



# ON BOARD

The Ngaio School Board of Trustees Update  
Term Four 2022

December 2022

Wow, another term has flown by and we are now at the end of the year. Covid has come and gone, and come back again and things are starting to settle into the “new normal”. The Board would like to thank everyone for your support of Ngaio School during the year, and to wish everyone in the school community a Merry Christmas and we hope that you have a relaxing, restful summer break.

We would also like to thank and recognise the efforts of teaching and school support staff for all the work that they have done over the year. It’s been another difficult year with the various disruptions and we know how hard everyone has been working and is committed to ensuring that the students have a happy and safe environment. We also would like to recognise and thank our teachers Faye and Abby who are leaving us to other schools, thank you and best wishes!





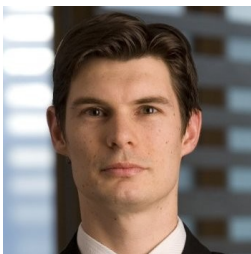


## NEW BOARD

The board elections in September saw all previous parent representatives retiring and a board with new members being formed. While this means a short and sharp learning curve for the new board, we are looking forward to challenges ahead and helping support the School.

The board would like to thank the retiring members of the previous board Estelle Jaine, Clinton Geeves, Christian Hawkesby, Mark Palmer and Helen Musson for all their work and contributions to the School over the last three (and six!) years.

The Board is made up of 5 elected parent representatives, the school principal and a staff representative. We meet once a month and are focused on governing the school and providing strategic direction.

The current Ngaio School Board of Trustees is:

 <p>Craig Fairhall (Presiding Member) <a href="mailto:botcraig@ngaio.school.nz">botcraig@ngaio.school.nz</a></p>	 <p>Joe Winton (Parent Representative) <a href="mailto:botjoe@ngaio.school.nz">botjoe@ngaio.school.nz</a></p>	 <p>Emma Andrews (Parent Representative) <a href="mailto:botemma@ngaio.school.nz">botemma@ngaio.school.nz</a></p>	 <p>Rachael Manttan (Parent Representative) <a href="mailto:botrachael@ngaio.school.nz">botrachael@ngaio.school.nz</a></p>
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## MASTERPLAN

Previously during the year, the board consulted with the community on the landscape masterplan and took feedback on this to form a list of priority work. The masterplan is not a to-do list, but more a future vision for the school grounds which will help to shape decisions about how the school develops over the coming years.

The key items identified and agreed in the plan were:

- Junior Playground improvements
- Entranceway upgrade
- Bicycle track
- Lower bank by courts upgrade
- Outdoor classrooms and improvements to the space around Tui block

The board has been reviewing the plan and also the “doability” and timing for the various items. It has agreed the first two items to progress should be the updates to the lower bank and junior playground. The board is also forming a sub committee to help progress the plan and is looking for people from the community to be part of this planning and work. If you are interested in helping out with this then please let us know.

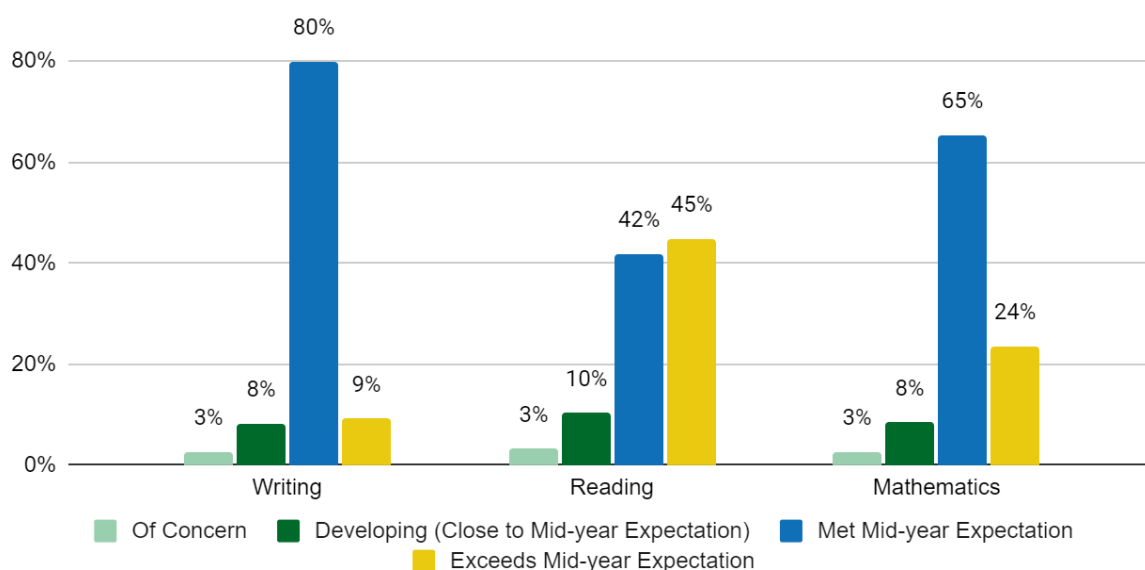
## ACHIEVEMENT DATA

At the Board meeting in November, Sarah Simpson and Raewyn Watson presented Ngaio School end of year achievement data for 2022 along with detailed analysis and commentary. The board receives a large volume of detailed analysis alongside the results of testing and teacher judgment, the board then ask questions to understand what the data is telling us and work out how we can better support the school to teach our children.

