

KEY DATES

Monday 26 June	Piki ki te Tūi Mural Celebration 9.10am in front of the stage
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
TERM 3	
Monday 17 to Friday 21 July	Matariki week (starting with Puanga on Monday)
Thursday 20 July	Matariki celebration community evening including Hāngī
Wednesday 2 August, 7:00pm	Board Meeting - Staffroom
Friday 4 August	Whakatau - <i>formally welcoming new families</i>
Tuesday 8 August	Year 4 Swimming Sports - Keith Spry Pool
Tuesday 8 August, 6 - 7pm	Rāroa Intermediate Y6 parent information evening
Wednesday 9 August, 9 - 10:30am	Rāroa Intermediate - open day for parents
Wednesday 16 August, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar - Staffroom
Friday 18 August	Northern Zone Swimming - Wgtn Regional Aquatic Centre
Friday 25 August	Daffodil Day
Friday 8 September, 8 - 9:00am	New Families Breakfast
Wed 13 - Fri 15 September	Scholastic Book Fair, Rooms 1-3

Tēnā koutou Families

Thank you for your generous responses to our request for assistance with our Matariki celebrations on Thursday of week one next term. The whole week is dedicated to Puanga and Matariki, with activities in class and in house groups throughout the week. On the Thursday evening, we'll begin with kapa haka, then activities in the classrooms. We're repeating the successful marshmallow toasting and encourage you to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy at this community event. The hāngī will be lifted and the kai shared (not complete meals - just a taster). Please save this date and look out for more detail in week one, once the organisation is finalised.

Thank you for all the mahi across the school this term. You have been helping in all sorts of ways, including with The Clinic, in classrooms, on class trips and at sports events, coaching our sports teams and supervising patrol duty. The PTA have also been busy with their fundraisers and activities like the much appreciated sausage sizzles. We really appreciate any time you can give so thank you all sincerely for this contribution to the education of your tamariki. Term 3 is already looking like another busy term so there will be plenty more opportunities to help out.

During the time of my Principal Sabbatical during Term 3, Sarah Simpson will be Acting Principal. Michelle Pontifex will be supporting Sarah as acting Deputy Principal. I feel very confident and relieved to be leaving the school in good hands with our current team of leaders, including team leaders Bronwyn O'Halloran and Chantal McKee. Michelle will be in her classroom Monday to Wednesday each week and

will be released on Thursdays and Fridays. We are thrilled to have Caroline Dinniss working in Rūma Tekau on Thursdays and Fridays from week 2. Michelle will remain the children's key classroom teacher, while working closely with Caroline to ensure the classroom programme is seamless. We are thrilled for Michelle and Sarah who will benefit professionally from these acting up experiences.

Another huge thank you and acknowledgement to Becky Winton who has been instrumental in getting The Clinic up and thriving. Read the entry from Becky updating us on this term's activities. We encourage you to get in touch with Becky if you have any ideas for Clinic sessions. As you can tell, the sessions are varied and you may have something interesting to offer related to your work, an interest or hobby.

The teachers have been finalising the mid-year reports and as always it's been great to read about the achievement and success of tamariki across the school. The reports go home on Monday and are followed on Wednesday and Thursday with the conferences. These important meetings are your opportunity to hear from your tamariki and kaiako about how they are going at school with their learning.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

PIKI KI TE TŪI CELEBRATION

Monday 26 June - 9.10am start (approx 30 mins)

You are invited to join us in celebrating the completion of this Creatives in Schools Funded Project. Those who contributed to the project will be formally acknowledged at this event. We hope you can join us - on arrival, please gather by the stage in the junior playground. (If wet please gather in Room 2).



THE CLINIC UPDATE

The Clinic has started to hit its stride this term, with a few more volunteers signed up making arranging sessions easier.

In week 5 we were able to work with the Pohutukawa teachers to facilitate some hands on bug hunting sessions making use of leaf litter and soil samples from the Arb. Feedback from the teachers was that this type of hands-on learning experience was amazing, not only for the scientific learnings, but also for softer skills, including - but not exclusively - sharing and careful use of equipment; language and vocabulary development; teamwork and cooperation. Every Pohutukawa student was able to participate which made this a really special experience for the Clinic.

In the latter half of the term we have enjoyed a session with Tui students, taking apart and exploring old electronics sourced from Trash Palace, as well as a fabulous, joyful session of creating with recyclable materials with a huge turnout from the Tui and Kakapo syndicates (thanks to a wet day lunch!). We saw incredible imagination and unbridled creativity from all of the tamariki who came along. To conclude the term we have a session in week 10 for Pohutukawa, doing some basic weaving activities.

