



# ON BOARD

## The Ngaio School Board of Trustees Update

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And just like that we are halfway through another year!

It feels like a long time ago now, but we want to extend a huge thank you to the staff and parents who made another successful year six camp possible.

Congratulations to Alison on the birth of baby Joseph (super name choice!). We hope you have loads of fun and enjoy the precious family time!

The PTA held their AGM in April and we were thrilled to see their commitment to supporting our goal of growing, improving and maintaining the school's stock of digital devices. Digital literacy is a key part of the NZ curriculum and the tools to deliver the curriculum are not funded by MoE. We are therefore grateful to the PTA for their support so we can maintain good quality tools to deliver good quality learning.

And a big thank you to everyone who made last week's Matariki breakfast such a wonderful event. Thank you to the whānau group, the kaiako, the parent volunteers and of course the children! Ki ngā ākongā, pai tō koutou waiata, tēnā koutou! He toki koutou!

Mānawatia a Matariki a Puanga

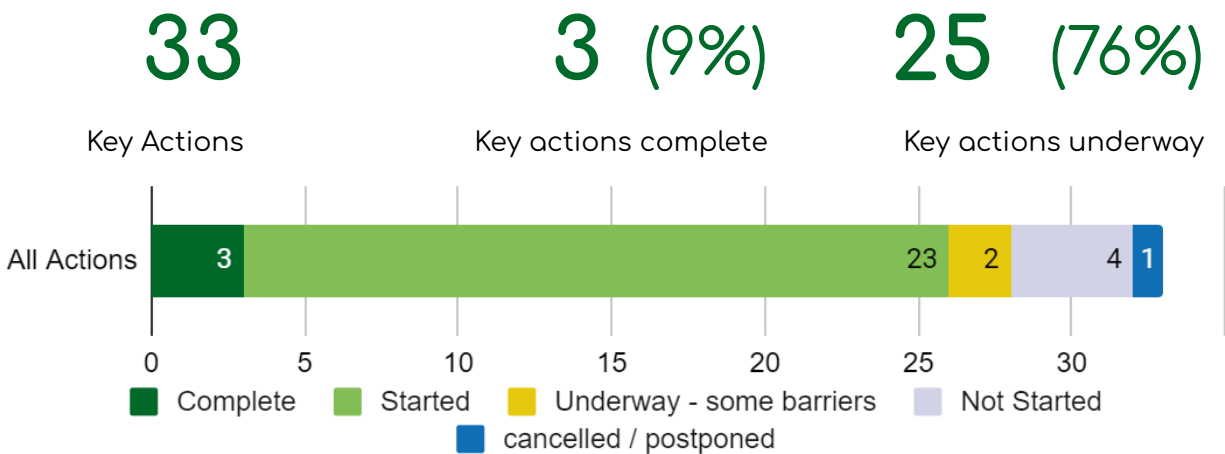
## Annual Plan - mid year update

At our June meeting, the Board received an update on progress towards the goals in our annual plan. This year there are 14 annual goals which include establishing regular community events as a fixture in the school calendar, continuing to embed recent developments in Maths and Literacy, and communication with families about student progress and changes to the curriculum.

### Strategic Plan:

Every three years the school sets a new strategic plan. The Strategic Plan highlights specific areas for further growth or development which are in addition to the school's 'business as usual' focus on teaching across the curriculum. Each year the school also sets an annual plan that describes the specific things we will focus on in the year - you can read about them [here](#)

To meet the 14 annual goals, the school has identified



The board were pleased with the progress with the majority of key actions underway and tracking as expected. Some key highlights for the first half of the year include:

- The school was successful in an application for support of the goal to develop Ngaio School Graduate Profiles for each phase of the curriculum (Year 3 and year 6). A graduate profile is a way to document and describe the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that students will gain as they progress through the school. The profile will describe dispositions, aligning our school ROCKET values, NZ Curriculum values and key competencies. Work will be starting with Tui Tuia Learning Circle facilitators in term 3 and will include consultation with you to help frame up meaningful goals for Ngaio ākonga.
- Team Leaders , Michelle and Chantal have been thrilled with the work on INITIATIVE 1: Celebrate the identity, culture and uniqueness of ākonga to support their learning pathways and wellbeing. The work across the school through their 'I am a Ngaio Ākonga/We are Ngaio ākonga inquiry units has achieved Annual goal 2 to Increase cultural awareness of kaiako and ākonga to recognise the rich range of cultures across the school. We have at least 22 ethnicities represented in our school and the inquiry included looking at dance, music, singing from specific cultures. Identifying symbols/icons and unpacking them for the cultures in each class. Activities included locating each ākonga's country on a world map, creating artworks for their cultures and those of others in their class and creating posters that are now hung throughout the school. If you were able to make it to their open afternoon, you will have seen some of this mahi. Kaiako appreciated lots of rich conversations and involvement with whānau and ākonga throughout this unit.
- Quotes are currently being sought for remediation of our junior and senior playgrounds, with a focus, in the first instance on upgrading the playground matting. Before proceeding with any work, an inspection has

been conducted to help with planning. As expected, the report confirmed that most of the playground is in good order with only a few items such as the clutter bridge past their best. We're working with the PTA to plan for fundraising and will be applying for grants to support both the matting and any required item upgrades.