Previous editions of On Board have talked about how the school measures progress and achievement and how this data is used by the school and the board. If you have any questions about the school achievement data and how the board reviews the data and analysis then please get in touch with [Joe Winton botjoe@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:botjoe@ngaio.school.nz)

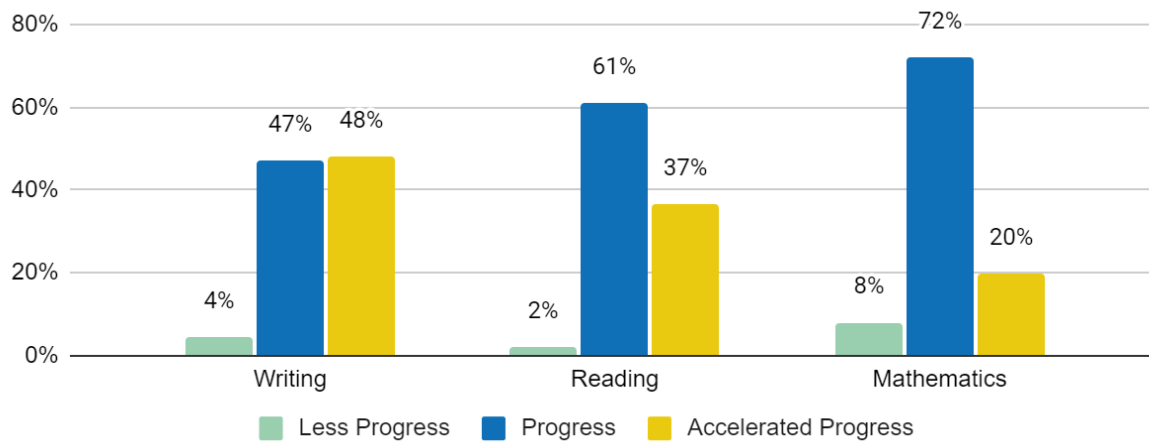
The whole school results are very good. And the board is very pleased to see high numbers of children meeting and exceeding end of year expectations. We were particularly impressed by 45% of students exceeding end of year expectations in Reading. 89% of students have met or exceeded end of year expectations in Writing, 86% in Reading and 89% in Mathematics.

### ***Whole School End of Year Overall Teacher Judgements 2022.***



Alongside the data on the number of students meeting or exceeding end of year expectations, we look at the progress that students have made. We were impressed by the progress being made and when looking at the achievement and progress together it was encouraging to see many of the students who are developing or of concern, are making progress or accelerated progress as a result of their mahi and the additional support they receive.

### ***Whole school progress in Writing, Reading and Mathematics, 2021-2022.***



## COVID-19

Unfortunately Covid is still a presence in the community and cases have been increasing in Wellington and around the country. We regularly review our policies in line with Government direction and these will continue. There are several important prevention measures for Covid-19 that form the basis of the strategy, these include:

- Staying at home when unwell
- Masks strongly encouraged at school indoors for year 4 and above
- Regular hand hygiene
- Ventilation of indoor spaces
- Vaccination against Covid-19

## RECENT EVENTS/INITIATIVES

Some recent events around the school

- Leaving assemblies/ performances from syndicates – it is great to see these back and all the tamariki did a fantastic job!! It was incredible as parents to be able to see these again and they highlight the amazing achievement of Ngaio kids and the fun that they have with their teachers.
- Year 6 Graduation Evening - incredible performances from the leavers. Thanks to the teachers who always go above and beyond the call of duty to send off the kids. Also acknowledge the Year 5 parents who pay it forward by decorating the hall and providing sweet treats.

## UPCOMING WORK

There are a number of upcoming work items around the school and for the board:

- Fencing – The Ministry of Education is supporting an upgrade of the fencing around the school. This work is scheduled to take place starting early next year.
- Astroturf – the repair of this has been taking some time but we look forward to this being completed.
- Bank – upgrading of the lower bank by the courts

- Annual Plan 2023 – the board will be working on the annual plan over the summer ready for the coming year.

## CONTACT

We are always happy to hear feedback from the community – parents/whanau, children, staff regarding the governance of the school. Please feel free to attend our monthly meetings (these are advertised in the school newsletter or on the website), or you can contact us directly via the Presiding Member at [botcraig@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:botcraig@ngaio.school.nz)

Noho ora mai

Emma, Rachael, Daniel, Dan, Joe, Craig and Raewyn