



The Ngaio School Board of Trustees Update

April 2021

Kia ora koutou,

The Board of Trustees would like to warmly welcome all new families who have joined the Ngaio School community for 2021 - it's great to have you as a part of our school community.

The Board is made up of five elected parent representatives, the school Principal and a staff representative. We meet monthly and also communicate regularly regarding school governance plans and issues. The next parent representative elections will be held in 2022.

The current Ngaio School Board of Trustees:

Estelle Jaine - Presiding Member

Raewyn Watson - Principal

Clinton Geeves - Parent Representative

Sarah Sims - Parent Representative

Mark Palmer - Parent Representative

Christian Hawkesby - Parent Representative

Staff Representative - *to be elected Term 2 2021*



RECENT EVENTS/INITIATIVES:

Updating you about work the Board is doing around the school and towards the Annual Plan.

- ★ The Board farewells our **Staff Representative** Sarah Smart who has left Ngaio School for a governance position at the Ministry of Education. We will miss her as a much valued part of our team. We look forward to welcoming a new Staff Representative who will join us after an election process happening this term.

- ★ The new Ngaio School **Website** has launched. This will be a great addition to the way the school communicates with families and also provides lots of information about the school. Look out for more details from school management and check it out here! <https://www.ngaio.school.nz>
- ★ The new website has a link to the **School Docs** site where all Ngaio School policies can now be accessed. The Board has undergone an in depth review of all policies as part of this process which has been a huge amount of work.
- ★ The Board has approved funding for resurfacing the **Astroturf**. This is scheduled to be done in the July school holidays.
- ★ We have also approved funding for much needed classroom **Digital Devices**. \$10,000 will go towards new ipads to replace the very old ones in the junior syndicates. There are also updated policies from the Board and procedures from the school regarding digital learning at Ngaio School.
- ★ The Board will be running the **Staff Wellbeing Survey** this term. Results are analysed and included in actions targeting the Annual Plan priority of staff wellbeing. There is also a Student Wellbeing Survey done later in the year.
- ★ **Family Donations and Activity Donations** help support areas that will enrich childrens' learning but are not covered by the Ministry of Education's funding. We understand that last year was especially challenging and that some families are still feeling the financial effects from 2020. The school greatly appreciates donations from families who are able to contribute them.

KIA ORA!

Acknowledging members of our school and local community for their special contributions.

- ★ Ngā mihi to **Diana Price** (school parent) and Principal **Raewyn Watson** for their tremendous efforts in getting the website up and running. This has been a huge task with several delays but we are finally there. We extend our huge thanks to everyone involved but to these two in particular for all their mahi.
- ★ Thank you to **Andrew Sos** and **Greg Price** (both school parents) for their expert advice regarding last term's vandalism episodes. Andrew has also sourced a donation of security cameras and monitoring equipment through his company, Sos Contracting Ltd, which will help enhance security around the grounds. This is a fantastic, generous gift to the school.
- ★ Also shouting out to **Jen Thornburrow** for her work towards planting planning in the area behind the new retaining wall. There have also been other families contributing advice and ideas and we also extend a massive thanks to **Allworks Limited**, a local landscape garden company, who have donated a full planting design to the school for this area. We are hoping for this to go ahead in spring this year. Let us know if you are keen to help in any way with this project!

CONTACT:

We are always happy to hear feedback from the community - parents/whānau, children, staff - regarding the governance of Ngaio School. Please feel free to attend our monthly meetings advertised in the school newsletter and on the website, or you can contact us directly via the Chair at: botestelle@ngaio.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Estelle Jaine

On behalf of Clinton Geeves, Mark Palmer, Sarah Sims, Christian Hawkesby and Raewyn Watson.

