

KEY DATES

TERM 3	
Thursday 27 July, 7:00pm	PTA Meeting - Staffroom
Monday 31st July, 10:30am	Kiwi Spelling Bee Closing date and time
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 1 September	Teacher Only Day. School is closed to students
Friday 8 September, 8:00 - 9:00am	New Families Breakfast
Wed 13 - Fri 15 September	Scholastic Book Fair, Rooms 1-3
Friday 15 September	Lunch Fundraiser TBC
Wednesday 20 September	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea
Friday 20 October	Teacher Only Day. School is closed to students

Tēnā koutou Families

We were impressed with the huge turnout of whānau at our Matariki Puanga Celebration. Thank you for joining us in celebrating this special time as a community. As I said on Wednesday night, for our tamariki Ngaio School is more than just a place to learn. It's a place to grow, flourish, make lifelong friends and memories to last a lifetime. We sure did create a memory with an event that brought our parent community together with waitata, sharing of knowledge, rich activities and of course that rather spectacular hāngī!

Bringing the event forward one day to avoid the forecasted rain required us all to rally and I'm thankful to the large team of parent volunteers who shuffled their personal commitments to help us with the hāngī. Grieg W and Jess R in particular were completely integral to the entire success of the hāngī as they both held the practical knowledge we required. Jess also provided valuable tikanga along with baskets, firewood, sacks and cloths. Grieg multi-tasked work commitments from the hāngī site he managed from 6am to 7pm. Jess shifted to an earlier flight from Christchurch to be back in time for laying the hāngī and was one of the last volunteers to leave. Hayden Trass, Tūi teacher, was there every step of the way. With support from Wendy Holbrooke, the two of them started planning the Matariki Puanga celebration last term. It was a big undertaking made possible by the following people:

- ❖ Trevor S for his advice around tikanga and procedure.
- ❖ Stacey C, Hadley B for sourcing firewood, pallets and waratahs.
- ❖ Hayden Trass and Wendy Holbrooke for their behind the scenes planning with their work as cultural leads in our school as part of their Kura Ahurea role.
- ❖ It was a joy listening to the laughter that filtered through the school of the volunteers preparing vegetables on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you: Jillian H, Kathi N, Heather P, Kelly T, Beth D, Katie B, Jenny M, Jen T, and Tara C.
- ❖ Kathi N raced home and was back in 10 minutes with her sewing machine and overlocker to turn muslin sheets into muslin bags for the vegetables with Beth D.
- ❖ Grieg W, Adam S, James O'H, and Matt F dug the hāngī pit, erected fences and ensured we had enough firewood and rocks.
- ❖ Greig W, Braithan DW, Mark H and Toby H for building the hāngī and lighting the fire at 6am.
- ❖ Heather P, Rebecca B, Jillian H, and Jenn T took turns sitting next to the hāngī looking out for any escaping steam.
- ❖ Nic D with some help from Heather P made and cooked 700 pieces of Māori fried bread that was all devoured.
- ❖ In the office Nicki M (aka Colonel Sanders) roasted 300 chicken drumsticks in our staff kitchen while Helen S was all-over-everything-else!
- ❖ Sarah J, Andrea O'B, Nathan S.C., Jess R, Heather B and many others who jumped forward to help lift the hāngī and serve to what I estimate to be close to 400 people!
- ❖ Fran R, and Board of Trustees Members: Joe W, Rachel M, and Emma for toasting over 5 kg of marshmallows over braziers.
- ❖ Heather for returning to the hāngī pit to tidy it up over the last two days.
- ❖ Khandallah New World for a generous donation towards the kai.
- ❖ Our capable and talented team of teachers, teacher aides and support staff for a mammoth day!
Mahi tika ana!

My bucket has been filled so many times this week as I've popped into classrooms and attended the Matariki Puanga House Events. Tamariki have been immersed in rich activities including kite making, string games, weaving, lanterns, understanding puanga and matariki and sharing pūrākau. Tino pai tamariki ma!