We also have plans in place already for term 3 including some basic First Aid skills sessions that will be run by a volunteering parent, and an orienteering event! But our focus will continue to be providing opportunities for a wide range of free play and fun.

We are always on the lookout for helpers to lend an hour of their time a few times each term, to support and encourage children during our sessions. Get in touch with Becky (beckywinton82@gmail.com) if you'd like to be involved - it's a whole heap of fun!

40 HOUR FAMINE UPDATE - \$5,753 RAISED SO FAR!

A shout out to all the Ngaio students who completed their *40 Hour Famine* challenges last weekend. There were a few tired faces on Monday morning, especially those who had taken up the 'No Furniture' challenge and had spent their weekend sleeping on the floor! The money continues to roll in, but at this stage the students have raised an incredible \$5,753. This money will give communities in the world's toughest places the tools to keep clean water flowing for years to come.

World Vision will come back into our kura next term to acknowledge the efforts of everyone who got involved. Ka mau te wehi!

ROAD PATROL HELP FOR TERM 3

We still have a few gaps for Road Patrol for Term 3.

Road Patrol is a way to meet people and help to support children in our school. The morning duties start at 8.25am and the afternoon duties start at 2.55pm. The gates that are patrolled are on Abbott Street and Ottawa Road.

Our gaps are:

- Tuesday 2.55-3.15pm on Ottawa Road.
- Wednesday 8.25-8.55am on Abbott Street.
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- Thursday 8.25-8.55am on Abbott drop off zone

If you are available to help on Road Patrol for Term 3 please call Nataleigh Elston on 022 304 1137.

DOG POLICY REMINDER

We've recently had some questions about dogs in the school grounds so have included the school policy here for your information.

During school hours (8.30 am – 3.30 pm), dogs may only be brought onto school grounds by prior arrangement. Dogs are an important part of life for many Ngaio School families, and are often included in activities such as walking children to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values the place the dog has within a family. It also acknowledges that some people can find contact with dogs stressful, and even frightening.

Parents who bring dogs on to school grounds (by prior arrangement in school hours, or after hours) do so on the understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children, and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.

Owners bringing a dog or dogs on to the school grounds must follow the guidelines below.

Guidelines

- *All dogs must be on a leash that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult. The leash must be held by an adult. Specific "in-school dogs" may be exempted from being on lead with approval from the principal.*
- *Dogs must not be left unattended.*
- *If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must not come onto school grounds.*
- *Only dogs with special permission from the principal or board are allowed inside school buildings.*
- *Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.*
- *Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.*
- *Owners must remove any mess left by their dog.*

https://ngaio.schooldocs.co.nz/35997.htm?zoom_highlight=dogs

Schooldocs log in: Enter the username **Ngaio** and password **abbott**.

NORTHERN ZONE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 20th June we headed to The National Hockey Stadium in Berhampore with our 2 team's. Ngaio Kākāriki under Estelle's guidance performed with vigour and enthusiasm. It was great to see how they spread out on the field and defended so well.



Our other team Ngaio Mā, under the guidance of Hilary Sharp, also played well as a team. They tackled lots of players and managed to have some fast breaks up the field. What super teamwork and support for each other.

A HUGE thank you to Cam and Josh for refereeing. Also, thank you to Tessa for helping to organise this event.

Thank you to all parents, and well done to our teams on super enthusiasm on the day.

Chantal

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

Please help to keep Ngaio School children safe. We continue to hear of poor driving behaviour on Abbott St including:

- U-turns
- Parking across driveways
- Parking on yellow lines
- Walking across the road away from the pedestrian crossing.

These incidents are not only unsafe, but are really bad role modelling for the children. We know mornings are a busy time, but these behaviours can also give children the message that it's ok to make bad decisions if you're in a rush!

ABBOTT ST DROP OFF ZONE

For the drop off zone to work successfully, we need you to follow some protocols:

- Please drive as far forward as space allows so other cars can get in behind yours.
- Stay in the car.
- Be prepared for your child to exit the car on the footpath side without your help - the parent/teacher on duty will open the door and help them with their bag if needed.
- Leave the parking zone promptly to allow other cars to move in.

We do understand there are occasions where items like scooters need to be retrieved from the boot, but usually you should be able to remain in the car.

Thank you for this cooperation to make the drop off zone successful and efficient.

GOODTIME MUSIC

Goodtime Music Academy is now offering lessons at Ngaio School and is taking enrolments for Term 3 2023 In-School music lessons. If you want your child to be a part of these award-winning music lessons, and may not want to commit to taking your child anywhere after school, then In-School lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, and Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course.

Please visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!



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

Term 2 PTA Calendar of Events

Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	Wednesday, 28 June
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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

Breaking Limits Battle Event

Introducing our Breaking Limits Battle Event - Free for Dancers and Viewers!

