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Tēnā tātou katoa – ngā mihi o te wā ki a tātou te whānau whānui o te Kura o Ngaio.

Greetings to all families and friends of Ngaio School.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome the following new people to our school – Harry and Amy.

Our new class – Room 21 has 5 children currently.

The library space has transformed into a fabulous large teaching space. The class numbers for classroom 21 are as follows:

- By the end of October the class size will be 16 students
- By 14 November the class size will be 24 students
- Commencing 15 November an additional teacher will work in the classroom to support another 4 enrolments in the class.

Looking ahead to next year – all children currently in Room 21 will be year 1 children working in our junior rooms upstairs. The Board of Trustees and I are delighted to announce that next year the library will return to being a library and will not be used for classroom accommodation. Bernice and Tina are excited; as are our library monitors.

2011 Staffing

Lauren Ketchen will leave us to go on maternity leave in early November. We are in the process of appointing a relieving teacher for our room 18 students.

We wish Lauren and her husband all the best for the birth of their first child.

2012 Staffing

This time of the year is always busy as we shortlist and interview for staff for 2012.

Currently we have advertisements running for 5 staff. This is fairly normal in a large school.

Sad News

One staffing change though, that will leave a big gap, is the retirement in March 2012 of our special Judy Mullins.

Judy is nearing a significant milestone in her career and has decided that, at that time, she will retire from full time teaching.

Judy will continue her link with our school next year but not in the capacity of a full time-

teacher. She has had a distinguished career in teaching and her reputation is legendary – she is quite simply a master teacher.

Watch this space as we prepare to acknowledge this great teacher.

STAFFING ORGANISATION FOR 2012

Looking at draft organization for next year

- We will open in 2012 with 5 year 1 classes
- There will be another 3 classes of new entrants set up between May and Dec 2012
- There will be 3 year 2 classes
- There will be 6 year 3/ 4 classes
- There will be 5 year 5/6 classes

School Road Patrols and Parent Helpers

Every so often I publish parental thoughts and this week I have included some feedback from Justine Empson - one of our Road Patrol Parent Helpers.

I am a parent helper on the schools road patrol each week, and do not appreciate being abused by parent /caregivers who object to being asked to use the patrolled lights and crossings.

The Year 6 children and the parent Volunteers do this important job to ensure your children are safe going to and from school.

Please ensure you teach your children the road safety messages and then model those behaviours to your children.

Some Reminders:

Ottawa Road lights (Mornings and Afternoons):

- Please get children to stand behind yellow paving on ground. The further away from road, the better.
- Cross with the "green man" and beeping sound. When the "red man" starts flashing (and beeping stops) please stop and wait for next turn.
- Please cross between the 2 white lines painted on the road (the whole way). This also means children need to go around the yellow poles on the footpath.

Colway Street (Afternoons Only)

- Adults – please cross with the crossing volunteer. Teach your children that this is the best place to cross. DO NOT walk 5 metres up road and cross them yourselves. If you are not there one day, they may do this.

Remember all the parents and children are volunteers and are doing their job to try and keep your child safe. Thanks, Justine

Calendars

Order forms will be sent home on the first day of term 4 - Tuesday 25 October.

During the first week of next term classrooms will have Calendar Art on display for the ordering of calendars. The turnaround is tight so please make sure that you have placed an order by **Friday 4th of November**. **All orders are to go to the class teacher please.**

Calendars: \$12 each

Diaries: \$16 each

Card Packs: \$12.50 each (8 cards per pack)

Payment can be cash, cheque (made out to Ngaio School), Eftpos or Internet banking – please use code **6330**. Please email n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz if you have made an Internet

banking payment. Please complete a form for each child. Sorry late orders will not be accepted. Accepting late orders will jeopardize the school order being delivered in time for Christmas. The school bank account number is **12 3140 0210759 00.**

South New Brighton School

John Bockett, Principal of South New Brighton School in Christchurch has invited three students, a staff member and a member of the Parent Teacher Association to visit Christchurch. He wants to show our students first-hand what the situation is like in Christchurch.

South New Brighton School is a school the Ngaio community and PTA adopted after the devastating September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes.

John and a South New Brighton School board member have secured sponsorship through Air New Zealand and Helicopter Tours to bring down the children and adults to see first hand what has happened in Christchurch.

The trip to Christchurch is on Wednesday 26 October. The time frame for the visit has changed a couple of times due to the Rugby World Cup but now we have a confirmed date. The students representing the school in this wonderful opportunity are:

Sam (yr 6), Emma (yr 5) Hannah (yr 4).

