

KEY DATES

Wednesday 31 May, 1:40pm	New Parents Seminar, Staffroom
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday Holiday - school closed
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
Monday 26 June	Mid-year Reports go home
Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 June	Three Way Conferences - whole school
Friday 30 June, 3:00pm	End of Term 2

Tēnā koutou Families

Negotiations are continuing at Parliament this afternoon to try and find a way forward in the current stalled collective bargaining of primary and area school teacher and principal collective agreements. Should the primary teacher strike on Wednesday 31 May proceed, you will be notified on Sunday morning (28 May). Advice on the resumption of primary and area school principal workload and engagement with the Ministry bans, will follow next week.

Amazing progress is being made on our new mural. If you've been in the school recently you may have noticed the wall painted a lovely bright colour with a background scene in readiness for the mural pieces. It's been a great process and exciting to have had so much involvement from students in the lead up to the design and then painting the panels. Once they're installed we'll be preparing QR codes with content explaining our values and singing our school waiata. We're also planning for a community celebration to officially 'open' the mural.

I'm really proud of our teachers of year 1 and 2 who are working really hard to complete their Better Start Literacy mini-credential with Canterbury University. You may have watched the Newshub item on Wednesday's news and the follow up programme by Paddy Gower about literacy which included mention of the Better Start Literacy Programme. We're pleased to be ahead of the game with our professional development already in place. We traditionally have good reading results at Ngaio School so we are pleased to be introducing this approach to further scaffold our young readers in their reading achievement. The approach also impacts writing so it will be interesting to see any impact from this on our writing achievement as well.

Our Positive Learning for Behaviour - School Wide (PB4L-SW) leaders and the wider team have been attending workshops over the past term, the latest one just this week. It is exciting starting to get into some of the more practical aspects of the development with some work around the school's values and expected behaviours across the school settings. There will be opportunities to support the process over this year so look out for more information soon.

Our mathematics professional development has continued this term with a further session around 'Assessment for Learning' and how it relates to the change from curriculum levels and achievement objectives to the phases of learning: Y1-3, Y4-6 in the Mathematics and Statistics area of Te Mātaiaho | the refreshed Curriculum Framework. The refreshed curriculum is progression-focused, rather than outcomes-focused. Each of the phases of learning contains progress outcomes that describe what

ākonga should understand, know, and do by the end of each phase. Students deepen their understanding of the big ideas (understand), as they explore the context (know), using critical practices (do). Each phase is cumulative, building on the last and increasingly complex as ākonga progress.

Teachers are currently writing the mid-year reports which will be sent home on Monday of week 10, prior to the Three-way Conferences. We have made some minor changes to the Reading section, matching to the current curriculum levels, instead of the smaller colour wheel divisions. We will send an explanation to help you understand the change with the report. Once we have transitioned to the refreshed curriculum for English and Mathematics & Statistics, the reports will be updated to reflect the change from curriculum levels and achievement objectives to the phases of learning relevant to our kura, Years 1-3 and Years 4-6.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Roslyn who has worked tirelessly in her role as Chair of the PTA. Roslyn is often seen around the school taking care of the gardens and supporting our taura in their enviro responsibilities so we're grateful this will continue. Ros you're a superstar and we appreciate you being so involved. I know the PTA will continue to appreciate your ongoing contributions as a committee member.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

MEASLES

We have been sent information from the Ministry of Education to share with whānau about measles. Key messages included:

- Measles is a very serious illness and it spreads much faster than COVID-19.
- If there is a measles case at our school, pupils, and staff not protected from measles will need to stay away from school until the measles risk has passed.

See this document for information about measles. [Measles Schools Handout](#)

Measles is a notifiable disease to public health so we are required to call Public Health if we become aware of any case at our school.

COVID-19

We are continuing to be notified of cases of COVID-19 amongst families and staff. Please continue to be vigilant, testing when required and keeping children at home if they are unwell.

The Ministry of Education no longer strongly encourages mask wearing in school settings and they are not required on public or school transport. As the MoE guidelines do not require mask wearing by students, we encourage you to discuss at home how you will respond, as these guidelines contradict the current information on the COVID-19 website regarding mask wearing by household and close contacts. We will support any students who wear a mask at school and staff may also choose to wear a mask if they have identified household or close contacts in their class.

