

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

Key Dates

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 14 th August	ICAS Maths (year 4-6)
Friday 17 th August	School Disco, Raroa Normal Intermediate Hall

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you

Thank you everyone for your support this term. There has been a lot of activity supporting the curriculum, including trips and visitors. There have also been a lot of sports events and the three way conferences. We appreciate all the support to make all of these successful. I also appreciate the time teachers take to plan extracurricular activities that create special memories and enhance learning. I know they appreciate all the parent help that make these experiences possible.

NZEI Industrial Action Information

You may have heard that at Paid Union Meetings last month, primary principals and teachers voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry of Education's pay offer, as it did not address workload issues, extra learning support or ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Principals and teachers had asked for more time to teach and lead, more support for children with additional learning needs and a pay jolt to stem the teacher shortage. Instead, the vast majority of teachers (about 86%) are being offered a pay rise ranging from about 2.2-2.6% a year for three years, and just 12 minutes extra a week of time to work individually with children or plan and assess learning. The offer was far from the 16% over two years that members had identified as being necessary to address recruitment and retention issues that had grown during the term of the previous National government. The request to fund a Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO) in every school to assist children with additional learning needs was also ignored.

At the union meetings primary teachers and principals voted to hold strike action on Wednesday 15 August from 1.30pm. Many however, felt that this action did not go far enough to show the Government the seriousness of the workload and underfunding we face in our schools, therefore there was a strong groundswell for the strike action to run for the entire day, and our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, is now undertaking consultation with the membership on this possibility. An online member ballot may be held early next term.

Our school's Board of Trustees is currently assessing whether or not the practical implication is that the school will need to be closed during the strike action, and is awaiting advice from the Ministry of Education and NZ School Trustees Association. There is likely to be at least two weeks' notice if a full day strike goes ahead. We will advise the school community as soon as the Board has sufficient information to decide whether or not the school will need to be closed.

We appreciate the inconvenience of strike action on families, and NZEI member teachers do not take the decision lightly. Primary teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and the fact that this step is now being taken shows the grave concerns teachers and principals have for the future of quality public education if courageous steps are not taken now.

Staffing

We are very pleased to be able to confirm the appointment of Gillian Goldring as the new teacher in Room 2, replacing Wendy Holbrooke who is heading off to teach in Hong Kong. Gillian is a very experienced teacher, recently relocated from Auckland. We are looking forward to having Gillian on board next term. Karen Doogan has taken on the role of syndicate leader for Kowhai Syndicate.

Wendy's actual final day at Ngaio School is the Friday of week 1 so there will be a transition time for the class. We are planning a poroporoaki for Wendy on Friday morning, 27th July.

We are also pleased to announce that Chantal McKee will be continuing in her role of classroom teacher in Harakeke (Year 6) through to the end of the year. We're really grateful to have Chantal on board.

Kapa haka Performances

Congratulations and ka pai to Alwyn and Kirsten who organised for our amazing Kapa Haka students to perform at the Ngaio Creche, Kindergarten and Play Centre last week. This was very much appreciated by all. Aroha mai, aroha atu (*Love towards us, love going out from us*).

A big thank you also to Harriet, Mrs Palmer, Susie and the parents for your support. The children were amazing!



Tui Learning Environment

Ruth Cooper, occupational therapist, visited Tui recently to provide some feedback and advice on the use of the space and the furniture in Tui and how this area supports learning and physical wellbeing. In her report, Ruth commented that she really liked the design and functionality of this space. In her summary, she said Ideally children need to be able to move about and change their body position when playing or learning and all the furnishings and spaces in this (Tui) learning environment allow for this. Moving regularly between a range of positions is helpful for strength, balance, body awareness, agility and flexibility – in the Tui learning environment children are free to change their body position frequently.

She commented that sitting in a classic school chair and desk provides some support and functional positioning and especially helps with hand writing tasks, however prolonged sitting in a chair at a desk usually creates restlessness, and does not necessarily contribute to back or core strength in the same way that using a variety of seating or floor positions will do. She said it is pleasing to see that Ngaio School students will be able to learn in a physical setting that will support their need to move about, be revitalised by change of location and body position and have the best opportunity to be engaged and interested in learning. She recommended the learning space as a positive, safe and forward thinking initiative.

We also had some feedback from another visiting specialist teacher who commented that *“students are walking into a great atmosphere. Clear routines, warm and encouraging, expectations of behaviour succinctly communicated - great management of whole Harakeke at the start of a day. The physical environment is so well thought out.”*

The Clinic

I enjoyed two sessions with The Clinic this week helping the students create mini windsox. It was great to see them have a go with the sewing machine and see how delighted they were with their creations. I urge you to consider how you can contribute to The Clinic - they're very open to new ideas whether scientific or creative in some other way. So many of you have talents you can impart on our inquisitive, eager learners.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the PTA members who provided the staff with morning tea and lunch yesterday. It was very much appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

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!

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Community Notices

Ngaio Scout Group has room for new members, if you are keen on the outdoors, learning new things and meeting new people. We have lots of space for boys and girls to join
email ngaioscouts.gl@gmail.com

RAROA EAGLES NETBALL TEAM - MAMMA MIA 2 MOVIE FUNDRAISER

The Raroa Year 8 Eagles Netball Team are fundraising so they can travel to, attend and compete in this year's AIMS Games, in Tauranga in September 2018.

On Sunday 29 July at 3pm we are holding a special screening of the Mamma Mia 2 Movie at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn.

Tickets are \$20 each and this includes a movie ticket and a small goodie bag. There are also spot prizes. The movie looks like a lot of fun so bring yourself, your family and your friends!

If you'd like tickets email Celia at celiaruthhorner@gmail.com or text 0274405596 for more details!

Feel free to invite friends and family! Thanks so much for your support.

Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français?

Come and join our Alliance Francaise French class at your school in Term 3! The class is run by one of our native qualified French teachers.

Details:

- **For children Year 2 to Year 6 (beginners and advanced)**
- **every Thursday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm**
- **onsite at your school**
- **from 26th July to 27th September**
- **Price: \$150 for 10 weeks**

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française (schools@french.co.nz), or ring 472 12 72 to get more information.

A bientôt!

CodeCamp - July Holidays

Dates & Venues: Samuel Marsden School: July 9th – 12th & 16th – 19th July

Maranui SLSC, Lyall Bay: July 9th – 12th; Thorndon Primary School: July 9th – 12th

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