

## KEY DATES

TERM 3	
Tuesday 8 August	Year 4 Swimming Sports - Keith Spry Pool
Tuesday 8 August, 6 - 7pm	Rāroa Intermediate Y6 parent information evening
Thursday 10 August, 3.30pm, Rūma 2	Maths Information Seminar for Parents ALL WELCOME
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
Thursday 31 August	Onesie Day
Thursday 31 August	Kids Art Orders Close
<b>Friday 1 September</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day. School is closed to students</b>
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 22 September, 3:00pm	End of term 3
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day. School is closed to students</b>

### **Kia Orana (It's Cook Island Language Week)**

It's always fun walking around the school and visiting classrooms. Each term the whole school follows the same *I am a...* focus to help establish consistency in curriculum coverage. This term classes are following *I am a Historian* using the relatively new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum. One of the benefits of the *I am a...* model is teachers planning collaboratively and utilising the different curriculum strengths teachers bring to their syndicates and wider school. This week in Pōhutukawa I've read writing about Atua and viewed some stunning calendar art. In Kākāpō classrooms ākonga have shared stories about the history of their own whānau and have brought in special items to share with their class like clogs, kilts and handwritten letters. While visiting Tūtī I've walked in on class debates using the Rangi and Papa Pūrākau as inspiration and heard lively discussions about possible reasons for migration. In short, ākonga across the school are engaged in a wealth of rich *I am a Historian* learning activities and are settled.

We welcomed 28 ākonga and whānau in our whakatau today. Ananya (Y6) has recently moved to Wellington from India. As part of the manuhiri response Ananya performed an *Independence* dance from Chennai India. It was a beautiful dance receiving two rounds of applause. Included in my welcoming speech was a message for parents that I'd like to share to our wider whānau around resilience which is one of our Ngaio School Rocket values: *Along the way over your child's time at Ngaio*

*School they will face challenges, maybe a friendship breaks up, they make a bad decision, they don't get picked for a special activity or find something hard. Challenges are normal. We need them to help us grow. Not everything is fair and it's not your job or ours to make every single thing 100% smooth running. Challenges, mistakes, facing things that are a bit scary are crucial in developing resilience and preparing tamariki for real adult life. So encourage your child to embrace challenges, and try their best even when things get tough.*

On Thursday, 10th August at 3.30pm in Rūma 2, teachers are hosting a Maths Parent Information Seminar. Over the last two years we have worked alongside Gillian Kissling and Lee Smith from Cognition Education to support us on our Maths Professional Learning Journey. We are proud of the growth we have made in our teacher pedagogy and in particular shifts in ākonga attitudes towards maths. Please come along and hear about how we teach maths at Ngaio School. We look forward to sharing our story with you.

Thank you to those who assisted with picking up glass and egg shells from our playground on Sunday morning. We were fortunate to have our cleaner Desmond onsite to help tidy the area. Our caretaker, Hawkins Property Services, arrived early Monday morning to water blast the playground. Allied Security actively patrol our school overnight. A great team effort!

Please check schoolbags tonight for Family Donation reminders and Contact Information forms. Thank you to those families who have already made Family and Activity Donations as this enables our school to be well resourced and functioning. If any of your contact information has changed please note the sheet and send it back to school.

We've had a lot of ākonga away sick this week. If your child/ren is away from school please advise via [absences@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:absences@ngaio.school.nz), the School App or leave a voicemail on our landline 04 939-6455 before 9:00am so absences can be accounted for quickly.

Enjoy the weekend! I'll be spending mine pruning my roses and watching my own children playing football and netball.

Ngā mihi nui  
Sarah Simpson, Acting Te Tumuaki

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## **MATHS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: Thursday 10 August**

Next Thursday 10 August our Maths Team will host a parent information session at 3.30pm in Rūma 2. Teachers will share information about maths at Ngaio School including how we teach maths and how whānau can support maths at home. All parents are welcome to attend.

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## **YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING SPORTS**

*As soon as we got changed at the pool the girls freestyle 25m began and 3, 2, 1 Chantal used the clapper and the girls were off! This was probably the easiest stroke and everyone was pretty fast at it. The boys race was no different and everything went well for those races. The backstroke was slightly harder but not by much. Everyone did well and people*



were very encouraging. Butterfly and breaststroke were pretty tricky but heaps of people gave it a go. It was super impressive. Good job Ngaio!

The red pool were doing some fun games such as the egg and spoon race and balancing cups on their heads.

Thanks to the teachers and Todd at EasySwim for helping with the event and a massive thanks to Tessa for organising it all. By Jackie C (year 5).

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## 40 HOUR FAMINE UPDATE



Last week Charlotte Gee from World Vision came into Ngaio School to congratulate the students on their fundraising efforts and shared a presentation with the students about where their funds will go.

