

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

Tēnā koutou Families

Thank you for the great turn out to our meet the team sessions this week. Our kaiako really appreciated the turnout and sharing their routines and important information with you. Turn out to the camp meeting was also fantastic - I know our year 6 ākonga are already getting super excited about camp in week 10!

Swimming has been going well and with much appreciation on the lovely hot summer days we've been having recently. The pool continues to be a valuable, appreciated resource for our school community so we will be very grateful for your contributions to lessons once the request is sent home next week.

We have completed our 2025 Annual Plan and look forward to sharing this with you soon - we have another year of learning and development, with a big focus on the revised curriculum in mathematics and literacy. We also shared our 2024 achievement data with the Board last night and this is summarised in the Board section below.

You will be aware we are no longer using Seesaw to share learning examples. We are currently in training to make the shift to using Hero as our School Management System and will soon be inviting you to load the Hero App so you can once again receive posts from your tamariki and kaiako. At the start of term 2 we will be using Hero to record absences and other features will also be introduced over the year, including our reporting to you on achievement and progress.

If you've been around the school recently, you will have noticed some temporary fencing in several areas, including the Arb. This is a trial, funded by the Ministry of Education, after which some of the fencing and gates will be replaced with permanent structures. These are being added for the safety of ākonga who can currently access some areas that are out of bounds and/or unsafe. The Arb is still being used as it was prior to the fencing - the gates are closed during class time and any permanent fencing will be added in a way that retains the use and look of this special area, with gates for access.

Our first whakatau to welcome new kaiako, tamariki and their families is on Monday so I look forward to seeing some of you there

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
The Tumuaki

Update from the Board

Last night the Board had its first meeting of the year. We have decided that this year, instead of a separate newsletter we will include updates in the school newsletter after each meeting to keep the community updated on what's going on.

Please contact botjoe@ngaio.school.nz or any of the board if you have any questions.








Board Changes

Craig Fairhall resigned from the Board of Trustees at the end of last year, with his family moving out of Ngaio. We want to thank Craig for his hard work during two years on the Board, including one as presiding member (chair). His contributions to our meetings will definitely be missed!

We were also very excited to welcome Katy, who as part of her office manager role is the new board secretary - Welcome Katy!

So who's on the board?

The current Ngaio School Board of Trustees is:

			
<p>Joe Winton (Presiding Member) botjoe@ngaio.school.nz</p>	<p>Emma Andrews (Parent Representative) botemma@ngaio.school.nz</p>	<p>Daniel Mumford (Parent Representative) botdan@ngaio.school.nz</p>	<p>Sarah Deans (Parent Representative) botsarahd@ngaio.school.nz</p>
			

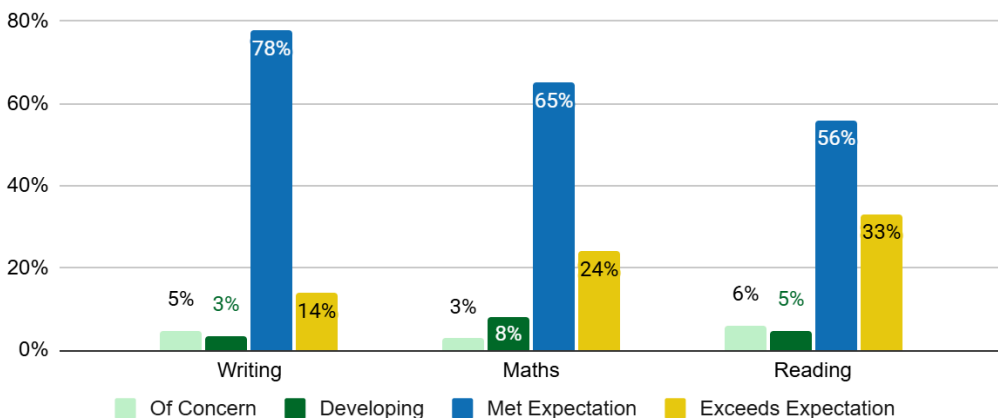
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Last night's discussion

2024 end of year achievement data.

Sarah Simpson came along to report on last year's achievement data. The high level summary is that the results are fantastic and highlight the incredible teaching at Ngaio School. In 2024 89% of students met or exceeded expectations in reading and maths and 92% of students met or exceeded expectations in writing. See here for a guide to how Ngaio measures achievement and progress, and look out for a more detailed summary in

End Year 2024, Whole School Achievement



Budget

Raewyn has been working hard with the Board and our accountants to review and revise our annual budget. The falling roll at Ngaio (experienced by all local schools and schools across Wellington) which impacts our government funding and increasing costs are putting more pressure on our budget. We are looking for more ways to be efficient with the resources we have. We are also looking at new and additional ways to bring in additional income to the school. Family donations are a critical source of income for the school, please look out for communication about the 2025 donation in the next few weeks.

