer Society. Everyone is welcome to wear bright sunny colours and bring a coin donation. |
| <u>Friday 28th August:</u> | Please note the school will be closed for all students on Friday 28th August for a <u>Teacher Only Day.</u> The staff will be onsite for the whole day undertaking professional development. |
| Tuesday 1st September 1:50pm | <u>Whole school Whakatau:</u> all families and Whānau are warmly invited to our Term 3 Whakatau. This will be held under Te Kapua (white shade sail) down beside the Tui Syndicate classrooms. This is a celebration and welcome for all of our new students to Ngaio School. |
| Thursday 3rd September | Ngaio's Got Talent : Parents and family are welcome to attend and watch the wonderful performances. The show will start at 1:45pm under Te Kapua. |
| Friday 4th September | Onesie Day : The school will be raising money for the Wellington Free Ambulance. |
| Tuesday 8th September | <u>Amesbury Cross Country Invitational:</u> This event is held every year at Amesbury School in Churton Park. The students who are invited are the students who placed in the top 5 from our own School Cross Country event from Term 2 2020. |
| Friday 11th September | School Disco : There will be more information sent out closer to the time. |
| Friday 25th September | <u>Last Day of Term 3</u> |

| Class Events : | Room 15 | Room 16 | Room 17 |
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| <u>School Library</u> - please bring your coloured book bag for ensuring books stay safe and dry. | Friday | Friday | Wednesday |

Assembly : All syndicates will be using the Ngaio Town Hall to host assemblies.

Key Competency - Managing Self




'Managing Self'. This involves managing our own belongings, behaviour and responses.

We ask that students take responsibility for unpacking their school bags in the morning, bringing reading folders into the classroom and putting their own books and other items into the correct baskets.

At the end of the day the students will pack their bags before they go home. The skills required to 'manage self' may take some time, but starting this process is closely linked to getting students to develop greater independence within the classroom and take responsibility for themselves and their actions.

The children know that the 8.55 am bell is telling them that they need to get themselves organised and onto the mat. It is a good idea for children to be at school early so that they can greet and meet their friends, have time to play and say their goodbyes.

Teachers are in their classrooms from 8.30 am in the mornings so the best time to discuss any issues or concerns with them is between **8.30-8.45 am**. Teachers are more than happy to meet with you at other times.

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| <p>Absences / Late to school</p>  <p>Please email the office or use the Ngaio School app to register all absences and copy your classroom teacher in as well.</p> <p>absences@ngaio.school.nz</p> <p>If you are collecting your child early or arriving late to school, you will also need to sign in at the office. This is necessary for emergencies so we have an accurate record of who is at school.</p> | <p>Lost Property</p> <p>Each term we gather a large amount of lost property.</p>  <p>Please ensure all items of clothing are named for easy identification. The lost property basket is located in the entry corridor to the Kowhai classrooms.</p> | <p>School Lunch Orders</p> <p>Students can order lunch from school on Mondays and Wednesdays via Lunches Unlimited. Sushi is available on a Tuesday and Subway is available on Thursday. All the information about ordering a school lunch can be found on the Ngaio School website</p>  |
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School Communication

The school newsletter is emailed home to families. Paper copies can be requested from the office or you could access the notices from our new Ngaio School app. Our school website and Facebook page will be updated regularly with photographs, children's work and reminders. All students across Ngaio have a Seesaw account as a way of sharing their learning directly with whanau. If you require support accessing your child's seesaw account please contact your child's teacher.

If you have a query please contact your child's class teacher. They are best equipped to answer your questions directly or refer you to the right person. Bronwyn O'Halloran is the team leader of Pōhutukawa.

Teacher Release

Classroom release for all teachers occurs on a Wednesday across the school. Teachers are released on rotation for a part of the day for meetings, to observe other teachers in action, complete assessment and for planning purposes. Where possible, the same release teacher is used in each classroom to ensure continuity.

