

KEY DATES

Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day - School Closed
Wednesday 8 February, 4:30pm	School Picnic & Meet the Teachers
Tuesday 14 February	Year 5 Arctic Challenge
Friday 24 February, 8:00am	New Parents Breakfast
Friday 24 February, 9:00am	Whakatau
Tuesday 28 February	Northern Zone Cricket - Alex Moore Park
Wednesday 1 March, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar
Wednesday 1 March, 7:15pm	Kathryn Berkett - Guest Speaker - The Adolescent Brain
Tuesday 7 March, 7:00pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Friday 24 March	Little Heart Day and PTA Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 28 March	Northern Zone Football - Alex Moore Park
Wednesday 29 March	PTA staff appreciation morning tea
Friday 31 March, 7:00pm	PTA Clothing Swap, Khandallah Town Hall
Mon 4 April - Thur 6 April	Year 6 at Forest Lakes Camp
Thursday 6 April	Term 1 Ends, 3:00pm
Monday 24 April	Teacher Only Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26 April	Term 2 Begins, 9:00am

Tēnā koutou Families

We've had a full-on week with all sorts happening across the school already. Our Creatives project is underway with classroom sessions to begin this exciting journey. It's been so lovely having the students all back and we're very grateful for Wellington's mostly summer weather so they've been able to be outside playing in the breaks. Our thoughts go out to all the children further north stuck at home this week and especially those impacted by the terrible rain events.

The board and I have been meeting over the past few weeks finalising our planning for the year. The annual plan will be shared soon so you can see what's happening over the year and how you can be involved.

The teachers have some exciting professional development lined up for the year and some sessions have happened already. We thought you'd be interested to hear about some of this learning.

- We have been successful in receiving more hours to work on our Mathematics Professional Development journey with Gillian Kissling and Lee Smith from Cognition Education. Over the coming year we look forward to sharing this with our parent community in an evening presentation.

- In 2023, Ngaio School Year 1 and 2 teachers are very excited to be participating in the **Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA)**. BSLA is a structured approach to literacy instruction for Year 0 to Year 2 classrooms, to support children's early reading, writing and oral language success. This professional development is delivered by the University of Canterbury |Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha and uses the expertise of literacy specialists to support teachers. Junior school parents/whānau can look forward to learning more soon as we are currently preparing an education session.

As a result of the intensive professional development approach of BSLA, we will not be providing Reading Recovery in 2023. Students currently on the Reading Recovery programme will be continuing so they complete their programme that began in 2022.

- **The New Zealand Curriculum** is being refreshed in a phased approach over the next four years so that it honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and is inclusive, clear, and easy to use. The refreshed national curriculum will provide a greater sense of what progress looks like and the learning that matters. Designed to be cumulative - **progressions** are replacing curriculum levels and achievement objectives with five **phases of learning**. Each phase of learning contains **progress outcomes** that describe what ākonga should **Understand, Know, and Do** at each phase of learning. More information will be shared over the year as our own professional learning progresses so you can learn more about this refreshed approach.
- We are thrilled to be involved in **Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide**. Also known as PB4L School-Wide, this framework supports New Zealand schools to build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence that can be tailored to our school's own environment and cultural needs. A key concept is that it's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems, and practices we have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices. There are already over 1050 School-Wide schools in New Zealand so we are excited to become another one. This development will build on many of our current behaviour management strategies and will incorporate and enhance our ROCKET values.
- We have two new Ngaio School Kāhui Ako Within School Leaders, Wendy and Hayden, who will be leading our school through the Kura Ahurea programme with other schools in our community. Kura Ahurea is a cultural support kaupapa that our Te Tarikākā Kāhui ako (Northern suburb schools Community of Learning) is involved with this year. Te Wharewaka o Pōneke will be providing a Te Ātiawa ki Te Whanganui a Tara/Taranaki Whānui perspective on local historical narratives, tikanga and kawa. Each school in our community has selected two teachers to lead and develop this kaupapa within their school. These teachers are supported by the Kura Ahurea team via termly hui based at Hikoikoi in Petone, so they can support each other through sharing resources, ideas and experiences and lead the rest of their school. Te Wharewaka o Pōneke is a member of the Ministry of Education's Professional Learning and Development (PLD) Provider Panel and has a team of accredited facilitators who will be working with us on Kura Ahurea.

I hope you can join us at the syndicate meetings and picnic next Wednesday evening. Have a great long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

NEEDED

Old business shirts to use as painting shirts.
Please deliver to the classrooms.





AND



You are warmly invited to meet the teachers in each of syndicates during the afternoon/evening of
Wednesday 8 February 2023.

Syndicate teachers will be introducing themselves and presenting information about routines, events and expectations. Following the presentation, teachers will be in their classrooms for a short time so if you haven't yet had a chance to meet them during pick up or drop off times, this is an opportunity.