Annual Plan

The Board has been working with the School to finalise this year's Annual Implementation Plan. The annual plan sets goals for the year that aim to meet the agreed initiatives laid out in the School's strategic plan. This year's plan builds on the great work in 2024 and will be published on the school website later in term 1.

Senior Playground

We also made some decisions about the currently closed senior playground. Look out for some exciting news later this term.

PTA NEWS

UPCOMING DATES - TERM 1 2025

- *Family Portrait Fundraiser - Inspire Photography (see below) - Saturday 8 March*
- *PTA meeting - Thursday 13th March - 7.30pm - IN PERSON - Ngaio School Staff Room*

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Saturday 8 March 2025

Reminder - Inspire Photography is coming again to Ngaio School on.

GET IN QUICK! Only 6 spots remaining - Book your time slot here...

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yjtwg>

We are still seeking volunteers to support the day. Please register your interest if you are able to lend a hand (you just have to check families in on the day and write names on a whiteboard)

<https://forms.gle/VSnLs13G7Br1yiE89>



FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Inspire Photography will be coming to photograph your families on the

Saturday 8 March 2025

100% of the \$20 sitting fee and 10% of all sales will be donated back to Ngaio School



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.

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 by working with the committee to coordinate fundraising events including managing volunteers and/or supporting individual fundraiser leaders. Note that you don't have to do all of the fundraising yourself, there is often somebody else leading the fundraiser, you just need to be across it.

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

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Monday 24 February, 9am	Whakatau, Staffroom
Friday 28 February, 9 - 10am	Tūi Hui hosted by Rm 12 (Sam) in Rm 24
Wednesday 5 March, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar
Friday 7 March, 9- 10am	Kākāpō Hui - Rm 6 & 7 Hosting
Thursday 13 March, 7.30pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Thursday 13 March	Kidney Kids NZ - Gold coin donation.
Friday 14 March, 9 - 10am	Tūi Hui - hosted by Rm 10 (Chantal) in Rm 24
Tuesday 18 March	Northern Zone Cricket - Alex Moore Park
Thursday 20 March, 5 – 7:00pm	ROCKET CARNIVAL

Friday 21 March, 9- 10am	Kākāpō Hui - Hosted by Room 1 & 3
Friday 21 March	Little Heart Day
Mon 24 March, 10am - 12.30pm	Tūi Yr 4/5 Triathlon
Tuesday 25 March	Ki o Rahi Festival, Nairnville Park
Friday 28 March, 9 - 10am	Tūi Hui - hosted by Rm 20 (Hayden) in Rm 24
Friday 28 March	Northern Zone Football - Alex Moore Park
Monday 31 March	Teacher Only Day (MoE allocated) SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 1 April	Yr 5&6 Northern Zone Football
Wednesday 2 April	PTA staff appreciation morning tea
Thursday 3 April, 2.15 - 3pm	Open afternoon
Friday 4 April, 9- 10am	Kākāpō Hui - Hosted by Rooms 5 & 8
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, 3:00pm	Term 1 Ends
Monday 28 April, 9:00am	Term 2 Begins

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NGAIO SCOUTS

Ngaio Scouts have space for youth between the ages of 5-14. Keas age 6-8, Cubs 8-11, Scouts 11-14 and Venturers 14-18

Every year we help 13,000 young people in New Zealand enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors, make new connections, and gain confidence. This includes outdoor activities and Leadership.

We are also on the lookout for new Leaders in our Group, it is a great and fun opportunity.

To make contact with us, please email ngaio@group.scouts.nz



Drama Club

Where creativity takes centre stage! Our fun, weekly drama classes are designed to help your child express themselves, build confidence, and develop valuable performance skills—all while having a blast. Join us in Karori and let the magic of drama inspire your child!

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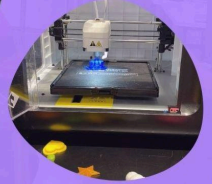
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FREE TRIALS OPEN NOW

- EMAIL REFERRALS@BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ TO BOOK A 1:1 TRIAL

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Koha show

Sunday 23rd February

Saturday 8th March

11.30am

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Te Māra a Tāne



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ARTS FESTIVAL

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Open Day for Year 7 entry in 2026

Marsden warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2026 to their first Open Day for 2025 on **Friday 21 March, 8.45am–12.00pm**. Please register at www.marsden.school.nz/register

Scholarships for entry in 2026 are now open. For more information and to apply, visit www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships.



Wellington Judo Academy
is proudly one of the oldest martial arts clubs in New Zealand.

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and see what makes us one of Wellington's

