



Community Calendar <http://www.ngaio.school.nz/welcome>

### Key Dates

Each Tuesday 7 - 28 March 9-9.40am & 2.30-3.15pm	Building Project information – Staffroom (Please email me if you would like to arrange an alternative time) <a href="mailto:l.millar@ngaio.school.nz">l.millar@ngaio.school.nz</a>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Tui & Kakapo Syndicate – Goal Setting
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Catch up vision & hearing testing
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 1.40pm	New Parent Information Seminar - Staffroom
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am	Winter sports registrations close
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 11.00am – 2.00pm	Ngaio School Gala
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 – 6 Netball trials
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Northern Zone Football tournament, Alex Moore Park
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Weetbix Tryathlon
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> , Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1-3 (Term 1) Parent Conference evenings
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm	Board of Trustees meeting, Staffroom

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

The weather over the last week has been stunning and to have a hint of summer has made being at school so much more pleasant. It is great to see our learners playing sport and participating in swimming lessons.

The term has started with year 5 students experiencing first-hand the thrills of challenging some Education Outside the Classroom experiences such as beach swimming and the Arctic Challenge at Khandallah Pool.

<https://blog.seesaw.me/room67/>

Our year 6 children are now preparing for Camp up at Forrest Lakes.



[Gala 2017 – March has arrived and Celia and her team are doing an incredible job preparing for the Gala.](#)

## Property Meetings

I am available every Tuesday morning (9.00am - 9.45 am) and Tuesday afternoon (2.30pm - 3.15 pm) to talk through the plans. If that time does not suit I am happy to meet at a time more convenient to you. [l.millar@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:l.millar@ngaio.school.nz)

## Property Update

As you will be aware the current build of 6 new learning environments commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> January. The construction work remains mostly separated from the school and so the impact has been minimal in terms of noise etc. Well that was I thought until about a fortnight ago!

The Project Manager for Maycroft Construction Ltd has advised me that a stairwell needs to be built connecting room 20 to the lower court area. The stairwell start date is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> April. This construction cannot commence until room 19 is

remediated and at the time of writing the ongoing water issue is not resolved.

Currently 46 year 3 students are being taught in room 20. The stairwell connecting to the lower court area requires a section of room 20 to be cordoned off. The class of year 3 children, being too close to a building area and a construction site wall, will therefore need to be relocated.

After some consideration the following decisions have been made. These decisions involved consultation with all staff involved. I appreciate that some of you will be disappointed with the following decisions so my apologies.

My goals when planning these changes were:

- to continue to keep NOSCART operating with the current numbers;
- to keep educating 46 year 3 children together in a large space; and
- to keep a scaled down library operating.

In order to accommodate the room 20 learners, I will be moving the year 3 children to McLeod Hall.

The library collection will be shifted to room 20.

The furniture stored in room 22 (relocatable classroom on the field) will be stored in room 19 (below the staffroom).

Room 22 will become the NOSCART space. Children will go to room 22 before and after school. It is not my intention at this stage to reduce the numbers of children attending the NOSCART programmes.

The shared space in rooms 67 and also The Clinic can be used in the event of wet weather. There is a sink in rooms 67.

Given the timeframe is potentially subject to change I 'd suggest children are not informed of what is happening until we have a definite date.

Our children are resilient but too much long- term variable information will unsettle them.

I also am not yet in a position to explain what the school organisation will be post the completion of the build but I give you my word I 'll inform you as soon as I know.

## **Emergency Contacts**

Across the school there are one or two families who have yet to return their emergency

contact forms – please can you complete these forms as soon as possible.

*Liz Millar - Principal*

### **Reporting to Parents (Years 1 - 3)**

This year we are streamlining our interview conferences for students in years 1-3. The reason for this change is to offer parents an evening date, well in advance, so as to allow more flexibility of times.

In years 1-3 each child receives two parent/teacher conferences a year to share progress and goals. These coincide with the child's birthday and half year anniversary birthday dates. The anniversary conferences will now take place over a two-day period, once a term. You will either have interviews with your child's class teacher in terms one and three or in terms two and four. The planned dates are:

- Term 1 Tuesday 21st March, Wednesday 22nd March
- Term 2 Tuesday 30 May, Wednesday 31st May
- Term 3 Tuesday 22nd August, Wednesday 23rd August
- Term 4 Tuesday 21 November, Wednesday 22nd November

Nicki Mitchell will email an appointment booking link approximately a fortnight before your child is due for their anniversary report and conference. The conferences are 20 minutes in duration and are held in your child's classroom.

If you have any questions about this new process, please make contact with your child's syndicate leader.

Kind regards

*Wendy Holbrooke (Kowhai syndicate), Bronwyn O'Halloran (Pohutukawa syndicate) and Sarah Simpson (Kakapo syndicate)*

### **J Rock – 2017**

This year Ngaio School will be participating in J Rock. The date is yet to be confirmed but will either be Thursday 1st June or Friday 2nd June and this year the venue is Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. You can find more information about the event on the website

<http://www.stagechallenge.co.nz/>

Tui students will be invited to sign up as dancers this term and we will begin brainstorming a storyline, music and choreography during lunchtimes.

