



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

Key Dates

Term 2	<p>Monday 1 May - Term 2 Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 5 June - Queen's Birthday public holiday • Tuesday 6 June - School Closed <p>Friday 7 July - Term 2 Ends</p>
Term 3	<p>Monday 24 July - Term 3 Begins</p> <p>Friday 29 September - Term 3 Ends</p>
Term 4	<p>Monday 16 October - Term 4 Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 23 October - Labour Day, public holiday • Tuesday 24 October - School Closed <p>Wednesday 20 December - Term 4 Ends</p>

Tuesday 23 rd May, 7.15pm (note change of time)	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Thursday 25 th May, 7.00pm	Board of Trustees' Meeting - Staffroom
Tuesday 30 th May	ICAS Science Test – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 30 th May	Northern Zone Cross Country – Nairville Park
Tuesday 6 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED – extra day – Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 13 th June	ICAS Writing Test- Year 4, 5 & 6

Dear Parents & Caregivers

School Cross Country

Congratulations to the staff sports team –Daniel Edmonds, Dan Byrne, Emily Pettigrew and Sophia Gowans. This staff team organised a stunning school cross-country event. Liz Blackwell and senior students are pulling together photos of the event to put up on the school website. The weather was quite simply perfect.

Thank you to those 17 parents who turned up to cook hot sausages and sell ice blocks and popsicles. Special mention to Kylie Johnstone and Rebecca Clouston - for every special sports event you deliver a great lunch for us all. The students and staff so appreciate all your hard work.

Many thanks to those parents who joined the staff in helping to provide supervision on the cross- country course.

J'Rock

Lucy Unsworth is leading the J'Rock team this year. This year we are the only primary school competing in the Stage Challenge event.

Practising for J Rock is in full swing - the tickets have arrived!!!

Cohort entry for schools

Changes to the Education Act mean schools will be able to choose to introduce cohort entry which means that new entrants start school as a group at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday rather than on their fifth birthday.

The Board of Trustees at Ngaio School are yet to consider introducing cohort entry, and prior to any decision being made the Board would consult with future and current parents and whānau, as well as their staff and local early childhood services.

If the Board were to consider introducing cohort entry, the earliest your child could start under a cohort entry policy will be Term 1, 2018. This would allow time for the school to carry out the required consultation.

You can still choose to delay your child's start until the beginning of a later term or until age six if you are concerned about their readiness for school.

Compulsory attendance at school

The Ministry of Education requires that once a child is enrolled at school, they must attend regularly. This will provide a sound foundation for future learning and achievement.

If your child is finding it difficult to transition to school, please discuss this with Kirsten Reid and/or myself. One option could include developing a transition plan, which we would design with you.

Updated physical guidelines have been released for children and young people aged 5 to 17

The Sit Less, Move More, Sleep Well – Physical Activity Guidelines for Children and Young People guidelines include new sleep recommendations as well as updated advice on amount of physical activity children and young people need.

The updated advice includes:

- Uninterrupted good-quality sleep of 9 to 11 hours per night (for those aged 5 to 13 years) and 8 to 10 hours per night (for those aged 14 to 17 years), with consistent bed and wake-up times.
- An accumulation of at least one hour per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity involving a variety of aerobic activities. Vigorous physical activities, and activities that strengthen muscle and bones should also be incorporated at least three days a week.
- No more than two hours per day of recreational screen time.
- Breaking up sitting time and participating in a variety of light physical activities for several hours.

The Sit Less, Move More, Sleep Well – Physical Activity Guidelines for Children and Young People is available on the Ministry of Health website, www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/physical-activity.

Parent Education

Last term Kirsten Reid, Wendy Holbrooke, Kathy Yamada, Liz Kriel and Annabel Donnelly facilitated a parent education on reading in the junior school.

Adding to that session I thought it useful to add some information about the reading texts in the

What is the colour wheel?

You might recognise the colour wheel from when you were at school - it's been around for a

while. It has 9 coloured segments showing different levels of reading. Your child will move around the wheel clockwise, starting with magenta (pink) when they are a New Entrant and finishing with gold by the end of their third year at school.

The first books your child's teacher will give them will help with basic reading skills, letter-sound knowledge, and help them learn high-frequency words. At the higher levels on the colour wheel, the books and texts are longer and more complex, and include more unfamiliar vocabulary, language, and structures.

