



Please note Key Dates are now at the end of the newsletter (before Community Notices).

Tēnā koutou Families

Welcome back to you all and a special welcome to new families who have joined Ngaio School this year. Our invitation to our Whakatau to welcome new families will be sent out soon. Please save the date and attend if you can.

The school website has been updated with syndicate information. Please refer to this to find out what's happening for your tamariki this term.

Many of you will have heard in the media about the mathematics resources we've been offered. We have an important decision to make regarding the four options on offer - all resources have pros and cons and there are many ways that they can be used by kura, from wholesale adoption to supplementing other approaches. Evaluating the four comprehensive sets of resources is an important task and we are taking our time to make sure that decisions about resources reflect our beliefs, values and concerns about mathematics and statistics teaching and learning at Ngaio School. We already have a mathematics and statistics programme that we've developed over the past three years and we need this resource to add to our practice in ways that will support and enhance our current programmes.

We are therefore considering the potential the resources have to improve what we already do, without losing valued aspects of our current approaches. We want to ensure our choice supports our already effective mathematics teaching and learning - we want our choice of resource to make things better for all ākonga in our kura.

Another consideration is affordability of the resources long-term, given that Ministry of Education funding is only for two years.

We are holding the first of our Ministry of Education allocated teacher only days on 31 March. We will spend this day further exploring the revised mathematics curriculum.

This year we have some big fundraising priorities, primarily the resurfacing of our playgrounds, and the PTA will be playing a key role in helping the school to be able to undertake these projects. We have a small playground committee gathering soon to start making plans for grant applications, possible sponsorship opportunities and fundraising.

The PTA need more people to be able to make fundraising a reality for our tamariki. They are seeking a Fundraising Coordinator, general committee members and specialists who are happy to lend their skills on an ad hoc basis. See the PTA section below for more details or contact them directly on pta@ngaio.school.nz. We encourage you to get involved in any way you can so your tamariki can enjoy the playgrounds they deserve.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
The Tumuaki

MEET THE TEAMS

Meet the Teams - Week 3, Tuesday 18 February.

Teachers will introduce themselves and present information about routines, events and expectations.

Kākāpō 5pm in Rooms 6 & 7

Tūtī 5.45 in Rooms 20 & 21

Year 6 Camp Meeting 6.30pm in Room 10

SCHOOL DOCS

Our school works with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://ngaio.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "ngaio" and password "abbott". On the Dashboard, there are links to helpful information to help you navigate the site. You can also access SchoolDocs from our school website.

CAN YOU HELP WITH NGAIO SCHOOL SPORTS?

Many thanks to Nicola Smith, Joe Winton and Nicola Wilks for offering to help organise our miniball, touch rugby and netball teams in 2025. It is a lot of fun to play these sports as part of a school team, but this is only possible thanks to our amazing co-ordinators!

We are still seeking a **hockey co-ordinator**, please get in touch if you can help. No coaching or playing experience is required—these roles are administrative and involve strong communication skills.

We are also looking for a **sports uniform co-ordinator** to manage our uniform supplies that are lent out for after-school sports teams and sports trips during school time.

Be part of our wonderful community and support our amazing students! For more information or to express interest, please contact Dan Byrne at d.byrne@ngaio.school.nz.

PTA NEWS

UPCOMING DATES - TERM 1 2025

- PTA Meeting - Thursday 13th February - 7.30pm - ONLINE - meet.google.com/nmz-nqch-wsa
- Family Portrait Fundraiser - Inspire Photography (see below)- Saturday 8 March
- PTA meeting - Thursday 13th March - 7.30pm - IN PERSON - Ngaio School Staff Room



Weather permitting portraits will be taken outdoors by a friendly and easy-going photographer.

Fun, games and general silliness will take place to get even the shyest children smiling.

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Inspire Photography will be coming again to Ngaio School to offer family portrait sittings that bring out the best of your whanau on **Saturday 8 March 2025**. There is a **\$20 sitting fee** that goes straight to the PTA, plus we get 10% of all sales to benefit our school and tamariki . Photos are purchased directly from Inspire (no obligation). See information attached.

Book your time slot here:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yjtwg>- GET IN QUICK!

We are seeking a **coordinator and volunteers** to support the day. Ideally the coordinator will be the key liaison for the Inspire team and coordinate volunteers to support the smooth running of the day. Please contact pta@ngaio.school.nz if you are able to lend a hand either as a the coordinator or an on the day volunteer (you just have to check families in and write names on a whiteboard).

