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**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).

Greetings to all families and friends of Ngaio School.

Staffing

On Friday afternoon the 2012 school staffing process will have been completed. On **Tuesday** of next week a newsletter detailing staffing for 2012 will be sent to parents.

Class Lists

Class lists for 2012 have been finalised. Relatively few changes have been made given the recent personnel changes. At this time of the year it is too difficult to re-organise class composition to accommodate staffing changes. Some of you may find that what you suggested to me in September has not been put in place. Apologies in advance - we have done the best we could to meet everyone's needs.

Reports

Next week reports will come out for our year 4,5 and 6 children. Years 1, 2 and 3 students receive anniversary reports. Reports will present achievement in relation to the National Standards for Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Pack the Bus – Thank you Everyone

A huge THANK YOU once again to all the children and parents of Ngaio School for your amazing generosity towards this wonderful charity drive, it is appreciated and will make a difference in the lives of many people over this Festive Season. Well Done! *Sandra Traut*

Strive: Kakapo and Tui

The Strive Assembly for children who have completed the required number of challenges will be held in the school hall on Friday December 9th, at 11am for Kakapo and at 11.45am for Tui. Parents are welcome to join us, please be aware that space will be limited and there will be standing room only on the ramp. *Adelle Broadmore & Hayden Trass*

Weetbix Tryathlon – Remember Entries Close Wednesday 14 December at 3:00pm

It is very important that all 3 members of a team register and pay before the team (of 3) is entered. We are waiting for a few team members to complete their entries before the team can be registered. *Kate McGrath*

Year 6 Leavers' Function

The date for the **Year 6 Graduation** is **Thursday 15th December**.

For those who are attending the Year 6 graduation here is the outline of events:

5.30pm: Picnic on the field (**all family members welcome!**)

6.00pm: Catch a Cone: Parents/ Caregivers vs. Year 6 students (till about 6.20pm)

Parents/ Caregivers go down to Ngaio Town Hall (only those who have bought "Sweet Success" tickets can go due to the limited space); teachers and students will get ready at school.

6.45pm: Students walk down with graduation hats for 6.50pm entrance at Town Hall.

At the Town Hall a greeting will be followed by student song/ dance performances, dessert, speeches, the presentation of graduation certificates, and finally the Ngaio School song.

The evening should be finished before 9pm.

Note: in the event of wet weather the picnic and catch-a-cone game will need to be abandoned - students would need to arrive at school and meet in the school hall by 6.30pm at the latest. We would hope to make a call on this before students leave school that day.

Hayden Trass & Fiona Valentine

The Y5's-Farewell-to-Y6's Assembly

This event will be held on **Friday 16th December** in the School Hall at 9.45 am. Tui parents are welcome to come to this event, which is intended as a special farewell (song/ dance/ music) from the Y5 students for their friends and fellow students in Y6. Please keep in mind that space will be very limited in the hall. *Hayden Trass & Fiona Valentine*

The Final Whole School Assembly

(where ALL leavers of Ngaio school will be farewelled) will be at 11.45am on the same day on the courts. Wet weather- plans TBA. *Fiona Valentine*

Looking after our School over the Summer Holidays

Traditionally, families who live near the school and are staying around Ngaio over the summer break have volunteered their time to walk through the school twice a day just to check that all is well. If you would like to be on this roster please email n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz before mid-day Wed 14th Dec with your availability for any of the following weeks:

17 – 24 December

25 December – 1 January

2 January – 9 January

10 January – 17 January

18 January – 25 January

and 26 January – 29 January

Thank you

Website Survey

We are currently re-designing our school website. We would love to hear your thoughts about how you use our current website and how we could improve it. Please click on the link below or copy and past this address to access our website survey. *Thank you. Ngaio ICT Team*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/88CBF69>

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Thank you to the school community for your support of the school library this year. We extend our warmest thanks to all the 2011 Library Monitors for their time and commitment throughout the year. Special thanks, also, to the Year 6 Leavers who are marking their departure from Ngaio School with the donation of a book to the school library.

The **BIGGEST THANK YOU** of them all, however, goes once again, to parent volunteer, **Janet Beech** who has covered and repaired hundreds of our library books this year. We are enormously grateful to Janet who skilfully covers the majority of our incoming collection items, and appreciate her handiwork that protects and extends the life of our precious library resources. This is a time-consuming activity, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Janet, on behalf of the entire school community, for her time and energy carrying out this most valuable task. We wish her a restful break over the Christmas - New Year holiday period.

Finally, we wish you all a jolly festive season and many enjoyable book-reading hours during the forthcoming holidays.

Warm regards

Bernice Williams and Tina Nixon

Ngaio School Library

Congratulations to:

Hal, Room 9, for taking out the title of **Top Pupil Borrower** for the year

Room 9 for topping the borrowing stats per class.

Alice Trail for being the **Top Staff Borrower** for the second year in a row!

A special tribute, also to **Judy Mullins**, for being the first member of staff to return all library books on loan and complete year-end clearance.

