

## KEY DATES

Tuesday 7 March, 7:00pm	PTA Meeting, staffroom
Wednesday 8 March, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar
Monday 20 March	Netball registrations close
Wednesday 22 March, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Friday 24 March	Little Heart Day and PTA Sausage Sizzle
Friday 24 March	Hockey & Miniball registrations close
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
Thursday 27 April	School Cross Country
Tuesday 2 May, 7:00pm	PTA Annual General Meeting, Staffroom
Tuesday 9 May (pp 11th May)	Northern Zone Cross Country
Friday 19 May	Pink Shirt Day (PTA Sausage Sizzle)
Thursday 25 May, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom

## Tēnā koutou Families

Thank you for your support so our teachers could attend their union meeting on the afternoon of 1 March. It sounds like further action will be taken by teachers, possibly within the next couple of weeks, which may include strike action. We'll let you know as soon as we have more information but teachers are campaigning for themselves and tamariki - key improvements we're fighting for include more time for individual students, more specialist learning support and smaller class sizes. I also attended a separate Principals union meeting to discuss the government's current offer for principals. Principals across the motu stood together collectively and unequivocally rejected the government's second offer to settle our agreement. Further action from principals is being planned too.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the wonderful Kathryn Berkett who presented at the school on Wednesday night. The presentation was filmed so once it's available we'll pass on the details for access. I will certainly be watching again!

We've had a few events over the past fortnight including the Arctic Challenge and Northern Zone Cricket. We're very grateful for the support we get from you to enable these events to go ahead.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

## THE CLINIC

Becky Winton, a Ngaio School parent, has offered to get our much loved Clinic running again. The Clinic is a community-led learning centre which is independent of the school programme, run by parents and whānau. It is based on the principle of child-led play, exploration and imagination. The Clinic is held over lunch times (12.45 - 1.20pm) and offers experiences such as nature play, gloop making, material art, potions, making forts, magnifying glasses or whatever expertise parents are able to share.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact Becky Winton.

[beckywinton82@gmail.com](mailto:beckywinton82@gmail.com)

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## NORTHERN ZONE CRICKET TRIP

Thanks to Mat, Jo, Nicola, Julie, Jillian and Estelle for your mahi on the Northern Zone cricket trip. The kids had a great time and it was especially nice to see the more experienced cricketers helping out the complete newbies! There was lots of batting, bowling, running and fielding so everyone was exhausted by the end of play.

### Players of the day:

Ngaio Scorchers - Blake for continuous encouragement and enthusiasm

Ngaio Thunder - Louis for his appreciation of good play by applauding the other team when they made a great catch to get him out!

## Cricket Report

Written by Jessie, Lucas, Toby and Frankie!

We arrived at Alex Moore Park and got out of the car. We went onto the field and met the others at the marquee. Dan and all the parents had set up a game for practice. Matt started with the bat and Lucas threw the ball super high. Matt hit a 6 and he ran 4 times between the cones. "HONK!" went the hooter. We went to hear the rules then after that we split into teams, number 1 as Ngaio Scorchers, number 2 as Ngaio Thunder.

We all rushed into a circle. The person at the top of the circle would bowl six balls, then the circle would swap clockwise, so that everyone would get a turn. When the batter hit the ball, the fielders would catch the ball, or run after the ball, then throw it to the bowler. After the 15 minute timer was up, the 2 teams would swap from batting to bowling or bowling to batting. Each team would get 15 minutes to bowl and 15 minutes to bat.

Our team lined up into the batting line. It was finally my turn. Michael gave me the bat, as he passed me he said "good luck." WHAM! BASH! All of our team kept swinging the bat. We nearly hit the balls into the hills. When I was batting I hit the ball so hard that I was running for years! One time I nearly forgot to stop running at the cone and tried to turn around but fell over!

BAM!! The batter smashed the ball on the ground at me, I quickly picked up the ball and threw it to Blake and he bowled the ball at the wickets. Soon the batter hit the ball up, "CATCH IT!!" I shouted, then Toby caught it! We all shout "Great job Toby!" After 6 balls everyone moved around in the circle. 15 minutes later we changed from bowling to batting or batting to bowling.

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## Whānau Rōpū Hui Term 1 2023

You are invited to our first whānau hui for 2023 on Tuesday March 14 at 7.00pm. This invitation is extended to all members of our school community who have an interest in Māoritanga at our kura.

At the upcoming hui we will discuss the following:

- Tikanga
- Te reo
- Kapa Haka

- Property masterplan, including Piki ki te Tūī mural
- Curriculum refresh, including Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum
- Calendar 2023

This year there are exciting developments ahead for our kura with the *Kura Ahurea* initiative. We will be working with Te Ātiawa ki Te Whanganui a Tara/Taranaki Whānui and a school-based facilitator. 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.

Please join us for kai and kōrero about what we can do to ensure Māori students enjoy success as Māori at our school and to seek your feedback and input as to how we can best meet the needs of your tamariki and all tamariki across the school through a Māori lens. We would also love your support in developing a moemoeā for our taura.

Please RSVP to Hayden Trass [h.trass@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:h.trass@ngaio.school.nz)

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## Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

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## Registrations for our after-school winter sport codes are now OPEN

Click on the following links for more information and to register your child.

Ngaio School winter sports are available to students in Years 3 to 6.

- Netball <https://forms.gle/ao9dJ6w8xHA3WQGa9>
- Hockey <https://forms.gle/GegABHENgjZQcJQ7A>
- Miniball <https://forms.gle/EH9B5CWM4ghiiWh58>

Please submit netball registrations midday Monday 20 March.