This event is open to dancers from across Aotearoa who are ready to showcase their breaking skills and compete against the best of the best!

We have two divisions, one for kids and one for adults, ensuring that everyone gets a chance to shine and battle it out.

Whether you're an experienced breaker or someone who appreciates the art form, this event promises an unforgettable experience filled with incredible talent, passion and hip hop culture.



2023 Open Doors



The NZSO are returning to Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre for Open Doors on **Saturday 29 July**. Their musicians are going to be running several fantastic events – there will be something for everyone!

Tamariki Time 10:00 – 10:45 (Renouf Foyer)

Tamariki Time is a free concert designed for the smallest members of your whānau. Suitable for preschoolers or students up to the age of 8 years. This 45-minute concert features various short and instrument demos that your kids will love! Including pieces from the Nutcracker, songs from Encanto and an exciting story time performance presented by [Chris Lam Sam](#). Have a listen to his catchy [Octopus song](#) before the performance!



There is a relaxed attitude to noise and movement during the concert and a chance to get up and move to the music. If you are interested in coming along, register your attendance [here](#).

Relaxed Concert 11:30 – 12:15 (Renouf Foyer)

Our Relaxed Concert is a free accessibility concert designed for audiences with sensory needs who may feel uncomfortable in a traditional concert environment.

There is a relaxed attitude to noise and movement during the performance, minimal lighting effects, and a 'chill-out' space is available.

The 45-minute concert features a wide variety of short pieces and instrument demos that will grow your knowledge of the orchestra! We will also perform one of our popular Storytime books live presented by [Chris Lam Sam](#), including his popular [Octopus song](#)!

If you are interested in attending our session, please register your attendance [here](#).



Instrument Jams 1:30 – 2:30 (Renouf Foyer)

Jams we hear?! You bet!! The NZSO Instrument Jams are returning, and they are going to be bigger and better! 😊 These sessions are a super fun and informal opportunity to play through several easy or intermediate pieces with some of our NZSO musicians! These jams are a great way to revise a few 'back-to-basics' with our players (breathing, posture, pizzicato, phrasing etc.), ask them questions, and get everyone enthused about playing. Our instrument jams are open to all ages and abilities. The more, the merrier!

In our combined instrument jam for woodwind, brass, percussion, AND strings, you can expect the Greatest Showman medley, a suite from the Planets and a medley of Queen's top hits!

Our combined instrument jam will be held in the Renouf Foyer. To register your attendance, please click [here](#).



NZSO Foundation Masterclasses 3:00 – 4:45 (Renouf Foyer 1 and Renouf Foyer 2)

The NZSO Foundation masterclasses connect high school and university musicians with our visiting international soloists and musicians of the NZSO, allowing up-and-coming musicians to learn from leading performers. For this round of Open Doors, the NZSO is excited to present a violin masterclass hosted by NZSO violinist Jessica Oddie, and cello masterclass hosted by NZSO cellist Ken Ichinose.



Masterclasses are open to the public, so come and join us to watch the next generation of performers. To register your attendance, please click [here](#).

Hockey School Holiday Programme for July 2023

Looking for something outdoors to keep the kids entertained these school holidays. Wellington Hockey is excited to be offering a school holiday programme for kids aged 5 to 12 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the school holidays. This programme is designed to be fun and engaging for both kids new to hockey with no previous experience and those who already play.

The school holiday programme will be held at National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore rain or shine and led by our Development Officer, Regan Fricker.

Bring lunch and snacks, a drink bottle, a jacket, and a change of clothes in case the weather changes. Sticks and sports equipment will be available. We will make the most of our time on the turf where possible but if it is too wet or cold, we will move indoors for activities, games and movies.

Who: Children aged 5 - 12 years

Where: National Hockey Stadium, Mt Albert, Berhampore

Time: 8:30am to 3pm

When: Tuesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th July, Tuesday 11th July and 12th Wednesday

Cost: \$45 per day with a discount when booking multiple days.

Register now via player management system PlayHQ

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/e9b3ee> If you have any questions, please email regan@wellingtonhockey.org.nz



To book for any holiday or sports programme go to www.kellysports.co.nz

WONDERPLAY

Join Wonderplay's production of *Alice in Wonderland!*

Wonderplay has places available for kids drama in Churton Park on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre; 4-5pm: Star Players (7-14 year olds). Contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

Whakanuia a Matariki!

Celebrate Matariki with Wellington City Libraries these holidays, 1 – 16 July. Join us at the bonfire for hot chocolate and cosy stories, become a celestial navigator with our star maps and introductory D&D sessions, unleash your creativity with nature-inspired art and LEGO® sessions as well as puppetry performances and much more! All events are totally free, but some require registration as space may be limited – visit wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays for the full schedule.