EZ Cover An option for busy parents

is a new range of patented slip-on book covers for NZ school exercise books. A brochure about this product will be sent home with your child's 2012 stationery list next week. There are 12 designs to choose from and they are high quality covers and are reusable, recyclable and super quick to put on. The cost is \$1.30 per cover including GST.

A sample is held in the office if you wish to view this before purchasing.

The designs are all NZ made. Ordering of the covers is all done online and by entering the code that is on the back of the brochure coming out next week, the school will receive 10c per book cover.

News from the PTA

A big Thank You to all Ngaio School families who have supported the PTA lunchtime fund raising activities this year. We raised \$227 this week from the recent pizza fundraiser; we hear the pizzas went down a treat on a wet and miserable 'summer' day.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Christmas Disco Tomorrow - Friday 9th December

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.

**It's time to spread some Christmas cheer!
As the time for another great Ngaio School disco draws near!**

Tickets will come home with the children who have prepaid tomorrow and there will be door sales.

Refreshments and drinks will be for sale.

Chips are \$1.50, cans \$1.50, drinks 50c, Glo bracelets \$3 each, glosticks 3 for \$2, Glo wands \$2.50 & Glo rings \$2, Savouries \$1 (senior only).

**There will be prizes for the most creative Christmas costume and dancing.
See you all there**

KEY DATES

Friday 9 Dec	Strive Assembly – Kakapo 11.00am / Tui 11.45:am
Friday 9 Dec	Christmas Disco, Ngaio Town Hall
Tuesday 13 Dec	Sale of Swimming Pool Keys from 8:00am
Wednesday 14 Dec	Weetbix Tryathlon entries close 3:00pm
Thursday 15 Dec	Year 6 Leavers’ Function – begins 5:30pm - Field
Friday 16 Dec	Final Assembly – 11.45am – Astroturf. School closes 12.30pm
Sunday 11 March	Gala 2012

Community Notices

Tadpoles for Sale

Ioane is selling tadpoles.
Great pets: quiet & no mess!

50c each or 5 for \$2!
Care instructions provided.

Phone 021889017 (Anne-Marie) to order.
(We CAN deliver!)

Onslow and North Wellington are running a fun filled exciting holiday programme over the summer holidays.

What - ASB Fun Football Holiday Programme in conjunction with New Zealand Football, Capital Football, North Wellington Junior Football Club and Onslow Junior Football Clubs.

Where - Nairnville Turf

When - 25-27th January 2012, 9am-12pm

Who - Anyone aged 4-14 years.

Cost - \$20 per day or \$55 for the 3 days for members and \$25 per day or \$70 for the 3 days for none members.

How - Please contact Natalie at Natalie@northwellingtonfootball.com or Natalie@onslow.org.nz for more details and a registration form

PRE-CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMPS

“Trans Tasman Tennis offers a great range of tennis camps prior to Christmas for all last minute shoppers and working parents, Monday 19 - Friday 23 December, 9am-3pm. We have half and full day options available. Our camps are a perfect introduction to tennis and accelerate skill development in beginner players. Junior camps are **less than \$10 PER HOUR!** Spaces are filling fast! To register or for information on our summer holiday camps, please contact Trans Tasman Tennis on 4791386 or transtasmantennis@xtra.co.nz”

COOKING CLASSES FOR KIDS

Enrol for Term 1 2012

info@cookingsandqueens.co.nz

www.cookingsandqueens.co.nz

Lynley Dodd, Gavin Bishop and Margaret Mahy: Live and In Person

Hairy Maclary, Quaky Cat, the Lion in the Meadow – these are just three of the popular picture book characters created by Lynley Dodd, Gavin Bishop and Margaret Mahy.

See these celebrated children's book authors live and in person at the New Zealand Arts Festival's Young Writers & Readers Day at Downstage Theatre on Sunday 11 March 2012. Hear them read from their classic books and describe how their characters and stories came into being.

Audience members will also have a chance to meet the authors in person at the post-event book signings. Tickets are \$5 per session from Ticketek (allocated seating, booking fees apply) and a Unity Books bookstall will be on site.

For more information about this entertaining day out, visit:

<http://festival.co.nz/writers-and-readers/young-wr-day-schools-day/>

**Give the gift of family fun and activity -
Try a "Summer Pass" at:**

KHANDALLAH TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB

Available right now, the "Summer Pass" can be purchased at a fraction of the usual membership price. Play unlimited* tennis and squash at KTSC throughout the summer school holidays, (from December 16th 2011 to January 31st, 2012). Prices start at \$100 for families, \$50 adults and \$25 children.

KTSC has 7 tennis courts, 5 squash courts, the best on-site pro shop in Wellington, (Thump Sports), and on site professional tennis coaches,(Trans Tasman Tennis Ltd), available for hire.

To purchase your pass, come down to 55 Delhi Crescent with your completed application form during between 10am and 5pm, and you can be on the court today!

For an application form -see our website ktsc.org.nz, phone 939-6210, or email ktsc@paradise.net.nz

***Some conditions apply. Numbers strictly limited - apply NOW!**