For information about symptoms check out the [COVID-19 Health Hub](#) .

These can include:

- sneezing and runny nose
- sore throat
- body aches
- fever
- cough
- feeling tired
- headache
- nausea and vomiting
- diarrhoea (runny poo).

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

LAST CHANCE to Purchase Ngaio School Hoodies!

Did you miss out on our school hoodies sale and now your kids are asking for one? We're happy to say that we've reopened orders until this Sunday May 28th! Don't miss your chance to grab a super snuggly hoodie for your children or yourself!



Order via the supplier's website:

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

Available in Royal Blue, Dark Navy Blue and Bottle Green – cotton material

Kids sizes \$49

Adult sizes \$52

Optional custom name on the back \$10

We Need Your Help with Pie Orders

We're looking for a few volunteers to help us deliver pie orders on Thursday June 1st from 1-3 pm. We'll be assembling orders into bags and delivering orders to classrooms at Ngaio School. If you can help, contact pta@ngaio.school.nz

Thank you for Helping Out at the Sausage Sizzle

Students were treated to a yummy sausage sizzle last week and we couldn't have done it without help from our wonderful community! Thanks to parent and grandparent volunteers: Katie Bramley, David Littlejohn, Jen Thornburrow, Andrea O'Brien, Emma woods, Mel Dickinson, Cathy Hew Norris, Christen Stewart, Tracey Henderson and Heather Payne.

Thanks also to the amazing year 6 children who helped out: Annabel T, Theresa, Hank, William B, Heather, Blake W.

Signing Off

As my youngest child nears his final year at Ngaio School it is time for me to step down as Chair of the PTA. I hand over the reins to Jen Thornburrow who is passionate about our school and one of the most capable people I know.

Thank you to the current PTA team who are a wonderful mix of talented, clever and generous parents who give their time to better our students' experiences at Ngaio School, and to all the incredible parents I had the privilege of working with these past 6 years.

I have loved working with parents, teachers, tamariki and our community, building connections and working together making improvements around the school and in the classroom.

Although no longer Chair you will still see me in the gardens working with Enviro students, returning to my original passion and the starting point of my journey with the PTA.

*Noho ora mai
Roslyn*



The PTA would like to extend our deepest thanks to Roslyn for her tireless work and dedication as Chairperson. We are grateful to still have you on the team and look forward to continuing to achieve great things with you.

Term 2 PTA Calendar of Events	
Pie Fundraiser delivery	1 June
Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	Wednesday, 28 June

Join the PTA Committee!

Looking for a chance to give back to the school in a fun and fulfilling way? Join the PTA

Committee! We have a range of volunteer opportunities available, including the really important position of Fundraising Coordinator. Please contact the PTA if you're interested in learning more:

pta@ngaio.school.nz. Job descriptions are shown in the VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES section on the PTA page on the website <https://www.ngaio.school.nz/school-info/our-pta/> Full training will be provided.

Remember to follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=ngaio%20school%20pta>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

My name is Candice Forster-Heke and I am the new International Director at Onslow College.

Hosting a student from overseas can be a really fun opportunity to learn about a different culture, support them in their English (and reo Māori!) journey, share our beautiful country with the world and, hopefully, make meaningful connections that last a lifetime.

You can host either on a short term or long-term basis.

We have short term students coming from Europe and Asia in July - a great opportunity to see if being a homestay whānau is for you. These students will pay their host family a weekly homestay fee of \$330 (\$340 in 2024). We offer ongoing, 24/7 support and will try to match you based on your interests and preferences.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please email our homestay manager -

homestay@onslow.school.nz - to express your interest, find out more info, and let us know a little about yourself.

Khandallah Town Hall ... a reminder!

A reminder that Khandallah Town Hall is in the village! (11 Ganges Rd) - we are alive and well!

We offer a wide range of groups, clubs, and activities every week and if you have an idea for something different we are always open to suggestions.

You can download and print our weekly activity sheet from our website, <https://kthc.nz/> or just pop in for a tea/ coffee and a chat.

Our office is open Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm but many of our groups and clubs are outside those hours.

Remember too that we are a distribution centre for (free) RATs and masks.

Trish, Sarah, Penny