JOIN THE PTA - WE NEED YOU!

The Ngaio School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) aims to build links between home and school. We hold regular meetings in partnership with the school, to help coordinate parent involvement in events, and fundraising activities to support initiatives that benefit our tamariki and the school community.

If you are looking to build awesome relationships with other amazing whanau who want to contribute to the experience our tamariki have at Ngaio School, then this is the place to do it! Feel free to send us an email to join the mailing list for event & meetings updates pta@ngaio.school.nz

We are always looking for general committee members to build on our ideas, or specialists that can help from time to time in an ad hoc capacity, and we are also seeking our next Fundraising Coordinator.

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

To be our new Fundraising Coordinator you will be highly organised and able to support others to achieve desired outcomes. We call this "Rallying the Troops"! Plus, you'll be working with a great team of amazing volunteers.

The Fundraising Coordinator helps the committee to:

- Coordinate Fundraising events including managing volunteers and/or supporting Individual Fundraiser Leaders
- Work with the Chairperson and committee to ensure successful outcomes

Please contact pta@ngaio.school.nz if you are interested in having a chat about this role!

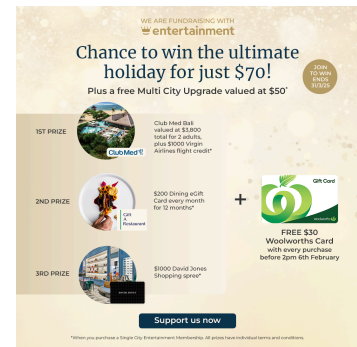
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Ngaio School PTA gets 20% of the cost of each Entertainment Book membership ordered via this

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

At the moment there is a promotion running where you get:

- ✨ A FREE \$30 Woolworths eGift Card (yes, FREE!)
- ✨ The chance to win a dreamy Club Med holiday in Bali
- ✨ Exclusive savings—up to 50% off dining, shopping, and travel across Australia, New Zealand, and Bali



KEY DATES		LINK: School Community Calendar
Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day - School Closed	
Thursday 13th February, 7.30pm	PTA Meeting ONLINE - meet.google.com/nmz-nqch-wsa	
Tuesday 18 February, 5:00 – 6:30pm	Parent - Meet the Team Y1-6	
Tuesday 18 February, 6.30pm	Camp Meeting	
Thursday 20 February, 7.00pm	Board Meeting	
Monday 24 February, 9am	Whakatau, Staffroom	
Friday 28 February, 9 - 10am	Tūi Hui	
Wednesday 5 March, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar	
Friday 7 March, 9- 10am	Kākāpō Hui	
Thursday 13 March, 7.30pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom	
Friday 14 March, 9 - 10am	Tūi Hui	
Tuesday 18 March	Northern Zone Cricket - Alex Moore Park	
Thursday, 20 March, 5:00 – 7:00pm	ROCKET CARNIVAL	
Friday 21 March, 9- 10am	Kākāpō Hui	
Friday 21 March	Little Heart Day	
Monday 24 March, 10am - 12.30pm	Tūi Triathlon	
Tuesday 25 March	Ki o Rahi Festival, Nairnville Park	
Friday 28 March, 9 - 10am	Tūi Hui	
Friday 28 March	Northern Zone Football - Alex Moore Park	
Monday 31 March	Teacher Only Day (MoE allocated) SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 1 April	Y5&6 Northern Zone Football	
Wednesday 2 April	PTA staff appreciation morning tea	
Thursday 3 April	Open afternoon (more info to come)	
Friday 4 April, 9- 10am	Kākāpō Hui	
Mon 7 - Fri 11 April	Pedal Ready Dates Y5 EOTC Week	
Tues 8 April - Fri 11 April	Year 6 at Forest Lakes Camp	
Friday 11 April	Term 1 Ends, 3:00pm	
Monday 28 April	Term 2 Begins, 9:00am	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Northern Suburbs Netball committee are about to kick off planning for the 2025 year. Last year they lost some people in key positions from the committee and are looking to fill these positions. Without these roles filled, they are unable to run a competition and have asked us to share this flyer with school whānau.