We will also be able to have a small team of students to help as our backstage crew.

To make this year's entry as big a success as 2015 we will need parent help with costumes and supervision on the day. If you are able to spare some time to help with designing and making costumes could you please contact Lucy. Thank you.

[l.unsworth@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:l.unsworth@ngaio.school.nz)

**Juliet Smith** – our reading recovery teacher can put to good use any surplus – blank on one side – business cards you may have. Please drop them into the office.

**Winter Sports Registrations for year 3 – 6 will be emailed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and are due back before 10.30am the following Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

**The registration pack contains details of a new uniform system for the sporting codes on offer in 2017.**

### Community Notices

**Ngaio Neighbours Day Picnic, Sunday 5 March, 12pm – 3pm**

Cummings Park (below the Ngaio Village shops)

***Come and enjoy meeting and having fun with other Ngaio residents***

Happenings designed for young and old include:

- The Crazy Bowls Challenge at 12.30pm (first prize valued at \$180)
- The Ping Pong Pooh Sticks Race at 1pm (aged 10 and under) – prizes
- Also at 1pm, hear about what's happening with kākā in Ngaio
- Enjoy live Jazz at 1.30pm
- Look at bugs through microscopes (between 12pm and 3pm)
- Spot prize finale at 2.45pm
- Guided tour of some tracks through local reserves at 3pm (about 1¼ hours)
- Sausage sizzle, cakes for sale, water available
- Fire engine, stalls ... and much more

*If the weather is bad – reduced programme in the Ngaio Town Hall from 12.30pm*

Organised by the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association with the support of the Wellington City Council and local businesses

**See [www.ngaio.org.nz](http://www.ngaio.org.nz), Facebook or Neighbourly for updates and times**

## Onslow Junior Football Club

### Onslow Junior Football Club - First Kicks 2017 season

It is not too late to register for the 2017 season of First Kicks. This popular and fun introduction to football for 5 and 6 year olds begins in April. Register now at <http://onslow.org.nz/registrations/>

A reminder for all Mixed Saturday Grades 7-14 and Girls Only Sunday League (GOSL) 7-14 footballers - **2017 registrations are closing on February 19th.**

For more information and to register go to [www.onslow.org.nz](http://www.onslow.org.nz)

### Marsden School Karori Gala Day - Sunday 5 March

Come along to the [Marsden School Gala Day](#), Sunday 5 March between 11am and 2pm, Marsden Ave, Karori. Something for everyone – cakes, designer clothing, toys, books, white elephant, entertainment, food galore and the famous Marsden deli stall. See you there!

### Queen Margaret College Open Day

An IB World School for girls offering the choice of either NCEA or the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

See the school in action on **Friday 10 March** from **9am - 2.30pm** or visit on **Sunday 12 March** between **1.30pm - 3.30pm** to talk to our teachers.

To register, visit [qmc.school.nz](http://qmc.school.nz)

[Holly Thomas](#) , [Christen Stewart](#) and [Jason Courtis](#) "roOm" have an exhibition coming up 27th March 2017 at The [Thistle Hall](#) Gallery on Cuba Street. We are showcasing our three different and individual styles - illustration, painting and photography. We're all connected by our love of visual arts, the Ngaio community, and being stupidly busy parents trying to squeeze in some creativity. This is the first time we have all exhibited together. Be great to have your support and feedback.



## Northern United Junior Hockey Club

### 2017 CLUB REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON!!!

Based at 26 Blackrock Road, Newlands, we welcome yrs 3-8 hockey players of all skill levels from the Northern suburbs.

#### Key dates:

**Pre-season training:** Newlands, 5-7 pm Mondays (yrs 3 to 6: 5-6 pm; yrs 7 & 8: 6-7 pm), from 20 Feb

**Years 7 & 8 (11-a-side) trials:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2-5 pm

No problem if you missed the first trial. If you sign up, you will be put into a team!

#### Details:

[www.nujhc.org.nz](http://www.nujhc.org.nz)

[nujhc@gmail.com](mailto:nujhc@gmail.com)

**Karori Junior Hockey** provides kids from school year 1-8 with the opportunity to play hockey with other kids from the local community. Registrations open on the 1st March and player registrations close **Wednesday 15th March**. Check out our website [www.kjhc.org.nz](http://www.kjhc.org.nz) for more information.

**West's Junior Rugby Club** would like to invite you to play rugby this season. Our rugby season starts on May 5/6 and you can register online and check or FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz>

The Nursery Grade is for girls and boys aged 3 – 5, before they move on to Rippa Rugby at U6. Tackle Rugby starts at U8 and it is age and weight graded.

The club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 4<sup>th</sup> of March (1:00 – 3:00pm). At the Saturday session we will have the Rugby World Cup so kids and parents can get a photo with the greatest trophy in world rugby!

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*Laura Ridley*  
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