Thank you for the generous koha towards our hāngī. We raised just over \$400. If you'd like to contribute towards the cost you can still do so: bank details 12-3140-0210759-00; Ref: Hāngī. We always aim to do our very best. To help us with this we welcome feedback about the Matariki Puanga Celebration from volunteers and attendees. Please email s.simpson@ngaio.school.nz with any pearls of wisdom.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini

This whakatauki acknowledges team effort, that one's success is due to the support and contribution of many. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community/ team to enable an individual's success.

Ngā mihi nui

Sarah Simpson, Acting Te Tumuaki





WELCOME BACK KAREN

We officially welcomed back Karen Doogan to our teaching team this week as she and Donna Beechey opened up our new Year 0 class in Ruma 15. Although only a handful of tamariki are in Ruma 15 at present this class will gradually fill up over the remainder of the year.

MATHS JOURNEY

Earlier today Michelle and I presented our Maths Professional Learning Journey to teachers at Wellesley College as part of their Teacher Only Day. In particular they were interested in how we have lifted dispositional thinking in our maths programmes. We shared how we use learning walls and integrate maths across the curriculum. They were keen to find out more about our planning and assessment processes, in particular how we collaborate in teaching teams and moderate maths.

On Thursday 10 August our Maths Team will host a parent information session at 3.30pm in Room 2. More information to follow.



FIFA WORLD CUP

10 of our tamariki were invited to participate in the opening ceremony for the Wellington delegation of the FIFA Women's World Cup on the Wellington waterfront yesterday. Hinemoana Ka Eke (the Strength of the Sea) celebrated Wellington hosting the world's largest women's sporting event down at Whairepo Lagoon on Wellington's Waterfront. It celebrates the water surrounding Wellington and likens its never-ending movement to a football game. The formal celebrations began at 4pm, when three waka entered the lagoon. The role of the Ngaio School children - and a host of other children from local schools - was to sing the FIFA Women's World Cup Waiata (Hineahuone) with accompanying poi dance along the waterfront to welcome the waka as they paddled into Whairepo Lagoon. The Ngaio School contingent was part of pod three (there were four different pods of school children in total, located at different places along the waterfront in front of Te Papa and the Boatshed). The group joined other tamariki from our Northern Zone Cluster to perform waiata and poi as waka entered Whairepo Lagoon. The ceremony was live streamed to a global audience.

Recently, schools across Te-Whanganui-a-tara gathered together to open the Fifa Women's World Cup. It's a worldwide event where women's football teams gather together and play the sport. Different children were tasked with learning the waiata, Hineahuone. The time span for learning the song varied between schools. But we got all of the school holidays to memorise the song. And then when the holidays ended, we practised daily, making sure we were ready for the big day. There were both poi actions, and vocals to learn. With help from teacher Hayden, we were finally ready. We left early, at 2:30 in the afternoon. With stomachs full of butterflies, it was time for us to perform. We wore white shirts and black pants. As we sang, three waka rowed past us.

The people on the waka were very professional, keeping a straight face the whole time. On the first waka, there was a group of females, with a young girl, and presumably the oldest or leader, in the middle. The second and third waka were filled with males this time, with the same placement of the eldest or leader and the youngest in the middle. Whilst we sang, the group on the waka stopped the boat, and raised the paddles in gratitude, and then proceeded to paddle away. We continued to sing until all of the waka were no-longer in sight. We sang for about ten minutes straight, repeating it over and over again. With no music playing in the background, it was up to us, the children, to keep the beat and melody going.

As we all finished our last verse, we held our poi up high, representing the end of the performance. Friends and whanau cheered for us all, making sure that we knew how beautiful the performance was. In the end, everyone's adrenaline was still pumping from the excitement. And we left with a sense of pride, knowing we did an excellent job.

Alejandra, Year 6

PŌHUTUKAWA KITE MAKING

Parent volunteers supported Pōhutukawa Syndicate to make kites on Wednesday as part of their Matariki learning activities. A number of grandparents were able to attend as well. The kites are now displayed inside classrooms while we wait for just the right amount of breeze to fly them.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

All Teacher Only Days for 2023 have now been allocated. School is closed for students Friday 1 September and Friday 20 October (Friday before Labour Weekend). These days will be used for working on the Curriculum Refresh and ongoing Professional Development.

