

KEY DATES

Monday 20 March	Miniball registrations close
Wednesday 22 March, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Friday 24 March	Little Heart Day and PTA Sausage Sizzle
Friday 24 March	Hockey 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

We really appreciate that yesterday's strike was inconvenient for families and I can assure you we feel the guilt of creating yet another day out of school for tamariki, on the back of recent years of COVID-19 disruptions. We came together in our thousands as educators and union members to push the government to make the changes we know will make the education system better. We wanted the government to listen. Yesterday's action ensured there is no way they can ignore us. We heard Minister Tinetti say that she understood; that she'd been in our shoes as an educator herself and was planning to go back to the table to come up with offers that would make a difference. It's a shame that it took strike action to get this commitment. Here's hoping that the Collective Agreements can be settled soon so further action, like striking, doesn't have to be repeated.

Thank you for all of the messages received across the school in support of our wonderful kaiako. Primary school teachers/kaiako, principals/tumuaki play a crucial role in fostering the learning and growth of a child in their early years. Understaffing is one of the key campaign topics. NZEI Te Riu Roa (union) primary teacher and principal members will continue to fight to ensure our primary schools and kura have the staffing needed to enable all tamariki to reach their potential. Following the independent review that NZEI Te Riu Roa commissioned in 2021, we know that the current staffing model is not fit for purpose. The goal is to win political support for a pathway to provide better staffing ratios in our primary schools and to address issues that currently prevent many children from thriving and reaching their

potential. Two things that would make the biggest difference at Ngaio School are the campaign goals of smaller class sizes and more learning support.

On Tuesday 14th March members of the Ngaio School Whānau Rōpū, Board member Joe Winton and staff met for our first hui for 2023. We had a productive meeting summarising where we are at as a kura and our direction for this year. Topics that were discussed included:

- Tikanga
- Te reo Māori learning
- Kapa Haka
- Ngaio School's involvement in the *Kura Ahurea* initiative, for staff and tamariki to develop an increased understanding of Aotearoa's bicultural heritage and perspectives on local historical narratives, tikanga and kawa
- Calendar events for 2023: Puanga and Matariki, St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival and Te Wīki o te Reo Māori

Puanga and Matariki will be a significant event in the school's calendar at the beginning of Term 3. More information will be provided about this event and how you can be involved at a later date.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

THE CLINIC IS GO!!!



It was fabulous to see the joy this week as our taura explored, experimented, role played, investigated and had such a lot of fun. A huge thank you to Becky who put her hand up to get this amazing initiative back up and running.

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. In the past we've had a range of science based sessions from human anatomy to exploring insects.

There's been woodworking, weaving and even a paper plane making session! The Clinic already has a range of equipment to use, including microscopes.



What can you offer? Put on your thinking cap and get in touch with Becky Winton to discuss.

beckywinton82@gmail.com



LITTLE HEART DAY Friday 24th March

Please bring a gold coin donation and wear red in support of Heart Kids New Zealand.

Every year 600 families living in Aotearoa NZ are told their child has a heart condition.

Each week, 12 babies are born with a congenital heart condition and other previously healthy children are diagnosed with a heart condition following an illness such as rheumatic fever. These children and their whānau need support as they navigate the huge challenges of living with a childhood heart condition. Heart Kids New Zealand is here for every step of their heart journeys - from when the heart condition is diagnosed through to the teenage years and into adulthood - *Little Heart Day*



COVID-19

We continue to be notified of cases of tamariki with COVID-19. Please ensure you keep children at home if they are unwell and test for COVID-19, which is still in our community.

Colway Street proposed bus stop & parking changes

Bus clearance issues and proposed solutions

Metlink is proposing roading improvements along Colway Street to improve bus clearance and access to bus stops. These improvements seek to ensure accessibility to public transport services and maintain effective operations.

Metlink is engaging the local community in and around Colway Street to gather helpful insights and perspectives on how the road is used to aid them in fine tuning their proposal for roading improvements.

Residents and the wider community will be consulted from Monday 13 March to Monday 27 March.

This feedback stage is to gain resident and community perspective that will feed into a final proposal considered by Wellington City Council, and if progressed, will be brought back to the community for formal consultation on Monday 24 April 2023.

If you'd like to give feedback on all or part of this proposal, here is a link to the Colway Street bus stop and parking changes information on the website that links to the feedback form:

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/news-and-updates/news/ngaio-colway-street-proposed-bus-stop-and-parking-changes/>

Responses must be received by Monday 27th March 2023.

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.

- Hockey <https://forms.gle/GegABHENqjZQcJQ7A>
- Miniball <https://forms.gle/EH9B5CWM4ghiiWh58>

Please submit miniball registrations by midday Monday 20 March.

Please submit hockey 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.

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

PTA Term 1 Calendar

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

Get your orders in for Sausage Sizzle next Friday 24 March!

We will have Cameron Harris sausages, a veggie option, and Nice blocks available to order.

Orders close Thursday 23rd March. **Order via MyKindo:**

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=sausage_sizzle

Don't have a MyKindo account? Email pta@ngaio.school.com.

We also need volunteers to help on the day. CAN YOU HELP?

- 11:00am - 12:30pm, 2 parent helpers to cook sausages.
- 12:00pm -1:00 pm, parent helpers to assemble and deliver the sausages to classrooms.

Tickets selling fast for our Ladies Clothes Swap - get in quick!

Feeling like a wardrobe refresh? Why buy new when you can swap till you drop at our Clothes Swap – all for \$30!

In addition to being a fun night of shopping, nibbles and drinks, the Clothes Swap is a great chance to reduce fashion waste and support our school. The event takes place on 31 March at 7 pm at Khandallah Town Hall.

After purchasing your ticket, you'll receive an email with instructions on where to drop off your good quality clothing, shoes and accessories prior to the event. Then come to our event and take as much as you want.

Ticket sales close next **Friday 24th March 2023**, so buy your tickets NOW **via MyKindo:**

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=clothes_swap&fbclid=IwAR1pNs0d1MZlqwPtU7sp0rgrYFEK0-8M7bRJUd8yyB2eoN754_VNMUSLkMA

Help needed

We need help to set up from 1.00-2.30pm or 5.00-6.30pm. If you're able to help please email pta@ngaio.school.nz

Ngaio School hoodies with fun, new design!



Celebrate your Ngaio School pride with our new hoodies available now for purchase! The hoodies come in 3 colours and feature a fun, new design your family will love.

The new design was created by the talented Jo Mettrick, of Mayfly Design who has two boys at Ngaio School, Lucas and Leo. We're super grateful for her time and talent in designing the hoodie graphic.

Available in royal blue, dark navy blue and bottle green. \$49 for the kid sizes and \$52 for adults. You can choose to add a name on the back for an additional \$10 – consider adding a surname so they can be handed down to siblings.

Orders close Thursday 6th April 2023 (last day of term). Place your order by clicking:

<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/ngaio-school>

Hoodies will be delivered to the school and distributed to classrooms at the beginning of Term 2 (or for a fee you can have it delivered to your house). Visit the office to try on for size and view colours.

We need you!

The PTA has an action-packed year planned but we need your help to achieve our goals. Short on time? No worries, you don't necessarily have to join the PTA or attend meetings, just pick up a single task and run with it, or find a friend and job share! You will have full PTA support and most activities have run a number of times already and we have extensive notes and templates. For a full list of volunteer opportunities visit the school website:

<https://www.ngaio.school.nz/school-info/our-pta/>

Ngaio School is supporting The Winter Project again this year.

The Winter Project coordinates and collects winter clothing and blankets that then get distributed to low decile schools with families in need across the Wellington region. These people might need some extra warmth for the cold nights ahead entering into winter.

This organisation was started by a group of Marsden students eight years ago who wanted to make a difference in the community and now we are a part of the fifth generation running it. We were very grateful for all the items donated by Ngaio School last year. Please deliver your donations to the box in the school office until the middle of May so the items can be sorted and delivered in early June. To be specific we are looking for warm jumpers, pants, jackets, polypros, blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves etc.

Thank you! - The Winter Project

THE WINTER PROJECT

WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Year 13 students helped by their Y: 13 mentors from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woollens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.

WHAT WE NEED:

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school to put your items in. Thank you for your help!



Our social media:
Facebook: The Winter Project
Instagram: @thewinterproject

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Is your child interested in giving Rugby League a try in 2023?

Registrations are open for all boys and girls to join Victoria University Hunters Rugby League club, the only club based in Wellington city.

The club is based at Kelburn Park and offers grades from under 6s through to under 13s. Games are played on Saturdays for under 6s to under 10s while under 11s to under 13s grades play on Sundays.

The club offers a family friendly culture where your son or daughter can have fun while learning useful skills.

To register please follow the link below or email victoria.hunters@gmail.com for further information. Alternatively, you can contact club Chairperson Micky O'Brien on 021 035 3706.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/218176>

NGAIO
REPAIR CAFE
at
Ngaio Union Church
Corner of Crofton Road & Kenya Street, Ngaio

SATURDAY
18 March
10am -1pm

Bring along for repair:

- sewing and mending
- household items
- electrical items
- fretted instruments
- knives for sharpening

Repair
Recycle
Renew




Ngaio Repair Café: Saturday 18th March 10:00am to 1:00pm

At Ngaio Union Church, corner of Kenya Street and Crofton road, Ngaio

Bring along your household goods, electrical items, sewing, fretted instruments for repair and knives to be sharpened.


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8th April - 22 April 2023
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National Open Day!

When

29 March 2023

10am - 1pm

Where

All NZIS Campuses

[Register](#)



Join us on the 29th of March for our National Open Day!

Our campuses in Ōtāhuhu, Sylvia Park, Wellington, and Christchurch, you can join our classes, test your fitness skills in our purpose-built gym, and learn about our courses in Sport and Recreation, Police Preparation, Personal Training, and Esport. Even our gaming studios in Ōtāhuhu and Christchurch are ready for you to check out.

We'll even have a zoom session if you're interested in our [online courses](#).

Register now so you don't miss out!