- The Board, PTA and school staff have been discussing and planning for the upgrade of devices across the school to support learning. We've all appreciated detailed presentations from Tessa who has revealed the poor state of our devices and the frustrations this causes for kaiako and ākonga. A Skipathon is planned for term 3 to support this goal.
- Kaiako have been busy, with a number of professional development initiatives underway. Teams are leading PB4L (Positive Learning for Behaviour), mathematics and Kura Ahurea, combining teaching te Reo Māori alongside waiata and local history narratives., building collective understanding of and appreciation for Aotearoa's bicultural heritage. Structured literacy is in place across years 1 to 3, with the year 2/3 team completing their training this year.
- The mathematics team has continued to lead the development of mathematics across the school, ensuring they continue to work towards consistency and a rich mathematics curriculum. Kaiako are thrilled with the work the team have completed on the Ngaio Maths Folder - a one stop shop, which is easy to navigate and find resources for planning. They've created a 'Maths at Ngaio Guiding Document' to promote consistency across the school. This document provides clarity on the teaching, learning and assessment of mathematics at Ngaio School.

## Property Update

### Security Cameras

This term, the school had installed security cameras (CCTV). This is in response to an increase in vandalism and damage on school grounds outside of school hours over the last few years.

The purpose of the security cameras is to deter and identify anyone entering the school grounds illegally and /or engaging in criminal activity, misconduct, or behaviour risking harm to health and safety. Access to footage is at the discretion of the privacy officer and is only accessed for these purposes in accordance with the privacy act..

Cameras will be outward facing capturing images across the school grounds. At no stage will the camera system capture images within classrooms or toilet/changing room areas.



The installation of cameras aims to protect the school buildings, to assist in identifying offenders, and to deter behaviour that may result in damage to School Property

You can read our Security Camera Policy [here](#) ( you can log into SchoolDocs to view this and all other school policies with the username: Ngaio and password: abbott)

## My Kindo

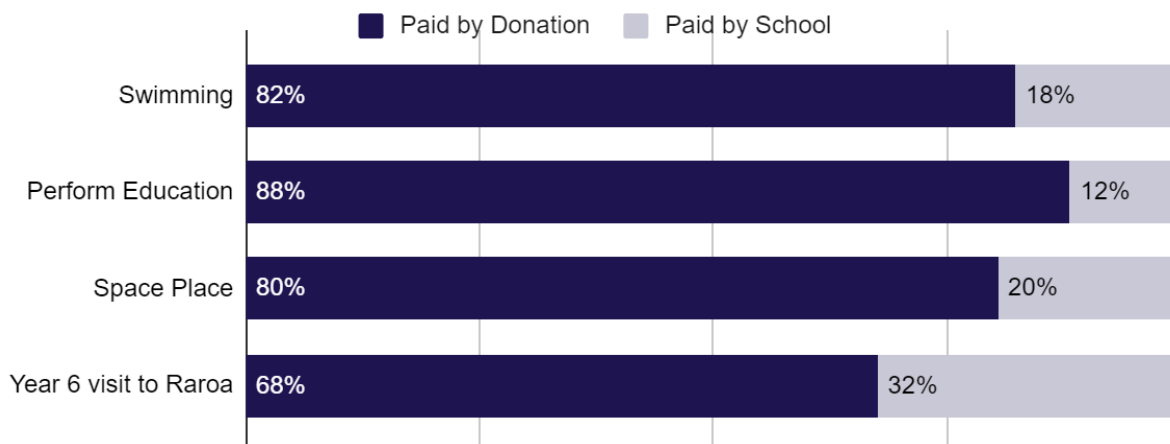
This year My Kindo was introduced for payment of the Family Donation and to pay for activities (more info in a [previous On Board](#))

Uptake of the tool has been fantastic so far, so thank you all.

### Activity costs

Donations for activities are now-requested on an activity by activity basis through My Kindo. When you log on you should see any outstanding requests.

So far, payments have been good with most families supporting activity costs:



The school will never exclude anyone from a trip or activity because of lack of payment, which means that the school will cover any costs that are not covered through My Kindo payments. However we only have a limited amount that we can cover in a year, so if not enough of the costs are covered by families in the first half of the year, this will limit the activities the school is able to run in the second half of the year.

If you are able to pay, please do so the school can continue to offer these fantastic opportunities.

### Family Donation

The family donation is a vital source of income for Ngaio School that supports the running of the school, and we are incredibly grateful to the families who pay their donations each year.

The funding that Ngaio School receives from the government is far less than the cost of running the school, which means that locally raised funds, such as the family donation, allow us to maintain the high standards of curriculum delivery and care we aspire to.

So far in 2024, 72% of families have paid a donation.

If you are planning to donate but have not got to it yet, you can do so through My Kindo or by contacting the office.

## CONTACT

We are always happy to hear feedback from the community – parents/whanau, children, staff regarding the governance of the school. Please feel free to attend our monthly meetings (these are advertised in the school newsletter or on the website), or you can contact us directly via the Presiding Member at [botjoe@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:botjoe@ngaio.school.nz)

Noho ora mai

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