

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

Tēnā koutou Families

I have been working closely with management at TheY who run our Ngaio After School Care Programme (NOSCAR). It has been great to hear about improvements they have been making to their programme, including their booking system and a new manager, Donna. Donna is very experienced in running after school care programmes, bringing great programming knowledge & structure, strong relationships and communication skills to the programme. They have also recently employed two other new staff, Tash who has moved from Hawkes Bay and brings lots of previous experience, and Liam who also works at Ngaio School as a teacher aide. I'm told they've both settled in well and are a 'hit' with the kids!

Other important news is that In a couple of weeks TheY will be moving their programme into rooms 16 and 17. Check out the school website for up to date information about TheY. They have also been planning their next holiday programme so also check the school website for information about this coming soon.

With the move of The Y to rooms 16 and 17, we will once again have access to McLeod Hall for school use. We're very excited by this and hope to soon be running events like hui from the hall.

Planning for the ROCKET Carnival is underway. The carnival is a PTA and school collaboration and we'd love all families to join in this fun event to bring our school community together. Next week you will receive information about how to pre-order food. So far this is pizza and we have another item soon to be confirmed. See the poster below and look out for more information soon.

We've recently been informed of an Education Review Office (ERO) Te Ara Huarau Evaluation for Ngaio School. ERO began implementing a new approach to school evaluation in February 2021. Although ERO's accountability function has not changed, the focus of the approach is school improvement with ERO and schools working together to ensure all learners in the school system are successful. Mary Ely and Michelle Irving are visiting the school in week 7, beginning Tuesday and feeding back on Thursday. We have been busy gathering the pre-review information they've requested, including our 2025 Strategic and Annual Plans. You can see our

strategic plan, including annual goals here. [Ngaio School Strategic Plan 2025](#)

Tomorrow, the Board will be sending home our 2025 request for the Family Donation. We rely on this to help balance the books to ensure we continue to offer a well resourced teaching and learning experience for your tamariki, as well as keeping our site well maintained. There are a lot of hidden costs in a school, including insurances, utilities, cleaning and caretaking, subscriptions for things like Copyright and leases like the copier. The list is long and we work really hard to make cuts and savings everywhere possible without compromising curriculum delivery.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
The Tumuaki

NGAIO SCHOOL
SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

ROCKET CARNIVAL

Thursday 20 March
5-7pm

Resilient – Open-minded – Curious – Kind – Empathetic – Trustworthy

Food – bring a picnic, pick up your pre-ordered pizza and other food TBC.

Purchase an extra treat....

- Baking
- Lollies
- Coffee Cart

- remember your reusable cup ☺

Performance – 6pm outside Room 16

Enviro Stall – support our enviro group’s fundraising

The Clinic – join in the activities and find out more by Room 13

Activities – organised games

PTA Raffle

Please bring cash for your purchases

PHONES AWAY FOR THE DAY REMINDER

From the start of Term 2 2024, regulations were introduced stating that schools must prohibit ākonga | students from using or accessing their phone while they are attending school, unless it is required for learning purposes, health reasons or directed by a teacher or the principal. Phones away for the day includes during lunch time and breaks, and when on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

The intention of having ākonga | student phones away for the day is to improve engagement and achievement through minimising distractions during learning time and increasing social interaction while they are attending school.

The guidelines for the use of phones at ngaio School is detailed in our [Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices](#) policy [*Login: Ngaio, Password: Abbott*] (The policy also covers any personal digital device that is privately owned and not part of any school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme.

If you need to contact your child urgently during the day, please call the office

KIDNEY KIDS NZ - GOLD COIN DONATION Thursday 13 March

Please help support this fundraiser by encouraging your child/ren to wear bright colours and bring a gold coin donation to school.

HOUSE EVENT

Next Friday 14 March to celebrate the House Token Boxes being filled we are having a whole school sports fun afternoon. Ākonga receive tokens for exhibiting the ROCKET values and these tokens go towards houses earning rewards e.g. their house flag flying, dress up days and lunchtime activities.

