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The Ngaio School Board of Trustees Update

July 2021

Kia ora koutou,

The Board of Trustees would like to warmly welcome all new families who have joined the Ngaio School community during Term 2 and who are starting in Term 3. It's great to have you as a part of our school community.

We hope everyone - staff, children and whānau - have enjoyed a restful term holiday break and that you are looking forward to the new term.

RECENT EVENTS/INITIATIVES:

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

- ★ The Board is pleased to announce a new team member. Dan Byrne, a teacher in Year 5/Rātā, in the Tūi syndicate, has been elected by the school staff as the Board's **Staff Representative**. Dan is also a school parent with two children attending Ngaio. Welcome aboard Dan!
- ★ You would have noticed some work happening around the school. There are now new **steps** from the Colway Street pathway down to the astroturf and courts. These are wider and safer to allow better access between these areas. Work to replace the old **Astroturf** surface will also be getting underway this term.
- ★ There are also some new **Signs** installed to help visitors and new whānau navigate around the school and find the office/tari. Keep a lookout for other signs arriving soon.
- ★ The **Pool** is in need of a new marquee cover for the benefit of the tamariki and school community. We are very lucky to have the pool as a school resource and so are looking at ways this can be funded.
- ★ As part of our strategic planning the Board's **Landscape Masterplan Group** is working on a 5-year plan for the school grounds - to identify how we can improve areas of the school as play and learning spaces for the children. As part of this process we will be seeking ideas from the children, teachers and wider community. A Masterplan will then be developed for community consultation later in the year. Alongside this, the Property Action Group is continuing work on projects already approved, for example replanting the new retaining bank area and restoring the Arb, with the support of the PTA.
- ★ **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.

- ★ A huge shout out to our school caretaker **Peter**, teacher **Hayden**, the new **Whānau group**, other parent and student **helpers** and the **school staff** for planning and running the hugely successful Matariki celebration and hāngi. This was a very special event, greatly enjoyed by the children. Kia ora rawa atu!
- ★ Last term the Board sent a thankyou message to each of the school's **Support Staff** for their greatly appreciated contributions at Ngaio. If you see them around, say Kia Ora!
Teacher Aides: Charlene, Kerry, Susie, Kerry Anne, Julia, Kirsty
Librarians: Bernice, Anne, Cristin
Administrators: Helen, Nicki, Kirsty
Caretaker: Peter
Cleaner: Desmond

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, Dan Byrne and Raewyn Watson.

