

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

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

Thursday 13 June	Northern Zone Cross Country
Thursday 13 June	Kowhai & Pohutukawa Syndicates to Te Papa
Thursday 13 June, 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Tui Syndicate - stargazing
Monday 17 June, 7 - 10 pm	Show Quest Evening, Opera House
Tuesday 18 June (pp date 20 June)	Interzone Cross Country
Tuesday 25 June	Northern Zone Hockey, National Hockey Stadium
Thursday 27 June, 7.00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting, staffroom
Tuesday 2 July	Regional Cross Country
Friday 5 July, 3:00 pm	School closes - End of Term Two

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Such a lot has been happening lately and as such the term is flying by!

The PTA ran a breakfast for new parents a couple of Fridays ago. I love this opportunity to meet new families and the chance to have a casual chat over coffee and the yummy food the PTA organise. Please encourage those new to the school to attend these events in the future.

We've had some interest in enrolments from outside the school enrolment zone recently so are planning for a ballot next term. If you know anyone interested, encourage them to contact the office for more information.

We appreciate you all coping with the inconvenience on the day of the recent teachers' strike. You may have heard that the PPTA and NZEI went into discussions last week with the Minister. While we're still waiting to hear the outcome, there is an indication of positive progress. We will continue to keep you informed of progress and any further actions. While we hope there will be no further action needed, we are also committed to getting a better deal for the profession. The incredible difficulty recruiting currently, is an indication of how important it is for something to change. We want people to continue to choose teaching as a career. We want them to receive good training and we want them to stay in teaching.

We've just farewelled two trainee teachers who have been working in the school over the past seven weeks. They are both very enthusiastic about their future careers in teaching and we believe their time at Ngaio school cemented this further for them.

We are happy to announce the fabulous combination of Roanna Reidy and Pearl Moon who have taken up teaching in Room 1. Roanna works on Mondays and Tuesdays and Pearl Wednesday to Friday. Roanna has been relieving in the school so already knows lots of the children. Pearl is one of our permanent staff members who has been teaching across the school in various classes.

We also welcome Mazlinah Binte Haji Mohamad Noor who has started this week in Room 4, opening our newest new entrant class. Known to the children as Ms Maz, Mazlinah brings her experience and love of teaching to grow our junior team.

I enjoyed being with the students refreshing their road patrol skills with our Police Education Officer Tayla Giles recently. The students did us proud, all needing very little, if any input from Tayla as they went through the road patrol routine. Thank you again to all the parents who help with this important service, we appreciate your support.

The teachers have started their mid-year report writing. The reports are a summary of learning over the first half of the year and teachers have gathered, and continue to gather, a range of assessment information to help them make their level judgements and comments. You will receive the reports early in term 3 when we will also be preparing for the three-way conferences.

Lastly, a very sincere thank you to the seven parents who put their hands up for a place on the Ngaio School Board of Trustees. This is such an incredibly important role and I'm looking forward to working with the team who becomes the new board. I enjoyed reading your profiles and know any of you would be amazing to work with to continue on our improvement journey.

Good luck to you all as we await the final count on Wednesday.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

Influenza - Information for Parents

www.fightflu.co.nz/information-parents



SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Ngaio Thunder Hockey Team

Isla R, Juneau B, Logan H, Lucas J, Lily S, Hadassah H, Frankie Y, William B & Isabel M

The kids of the **Ngaio Thunder** started playing hockey in Year 3 and have stayed together as a tight-knit team ever since. They currently play in the Year 5/6 Development grade and are all enjoying their season so far – even when they faced a much larger team from Wadestown School whose shortest

player was bigger than the tallest Thunder player! The thing about hockey is that size isn't everything and even the littlest team member can make a huge contribution.

This team has exemplary sportsmanship, teamwork and represent Ngaio School to the best of their ability every week.

Last week a highlight for the Thunder was having their very first game at the National Hockey Stadium – the place where the Blacksticks Men and Womens' teams play. Perhaps something for them to aspire to in the future!

"It's great fun learning how to play hockey. You get to make new friends, and get to know children that you probably wouldn't play with at school" Lily

"Everyone can get involved in hockey, it's fun, fast and fantastic. I like being in a mixed team, and I like our coach as he always finds something positive to say even if we don't win" Frankie

Spare Clothes ...

If you know your child loves to play on the field, please consider including a change of clothes in their bag in case they get muddy - we have a very limited supply in the office and often we struggle to find the right sized clothing.

Would you Like to Host an International Student?

AFS is currently looking for a few short term host families and are hopeful that there are families in the Ngaio School community that would like to take up this opportunity. We are able to offer host families \$300 per week to host a student. Students will be here for 3 weeks 14th July till 4th August 2019. This is a great chance to experience a different culture without leaving your home.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our Hosting Coordinator Joanna Holm 04 903 2276 or email joanna.holm@afs.org

KELLY CLUB JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focuses 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. We have some exciting days planned: **Antarctic Explorers, Cartoon Day, Topsy Turvy Day, Frosty Spot Ice Rink, Toy Story 4 Movie, Space Place** and lots more!

Kelly Club is available at the following venues: *West's Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton, West Park School, Amesbury School, Churton Park School, Island Bay School.*

To enrol www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.



COMEDY NIGHT

THURSDAY JUNE 27th

7 - 9 PM (drinks from 6:30pm)

RĀROA INTERMEDIATE HALL



MC

Nick
Rado

*4 time National winner of
best comedy MC.*

HEADLINER:

Paul
Ego



*New Zealand Comedian of
the year*

TICKETS

*Google Form available in
the Rāroa and school
website.*

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