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**2023 SCHOOL TERMS** <https://www.ngaio.school.nz/school-life/term-dates/>

**SOME DATES TO GET YOU STARTED...**

Term 1 2022 Begins	Tuesday 31 January, 9:00am
Swimming Programme <i>More details to come.</i>	Beginning week 2 from Tuesday 7 Feb
Class introduction meetings & picnic <i>Save the date - more details to come.</i>	Wednesday 8 Feb (Wk 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4.30 Pōhutukawa</li> <li>● 5.00 Picnic on the field (optional)</li> <li>● 5.30 Kākāpō</li> <li>● 6:00 Tūī</li> <li>● 6.30pm Camp Meeting</li> </ul>
Waitangi Day (observed)	Monday 6 February - SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Happy New Year Everyone,

I really hope you've managed to have some quality family time and enjoy this spectacular summer weather. We're very much looking forward to having the children all back at school on Tuesday.

A special welcome to our new families. As well as our new entrant tamariki, we have several children starting across the school. We know your wonderful children will make them all feel very welcome.

We have an action packed term ahead with swimming starting in week 2 as well as a project working alongside Cristen Stewart, a school parent and artist. Our application for New Zealand Creatives funding was successful, enabling us to launch a mural project using our school story *Piki ki te Tūī* as the theme.

Today teachers attended a workshop led by Jaclyn Meredith an Educational Psychologist for the Ministry of Education on *Understanding Behaviour Responding Safely (UBRS)*. The practical workshop helped build teacher knowledge and understanding of children's behaviour and best practice for meeting the needs of all children. On Monday teachers will attend a second Teachers Only Day covering schoolwide practices and initiatives for 2023.

We have a busy year of learning ahead for our teachers who will be engaging in the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh, the Better Start Literacy Approach, PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning), continuation of our mathematics professional development and Kura Ahurea, a programme providing a Te Ātiawa ki Te Whanganui a Tara/Taranaki Whānui perspective on local historical narratives, tikanga and kawa. We'll be sharing more information about these initiatives in our next newsletter.

The Board met during the holiday break to work on the 2023 Strategic Plan which will be shared soon. There will be lots of opportunities for engagement, which is exciting given the impact Covid-19 has had on community events and engagement over the past few years.

Ngā mihi nui  
 Raewyn Watson  
 Te Tumuaki