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KEY DATES

Thursday 23 February 7:00pm	Board Meeting, staffroom
Friday 24 February, 8:00am	New Parents Breakfast
Friday 24 February, 9:00am	Mihi Whakatau to welcome new families. All welcome.
Tuesday 28 February	Northern Zone Cricket - Alex Moore Park
Tuesday 28 February	BSLA Parent Information Meeting, 3.15 - 3.45pm, Room 2
Wednesday 8 March, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar
Wednesday 1 March	NZEI Teacher meeting from 12.30pm
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 3 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

Our thoughts go out to all the people across the North Island affected by the recent unprecedented weather events. Hearing of so many people displaced due to the loss of property is heartbreaking - the amount of damage is overwhelming and the loss of lives is tragic.

There is a long, difficult time ahead for so many people. We haven't organised a school fundraising activity as we are aware of so many who have contributed independently. If you wish to support a relief project this Stuff campaign is one option.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/cyclone-gabrielle-community-support>

We also have the parent of a staff member who has organised a truck to deliver much needed items to Napier and Hawkes Bay next week. If you have good quality/new items you wish to donate please bring them to the school office on Monday by the end of the school day. See the list of requests here.

Thank you for your support so our teachers can attend their union meeting on 1 March. You should have received a letter regarding this earlier in the week and information is also below in this newsletter. It is rare for us to need to request an early pick up, however the issues

The items most needed are:

- personal toiletries
- toothpaste & toothbrushes
- hair products, including hair brushes, ties, combs
- sanitary products
- nappies of all sizes
- razors
- deodorant
- soap & shower gel
- toilet paper
- milk formula and powder
- cereals
- adult & teenage male clothing (no women's, children's or babies clothing required)
- activities for children to do; like cards, puzzles, colouring books, felts.

teachers are discussing are important ones so they need to be involved.

There has been a lot happening in the school over the past weeks. Our junior classes had their first Kapa haka session. Our Creatives project is well underway, with Christen working across the school supporting our tauira to design a visual story to be painted on murals in the school grounds. Our year 1 and 2 teachers have started their professional learning journey, Better Start Literacy Approach, and will be starting to use the strategies and resources in their classrooms. I've been working with Te Kāhui Ako o Tarikākā planning the year ahead. Te Kāhui Ako o Tarikākā is the community of learning formed by our northern suburbs schools. Our schools form a cohesive geographical community stretching up the northern corridor of suburbs in Wellington, from Crofton Downs School through Ngaio, Khandallah, Johnsonville and Churton Park to Amesbury School. All our kura are nestled and sheltered amongst the native bush of Tarikākā. We work together closely which creates an amazing support network and opportunities for learning.

We had our first House get together today - the House Groups met for buddy reading, a perfect first opportunity for them to meet. Throughout the year we'll have activities and events for the House groups - a great way for students in all the year groups to mix.

Have a great weekend. Here's hoping the weather improves so we can get back to enjoying summer.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Teacher Union Meeting – Afternoon of Wednesday 1 March

On the afternoon of **Wednesday 1 March**, the teachers from Ngaio school will be attending an NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting to support their current campaign. Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting.

We would really appreciate it if you could make alternative care arrangements for your child/ren from 12.30pm on Wednesday 1 March. *Please talk to your children about any arrangements you make, e.g. walking home or being collected etc.*

If you are unable to make arrangements for your children to finish their school day at 12.30pm, please advise us through this [Google Doc](#). A skeleton staff will remain at school to supervise any remaining children until 3.00pm. Parents of children who attend The Y will be contacted by them about an option for an extended session. Kelly Club will also be operating as usual on that day after school at their normal time.

Please see [this letter sent home on 15 February](#) for more detail. We appreciate your support.

Staff contacts

We are aware that the mail links to staff do not work on all devices - we are working to resolve this but in the meantime staff email addresses are their first initial with their surname then @ngaio.school.nz e.g. s.simpson@ngaio.school.nz

NZSO Westside Story Opportunity



NZSO players have been offered this link to share to friends and family for cheap(er) tickets for the upcoming West Side Story shows on Saturday. They're playing the soundtrack live alongside the movie so it should be a great experience and a fun way to see this movie!.

[West Side Story \\$48 Special Offer! | NZSO](#)

PTA NEWS

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. The school's term 1 Mihi Whakatau follows at 9.10am.

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

RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2023

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We have spaces available for

beginners in the following instruments; Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Recorder, Saxophone and Ukulele. We also offer a fantastic Music Basics programme for 5-7 year olds to prepare them for learning an instrument.

To register for 2023 or find out more information visit our website. Registrations close 18th February 2023. www.raroamusic.org.nz

Drama Club - We run fun weekly drama classes to help your child express themselves creatively as well as learning some valuable performance skills along the way. Our drama classes work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Classes are based in Karori. Email admin@dramaclub.co.nz or check out our website - www.dramaclub.co.nz to trial a couple of our classes to see if they are a fit for your child.

Currently spaces available:

Year 1-3 classes - Wednesday 3.20pm - 4.00pm

Year 3-4 classes - Wednesday 4.00pm - 4.40pm



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& FAIR**

Sunday February 19th
10am - 3:30pm

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Campbell Street, Karori

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For further information:
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