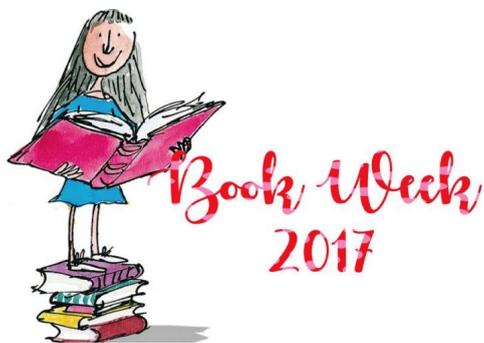


**Key Dates**

Monday 27th Nov - Friday 1st Dec	Book Week
Tuesday 28th November, 11.45am-12.30pm	Pack the Bus
Thursday 30th November, 7.00pm	BOT meeting, Staffroom
Thursday 30th November	Kakapo Triathlon
Friday 1st December	Disco, Raroa Normal Intermediate
Thursday 7th December, 11.00am	Kakapo Strive Assembly, New Block, access via Te Kapua
Thursday 7th December, 1.30pm	Tui Strive Assembly, New Block, access via Te Kapua
Tuesday 19th December, 5.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Function, Onslow College Hall
Wednesday 20th December, 11.00am	Final Assembly
Wednesday 20th December, 12.30pm	Final Bell - school's out

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's hard to believe we're heading to the end of week 6 already. The term has gone so quickly and people are mentioning Christmas already! Pack the bus is coming up next week and it's been exciting to hear what an amazing day this always is. I was impressed by Sammy and Declan who sold a collection of their toys and used the \$222 to purchase items from the supermarket for their Pack the Bus contribution.



Next week is BOOK WEEK and there are lots of exciting things planned - the big decision is what book character I'll dress up as on Friday! Look out for the information daily on Facebook.

Teachers have been working really hard over the past weeks preparing your children's school reports and many of you will have participated in a conference with your child's teacher this week. This is a valuable opportunity for you to understand how

your child is progressing and ways to help them with their learning. I've enjoyed getting to know the students a little better as I have been reading these.

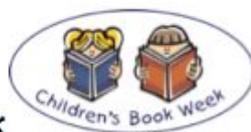
We've been working out the teacher class placements for 2018 and have your input to consider as we begin to place the students. We have finally been able to start using the new block, which is very exciting. The year 6 students are particularly happy to be able to get some time in there before they leave. They wrote me some amazing letters giving all the reasons they should be allowed in before they leave – very convincing!

On Dec 4 we have well known facilitator and researcher Mark Osborne working in the school with the teachers. Mark has worked in many schools with flexible learning spaces and is the ideal person to work with us to ensure the new space meets the needs of all our learners. We're excited to be using such an innovative space, a space that will help us to ensure that all learner needs are met. The building has features of the physical environment that will help our teachers to accommodate all learners, including breakout zones and rooms: these impact positively on learning by ensuring that learners can find a quiet space to read or write or do something reflective; spaces where those who need to draw diagrams, build models, think aloud, explain to others, or work closely with a teacher can do so; spaces where they can be noisy and excited without negatively impacting on other learners and learning zones: a variety of learning settings that can accommodate a range of different kinds of teaching and learning activities, such as writing, research, performance, collaboration, peer-tutoring, direct instruction or experimentation. You may be interested in this recent article on Stuff and the accompanying podcast (link from the article). [Are Flexible Learning Environments Working in New Zealand Schools?](#)

Raewyn Watson
Tumuaki / Principal

2018 Term Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 31st Jan Term 1 begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day, public holiday ● Friday 30th March - Tuesday 3rd April - Easter weekend Friday 13th April Term 1 ends
Term 2	Monday 30th April Term 2 begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday 4th June, Queens birthday, public holiday ● Tuesday 5th June, additional holiday – school closed Friday 6th July Term 2 ends
Term 3	Monday 23rd July Term 3 begins Friday 28th September Term 3 ends
Term 4	Monday 15th October Term 4 begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday 22nd October, Labour Day, public holiday ● Tuesday 23rd October additional holiday – school closed Tuesday 18th December <u>2018</u> Term 4 ends

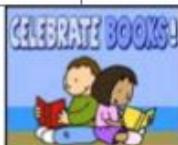


Ngaio School Book Week

This will be a fun week of book and reading related activities. The Library will be offering a range of fun activities at lunch time.



	Monday 27 th November	Tuesday 28 th November	Wednesday 29 th November	Thursday 30 th November	Friday 1 st December
Theme	Hats off to reading!	Christmas Theme (Pack the bus)	Wacky Wednesday	Take a good look at books!	Book character day
Dress Code	Crazy hats and headwear	Christmas Dress	As wacky as you like!	Crazy glasses	Come dressed as your favourite book character
Library Display /Activity	Roald Dahl	Christmas	Booknic come along and have a lunchtime booknic!	Fairy Tales	NZ stories and authors
School Activity	Mandatory class read -aloud session. DEAR-Drop Everything and Read!	Mandatory class read -aloud session. DEAR-Drop Everything and Read!	Mandatory class read -aloud session. DEAR-Drop Everything and Read!	Mandatory class read -aloud session. DEAR-Drop Everything and Read!	Mandatory class read -aloud session. DEAR-Drop Everything and Read!