The students needed to self-nominate against the following selection criteria.

- Ability to manage themselves
- Competent ICT skills
- Ability to communicate
- Socialization skills - moving into unknown learning spaces
- Confidence
- Empathy and ability to relate

Adele Broadmore (Senior Teacher of Kakapo Syndicate) and Nicola Mitchell from the PTA will accompany the children.

Once they return the students will be involved in speaking about their experiences. They will present to their peers, the Board of Trustees and the Ngaio School PTA.

Class Organisation

Some of you have contacted me about class organisation for 2012. A point of clarification: contacting me to ask for a particular teacher is not the intent of this opportunity. Rather, this is an opportunity to let me know of things that will be helpful for placing your child.

Finally, we take considerable time over class placements and due to the lateness of finalising children, numbers and staff I will not be able to respond to each individual email.

RIPPA RUGBY REPORT by Maddie - Room 17

Eighteen talented Ngaio pupils were lined up by the bus stop where the bus was already half full of eager Cashmere Avenue students. After the quick ride we got off the excited bus and started nervously talking, waiting for instructions to follow.

"Alright kids, you'll be going off to have a look at some awesome Waka and then you might just be able to get to meet a famous All Black," declared Rick from the Wellington Rugby Football Union.

So we obediently followed Rick to where the awesome Waka were and talked about them. After that we were escorted up some stairs which we found full of rugby jerseys and a table full of special rugby trophies and special looking objects.

After that we had a chat about life 100 years ago and how it has changed. Then we got

to have a talk from a famous ex-AB Steven Bachop about his career - it was a really amazing experience. It was a special time after that because the W.R.F.U gave us a Taonga (gift) to take back to school. It is an ore with Ngaio School engraved on the wood. After that we went off to play Rippa Rugby and both of our teams won! It was an exciting trip.

RIPPA RUGBY REPORT by Walter & Joshua

On Monday some year 5 and 6 school representatives went to town to play a match of Ripper Rugby and to learn about what it was like 150 years ago in Wellington, and about the way it has changed over the years.

First we went to Wharewaka to learn about the waka and then we went upstairs to learn about what it was like 150 years ago. We also got to meet an All Black who was called Steve Bachop. He talked to us about his career and what he had to do to get where he is now. He has played first class rugby for 16 years and played 300 games. After that we went to play a game of Ripper Rugby against Cashmere Ave and won - 4:3.

After that we had some sausages and then we left. Our favourite part of the morning was beating Cashmere and meeting Steve Bachop.

Artsplash



This year
the Ngaio
School
Choir of
thirty

children participated in the Artsplash Festival 2011. The children rehearsed 15 songs during the year to be ready for the performance and to join with several schools from the Wellington region in a massed choir. The atmosphere on the evening was absolutely wonderful and our children just looked fabulous dressed in black, white and silver to represent New Zealand for the Rugby World Cup. Well done, Ngaio School Choir! We are so proud of you!

Miss Hamilton



An excerpt by Rose, about the Artsplash Festival

On the 20th of September the Ngaio School Choir sang at the Town Hall along with many other schools. There were lots of surprises and a cool wearable arts dance about halfway through. We sang 15 songs.

We were dressed in black & white because every school had a country they supported and ours was New Zealand. It was really fun and we got to stay up VERY late. All our parents and grandparents came. My favourite song was probably 'Warm Pacific Greetings'. I would love to be in Artsplash again – maybe next year!

LIBRARY MONITOR SUCCESS

Warmest congratulations go to **Kate**, Room 17, who has completed the requirements for the second level of Library Monitor training and has earned her **Silver Certificate**.
Well done Kate! *Bernice and Tina, Ngaio School Library*

IT'S KIWIANA DAY TOMORROW!

Order your Jelly Tips, Popsicles and Ice Cream Sandwiches in the hall between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. Collect at lunchtime from 'the cave' (outside the hall) where children will also be able to buy lollies and other Kiwi Treats (50c). Please bring lots of change.

