

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

Key Dates

Thursday 21st June, 6.00pm	Raroa New Parent Information Evening, School Hall
Monday 25 th June, 3:00pm	Last Day for Scholastic Book Orders
Tuesday 26 th June	Northern Zone Hockey
Wednesday 27 th June	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports
Tuesday 3 rd July	Regional Cross Country
Friday 6 th July	Term 2 closes at 3:00pm
Tuesday 24 th July	Year 4 Swimming Sports (note change of date)
Tuesday 31 st July	ICAS English (year 4-6)
Tuesday 14th August	ICAS Maths (year 4-6)

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to everyone who has either attended or is due to attend Three-way Conferences to discuss your child's learning. Hopefully you've come away proud of how they're progressing and impressed by their increasing grasp of their own learning journey. Of course, the reports only pick up on specific 'Tickled Pink' achievements and 'Green for Growth' goals as your children are immersed in a huge amount of learning every day. The teachers here work really hard to deliver a varied programme, not only in literacy and math, but across the rich New Zealand curriculum.

I subscribe to 'Did You Know?' from Leading Learning. 'Did you know?' gives short, fortnightly snippets about effective teaching and learning, designed to be 'drip fed' into newsletters, emails, Facebook feeds etc. The latest one is a quote from Professor John Hattie, a well-known researcher in education, and definitely appropriate as we continue to support students to be active learners who can talk about their learning.

The feedback a student receives while they are learning is one of the most important variables when it comes to learning. Feedback is essentially about providing students with information about where they currently are, where to next and the best way to get there. It is important to note that the feedback students give to teachers about how well a strategy is working for them is just as important as the feedback the student receives from the teacher.

Link: Hattie. (2009) *Visible Learning*

NZEI It's Time / Kua Tae Te Wa campaign

Thank you so much for your support to allow teachers to attend the union meeting this week. We were able to send 11 teachers to represent Ngaio School.

The Employment Relations Act gives union members the right to attend two paid union meetings a year (the June PUMs are the second ones in 2018) but also requires that schools remain open during paid union meetings, so we've worked to balance these two conflicting commitments.

What the teachers are being offered is inadequate and certainly not an incentive to attract more people to the teaching profession. The teacher shortage is hitting everyone, including us, with low numbers applying for jobs and low numbers of relievers available. Even the agencies are struggling to fill requests from schools for day to day relieving. Across the country, there has been a 40% drop in teacher graduates in the past five years, while student numbers are growing rapidly. A recent visit to two schools in Auckland confirmed how desperate things are there but it is getting worse in Wellington too.

We also support the campaign's goal for more resourcing for increasing numbers of children with additional learning needs. Budget 2018 saw a welcome increase in resourcing for children with additional needs, (for example extending ORS funding to a further 250 children a year) but resourcing needs to be ratcheted up so that thousands, not hundreds of children get the support they need. If members decide to reject the current offers, teachers and principals will then vote on whether to hold half-day work stoppages on Wednesday, August 15. We'll be in touch as soon as we know what the next step is in the negotiations.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

HONEYWRAP - PTA Fundraiser

The PTA is excited to be selling Honeywrap at Ngaio School again this term. Honeywrap is a natural reusable food wrap made from organic cotton and a beeswax blend. This makes the cloth tacky so it can be shaped over food sealing in the goodness.

Honeywrap lasts up to a year and is perfect for sandwiches and snacks in school lunches, which means no more plastic wrap in lunchboxes, rubbish bins and flying around school. Honeywrap is easy to use and easy to clean, just give it a gentle wash in cold soapy water or sponge off with a dishcloth and it's ready to use again and again.

Honeywrap will be available to order online beginning week 9 (June 25th – 29th) and delivered to your child's classroom the first week of term 3. Medium Honeywrap, the perfect size for wrapping sandwiches, will be \$12 with \$4 per wrap going to the school. Large wraps will also be available at \$14 each. Details on how to order will be sent out at the beginning of week 9 and we will have samples at the school office to check out then too.

Ngaio School is raising funds. Order and receive your NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership!

Your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership expired on 1 June 2018. Please continue supporting our fundraising by purchasing the 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership from us today. Hundreds of great value offers are ready for your enjoyment, while also helping our fundraising! Be quick, the new Membership is selling fast!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10420o2>

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If your child will be late or away please email absences@ngaio.school.nz OR please call 939 6455 before 9.00am to leave a message on the absence line.

Details of term time holiday requests should be emailed to the class teacher and copied to absences@ngaio.school.nz Overseas holiday requests should be copied to Raewyn principal@ngaio.school.nz for approval.

Community Notices

These school holidays **KidzStuff Theatre for Children** are presenting *Jessica Bo Peep*, written by Amalia Calder and Directed by Shannon Friday.

What: *Jessica Bo Peep*

When: 9th - 20th July 2018

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets \$10.50pp, Children under 2 Free

Special \$7 preview on Saturday the 7th of July 2018

Bookings: www.eventspronto.co.nz/KidzStuff

In the July 2018 Holidays, **Newtown Movie School** are again offering popular movie making and animation holiday programmes.

We'd appreciate if you could advise your students through your newsletter.

Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 July

Stop Motion Animation - Popular 3 days of movie making creativity with LEGO and colour paper (based in Newtown). For more information go to www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz or contact Craig Lauridsen 021 966 277 or nms@acumen.net.nz

ONSLow GYMNASTIC CLUB

Kids got energy to burn? Gymnastics is the answer! Have Fun – Learn Skills – Build Confidence! Onslow Gymnastics has Recreational, TeamGym and Competitive classes for girls ages 5+ years. Recreational Gym-for-All classes are held at Khandallah School Hall (ages 5-9 years) and Onslow College Rec Centre (ages 7-14+). No previous experience is required to join any of our recreational classes. TeamGym (ages 10+) brings together tumbling, mini-tramp and dance to provide an energetic and creative performance. Register now at www.onslowgymnastics.org.nz or email onslowgym@xtra.co.nz.

It's been great to see lots of early registration for the **July Skill Clinics at the National Hockey Stadium** on Wed 18 & Thurs 19 July (second week of school holidays). Clinics are only 5 weeks away - more information and registrations here - <https://www.upskillhockey.com/skill-clinics>

*There are discounts for players who enter in all 6 clinics or enter with a sibling in 3 clinics or more each. We hope to see you there! Scott Falconer, Founder Upskill Hockey
www.upskillhockey.com



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