

KEY DATES TERM 4 - Please check the school website calendar regularly

Sunday 1st December (midnight)	Inspire School Photo Gallery Closes
Thursday 5th December 9:15am	Tūi Hui in Room 24 hosted by Amy and Louisa (Rms 23/24)
Friday 6th December	Last day to donate books to the Kiwi Christmas Books Appeal.
Friday 6th December 9:10am	Kākāpō Hui - Room 2
Tuesday 10th December	Celebration Kākāpō Hui - Room 2
Tuesday 10th December	Last Day for Sushi orders
Wednesday 11 Dec 1.30-2.30pm	Tūi Celebration (certificates) - Te Kapua
Thursday 12 Dec 1.45-2.45pm	Poroporoaki to farewell leaving staff members
Thursday 12th December, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Friday 13th December	End of Year Reports go home
Monday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation, Rāroa Normal Intermediate
Tuesday 17th December	Ākongā meet their 2025 kaiako
Wed 18th December	Last Day of School Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8am Leaving families breakfast ● 11.30am Farewell to Yr 6 ākongā ● 12:30pm Final Bell

Kia ora e te Whānau

We're well into planning for the end of year events and hope you have these on your calendars. We'd love to see lots of you at our poroporoaki on 12 December to farewell staff.

If you've been near the senior playground recently, you'll see that part of it is now closed. This is following testing that has confirmed that the matting is no longer fit for purpose and therefore this area of taller equipment and

platforms is no longer safe. We have a committee with PTA and Board members planning how to replace the matting. Both playgrounds require new matting so this will be a major focus for fundraising and grants in 2025.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui, Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki



Staff Gifts

If you would like to contribute to a gift for any of our leaving staff, please deposit into our school bank account and put the 'staff member's name' and 'Gift' as your reference. Alternatively you can drop cash into the office or pay by Eftpos in the office.

We'd like to have all donations in by Thursday 12 December so we can purchase the gifts.

Bank account details: 12 - 3140 - 0210759 - 00



Wed 18 December
From 7.45am

We invite parents and caregivers of our Year 6 Tamariki who are the last (or only) children leaving Ngaio School, to this coffee/snack gathering on the last day of the school year.

Thank you to those who have replied so far. This event has been popular in the past few years - It's a chance for a chat with staff and fellow leavers; especially ideal if you are unable to attend the final assembly later in the day.

We would love you to join us in the school staffroom if you can. Please RSVP on this form by Friday 13 December to help us with catering.

[R.S.V.P. Form](#)

ATTENDANCE

One of the things we are continuing to be reminded about by the Ministry of Education, is student attendance. The Ministry has introduced the **Stepped Attendance Response (STAR)** system, which guides schools in escalating interventions based on absenteeism.

Key Ministry Deadlines:

- **Term 1, 2025:** Daily attendance reporting becomes mandatory, with weekly publication of attendance data.
- **Term 1, 2026:** STAR plan implementation is required for all schools.

We've been asked to share this information with families/whānau:

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

You are required to let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent and are recorded on your child's record as an unjustified absence.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- *School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.*
- *A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.*
- *A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.*

SUNHATS

A reminder that ākonga are asked to wear a wide brimmed hat in terms 1 and 4. Ngaio School hats are available to purchase from the office for \$20 each and come in a variety of colours. Ngaio School branded hats are not compulsory, your child is welcome to wear any hat that meets the requirements.

KIWI CHRISTMAS BOOKS



We are collecting brand new books, on behalf of Kiwi Christmas Books, to gift to kids in need this Christmas. Picture books, chapter books, fiction, non-fiction - we'd love them all! (And we'd love it even more if it was by a Kiwi author or illustrator, so we can support local artists as well as our budding Kiwi readers.)

Please bring books to the collection box in the office. Donations close on Friday 6 December.

PTA NEWS

Festive Fundraiser

Just a friendly reminder that your Festive Fundraiser orders should be making their way home to you today.

Thank you so much for your support in purchasing these items ! With your help we successfully raised \$790.22 which will support the playground refurbishments.

Thank you to Kelsey O'B and Mel D who helped pack the orders today. Please reach out to pta@ngaio.school.nz if there are any issues with your order quantities.

May your weekend be filled with treats !

Sizzle Day

Sausage Sizzle & Popsicles were consumed across the playground today. Always a great day at school for our tamariki !

Thank you so much for your support ! With your help we successfully raised \$919.25, which will also support the playground refurbishments. And of course thank you to our volunteers who made it a sizzling success!

Attention all Bakers

Once a term, we seek the help of a few volunteers to bake some delicious treats, as a way of showing appreciation for our school staff. We have an amazing Coordinator, Di, who reaches out to see who might be able to contribute to each of the special Staff Appreciation Morning Teas that we host. You will not always be called on and possibly not always be needed....

Please email pta@ngaio.school.nz if you are happy to be included in this list of Bakers.

Entertainment Book/Membership

If you are an avid Entertain Book/Membership user 20% of your membership can go to Ngaio School. A Single City Membership is only \$70 for the year. Order Here:

<https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/10420o2>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

This summer, Wellington City Libraries is inviting kids, teens and adults on a **Summer Reading Adventure!** From the **1st of December 2024 – 31st of January 2025**, you'll be able to log your reading, write, draw or film book reviews, and complete activities and challenges to earn rewards like collectible badges, free books, ice-cream vouchers, and go in the draw to win one of our fabulous Grand Prizes.

Visit the library website today at wcl.govt.nz/summerreading to pre-register for the Summer Reading Adventure, or visit any of our libraries from the 1st of December to pick up your Adventurer's Guide and get started.

**Muddy
Toes**

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Magical Fairy Forest

CRAFT & PLAY



\$20

Saturday 30 November

Khandallah Park

10-12:30

Suitable for ages 3-7

scan here
to book



W.O.R.L.D

YOUTH MTB ADVENTURES

7 - 17 year olds

January Holiday Camps
are LIVE!

We will be running camps
from the 7th to 24th of Jan
for riders of all abilities, from
7 to 17 years-old!

Bookings
NOW Open!

Term Programmes | Holiday Camps | Events | Youth Leadership

visit www.word.org.nz

Coming up: Wellington Music Centre's Summer Workshops!

Twice a year we gather all of WMC's 150+ students (ages 5-13) and their whānau for a joyful morning of community music-making, and you are invited! This is not a concert - we transform the entire community into a resounding band and choir, singing beautiful songs together. Participants don't need to have any musical experience, we will teach all the lyrics and melodies on the day. Kids, grandparents, uncles, aunties, friends are all welcome. Come and join our community, and we promise you'll leave uplifted and with a heart full of music!

Saturday 14th December

10am - 12:30pm

St Patrick's Hall, 17 Rongotai Road Kilbirnie

Koha

All the information you'll need can be found on [our website](#).