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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.

This week we are delighted to welcome Tamino who has started school for the first time.

General news

The newsletter this week is smaller than usual because an extraordinary newsletter detailing swimming in 2012 will go out early next week.

At this time of the year things are busy with winding up activities and preparation for the New Year.

Interzone Athletics

There I was at the start line, butterflies in my tummy, as I wait for the smoke gun to shoot in the air.

*"Ready", the man with the smoke gun shouted, we all moved up. "SET" he shouted *BANG*.*

I leaped into action as the people around me started to close in. Then I sped up to full speed. Leaning forward I heard the people from Ngaio cheering me on as I crossed the finish line. I was waiting to see if I got 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

An event official gave me a yellow counter. "What did I come?" I asked the event official who said "4th, you're a backup in case anyone who got in is hurt, sick or if they don't want to do it".

I ran up to my mum and dad shouting 4TH!!! They were so proud. I rushed back to school and started writing this report.

by Helena from room 18

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have helped with transporting our children to various sporting events over the past few weeks. We couldn't attend all these events without your continuing generous support. *Kate McGrath*

Out of school achievements ...

- ❖ **Daniel** will be performing in his end of year ballet and jazz performance on Sunday the 4th December at 1pm, at Bishop Viard College in Porirua. This year he will be featuring in 9 dances! Adult tickets are \$20 and children's tickets are \$12. Email h.trass@ngaio.school.nz to arrange tickets.
- ❖
- ❖ Congratulations to **Rosie** who recently won an art scholarship which culminates in an exhibition to be held this coming Saturday from 2 – 4pm at the Blackmore Jean Gallery, Shelly Bay.



Pack the Bus for the Wellington City Mission – Thursday 1 December from 11:30am

For the past two years Ngaio School and Community have been donating Christmas items to this very worthy local appeal.

Please send any of the following items to school for collection at 11:30am on Thursday 1st December. The bus will park at the Abbott Street entrance.

Small Christmas Cakes . Jelly . Christmas Mince Pies (6 packs) . Christmas Puddings . Tinned Fruit . Christmas Crackers . Confectionery . Tinned Meat . Toys (new and unwrapped) . Lego . Art Equipment . Beach/picnic/water toys puzzles . outdoor sports gear . board games . Extras: toiletries (for mums and dads and teenagers) . hair products.

OUR ANNUAL THANK YOU TO PARENTS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER BY THE STAGE SAIL AREA (Please note change of date so that Matua Alwyn can be with us)

THIS IS OUR TURN TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEAR.

The "Thank You to Parents" will start at 2:30pm in the afternoon with the whole school taking part.

The Programme

- * **An item from our Kapa Haka group**
- * **Songs from our school choir**
- * **A brief talk from our students who travelled to South New Brighton School**
- * **Whole school carols**

At the conclusion of the programme our "Nip & Nibble" will start – please come and join the staff and me for a bite of Christmas cake and a sip of juice or wine.

Parents' Involvement in schooling at Ngaio

Listed below are some of the many ways that parents' are involved in education –the staff and I value your contributions.

School trips

PTA Fundraising

Sports trips, coaching, supervision etc

Sausage sizzles

Responding to our surveys

Sewing extra uniforms or costumes

Classroom help - photocopying

Designing science activities to enrich and support what we do

Helping with projects such as planting, experimenting, painting and construction

Cooking programmes in class time

Helping with consultation

Supporting our community engagement – Māori and Pasifika families

Designing our revised website

Helping with reading programmes

Maintaining the school pool over the break

Attending Board of Trustees meetings and PTA meetings

Reporting vandalism if spotted

Library support

Supervising children when meetings are being held

Providing surprise morning teas

Photographing our events

Helping us design gardens and grounds improvements

The list is huge –we hope to see you then for some Christmas cheer next week.

Weetbix Tryathlon – Entries Close Wednesday 14 December

The date for the Wellington event is Sunday 19 February. We are taking entries at school again this year. Ask your child to see me for a permission slip and information details 2010.

The Entry Fee is \$35 per child.

Payment must be received with the permission slip. The preferred payment method is through on-line banking using the code '6415' however we will also accept cash, cheques and eftpos at the office. Please see me in Room 10 with any questions or queries or email me

k.mcgrath@ngaio.school.nz

Gala 2012 is coming around quickly and there are some vital roles that need filling to make the event a success. **Our next meeting is on December 7th at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.** If you are able to take on one of the following roles or just want to find out what's involved then please contact Lyndal Preston by email: coals@clear.net.nz or phone: 479 1118.

Gala Co-ordinator Roles:

- ❖ Raffle Co-ordinator
- ❖ Wheel Raffle Co-ordinator
- ❖ First Aid
- ❖ Volunteers Co-ordinator (job-share with existing Co-ordinator)
- ❖ Assistant Toy Co-ordinator
- ❖ Clothing Stall Co-ordinators (2)
- ❖ Marquee Set up Co-ordinator
- ❖ Smash Palace Co-ordinator
- ❖ Assistant Gala Co-ordinator (Overall Co-ordinating - supporting Role for Ben Pitchforth)
- ❖ Indoor Stalls Co-ordinator

Food Stalls

- ❖ Kebabs
- ❖ Sausages
- ❖ Waffles

Leavers' Function Ticket Requests - Please return these to class teachers as soon as possible.

WOW!