KEY DATES

Friday 7 October	Last Day of Term 3 Rugby World Cup Kiwiana Day -(Ice-cream sandwiches, lollies etc)
Tuesday 25 October	First Day Term 4
Thursday 27 October	Board of Trustees Meeting - 7pm - staffroom
Friday 28 October	School Sports Day (Hot Dogs & Popsicles)
Tuesday 8 Nov	PTA Meeting - 7.45pm - Staffroom
Tuesday 15 November	Lunchtime Pizza
Wednesday 16 November	New Parent Information Seminar - 1.40pm
Friday 9 Dec	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 6 Dec	PTA Meeting - 7.45pm - Staffroom
Thursday 15 Dec	Year 6 Leavers' Function
Sunday 11 March	Gala 2012

Friday 28th October

Ngaio School Athletics Day

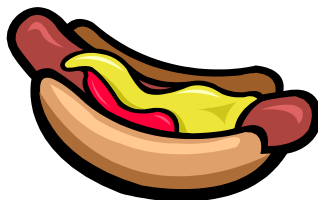
‘Hot Dogs (\$2.50) and Cool Pops (\$1.50)’

The PTA will be selling ‘Hot Dogs and Cool Pops’ (Popsicles) to fill up and cool down our runners, jumpers and throwers, on Athletics Day.

Monies raised will go towards making the final payments on the new scooter bays.



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Hot and cold drinks will be available for parents.

Parent helpers needed to take orders on Friday morning (8.30-9.00 inside the hall) and to help prepare, serve and clean up at lunchtime (C.11.30-1.00). Please contact Karen Connell on 479 4529 / Karencon@xtra.co.nz if you can help.

IF THE SCHOL ATHLETICS DAY IS POSTPONED, HOT DOGS AND COOL POPS WILL ALSO BE POSTPONED. IF THE WEATHER LOOKS ‘IFFY’ IN THE MORNING, PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL ANSWERPHONE AND SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A PACKED LUNCH IF THE EVENT IS POSTPONED.

Ready? Let's bake a difference!

25th - 31st October is Blind Week. In support of this, Pohutukawa team are going to be part of the 'Bake a Difference' fundraiser.

They will be selling individual cupcakes, biscuits, slices and muffins on Thursday 27th October for a gold coin donation. Please ensure your child has the appropriate amount of money. No change will be given. Donation is the focus.

We look forward to your support

TERM DATES 2011

Term 3	Monday 1 August - Friday 7 October
Term 4	Tuesday 25 October - Friday 16 December

TERM DATES 2012

Term 1	Tuesday 31 st January - Thursday 5 April
Term 2	Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June
Term 3	Monday 16 July - Friday 28 September
Term4	Monday 15 October - Friday 14 December

Community Notices

Drama Club Holiday Programme: Drama classes are held in the second week of the holidays from Monday 17th October till Friday 21st of October, mornings from 9.00am - 12.00pm. Drop off any time after 8.40am. Classes are held at the Karori Baptist Church, 161-163 Karori Road, Wellington. These classes cost only \$15 per three hour session. Check out the www.dramaclub.co.nz to register or for more details.

KidzStuff Theatre presents:

The Hare and the Tortoise

By Rob Ormsby

Venue: 4 Moncrieff St., (off Elizabeth St.)

Mt. Victoria.

The Hare and the Tortoise are up to it again!

How will Tortoise ever win? Maybe a hare-brained scheme can save the day.

A hilarious look at how working together can make all the difference.

Oct 8 - 22 Mon - Fri 11am & 1pm and Sat 11am

Tickets \$10, groups of 10+ \$9 Bookings: 04 385 0292

Drama Club Holiday Programme - Drama holiday programme for children aged 5+ from Monday 17th October till Friday 21st of October. Classes run from 9.00am – 12.00pm (drop off anytime after 8.40am). Classes are held at the Karori Baptist Church, 161-163 Karori Road, Wellington. Cost - \$15.00 per three-hour session. Enrol your child on the drama club website, or email me at bridie@dramaclub.co.nz. Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593.

"Wellington Music Academy - interested in learning keyboard in Term 4. Please contact the WMA on 977-9102".

Book Launch and Science Demonstration Day at The Met Shop, 5 Swan Lane (off Cubs Street), Wellington, featuring **Sarah the Scientist**. Come down and see a real BOOK LAUNCH! Also try some fun, hands-on, science activities. Dr Sarah Kenworthy will be demonstrating her science kits on Saturday 22nd October from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. We will be launching the book (literally!) at 12.00 and 1.00 pm. Call in and see our amazing range of science experiments, books and toys, and try some science for yourself!

Chess Classes

After school classes at Ngaio School on Friday's 3-4pm in the library. Fun games and expert tuition from a former NZ champion. Students can earn badges & certificates from NZCF level tests (new this term!). \$85 per school term. Enrolments ph:4617079 or email: kiwichess@xtra.co.nz