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| <p>Spare Clothes:</p>  <p>Every now and then, children have accidents at school and a spare set of clothes is needed. It would be helpful if children could keep a spare set of clothes in a plastic bag in their school bag.</p> | <p>Seesaw & Class Blogs</p>  <p>As well as individual seesaw posts, items of interest are posted to class blogs. These blogs have been created as a way to share the learning journey between home and school. Blogs can be viewed via the school website. Follow the syndicate link and select Pōhutukawa and your child's class.</p> |
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Term Three Programmes

Topic "Social Sciences – 'I am a Kiwi'" - the whole school will be working on this unit this term. We will be exploring how we are lucky to have people from all over the world living in New Zealand. Some people can speak multiple languages, have many talents and skills they can share with others and together let's celebrate all the wonderful diversity we have in our beautiful country Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Throughout this unit we will be developing a range of skills such as how to show respect and sensitivity to others, places and events. We will explore how lucky we are to live in New Zealand and develop the skills to understand the geography of our country by reading a New Zealand map, world map, explore our city - the capital of New Zealand, understand how our city is the central point for the New Zealand Government. We are lucky to have already booked two trips this term - one to Parliament for a guided tour and the second to Government House. Both places will be very interesting and hopefully memory building for the students as we celebrate our wonderful city.



Literacy

Reading : Guided or independent books will go home every night from Monday - Thursday. You may find that your child is given the same book more than once or they may only read a specific part of their book in relation to their current learning goal.

The reading books your child brings home should be relatively easy for your child to read as they have been previously read in a

guided lesson with the teacher or have been selected from an “independent box” of familiar readers.

The Pōhutukawa Syndicate all use a yellow reading log book to encourage home reading communication. Please ensure you sign the reading log and return both the reading book and reading log to school the following day.

Writing : our focus areas for the term will be writing ‘Recounts’ of events using sequencing words and time vocabulary; ‘Procedural’ writing clear instructions for a specific task, ‘Explanations’, ‘Letter writing’ and our final focus will be ‘Poetry’ which all link to our social science topic “I am a Kiwi”.

Each week your child will bring home a poem in their poetry book to share as well as 1 or 2 books from our weekly class visit to our wonderful school library.

Shelving books: We would be most appreciative for any parental help to ‘re-shelve’ the classroom reading books. If you have any free time (any time that suits you works for us) and would like to help with this, then please contact your child’s teacher.

Numeracy

During year two our goal is to extend number knowledge, consolidate and link knowledge and strategies in all areas of mathematics. To start the term we will focus on ‘Time’ - how the days of the week, months, years, seasons etc all help to support our understanding of time. The students will investigate how to read clocks and will focus on how to read o’clock, half past, quarter to and past times. The students will also make links between their knowledge of fractions in relation to time and their skills to skip count forwards and backwards in 5s. Number knowledge will be our main focus of the term, in particular reading numbers (2 and 3 digit numbers), identifying numbers ‘before’ and ‘after’ in this range, skip counting as well as number sequencing and basic facts. Throughout the term we will also explore the concept of money - identifying and explaining notes and coins. The students will explore how to read prices and this will link to our “I am Kiwi” unit whereby we will explore who and what is represented on our New Zealand money and why.

The Arts

New Zealand Art and Kiwiana : This term the children will explore a range of skills and use a variety of art materials to create a wide variety of visual arts. We will also explore New Zealand music and have fun creating our own beats with a range of percussion instruments.

Health :

This health component links to our term unit “I am a Kiwi”. The learning objective is “Students will have a personal identity and be able to describe themselves in relation to a range of contexts. Through sharing their special family connections to places and people then the students will be able to begin to build an understanding of how they are unique and special in so many ways.

Te Reo

During Term 3 our key focus areas will be exploring and learning about places in Aotearoa e.g. ‘Whanganui-a-Tara’ is the Te Reo Maori name for Wellington, Legends of Aotearoa and simple commands such as ‘E tu’ - stand up, ‘titiro mi’ - look at me.

Physical Education

Term 3 will see us revisit our skills using the Sportstart Physical Education Programme our specific focus area will be “Sending” which will help the students to learn how to move a variety of objects into different spaces at different speeds and directions. e.g. I can move a large ball by dribbling it with my feet across the field. At all times in Physical Education we teach the importance of participation and positive play by taking turns, showing patience, encouraging others and having ‘a go’.

The Pōhutukawa Team

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