THE KIWI SPELLING BEE registrations are now open on online until 10:30am Monday 31st July

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI Spelling Bee competition. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students.

The competitions are administered by the Centre for Assessment and Monitoring (CAM) at the University of Canterbury. The competitions are open to all Year 5-6 students. The Kiwi Spelling Bee assesses aspects of English grammar, spelling and vocabulary relevant to the student's Year level. The online Spelling Bee will take place in the last three weeks of Term 3.

Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to overall top students.

Registrations are now open on line and will close at 10:30am on Monday 31st July. Registrations will then be submitted from school to University of Canterbury.

Payment to enter the competition is \$9.90 - instructions are on the google doc. Please ensure payment is received at school before the end of Monday 31st July. No late entries can be accepted.

Please click on the link below to register your child

<https://forms.gle/Mh8gHAYtkMrkpgCc8>

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

Learn how digital devices are used at Ngaio School - Thursday 27th July at 7pm

The next PTA meeting will be a goodie with Tessa Gatenby presenting the results of Ngaio School's review of the state of the digital technologies used in the school and their ability to meet digital technology needs. Parents are invited to hear how digital devices are used to support the learning and assessment needs of the curriculum on **Thursday 27th July at 7pm in the staffroom.**

We need your recipes

We are excited to be creating a Community Cookbook with funds raised going towards building the new Nature Playground at Ngaio School.

Ngaio Community Cookbook



Expression of Interest

What springs to mind when you think of your favourite recipe? Would you share it for our fundraising cookbook? Think treasured family recipe, a go-to, childhood memory or crowd pleaser.

This is wider than Ngaio school, so if you know an amazing local cook or baker, shoulder tap them to contribute! All you have to do right now is let us know you have an idea by clicking the link below and we'll come back to you in early Term 3 with the form to complete. Easy!



Click here to register your interest:
<https://forms.gle/KdeDu5LMuWYa71d39>



Let us know if you're keen to contribute by clicking [here](#).

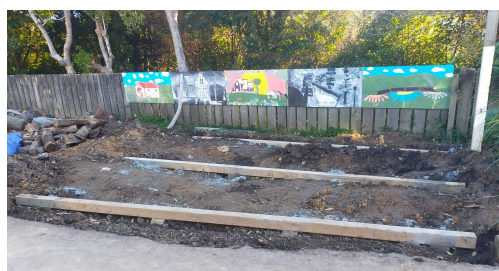
Book fair - call for volunteers

This year the Scholastic Book Fair will be on from 13-15 September and the pop up book store will be open Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning and afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon. We need parent volunteers to take cash and eftpos payments in the shop for one hour - training will be given. We will also be offering cupcakes for sale on Thursday and Friday and need bakers. If you can help please sign up below:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/2ccmg>

Outdoor learning space underway

Anyone walking up from the Ottawa Road entrance will have noticed some construction going on alongside Tui. Construction of an exciting new outdoor learning space is underway. This is being funded by the proceeds of last year's PTA Christmas Raffle.



Volunteer opportunities

We are still looking for a Fundraising Coordinator to fill Jen's shoes as she has moved into the Chairperson role. More volunteer opportunities are listed on the website

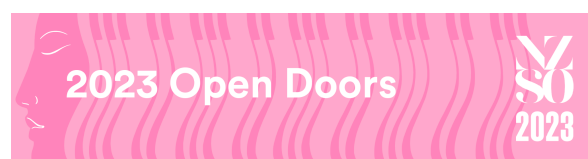
<https://www.ngaio.school.nz/school-info/our-pta/>

If you are keen to get involved please get in touch pta@ngaio.school.nz

Term 3 Calendar of Activities

PTA meeting	Thursday 27th July - 7pm Staffroom
Community Cook Book	Sales Term 3, Deliver Term 4
Ngaio School T-Shirts	Sales Term 3, Deliver Term 4
Book Fair	13-15 September
Pizza Lunch Fundraiser	Friday 15 September
Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	Wednesday, 20 September

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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](#).