We would like to acknowledge the 40 Ngaio students that took part in the 40 Hour Famine, for their efforts in raising an incredible \$6,000! This money will give communities in Malawi the tools to keep clean water flowing for years to come. For the first time Ngaio School has received a Silver Award for its amazing efforts. We were also very proud of two of our students, Annabel Thornburrow and Claudia Quigley, for being two of the Top Ten Fundraisers in the lower North Island.

There were some new and enterprising challenges this year including creating a book, doing a triathlon comprising 40 laps swimming, 40 minutes bike riding and 40 minutes walking, and picking up 400 pieces of rubbish. This last challenge of Annabel's was particularly inspiring as along with her fundraising, her challenge has helped improve our own local environment and waterways. A big shout out to all the participants:

Year 4: Maddie, Ruhi, Gabby, Ronan, Hazel, Amelia, Niamh, Caitlin, Grace, Hannah, Daniel, Theo, Charlie.

Year 5 & 6: Tessa, Annabel, Emmeline, Hilary, Grace K, Ellie, Emma, Trinity, Kate, Tom W, Evie, Nina, Madi S, Theresa, Claudia, Ivy, Alice M, Maddie M, Autumn, William, Daisy, Patricia, Sascha, Ben, Oskar, Blake, Georgia and Arlo.

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## FIFA WORLD CUP

Many of our ākonga have been fortunate to attend Fifa World Cup games at Sky Stadium. Heidi (Year 2) had the special privilege of walking onto the field with the Swedish team. Her photograph made it all the way into a Swedish newspaper!



## CALENDAR ART

Ākonga have been working hard on their artwork and once again you will have the opportunity to order their art in calendar, greeting card pack, diary, sketchpad and mouse mat form.



Product samples are on display in the school office. These products make great gifts and the funds raised come directly back to the school.

You will receive an email from school to advise when the order form is coming home with your child. We are expecting this to be within the next two weeks.

At this time, you will receive an A4 flyer which will have your child's unique online entrance code you will need for ordering purposes.

**Orders will close at the end of August.**

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## ONESIE DAY

We are celebrating Wellington's Free Ambulance with Onesie Day! It will be on  
Thursday the 31st August

To keep the Ambulance free, bring a gold coin if possible. We will collect them  
from your class.

We will be doing some fun activities. (There will also be a competition to design  
your own ambulance!)

The entire school will be celebrating this day together. This is a special day for a  
lot of New Zealanders.

This day will help the free ambulance stay free.

[Click Here To Donate To The Wellington Free Ambulance](#) By Lucas & Hank

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## 2023 Wellington and Kapi Mana Primary & Intermediate Schools Tournament

This is a singles tennis tournament and will be held at:

**Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre reporting at 8:30am** on the following dates

Girls - Tuesday 19th Sept

Boys - Wednesday 20th Sept and Thursday 21st September if needed

Note - If time permits, the boy's tournament will be completed on Wednesday 20th Sept. The majority of  
players will only be required for the first day.

- Players
- will be guaranteed at least two single matches, weather permitting.
  - must have played tennis before and have knowledge of the rules of tennis and how to score.
  - must also bring their own tennis racquet for the event and wear appropriate sporting attire.

**One parent is required per school to manage the players.** If you wish your child to attend please  
complete the following **BEFORE 10:30am on Tuesday 5th September.**



- email - [n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz) with the subject heading of "Tennis Tournament" advising your child's name and also if you are available to manage and /or transport children on the day.
  - make payment of \$20 into our school bank account 12-3140-0210759-00 with your child's name as reference and using the code 4952.
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## RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Rail safety week is coming up from 7-13 Aug and there's a new cowboy in town 🤠  
Steely Stan – will demonstrate safe behaviour around crossings. Instead of taking a quick glance, Steely Stan will be championing taking a good look to both the left and right before crossing, with the campaign phrase, 'Steely Stare. Steely Stare. All clear'.



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## 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

### Submit Your Recipes for our Ngaio Community Cookbook

Do you have a treasured family recipe, a real crowd pleaser or go-to meal? Submit your recipe for our Ngaio Community Cookbook.

This is the PTA's major fundraiser of the year and funds raised from the cookbook will be used towards building a new Nature Playground adjacent to the existing junior school playground at Ngaio School.

Our high-quality, full colour cookbook will be printed and available for purchase in November 2023, just in time for Christmas. Help make it special by submitting your recipe(s).