URGENT

NO VOLUNTEERS, MEANS..... NO NETBALL IN 2025

WANTED: COMMITTEE MEMBERS & PROGRAMME COORDINATORS

This is an opportunity for you to:

- Develop new skills
 - Gain valuable experience for your CV
 - Support the community you live in
 - Positively impact the lives of children.
- No previous experience needed
 - You don't need to know anything about netball
 - Support and handover provided
 - Good organisational skills required

We need to fill SEVEN positions for our netball programmes to run in 2025:

- Vice-chair (officer role)
- Secretary (officer role)
- Court Controller Coordinator
- Kiwi Whistler Coordinator
- Health & Safety Officer
- ~~Year 7&8 PDP Coordinator~~
- Prizegiving Organiser

To find out more about the roles and how you can help, contact us at secretary@nsnetball.co.nz



**Be part of the solution. Don't just hope someone else will.
Join us and keep netball going for our tamariki.**



SUMMER SPORTS SPECTACULAR!

TERM 1 2025

NGAIO SCHOOL

Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

For years 0-4! Runs for 8 weeks - 2 weeks of the above sports!

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!

www.kellysports.co.nz

Sessions start Weds 12 Feb 2025.

Contact: adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz

✓ Cricket
✓ Football
✓ Ultimate Frisbee
✓ Dodgeball



BEGINNER & ADVANCED

CODING LESSONS



CODINGNZ

Learn coding, a valuable skill in our increasingly digital world!

Years 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10
Weekdays after school
Attend online from home



SIGN UP FOR A
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codingnz.com

KAT THEATRE PRESENTS

THE MAN WHOSE MOTHER WAS A PIRATE

*written by Margaret Mahy, adapted by Tim Bray. Songs by Christine White
directed by Megan Davies*

A MADCAP PIRATE STORY FOR FAMILIES

KHANDALLAH PARK

bad weather - Cochran Hall

details at www.kat-theatre.org.nz

FEB 15, 16, 22, 23

SAT & SUN

1:30 & 3:30



PLAYMARKET
SOUTH ISLAND

CRICKET WELLINGTON

GIRLS SMASH



WHO: School kids in years 3/4, 5/6 & 7/8

WHAT: Short & fun 6 aside cricket games

WHEN: 4pm - 5pm: Mondays &/or Tuesdays (venue dependant)

WHERE: Alex Moore Park, Fraser Park, Kelburn Park, Wakefield Park

COST: \$30 per player or \$180 per team



Girls Smash Cricket is back for Term 1!

This term we're running Girls Smash as a six week, six a side inter school competition.

Your local Girls Smash hub is at Alex Moore Park (top field by the Waioira) for Year 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 girls.

Get together your team of six and register [here](#)

Or if you can't get a team of 6, we'll also take individual registrations and put you in a team:, register [here](#)

Key Details:

Location: Alex Moore Park

Age group: School Year 3/4, 5/6, 7/8

Day: Monday 4:00-5:00pm

Dates: 17 February - 24 March 2025

Cost: \$180 per team or \$30 per player

If you have any questions please contact Sarah via

sarah@cricketwellington.co.nz



KARORI LIONS KARNIVAL & FAIR

Sunday February 16th
10am to 3pm

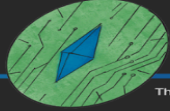
Ben Burn Park
Campbell Street, Karori

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

For further information:
www.karorikarnival.com or
email: karorikarnival@lionsclubs.org.nz

Tuhura Tech

Empowering the next generation



Through technology education



TECH CLUB

Year 5-8

Cummings Park (Ngaio)
Library

Tuesday 3:30-5:15

Free



<https://tuhuratech.org.nz>

"Have a child interested in programming and technology? Tuhura tech offers free afterschool digitech tutoring, with a focus on nurturing your child's passion through building projects and developing real tech skills. All material, including laptops, is provided! Who: Any student Year 5 - Year 8 Where: Cummings Park Library When: Every Tuesday 3:30pm to 5:15pm Cost: None! Signups and more information at <https://tuhuratech.org.nz/>"



PNP Club & College Sport Wellington MTB Champs

Sunday February 16th
at Spicer Botanical
Park

www.pnp.org.nz/club-championship for info



Photo credit Neil
Kennington



Encore Drama Academy (*previously known as Helen O'Grady Drama Academy*)

Encore Drama Academy based in Wellington is all about giving children self confidence to succeed in life. Our classes help build creative thinking and literacy skills while also teaching children positive social skills including effective team interaction, leadership, confidence and public speaking. Our programme also helps every child to develop performance skills, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, and make new friends in a fun filled learning environment. After-school classes for 5 - 17 year olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, and Lower Hutt. If you wish to enrol or require more information please visit our website www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz .