

KEY DATES

Tuesday 2 May, 7:00pm	PTA Annual General Meeting, Staffroom
Tuesday 9 May (pp 11th May)	Northern Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 9 May, 12:00pm	Kiwi Competition Registrations Close (see info below)
Friday 19 May	Pink Shirt Day - <i>Gold coin donations please</i>
Friday 19 May	PTA Sausage Sizzle
Saturday 20 May	Inspire Photography - PTA fundraiser
Thursday 25 May, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Wednesday 31 May, 1:40pm	New Parents Seminar, Staffroom
Monday 1st June	King's Birthday Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 6 June, 7:00pm	PTA meeting, Staffroom
Tuesday 13 June (pp 15th June)	Interzone Cross Country, Grenada North Park
Tuesday 20 June (pp 22nd June)	Northern Zone Hockey, National Hockey Stadium
Thursday 22nd June, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Wednesday 28 June	Three Way Conferences - whole school
Friday 30 June, 3:00pm	End of Term 2

Tēnā koutou Families

Welcome back for term 2. As always we have a lot planned with syndicates planning trips and activities to support their curriculum delivery. Reports will be going home at the end of this term and the opportunity to talk to the teachers about your child's achievement progress will be in week 10 through the conferences. Please keep a close eye on the school calendar and website notices for ongoing information.

☀️ The new fencing and gates will soon be complete and once we have the official sign off, will be operational. Steps are currently being made for the outside of the pedestrian gates on both Abbott St and Ottawa Rd so children will be able to enter the school if an adult is not present to reach the latch. The gates are intended to prevent children leaving the grounds during the school day, as opposed to a security strategy to keep people out.

☀️ A highlight of the last week of term was spending a day at Forest Lakes Camping facility with Tūī. Congratulations to Chantal and the Tūī team who ran an awesome camp experience. They were having such a great time, very eager to share the experiences they had had so far. There was no way out of me going on the mudslide and since I was already wet, I got to kayak as well! A huge thank you to all the parents who attended camp - you were amazing. The camp is such a key event for our year 6 taura and only possible with the input of willing teachers and helpers.

☀️ We were very grateful for the beautiful sunny day for our cross country event yesterday. Thank you to those of you able to take time out of your busy days to attend and support. Having a sunny day also meant the children could be out on the courts supporting as enthusiastic spectators too. Once again the wonderful Lionel, 'Pops', ran every race, supporting the runners, bringing up the rear so no one was left behind. This year we also had Phil O'Brien as the pace setter, leading the races and supporting the front runners. Thank you to Dan who once again ran an awesome, well organised event.

☀️ As mentioned in our last newsletter, we have started our professional development journey implementing PB4L-SW ((Positive Behaviour for Learning - School Wide). We already operate under the philosophy of PB4L-SW so this involvement will help embed and strengthen our practice as well as formalising our procedures across the school. Amy and Alison will be involved in data gathering with a PB4L-SW facilitator soon to get some baseline data and as previously mentioned, this term there will be an opportunity for your input.

Our mathematics professional development continues this term with a focus on assessment for learning so our data collection and information about progress remain robust. Our work is tied closely to the NZ Curriculum Refresh in mathematics.

At our staff only day on Monday, teachers participated in a session led by our NZ Curriculum Refresh leaders, Jack and Megan. In the afternoon we attended curriculum sessions with local schools, organised as part of our Kāhui ako collaboration.

☀️ Work continued over the holiday break on our exciting new mural. The wall is now painted, ready for installation of the painted panels designed to tell the story in metaphor of the children's learning journey, growing through each of the syndicates before they ascend to new heights as a Tūi flying off and over the seas on adventures. It has been really exciting seeing the concepts develop from the children's ideas through to the finished panels. We'll be having a celebration to 'open' the mural once completed so keep an eye out for details.

☀️ Thank you for the payments in so far for both the family donation and activity donation. The activity donation included \$40 per child for the swimming programme, which costs the school for swimming instruction through Easy Swim and running costs. We then allowed \$15 per term for other trips and visitors. For many of our excursions it is the transport costs that are the main expense and most activities also have a cost. We are lucky to have some free opportunities which are appreciated, but these sometimes still cost for transport. Last year's activity donation was substantially less as we held over the amounts not used from the previous year which was disrupted due to Covid-19. We carefully monitor the costs to ensure your donation is used appropriately.

☀️ You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals who are NZEI TE Riu Roa members voted to stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit working hours to 8am - 5pm during the week (no evening or weekend work!). This is not a decision principals across New Zealand have taken lightly. Principals believe that the Government and Ministry of Education need to act boldly to address key issues schools are facing and have taken this action to highlight the significant issues that need addressing in the current round of negotiations. We are proud of the role that we have in our kura/schools and community but do not receive sufficient staffing or resourcing to meet the many requirements placed on us, nor to meet the needs and aspirations of our staff and students. This is not a sustainable situation, so principals are taking action to urge the government to act.

Principals are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where students are learning during this time. As such, our day-to-day work will continue, but we have been asked not to work with the Ministry on their education system work or to introduce or implement new initiatives. Principals make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work, yet there is little additional resource or staffing to support this. We do not want to impact our work with boards, so that has not been included in this industrial action. We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations so the work ban can end.

You may also have heard of the upcoming change in class ratio for years 4 – 8 to 1:28. Schools are funded for teachers based on various staffing formulae that generate an entitlement for every school based on roll size and year levels. The main way this occurs is through curriculum staffing ratios. The current staffing ratio for years 4 to 8 is 1 teacher to every 29 students. This ratio of 1:28 is still far too high and will make very little difference to actual class numbers, especially given this is a staffing ratio rather than the actual number of children in a classroom. However, it is a good start, and the direction is right. The ratio needs to be dropped further and the NZ Principals Federation will continue lobbying to reduce the ratio to 1:25. They believe that would start to make tangible differences in student achievement. Across New Zealand we have a broad diversity of students in our schools and the levels of

learning support needs are significantly higher than when these ratios were first set. NZPF believes it is time for some drastic cuts to the staff:student ratios.

Have a great weekend. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming PTA AGM next Tuesday evening.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

A REMINDER - GREAT KIWI COMPETITIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 9TH MAY

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions to all Year 5 & 6 students.

The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group across New Zealand.

The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered and students can enter in one or more subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week in Term 3.

Please click on the link below preferably using a computer, laptop or ipad as we have experienced issues with using a smartphone in the past.

<https://forms.gle/Ekuhm8HuYxPQHUNp7>

If you have any questions, feel free to email Sarah Simpson. Her email address is s.simpson@ngaio.school.nz

PLEASE NOTE - Entries close at midday on Tuesday 9th May. No late entries will be accepted.

WINTER SPORTS

Winter sports are about to commence. If you have not already done so, it would be appreciated if sports fees are paid as soon as possible please.

COVID-19

Please ensure you keep children at home if they are unwell and test for COVID-19, which is still in our community.

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
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PTA NEWS

Kia ora Ngaio Whanau we hope you enjoyed a lovely break with your family.

We are starting the term with the return of the Inspire Photography family portrait fundraiser and there will be delicious pies to come.

Inspire Photography Fundraiser is returning to Ngaio School to photograph families on **Saturday 20th May**.

Booking and paying is a two-step process, as follows:

1. **BOOK** a time via this link at the School Bookings website:
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/usmw3>
 Once you have a confirmed slot and receive confirmation please move to step 2
2. **PAY** the \$20 booking fee via the Kindo link here: [Payment via Kindo](#). Once you have booked and paid, your slot is confirmed.
(Alternatively, please pay the \$20 fee into the PTA bank account: 12-3140-0318313-00. Please enter your surname and initial as reference and 'Inspire' as your code.)

**Please note that if your family includes 7 or more people you will need to book and pay for two sessions.

If you have any questions email pta@ngaio.school.nz

PTA Meeting Tuesday May 2 in the staffroom at 7pm followed by the **AGM** at 7:45pm All are welcome. We are looking for a new Treasurer for the PTA so if you are good with numbers we would love you to join the team. It is not a time intensive role, averaging about 6.5 hours a month and attending six short meetings over the course of the year. Our current Treasurer will still be involved with the PTA and on hand to ensure a smooth transition and help as needed.

Duties of the Treasurer:

- Maintain the PTA bank account: i.e. keep a record of all money coming in and out with money assigned to specific fundraising projects where required
- Monitor and set up all invoices to be paid via the PTA bank account
- Present a Treasurer's report to each PTA Meeting to ensure an accurate and up-to-date financial picture of the organisation. This includes:
 - All income raised and expenditure incurred since the last meeting;
 - future funds committed to specific items or projects; and
 - total funds available.
- Prepare annual financial statements for the Annual General Meeting which includes all money raised during the year and all money invested.
- Count and deposit money from fundraisers when required.
- Prepare cash floats for fundraisers when needed
- Have knowledge of the Kindo system for setting up the selling of items and for the downloading of orders, as well as checking ongoing payments made to the PTA bank account by Kindo.
- File Annual return with the Charities Commission.

Term 2 PTA Calendar of Events	
PTA meeting and AGM	Tuesday 2 May
Inspire Photography Fundraiser	Saturday, 20 May
Pie Fundraiser	Delivery 1 June
PTA Meeting	Tuesday, 6 June
Sausage Sizzle (Pink Shirt Day)	Friday 19 May
Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	Wednesday, 28 June

There are many ways you can contribute to our wonderful community. If you can help in any way, send us an email: pta@ngaio.school.nz and remember to follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=ngaio%20school%20pta>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NGAIO BROWNIES

Do you have a 7-9 year old daughter who wants to make friends, have fun, and maybe even learn something new each Thursday? Ngaio Brownies has spaces for new girls to join us!

We meet each Thursday at the GirlGuiding hall in Crofton Downs, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. If you would like to register interest or find out more information, please email Ngaio Brownies leaders Tess and Chloe brownies.ngaio@gmail.com. You can find out more about the Brownies programme here: www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/brownies/



Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall
Saturday 6 May 9am to 4pm AND Sunday 7 May 9am to 3pm.

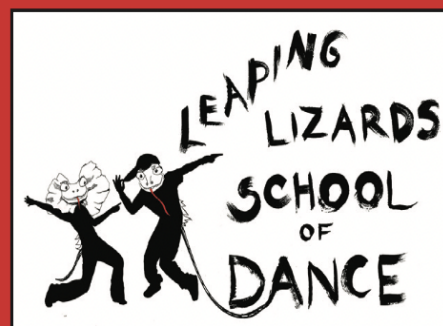
We invite you to come and buy books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs at our annual book fair

Books are sold for \$3 each, and, after the first five books, \$2 each. Children's books are all \$1 each. We have a huge number of top quality books and other items. We encourage you to come and buy for yourself or as gifts for others.

All the money raised will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.

Dinah Dobson, trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand. www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com



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Ngaio Scout Hall
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Ngaio, Wellington
\$15 per class

Breakinglimitsnz@gmail.com or 0211900941



BREAKDANCE CLASSES are officially back in Ngaio and with a new name. Cool kids play hard now known as Breaking Limits.

We will be running two classes at the Ngaio scout hall on Wednesdays. One for beginners 4-5pm and one for intermediate 5-6pm. First class back will be Wednesday the 26th of April. \$15 for casual or discounted term fee is available. Ages 5+.

Please make sure you register for class by sending us a message on Facebook, email or text.

You can also find us on Facebook @breakinglimitsnz, Adelaide & Keza, 021 190 0941

SAMUEL MARSDEN COLLEGIATE SCHOOL - GIRLS ENTERING YEAR 7 IN 2024

Marsden School warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2024 to their Open Day on Sunday 7 May, 2-4pm. Please register at marsden.school.nz/register

Marsden offers a range of scholarship opportunities to motivated and talented students – Māori & Pasifika, Academic, Sporting, Performing Arts, and General Excellence.

Year 7 scholarship applications for entry in 2024 close on 19 May. For more information and to apply, visit marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/

THE WINTER PROJECT

WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Year 11 students helped by their Yr 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
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