HEAD LICE

Head Lice pops up in schools from time to time and we are always thankful for either being told or finding out so we can inform families. We are aware of a case at school. Please check your child/children over the weekend. Look over the scalp for insects or eggs. It is very important you check your child's head daily and continue treatments until all eggs and head lice are gone. We need to try and break the cycle to avoid any further infestations. It is wise to keep long hair tied up during the outbreak.

MOVIN' MARCH IS HERE!

We're proud to be a Movin'March school and this month we're looking forward to seeing whānau and students walking or wheeling to or from school. Walking, biking, and scooting is a great way to improve well-being, kick start learning for the day, and it's also great for the planet! Remember your WOW Passport so we can stamp your trip and keep an eye out for our low plastic spot prizes!

WOW Passport Challenge

Let's get stamping! Drop completed cards into the school office - all entries will go in the draw to win one of 5 x Micro Scooters and helmets (you don't have to complete your whole card to go in the draw!). If your family lives too far away, why not park a short distance away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest of the way?

SUBWAY MULGRAVE STREET

A reminder about Subway's School Lunch Programme for Ngaio School which is available every Thursday during the school year

Please remember that online orders need to be placed by 9am Thursday for same-day delivery.

Payments can only be made via Credit Card.

Instructions:

1. Go to www.subwayexpress.co.nz
2. Select > School Lunch Programme
3. Log in (or register if you're using Subway Express for the first time)
4. Select > Ngaio School
5. Fill out the fields for Student name and class
6. Now, choose your Sub: Select Sandwich size, Bread type, Cheese options, Salad options, and any special requests (like cookies or drink options)
7. Confirm your order
8. Complete your payment details and place the order



For the rest of the term when you make an order one lucky student will be picked at random and win a \$15 Subway Gift card.

Did you also know that every time you order Subway the school receives a small rebate that comes back for the school to use?


Hi Parents,

Our first batch of Scholastic Book Club brochures has been sent home this week. If you'd like to place an order, please make sure to submit it by March 21st. It's a great way to encourage your child's love of reading while supporting our school!

Thank you for your support!


Heather, Scholastic Book Club Coordinator





Book Clubs LOOP

for Parents



AVAILABLE
AS AN APP!

LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online**
Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

PTA NEWS

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

We are still looking for someone 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!

ROCKET CARNIVAL

More information to follow on this exciting event on Thursday 20th of March.

KEY DATES		LINK: School Community Calendar
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	
Tuesday 18 March	Education Review Office Visiting	
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

Registrations are open until 14 March for the Winter season with Onslow Junior Football Club. Sign up for a winter of football and fun!

For more information, and to register, have a look at our website <https://onslow.org.nz/registrations/>

⚽ For those new to school and football -- First Kicks is a great introduction for girls and boys turning 5 or 6 this year (and also 7 for girls), with a real focus on fun, getting everyone involved, and football basics.

⚽ Did you know....from U7 grade, girls have the option of playing Mixed Leagues on Saturdays, or Girls Only Leagues on Sundays ? Or, they can play both if they're keen!



**REGISTER NOW
FOR THE
2025 SEASON**



Male mentors needed

in Hutt Valley, Wellington & Porirua



Being a Big Brother is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable things you will ever do. It's simple too. Just spend one hour, once a week, during school or after school or in the weekend doing activities you already like to do.



You don't have to change your life to change theirs.

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of Wellington
Tuakana Teina

<https://www.bigbrothersbig sisters.org.nz/wellington>



Have A Go! At Netball Umpiring



Umpiring a team this year and feel a bit unsure?
Want to give umpiring a try just to see what it's like?

Come and have a go in a 'no pressure' situation.
We'll give you pointers to get you started and then support you while you try umpiring real players on a real court. No need to register, just turn up!

Sunday 23 March

Newlands Intermediate courts

10.00am: 7-aside umpiring session

11.15am: 6-aside umpiring session

All welcome - bring your own whistle



THE WINTER PROJECT

Who are we:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by a group of Year 11 and Year 13 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter clothes and deliver them to schools in the greater Wellington region. Specifically targeting families who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.

What you can do:

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed in your school to put the items in. Thank you so much for your help!

Contact us:

Facebook: The Winter Project

Instagram: [_thewinterproject](#)

Email: winterprojectwgtn@gmail.com

Please bring any donations that you have to the office.