Coming up at The Clinic



Any adult in the school community is welcome to join us. Let us know (email theclinic@ngaio.school.nz) if you'd like to help energy/electricity for all syndicates (Tues 21st & Wed 22nd Nov). String puppets, playdough and sound are other topics we might be running before the end of term. If anyone has ideas for any other sessions then get in quick so we can help you plan them.

Remember that The Clinic is here for everyone in the school community to share their interests, skills and passions with the students.



Highlights from recent sessions

We have had enormous fun with some busy sessions in the last couple of weeks. We had budding geologists do some amazing theorising over the origin of a range of rocks, minerals and fossils which they investigated with hand lens and microscopes. And back by popular demand, we ran a second hand-sewing session in which we were so impressed by the determination and independence of students so keen to master these skills and create something unique. Another playdough session saw lots of children enjoy the freedom to manipulate this classic childhood material. And this week we have had a, quote “cool but disgusting” session exploring how eyes work, with the option to dissect a cow’s eyeball.



Visit our blog!

Check out our blog (<http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>) for photos and posts about our recent sessions (with more coming soon). You may even see a photo of your child J. You’ll also find lots of info about The Clinic. And remember that for your convenience you can ‘follow’ our blog – just scroll down to the bottom and sign up. You will then receive an email every time we post a session report (average once a week in term time).

Thanks from The Clinic team
Barbara, Penny, Liz, Catherine, Natasha and Kate



Round The Bays - February 18th - Join the Ngaio School Team. Password for the school team is: **Ngaioschool2018**

<https://secure.tiktok.biz/register/default.aspx?EventID=wellingtonroundthebays&Edition=2018&Team=NgaioSchool&Password=Ngaioschool2018>



Background

Te Kura o Ōtari Twilight Fair 3-7pm Sat 25 November 166 Wilton Road *Nau mai, haere mai!*

Parenting Course

Parenting can be both a joy and very hard work.

Things get in the way of us being the parents we want to be. Sometimes these things are external, but more often, they're our own thoughts and feelings. These might be thoughts about ourselves, about our children, about our parenting, about what others think of our parenting ...

Your Parenting ACT is a 5-week experience-based, evidence-based course designed to help you parent in line with your values. It uses principles from ACT – Acceptance and Commitment Therapy – to help you make room for your thoughts and feelings so you can respond flexibly to parenting demands. ACT uses acceptance, mindfulness, and behavioural strategies to help people pursue what matters most to them, including being the parent they want to be.

St Luke's Centre, [34 Pitt St, Wadestown, Wellington](#).

Mondays from the 26th of February between 7:00pm and 9:00pm.

For more information contact Giselle Bahr on 027 567 4496 or at hello@bahr.net.nz.

Registrations: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/your-parenting-act-tickets-40080148804>

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES:

Pre- Christmas programmes will run at the following centres:

Kelly club Northland; (Northland Memorial hall – [5 Woburn Road](#)) 18 Dec – 22 Dec, *Kelly Club Westpark*; 21 Dec – 22 Dec, *Kelly Club Churton Park*; 18 Dec – 22 Dec, *Kelly Club Amesbury*; 15 Dec – 22 Dec.

Activities include *Wet N Wild*, *Scavenger Hunt*, *Cup cake decorating*, *Sports*, *Christmas Activities games* and much more.

January Holiday Programme starting from the 8th January 2018 at the following venues: *Kelly Club Wilton (wests rugby clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton)*, *Westpark School*, *Churton Park School*, *Amesbury School*.

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call **04 972 7201**

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018:

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

“Back to School Sports”– Wednesday (yrs 1-2) 3.05pm-4.05pm - Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games & drills to build these skills.

“Back to School Sports”– Wednesday (yrs 2-4) 3:05pm-4:05pm - Come and try Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play.

JANUARY FOOTBALL MORNING HOLIDAY WORKSHOP (Yrs 1–6) Wests Club Rooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting with head coach Martin.

Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm (9th, 10th & 11th Jan/16th, 17th & 18th Jan/23rd, 24th & 25th Jan).

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The graphic features a stylized illustration of a community with houses, trees, wind turbines, and people. At the top, three hands hold up a banner that says 'FREE FOR ALL'. Below the banner, a man and a woman are shown exchanging a yellow box. The background is a gradient of yellow and green.

Don't bin it ... Share it!

At **Free for All** we strongly believe in keeping usable items out of landfill. Often usable, unwanted items, end up being sent to landfill. We have created an alternative. Take the unwanted treasures you have in your home, shed or storage unit and give them directly to someone who wants them, using our website.

To gift your items, or to get some new treasures yourself, head to www.freeforall.co.nz and list your items at no cost and have them collected right from your doorstep. This website is usable all over New Zealand, so please tell everyone you know about us, as this website is for everyone.

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