



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

This term all children must wear a SunSmart sunhat when outside

Advising an Absence

Please ensure the office is informed of your child's absence before 9.00am either by leaving a voice message on the phone or by emailing absences@ngaio.school.nz

Name, room number and reason for absence is required please.

Key Dates

Monday 4 th February	Swimming lessons begin
Monday 4 th February, 7.30pm	PTA meeting - Staffroom
Wednesday 6 th February	School Closed – Waitangi Day Holiday
Friday 8 th February, 9.00am	Whakatau – Welcome to new staff, students and families
Tuesday 12 th February, 4.45pm – 5.30pm	Meet the Teacher Picnic
Tuesday 26 th February, Alex Moore Park	Northern Zone Cricket

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to 2019 at Ngaio School. We've had a lovely start with lots of happy kids and energised, motivated teachers ready to provide exciting learning opportunities for your children. This term is always extra special with the swimming programme starting up. With gymnastics as well, the physical education programme is off to a good start.

Next Friday we have our first Whakatau, welcoming all our new students and teachers. This year we welcome James McMullan to the Ngaio Teaching team. James is teaching in year 6, Harakeke and is team leader for Tui Syndicate (year 5 and 6). You are all welcome to attend the whakatau, it's always a special time.

As mentioned by e-mail, Amanda Frater, Associate Principal, has accepted a secondment to the Ministry of Education for terms one and two this year. We congratulate Amanda who will be working as a Kāhui Ako Lead Adviser in the Wellington Regional Team in Sector Enablement and Support. So far the role has been induction but she is just starting to plan for some travel and work in schools.

Amanda will still be in contact with Ngaio School as the secondment allows for this, so we're looking forward to her sharing her new knowledge and ideas.

In Amanda's absence the syndicate leaders are all stepping up to support Kirsten and I. They'll be taking more responsibility for learning support under Kirsten who has taken up the Special Needs Coordinator role (SENCO) and is now the main point of contact for learning support.

Sarah Simpson, syndicate Leader of Kakapo is stepping up to support Kirsten in her Associate Principal role on Fridays. Sarah is released from the classroom on Fridays so will be able to work with Kirsten and I on various tasks and projects.

The syndicate leaders have been preparing their syndicate newsletters, so look out for these next week. These are a good reference to know more about how things work in each of the syndicates.

Classes and Teachers

Kowhai - Year 1: Karen Doogan (syndicate leader release - Pearl Moon), Charmaine Carlaw (Donna Beechey Fridays) and Gillian Goldring - (Kathy Yamada Fridays).

Pohutukawa - Year 2: Bronwyn O'Halloran (Syndicate Leader release - Kathy Yamada), Sophia Gowans and Abie Smalley.

Megan Palmer works as Reading Recovery Tutor and also provides classroom release for Sophia and Abie.

Kakapo - Year 3: Sarah Simpson (Syndicate Leader release Caroline Dinness), Christina Johnstone, Tessa Willis (beginning teacher release - Sarah Stephens)

Kakapo Year 4: Liz Blackwell (ICT release - Heather Williams), Lucy Unsworth and Dan Byrne.

Tui: Rata - Year 5: Chantal McKee, Karen Lathan and Sam Jenkins (second year teacher release - Rebecca Haswell)

Tui: Harakeke - Year 6: James McMullan (syndicate leader release - Rebecca Haswell), Sarah Smart and Harriet Quin.

Meet the Teacher 

**Tuesday 12th
February 2019**

**We hope you can join us from 4.45-5.30pm for a whole school picnic,
followed by visits to your children's classes.**

The teachers will be running two sessions, both the same, so you can choose to attend either one.

Presentation 1: 5.45-6.10pm

Presentation 2: 6.15-6.45pm

Teachers will share information about their class at these meetings.

If you are unable to attend, please let the teacher know so they can provide you with a copy of their slide show.

Harakeke (year 6 classes) will hold a **Year 6 Camp Information Meeting at 7pm, following** their second presentation.

If it's wet there'll be no picnic and the presentations will still start at the allocated time from 5.45pm.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

The Clinic

Ngaio School's community learning space

AGM

Monday February 11th 7:30pm

In the Clinic room next to the upper playground

- Are you interested in what we have planned for term 1?
- Do you have a rough idea of a good session topic and want to discuss it with other parents?
- Do you want to be involved in the Clinic team?
- Are you a new parent at school and are just curious as to what it is all about?

Everyone is welcome

Blog: <http://theclinicngaio.wordpress.com/>

E-mail: theclinic@ngaio.school.nz

Community Notices

Leaping Lizards School of Dance

Fun, friendly classes for girls and boys aged 2 years and up. Jazz, Hip-Hop, Ballet, Contemporary, Tap and Pre-School Dance. Amesbury Hall, Churton Park and Johnsonville Scout Hall. Email leapinglizardsdance@outlook.com, visit www.leaping-lizards.co.nz or call Lorna on 021 1770685.

RAROA MUSIC CENTRE ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, ukulele, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet and orchestra. To enrol for 2019 visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz and enrol online. Enrolments open in December.

Sunshine Drama provides a creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 - 15 years of age. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence & build communication, performance and social skills. For 2019 class information or to arrange a free trial class, contact: Jenae 0274380533 or visit www.sunshinedrama.co.nz.