**The deadline for submitting recipes is 14 August.**

### How to submit a recipe:

Got a google account? Sign in submit your recipe and upload image(s) directly using this form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeilPscvkW6LPipVJq4CRSHN8visx67chFVXz3E-tVsKxtpRw/viewform?usp=share\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeilPscvkW6LPipVJq4CRSHN8visx67chFVXz3E-tVsKxtpRw/viewform?usp=share_link)

No Google account? Use this form to submit your recipe and email image(s) to [pta@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:pta@ngaio.school.nz)

(Subject: Recipe Name)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjToj5GJl8HmyFTd4pYUREuirvsOulY02v6EJxQW5KAX9wsw/viewform?usp=share\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjToj5GJl8HmyFTd4pYUREuirvsOulY02v6EJxQW5KAX9wsw/viewform?usp=share_link)

If you haven't had time to make and photograph your recipe, you can send us your photos after the deadline (but no later than 21 August). Please submit your recipe(s) as soon as you can though so we can start working on layout.

### Help Us Find Sponsors for our Cookbook

We're looking for local businesses to sponsor our Ngaio Community Cookbook.

If you own or work for a local business, consider asking if they'd like to be a part of this wonderful community initiative and support a great cause. Sponsors will be featured in the cookbook and promoted via social media.

### View the sponsorship form:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ASkOq6qn-ja7Ho-foEPZS\\_-SfLATqOT/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ASkOq6qn-ja7Ho-foEPZS_-SfLATqOT/view?usp=share_link)

### 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/>



**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/KdeDu5LMuWYa7Id39>

NGAIO SCHOOL  
SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

The graphic features a dark blue header with the text 'Ngaio Community Cookbook' and 'Expression of Interest' with a white checkmark. Below this is a white box containing a text prompt about sharing recipes for a fundraising cookbook. To the right of the text is an image of an open cookbook with a recipe page for 'Spicy Stuffed Peas' and a 'sample' page. At the bottom is a blue bar with a white call to action and a URL, and the Ngaio School logo on the right.

If you are keen to get involved please get in touch [pta@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:pta@ngaio.school.nz) Let us know if you're keen to contribute by clicking [here](#).

### Term 3 Calendar of Activities

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

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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 Morning on **Friday 11 August**, 8.45am - 12pm. Please register at [marsden.school.nz/register](https://marsden.school.nz/register)

Marsden's Māori & Pasifika Scholarships for entry in 2024 close 25 August 2023. For more information and to apply, visit [marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/](https://marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/)

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### Vape-Free Kids' *Protect Our Rangatahi* Rally to Present Petitions to Parliament

On Wednesday 16 August at 1pm, Vape-Free Kids NZ (VFK NZ), a grassroots group of parents, whānau and community members calling for urgent action to prevent harm to youth from vaping, is holding a '*Protect Our Rangatahi*' rally to present two petitions to Parliament.

As the youth vaping epidemic continues to surge, schools are faced with confronting and addressing the crisis. Teachers say youth vaping is impacting their ability to educate students because of frequent class interruptions, decreased student focus and few resources to help them address the problem. Many educators have expressed their concerns about their students vaping and see it as a growing problem. Having to manage vaping as a disciplinary issue took essential time away from teaching.

VFK NZ spokesperson Charyl Robinson says, "The law changes that come into effect from October leave open loopholes that will continue to allow dairies and supermarkets to sell vapes right next door to our schools. On top of that, disposables with removable batteries will still be cheaply and easily accessible to children."

Supported by parents, whānau, teachers and health experts, VFKNZ is calling for more meaningful action to curb the growing issue of youth vaping in New Zealand, including but not limited to:

- Implementing plain (black and white) packaging with warnings on all vape products.
- Restricting flavour varieties as well as flavour names.
- A complete ban on cheap non-refillable/disposable vapes, including those with removable batteries.

- Lowering nicotine levels in vapes from 50mg to 20mg, in line with other countries (e.g. the EU)
- Make vapes pharmacy only.
- Implement a sinking lid on all current specialist vape retailers (SVRs) located within 1-2km proximity of schools, marae, significant landmarks, playgrounds, and sports fields.
- Implement a sinking lid on all current “store within a store” models that expose young people to vapes and make all current “store within a store” models into R18 stores with completely different businesses, staff and entrances.
- Stronger penalties that include losing a licence on breach of compliance, such as selling to minors, and more resources invested into enforcement officers.
- More investment into supporting schools, communities, parents, and rangatahi for education and vaping cessation.

We need your support. All those concerned about youth vaping in New Zealand are invited to gather on Wednesday 16 August from 12.30pm, on the grounds of Parliament. The rally will commence on the front lawn at 1pm where Dr Tracey McLellan, Chair of the Health Select Committee, will receive the petition.

For more information and interview requests, contact: Marnie Wilton, +64 21 722 187,

[vapefreekidsnz@gmail.com](mailto:vapefreekidsnz@gmail.com) [facebook.com/groups/vapefreekidsnz](https://www.facebook.com/groups/vapefreekidsnz)

Event information: <https://fb.me/e/2FIWdWyk>