

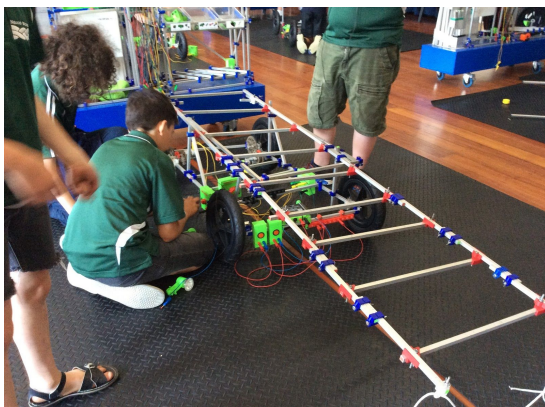
**Key Dates**

Friday 10th November	Junior Athletics Day at school and Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday 15th November, 1.40pm	New Parents Information Seminar, School Staffroom
Monday 27th Nov - Friday 1st Dec	Book Week - more details to follow
Monday 6th November, 9.00am - 2.00pm	Northern Zone Athletics, Newtown Park
Tuesday 7th November, 7.30pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Wednesday 15th November, 1.40pm	New Parents Information Seminar, Staffroom
Tuesday 21st November, 3.00-7.00pm	Year 1 - 3 Conferences
Wednesday 22nd November, 3.00-7.00pm	Year 1-3 Conferences
Tuesday 28th November, 11.45am-12.30pm	Pack the Bus
Thursday 30th November, 7.00pm	BOT meeting, Staffroom
Friday 1st December	Disco, Raroa Normal Intermediate

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I really enjoyed the term 4 whakatau where I was welcomed along with other newcomers to the school. It was lovely being part of the first use of Te Kapua (The Cloud) for an assembly and also the unveiling of the time capsule plaque. I was proud to welcome my former colleagues, parents and children from Houghton Valley School. I really appreciated them making the effort to be here given it was their school photo day!

We can now confirm that the new building is pretty much completed. They are still working through the defects list, tidying up last bits but we've been able to go through and have a proper look. The driveway going down from the school carpark has been laid with asphalt and we have all our carparks back. Once the defects list is complete, we're planning to take the classes through so they can get a better view than just through the windows! We've started thinking about the grand opening and will let you know soon the format and when it will be.



Congratulations to the two EPro8 teams, The Ngaio Creators and The Ngaio Nerds, who achieved a first equal result in the recent competition. Well done Tom, Thomas, Issy, Hélène, Tamino (captain), Sophie, William and Elliot.

The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem solving race. In 2017 over 7000 students from 700 schools from throughout the New Zealand took part.

Teams compete to:

- build large sized structures
- solve practical problems
- engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles
- invent machines that can complete simple tasks
- undertake unusual and fun experiments.
- construct basic electronic circuits.
- solve interesting problems using practical maths

I really enjoyed catching up with the The Clinic team this week. What a fabulous concept and opportunity for Ngaio students. I love that we have the capacity to share the varied skills of the community with the students. Remember to get in touch if you have a skill you could share. If you're not sure, please ask - it seems that anything goes and they've certainly done some exciting things. Check out the school website <http://www.ngaio.school.nz/learning-at-ngaio/the-clinic> and keep an eye on their blog <http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>

The year 4 to 6 school athletics meet was a great day, held this year at Nairnville Park for the first time. We reviewed the day and although it was really successful, there are some ways to make it even better next year. The most exciting thing is that it opens up the opportunity for there to be a whole school event again after splitting due to a lack of space. Thank you to Dan Byrne who was the main organiser of the day and the fantastic team of teachers who supported him. Well done team! Good luck to all the students who have been selected to compete at the upcoming Northern Zone athletics meet.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you at next week's PTA meeting.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson

Principal/Tumuaki



#### **Have fun helping on a Term 4 session**

Any adult in the school community is welcome to join us. Let us know (email [theclinic@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:theclinic@ngaio.school.nz)) if you'd like to help on any of these upcoming sessions:

- rocks, minerals and fossils - for all (Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- hand-sewing - for Tui & Kakapo (Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- playdough - for Pohutukawa & Kōwhai (Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- eyes, how they work - for Kakapo (Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- modular origami & flexagons – Kōwhai (Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- energy/electricity - for all (Tues 21<sup>st</sup> & Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov)

#### **Highlights from recent sessions**

Check out our blog (<http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>) for photos and posts about our recent sessions. We ended last term with a session on animal anatomy which featured lots of interesting bones including a full skeleton of a cat! We have been very busy already this term and have run sessions on hand-sewing your own little 'creature', geometric origami & flexagons, and wood construction. What a variety of experiences and skills the children have available to them through The Clinic J



## Clinic Team



We are still keen to welcome more Clinic team members on board so that we have a strong group going into 2018. Let us know if you want to find out more - [theclinic@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:theclinic@ngaio.school.nz). We are excited about getting our own 'home' again next year once all the spaces have been reorganised. It was lovely to meet with Raewyn and Amanda this week to share our vision and passion for fun, hands-on community-led learning at Ngaio School.

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

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## PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on the 7th of November 7.30pm in the staff room.  
If you would like to know more about the PTA or are interested in joining, please come along.

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## Round The Bays - February 18th

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

Password for the school team is: **Ngaioschool2018**

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## Community Notices

### Pump Dance Studios presents The Wizard of Oz

Saturday 4th November

Matinee Show 3pm

Evening Show 7pm

The Opera House, Wellington

Tickets available at: <http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=WIZARDOF17>

Children (14 years and under) \$24

Adults \$28

Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$88

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### Khandallah Community Creche - Open day - 9.30-11.30am Saturday 18th November

The Khandallah Community Creche has been providing nurturing early education for over 30 years and is open from 8.45am-1pm during term time. We cater for children aged from 16 months with great ratios and amazing teachers. Drop in and see what early education solutions we offer and celebrate with us as we open our brand new landscaped garden. There will be balloons and face painting for the children.

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**Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup is having an Open Day on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 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@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz).

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JOIN MARANUI SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - CLUB OPEN DAY

**SUN, SAND & SURF - Maranui Junior Surf season starts on SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2017.**

Summer is approaching, so now is the time to register with Maranui Surf Life Saving Club. Junior Surf is a great way for children to make friends, be active and enjoy the beach in a safe environment. Come along to our Registration and Club Open Day on **Sunday 29 October, 12pm - 3pm**. See what's happening at the club this season, meet coaches, lifeguards and athletes, have a look around the surf clubhouse, register and become a member, information on junior surf, seniors, becoming a lifeguard and information on hiring the club. We look forward to seeing you all. **Or join Maranui SLSC today at [www.maranui.co.nz/how-to-join.html](http://www.maranui.co.nz/how-to-join.html)**