



KOWHAI NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 2019



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Important Dates:

Friday 26 July:

9.00am - Whakataua to welcome new students and their families to Ngaio School.

Parent Conferences:

Tues 30 July / Thurs 1st August

Friday 2nd August:

9.00am - Whakarite Whakairo to welcome a carving for our school garden.

Friday 9th August:

2.00pm - Poroporoaki to farewell Amanda Frater (Associate Principal)

19th - 23rd August: Ngaio School Book Week

Sunday 25th August: 11am - 4pm Ngaio Book Fair

Friday 30th August - Mid Term Holiday (School closed)

Wednesday 18th September:

Kowhai Syndicate Wearable Art dress up day.

9.15am - Parade in Junior playground

9.30-10.00am - Showcase for whanau of work completed.

Saturday 21st September - St Brigids Kapahaka Festival

Monday 23 - Friday 27th September - School Photos

Discovery Time:

This term our Science Capability focus will be awareness and sensitivity to our environment and related issues using evidence to support our ideas.

Teachers will provide a range of activities to help children explore how we can 'reduce, reuse, recycle' and litter less. Key competencies the students will be focusing on this term will be Participating & Contributing and Thinking.



At the end of this unit we want our students to be able to give an explanation and support their answers with evidence. e.g. 'We need to reduce the use of plastic because some of it ends up in the sea and can harm dolphins and other sea life'.

On Wednesday 18th September, children are encouraged to wear their own recycled art creation to school. Parents are invited to attend the parade at 9.15am and a showcase of work completed during the term from 9.30 - 10.00am in classrooms.



Reading:

Reading books will go home most nights from Monday- Thursday.

The reading books that your child brings home should be relatively easy for them to read and they may bring a book home more than once. On Fridays, children will bring home their poetry books, which need to be returned to school on Monday.

Kowhai syndicate have a yellow reading log book to encourage home-school reading and communication. Please ensure you sign the reading log and return to school in your child's folder each day.



Physical Education:

Our Sportstart sessions will be teaching foundation skills and developing a range of movement concepts.



Maths:

We continue to focus on developing and consolidating number knowledge and strategy. The children will also be learning to sort objects by their appearance, display data and discuss the results.

Writing:

The focus for writing will be on recounting personal experiences and writing to explain and instruct.



Te Reo and Tikanga Māori:

This term we continue to work on being able to introduce ourselves in māori, use greetings, colors and simple classroom commands.

Whakarite Whakairo

A Pouwhenua statue has been gifted to the school by local carver, Chris. The students will be encouraged to bring along a koha (money donation) to help support Chris with his generous gift. The Pou will be placed in the garden by the office doors.



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Reporting to Parents:

Year 1 parents will be contacted shortly via email to make an online conference booking with their child's teacher. The conferences will be held on Tuesday 30th of July and Thursday 1st of August in classrooms. All conferences are 20 minutes duration.

The teachers of Year 0 children will continue to meet with parents after their child has been at school for approx 6 weeks to discuss their learning.

Children who are turning 6 this term, will be tested by Kirsten Reid and then a meeting will be arranged with you to discuss the results.

General Information:

Teachers are in their classrooms from 8.30 am in the mornings so the best time to discuss any issues or concerns with them is between **8.30-8.45 am**.

Teachers are more than happy to meet with you at other times.

Informing the Office:

Please email the office if your child is going to be absent or late to school. Please provide your child's room number, their name and a reason for absence or lateness.

It would be appreciated if you could also copy your child's teacher into the email.

The email address is absences@ngaio.school.nz

If you are collecting your child early from school or returning from an appointment during the day, you will need to sign the book in the office.

We need this information in case of emergency so that we know who is on the school grounds.

Performances at school:

Kowhai will enjoy a performance at school this term from Kaboom Percussion on Tuesday 3rd September.

The show is designed to inspire and amaze, showing the exciting possibilities of music through the fascinating world of percussion. The cost is covered by your child's activity fee.



Change of Clothes:

With the slippery surfaces during winter, it is a good idea to have a change of clothes in your child's school bag.

Children can fall over during break times or have an accident and the office doesn't always have a surplus of clothing.



Lunch Orders:

Ngaio School continues to encourage the reduction of single use wrappers in lunchboxes this term. Please help your child to be proactive with this initiative.

Students can order lunch from school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Sushi can be ordered on a Tuesday and Subway on a Thursday. All the information about ordering lunches can be found on the Ngaio School website.

Sunhats:

Students do not need to wear their sunhats in terms 2 and 3.

Class Blogs:

Students love posting examples of their learning and class work onto Seesaw.

Parents can also follow syndicate activities on the class blogs. These can be accessed via the Ngaio School website.

Choose Syndicates / Kowhai and then your child's room number.



Teacher Contact Details:

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.



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