How do the colours and levels work?

Year 1

Your child will start at **magenta (pink)**, then progress through **red, yellow, blue** and after 1 year at school are usually at **green**.

At magenta (pink) they learn about reading, such as the idea that words are read from left to right. By the time they are reading at the green level they understand the stories they read, recognise many words, and can check that their reading sounds like talking.

Year 2

By the end of their second year at school your child will usually have completed **orange** and be reading at **turquoise**. They're becoming an independent reader who can read longer texts and with expression. They will have a range of comprehension strategies that help them understand what they're reading and be able to think critically about what they read.

Year 3

By the end of 3 years at school your child should have completed **purple** and be reading at **gold**. This means they're confidently using many reading and comprehension strategies to understand their reading and think critically about longer, more complicated texts.

What sort of books will my child read?

The colour wheel uses the **Ready to Read** book series. These are New Zealand books and the colour wheel is on the back cover of every book so you can see what level it is. As your child moves up the colours they will start to read stories from the **Junior Journals** as well, and then in their later primary school years will be reading **School Journals**.

Your child will also bring home school library books, and some teachers have other class books that they can read. Encourage your child to read every day - anything that interests them. Join them up to your local library, look for books that interest them at book fairs and school galas, and let them see you enjoying reading as well.

Does the colour wheel relate to the reading National Standards?

Yes. If your child is reading at green level after 1 year of school, then they are reading at the standard. If they are reading at turquoise after 2 years of school, and at gold after 3 years of school then they are reading at the standard for those years too.

School Library

Anne, Bernice and Kristen have completed the enormous task of setting up the library – we are operational.

Year 6 Graduate Student

Wendy Holbrooke and Jon Mackie have completed the task of compiling a year 6 leaver profile. The profile draws on parents and student perceptions. Watch this space as Wendy will update you in our next newsletter.

Education Counts

A reminder that you can read about Ngaio School on this website

<https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school/school?school=2927&district=47®ion=9>

This website details National Standards, Student Engagement, Student Population etc.



Ngaio School Time Capsule

*Ngaio School Time Capsule – 2016
Celebrating “our place to learn”
To be opened in the year 2041.*

To celebrate the end of 2016, Ngaio School put together a Time Capsule. This was a big project for our school and all students across the school contributed in some way to the capsule.

At our Leavers’ Assembly in 2016 Matua Alwyn and Matua Robin Paratene lead us in a waitata and karakia to bless the Capsule, and the capsule has been kept safe by Ms Millar.

Our capsule has now been buried by our builders (Maycroft) in the area for the new block. It will remain buried for 25 years and will be marked by a plaque.

A huge thanks needs to go to McLatchie and Sharp Ltd, and Humes for donating the materials to make this possible.

WONDERFUL WOOD CONSTRUCTION!

In two Clinic sessions last week, over 100 Tui children had the opportunity to get creative with wood and glue guns. We saw lots of amazing structures emerge - to read all about it and see lots of photos of these sessions,

visit The Clinic blog: <http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>.

Due to the immense popularity of these regular sessions, we can only fit one year group in per lunchtime. We did have some keen Kakapo children hovering at the Clinic door asking for their own sessions, so if you would like to make this happen for your Year 4 or 3 child then please get in touch (theclinic@ngaio.school.nz) and we can connect you with other parents who are working on this.



TEACHERS' CLINIC SESSION

This week we ran our annual after-school 'session' for teachers, to show them all the amazing Clinic equipment that they can borrow anytime for use in their class. They got busy checking out the microscopes, anatomy models, rock and mineral kits, and electrical equipment. And there were excited murmurs about the set of 25 glue guns – oh, the possibilities! Check out the photos on our blog <http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>. A big thank you to all teachers for being such enthusiastic supporters and advocates for The Clinic. We look forward to hearing from our children what Clinic equipment they use in class ©

UPCOMING SESSIONS

We'd love to hear from you if you can spare a lunchtime to help with the following sessions ... email us at theclinic@ngaio.school.nz.

Wed 7 June: Join parents from LINZ to learn how maps are made by creating a map of the school, including an orienteering-style hunt around the school.

Mon 12 and Tues 13 June: Another instalment in our 'Fun with Physics' series, this time using some cool hands-on activities to investigate light.