Please submit hockey and miniball registrations by midday Friday 24 March.

**Please Note:** you may experience issues using your phone for registrations so we recommend using an ipad, laptop or computer.



## ROAD PATROL

The amazing Road Patrol Team is in action and Constable Madar has been in to help train our Road Patrollers.

A HUGE thank you to those covering extra duties and who have been doing their duties in the rain.

The Road Patrol team has some new jackets and vests for 2023. Keep up the great work team.



## THANK YOU

*for your aroha and support*

*A huge thank you to all of you who took the time to gather items to donate to those in need following the devastating floods and cyclone damage in Hawke's Bay area. The response in a few days was amazing*



*and we ticked off all the requested items! The items have been delivered to Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, a social service provider affiliated with Ngāti Kahungunu iwi.*

## VACANCY - SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR

Scholastic Book Club flyers are distributed once a term and we'd love to be able to continue to offer this ever popular and well supported service. If you would like to contribute by offering to take on this role please email Helen, [info@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:info@ngaio.school.nz) so a hand over can be arranged.

## 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

## 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

PTA meeting	Tuesday 7 March	7:00 PM	Staffroom
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Sausage Sizzle	Friday 24 March	Lunch Time	Orders via MyKindo
Teacher Appreciation Morning Tea	Wednesday 29 March		Staffroom
Clothes swap	Friday 31 March	7:00 PM	Khandallah Town Hall

**Thank you** to our amazing Events Coordinator Diane Fleming for organising another successful breakfast welcoming new families, and our generous community bakers Vanessa Rowe, Katie Bramley and Nicola Wilks.

We had a fascinating presentation by Kathryn Berkett this week on the adolescent brain. It was lovely to have so many attend. For those who missed it a video will be available to view online soon.

**Come along to our next PTA meeting** - our next meeting takes place next Tuesday 7 March in the staffroom from 7pm, all are welcome! Come and hear about all of the exciting activities we have planned and how you can get involved.

Like and follow us on Facebook to see PTA updates <https://www.facebook.com/ngaioschoolpta>

### **We need you!**

The PTA have an action-packed year planned and are excited to support our school community to give our tamariki the 'extras' that make school more special. But we can't do without volunteers!

You don't necessarily have to join the PTA or attend meetings. We are happy for you to just pick up a single task and run with it with full PTA support, or find a friend and job share! Most of these activities have been run a number of times and we have extensive notes and templates.

### **Here are the areas that we need extra help with this year:**

#### **Hats coordinator**

- Order hats from existing supplier twice a year
- Top up stock in office

#### **Inspire photography coordinator**

- Photographer is booked for Saturday 20 May
- Manage bookings using preexisting system
- Coordinate volunteers to greet families on the day
- The coordinator does not need to be on site the whole day but some availability on the day is helpful

#### **Enviro fundraiser shadow**

- Shadow our current coordinator with a view to take over in 2024

#### **Scholastic Book Fair coordinator**

- Book Fair is booked from 13-15 September
- Coordinate setup and breakdown of book shop at school (books arrive on fold out displays)
- Manage volunteers to sell before and after school and restock shop
- Excellent notes and support provided

#### **Community Cook Book Committee**

- This is a new one for us. We have some keen people on the committee but if you have experience in this area or would like to be involved we'd love to hear from you.

#### **Sausage Sizzles**

- Term 1 Friday 24 March and term 2 Friday 19 May
- 2 cooks required 10.30am - 12.30pm and
- 7 adults to assemble and deliver sausages to classrooms 12pm - 1pm

#### **Christmas raffle coordinator for term 4 (perfect job share)**

- Contact local businesses to seek raffle donations
- Coordinate with year 6 teacher to assign students to sell tickets

- Meet with students to brief them on sales process
- Manage tickets/floats in office
- Draw and contact winners

There are many ways you can contribute to our wonderful community and many hands make light work. If you can help in any way, send us an email: [pta@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:pta@ngaio.school.nz)

## Get your tickets NOW to our Clothes Swap!

Get ready to update your wardrobe at our clothes swap school fundraiser 31 March at 7 pm at Khandallah Town Hall! Don't miss out on this fun-filled girls night out of clothes swapping, nibbles, and drinks!

We will be collecting donations from ticket holders of good quality clothing, shoes and accessories prior to the event so start digging out your quality pre-loved items. The evening format will be relaxed allowing you to take as many items as you like. Drop-off details will be provided in your mykindo confirmation email.

There are limited tickets available and tickets are selling fast! Tickets are \$30 each. Buy now using mykindo: <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Ngaio%20School&service>



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup** warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who may be interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and would find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. We currently have a few spaces available for an immediate start. For more information phone 475 9688 or email [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz).

### Onslow Junior Football Club -

registrations are now OPEN for all grades for the 2023 Winter season, and will be closing on 8 March. Just click this link to the Registration page on our website.

<https://onslow.org.nz/registrations/>

For those who are new to school and football, First Kicks is an introduction to football for those turning 5 or 6 this year (or 7 for girls), with a real focus on having fun, getting everyone involved, and the basics of football. The Sunday morning sessions spend time on skills, as well as games, all supported by team coaches and our club's professional coach.

### SAMUEL MARSDEN COLLEGIATE SCHOOL GIRLS ENTERING YEAR 7 IN 2024

Marsden School warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2024 to their first Open Morning for 2023 on Friday 10 March, 8.45am-12pm. Please register at [marsden.school.nz/register](https://marsden.school.nz/register)

Scholarships for entry in 2024 are now open. For more information and to apply, visit [marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/](https://marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/)