We also encourage you to bring a picnic dinner and socialise on the field with other whānau and teachers when you're not attending one of the presentations.

Presentation times

- ★ 4.30 -5:10pm Pōhutukawa (Rūma 2)
- ★ 5.15 -5:55pm Kākāpō (Rūma 10)
- ★ 6:00 Tūī (in Tūī)
- ★ 6.30pm Camp Meeting (in Tūī)

**We hope
you can
join us!**

PTA NEWS

Welcome to 2023. The PTA has an exciting year planned and we look forward to working together for the benefit of our community, school and tamariki.

PTA Term 1 Calendar

New Families Breakfast	Friday 24 February	8:00 AM	Room 2
The Adolescent Brain - Guest Speaker	Wednesday 1 March	7:15 PM	Tui Block
PTA meeting	Tuesday 7 March	7:00 PM	Staff room
Sausage Sizzle	Friday 24 March	Lunch Time	Orders via MyKindo
Teacher Appreciation Morning Tea	Wednesday 29 March		Staff room
Clothes swap	Friday 31 March	7:00 PM	Khandallah Town Hall

New Families Breakfast

We will kick off the year with a New Families Breakfast on Friday February 24 at 8am in Room 2. This breakfast is open to all new families to Ngaio School. Tea, coffee and breakfast is provided. The whole family is welcome. This is a lovely opportunity to meet senior staff and other new families who have recently joined the school. We look forward to meeting you.

Navigating the Adolescent Years presentation by Kathryn Berkett

We are lucky to have Kathryn returning on Wednesday 1 March at 7.15pm to speak about Adolescence, the neuroscience of this incredible transition time. Tickets will be available soon. Book the babysitter, this speaker is a must see.

PTA Meeting

Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Tuesday March 7 at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents and caregivers are welcome. We will be discussing ideas and events for the year. If you are interested in what we do, what's coming up and are keen to help in any way big or small we would love to meet you.

Able to provide baking?

We rely on our amazing community to provide baking for staff appreciation morning teas and new family breakfasts. If you are happy to be added to our contact list of bakers to be approached when we need volunteers please email pta@ngaio.school.nz.

Clothes Swap

Our hugely successful ladies clothes swap will finally be returning on 31 March. Hang on to any choice items that no longer spark joy and get ready to refresh your wardrobe in a fun night of swapping. Tickets available soon.

Like and follow us on Facebook to see PTA updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/ngaioschoolpta>

SCHOOL LUNCHES - <https://www.ngaio.school.nz/school-life/lunches/>

School lunches are available three days a week as follows:

- Tuesday - Sushi
- Thursday - Subway
- Friday - Parsons Cafe and Bakery

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Super Summer Sports – Term 1 – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks!

Our popular Kelly Sports multi-sport programmes are back in term 1.

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings, giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

At Kelly Sports, we encourage kids to have fun, build confidence and give sport a go.

The sports we will be focussing on in term 1 are: **Cricket, Dodgeball, Athletics and Ultimate Frisbee.**

To enrol to either programme go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put "ngaio"

Wellington Dance

Budding ballerina or stage star in your house? Let us help your 5-6 year old get dancing! At our Thorndon Quay studio, we offer ballet & jazz classes after school on Mondays & Tuesdays plus Saturday morning classes. We also offer Saturday morning classes in Khandallah! Visit wellingtondance.co.nz to see why hundreds of Wellington families love our Junior dance programmes.

KAT Theatre Play-in-the-Park 2023
ROBYN HOOD AND HER MERRY GALS
by Guy Langford
Entry by Koha
KHANDALLAH PARK
Cochran Hall, Cashmere Ave if bad weather
(for venue change updates see our Facebook page or ring 022 083 5499 between 10 and 11 on the day you are coming)
February 18, 19, 25, 26
1:30pm & 3:30pm
The Sheriff's out to catch Robyn Hood. She's the best archer in the Forest, and she's on a mission to close the gender pay gap. Who will win - the Sheriff and his guards or Robyn and her friends?
PLAYMARKET



**KTSC
JUNIOR TENNIS
COMMUNITY PLAY**
5-10 YEAR OLDS

FRIDAYS 3.30 - 5PM

**JNR CLUB NIGHT
FRIDAYS 5-6.30PM**
(FOR 8-16 YEAR OLDS)



**PIZZA & ICEBLOCKS
AVAILABLE AFTER TENNIS**

**RUN BY COACHES. RACQUETS
AVAILABLE. \$5 for non-members. Free
for members**



KARORI LIONS KARNIVAL & FAIR

Sunday February 19th
10am - 3:30pm

Ben Burn Park
Campbell Street, Karori

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

For further information:
www.karorikarnival.com or
email: karorikarnival@lionsclubs.org.nz