Also in the planning stages are more dissection session with our lovely GP parents.

IT'S THE CLINIC 5th BIRTHDAY!

Wow, we have now been operating for 5 years! We started during our current Year 6 students' first year at school, which means that all children currently at Ngaio School naturally accept (and expect!) The Clinic to be part of their experience. How cool is that?! We are so proud of this

unique part of our school. The Clinic is such a fun and satisfying way for families to engage with their children's learning, and the children absolutely love it. Over the past 5 years we have established excellent systems and resources for running sessions. It's all there waiting for the school community to take advantage of, so if you want to see The Clinic continue to thrive for you and your children to enjoy, then please get involved by volunteering on a session. Sessions won't run if we don't have parent helpers. Send us your email address by emailing theclinic@ngaio.school.nz so we can contact you whenever a new session is being organised. Or, come up with an idea for a session yourselves and we can help you!

Finally, the Clinic sadly farewells Caroline Wood from our team – thank you Caroline for your amazing contribution keeping our systems running so smoothly, and for all the awesome sessions you've lead and helped with!

Thanks and see you soon,

The Clinic Team – *Barbara, Karin, Natasha, Penny, and Kate*

40 Hour Famine: for the children of Syria: 9 – 11 June 2017

On 9-11 June Kiwi kids are coming together to show the world what happens when they are united for the children of Syria. Like last year, the money raised will go towards providing Child Friendly Spaces in refugee camps where they can play, learn and be kids again.

If you wish to, there are several ways you can support the 40 Hour Famine through Ngaio School:

- There will be an Odd Shoe day on Friday 26 May. Please bring a gold coin donation.
- For children in Year 3 and above, they may wish to participate in the 40 Hour Famine. If your child is interested in this, he or she should already have come home with a fundraising booklet. This year your child can do any challenge they like over either 20 hours or 40 hours – it's about doing something they want to support the Syrian refugee children by raising money for the Child Friendly Spaces. Please see Emily Pettigrew for a book if your child would like to participate but didn't get one.
- If you'd like to make a donation but don't know a child participating in the 40 Hour Famine this year, you can donate to the online Ngaio School fundraising page. The link is here: <https://www.worldvision.org.nz/fundraising/team/ngaio-school/40-hour-famine>

Last year we raised over \$10,000! The children were so proud of their contribution. For more information head to famine.org.nz and watch what it was like when World Vision visited Child Friendly Spaces in Jordan that were supported by Ngaio School's 2016 40 Hour Famine fundraising.

Community Notices

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL

Your child can learn how to play the keyboard at this school.

The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome!

The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 23 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy at any time for more information and to book a place.

Phone: 0272115077
email: admin@musicacademy.co.nz
online: www.musicacademy.co.nz

... **Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup** is having an Open Day on Saturday 27th May, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). The Preschool and Playgroup offers quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 0 and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. Please come along to discover our environment, meet the teachers and find out more about our programme. For more information phone 475 9688 or wcmp@extra.co.nz.

.... **The Wellington Marathon is on 18 June 2017** and includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes from Mizuno and Thermatech, girls and boy's mountain bikes, plus family travel on Bluebridge.

For those running the full/half marathon/10k/5k then join Team Heart Racer and help raise vital funds for the Heart Foundation. Every Heart Racer receives a Heart Racer dry-fit running tshirt, regular newsletter with training /nutrition /fundraising advice, an online fundraising page, plus a FitBit Surge for those who raise over \$750! everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017

... **Is your daughter looking for something a little different? Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics**

We still have spaces available in our recreational classes this term. Come along and try out our new badge programme. Your daughter will work through Levels 1 to 10 over time. We have classes available from Mon to Sat, min. numbers apply. Our classes are in Thorndon, just opposite the Botanical Gardens.

Rhythmic Gymnastics develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. We are the only Rhythmic Gymnastics Club in the Wellington region. If your daughter loves to dance and is looking for something a little different, then come along to a class and give it a try! Email info@rhythmicgym.nz to arrange a FREE trial. For more information about **Elements** and our classes, visit www.rhythmicgym.nz

... **SHORT TERM HOUSE RENTAL** 3 - 4 bedroom furnished house near Northland School available for rent for 6 weeks from early August. Drive on, harbour views, lots of sun. Phone Sue 0273585486