NGAIO SCHOOL RAISED **\$5,815** FOR WORLD VISION BY TAKING PART IN THE 40 HOUR FAMINE.

In recognition of this achievement Ngaio School has been awarded a Silver World Vision certificate, which is proudly displayed in our trophy cabinet.

Vision & Hearing Testing

Unfortunately the Vision and Hearing tester has been unable to timetable a visit to Ngaio School this term but will visit early in term 1 next year. In the meantime if any new entrants have not had their B4 School Check and you have a concern please call Helen on 237 6498 to make an appointment.

Damaged Car

Last Thursday afternoon, between 3-4pm, the right front panel of a Silver Alteza car (ECD 274) was damaged. The car was parked 100m from the crossing on Abbott Street. Unfortunately no note was left. If you can offer any details please let Helen know.

Book orders were due in today, however late orders can be dropped off to the office before 3:00pm tomorrow.



Come to the 'Christmas' Disco

The school disco is on Friday 9th December and will be a 'Christmas' theme. The disco will be held in the **Ngaio Town Hall** due to our own school hall being unavailable.

The junior disco (year 0-2) will be from 6.00 -7.15 and the senior disco (year 4-6) will be from 7:30pm -9:00pm. Year 3 children can choose which disco they would like to attend.

Tickets are \$3 and a notice will come home shortly with more details. We will need parents to help run both sessions.

Please contact Megan Martin (479 3551 or mjmartinnz@yahoo.co.uk) if you are able to help.

**Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou
ka ora ai te iwi**

With your basket of knowledge and my basket of knowledge the people will thrive (or in our case the students will thrive).

KEY DATES

Thursday 24 Nov	BOT Meeting. 7:00pm. Staffroom
Wednesday 30 Nov	Thank you to Parents, 2.30pm
Thursday 1 Dec	Pack the Bus - 11.30am
Tuesday 6 Dec	Pizza lunch
Tuesday 6 Dec	PTA Meeting - 7.45pm - Staffroom
Friday 9 Dec	Christmas Disco
Thursday 15 Dec	Year 6 Leavers' Function - evening
Friday 16 Dec	Final Day Term 4 - School closes at 12:30pm
Sunday 11 March	Gala 2012

Quiz Night!

There's still plenty of time to get a team together and enter the school Quiz Night. Pit your wits against the best – there's nothing trivial about this competition.

Sunday, 4th December, 2011 Quiz starts at 7.30pm The Royal Alehouse and Eatery, 132 Lambton Quay \$15 per person, tables of 8 maximum

The restaurant will be open from 6pm for pre-quiz meals. The bar will be open to purchase drinks and snacks. Bring some gold coins, as there will be a raffle and other opportunities to win great prizes.

All money raised will go directly to our teachers to spend on their choice of resources for their own classes. It's a great cause and the kids will directly benefit from your support.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the box in the school office.

Nothing Trivial Team Entry Form

PTA Quiz Night, Sunday 4th December 2011

Team Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact phone / email: _____

Team members (maximum of 8 per team table):

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.

If you can't get a team of 6-8 together, just fill in your name(s) and the PTA will pair you up with another smaller team. Everyone welcome!

Please put the completed form along with payment (\$15 per person) in the box in the school office by Wednesday, 30th November. Cheques payable to "Ngaio School PTA"

Any queries please call Heidi, ph: 479 3951, heidi.morton@oncredit.co.nz or Lisa, ph: 479 9334, lisa.leon@xtra.co.nz



WHAT? Pizza

WHEN? Tuesday 6th December

WHERE? Ngaio School

HOW MUCH? \$5.00 per snack size pizza
(C. 7.5" diameter)

WHY? Because everyone loves Pizza ... and the PTA has to raise a little more money to pay for our lovely new scooter bays.

Please Scroll Down to find the Pizza Order Form

Pizza: Ordering Process
(For Pizzas delivered on Tuesday 6th December)

- Please detach and complete the attached order form.
- Please use a **separate order form for each child** as the pizzas will be delivered in class lots. (You can include multiple orders and one payment for the total order in the same envelope).
- Please return money and order forms to the 'Pizza Order Box' in the School Reception Area by Friday 2nd December **latest**.
- Pizzas will be delivered to class rooms at lunchtime.

Pizza Menu – Snack Size Pizza (7 1/2” Diameter)

- A. Base sauce, cheese and ham
- B. Base sauce, cheese, ham and pineapple
- C. Base sauce, cheese, onion, pineapple, mushroom, capsicum, sliced tomato
- D. Base sauce, cheese, sliced tomato, salsa, herbs
- E. Base sauce, cheese, salami, BBQ sauce



Snack Size Pizza Order Form

Name of Child: _____

Room Number: _____

Number of Pizzas: A. ___ B. ___
 C. ___ D. ___
 E. ___

Total Money Enclosed: _____ (\$5.00 per pizza)

Community Notices

Kelly Sports Summer Fun – Kelly Sports is running **fulltime summer fun** at Kelly Club this holidays. Our WINZ and OSCAR approved programmes are running out of Wilton and Berhampore from **8am-5pm every weekday** throughout the holidays. We go on trips, create crazy crafts, play sports and generally have heaps of fun! Download a flier from www.ksports.co.nz, or email or ring the office to find out more wgtn@kellysports.co.nz 04 972 7201. Also – keep an eye out for our exciting Term 1 sports programmes heading your way soon!