

KEY DATES

TERM 3	
Friday 18 August	Northern Zone Swimming, Wellington Aquatic Centre
Friday 25 August	Daffodil Day, gold coin donation would be appreciated
Thursday 31 August	Kids Art Orders Close
Friday 1 September	Teacher Only Day. School is closed to students.
Friday 8 September	Onesie Day, gold coin donation would be appreciated
Friday 8 September, 8:00 - 9:00am	New Families Breakfast, Kea
Wed 13 - Fri 15 September	Scholastic Book Fair, Rooms 1-3
Thursday 14 September	Inter Zone Swimming - Wellington Aquatic Centre
Friday 15 September	Book Character Dress Up Day
Friday 15 September	PTA Pizza Lunch Fundraiser
Saturday 16 September	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival at Rāroa Normal Intermediate
Wednesday 20 September	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea
Thursday 21 September	Inter Regional Cross Country - Christchurch
Friday 22 September, 3:00pm	End of term 3
Monday 9 October, 9:00am	Start of term 4
Tuesday 10 October (pp 12th)	School Athletics Day - Nairnville Park
Thursday 19 October, 7:30-9:30pm	PTA Meeting - Staffroom
Friday 20 October	Teacher Only Day. School is closed to students.
Monday 23 October	Labour Day Holiday
Thursday 26 October, 2:00-6:30pm	Disco at school
Thursday 26 October, 7:00pm	Board Meeting - Staffroom
Friday 27 October, 8:00am	New Families Breakfast - Kea
Monday 30 October (pp 6 Nov)	Northern Zone Athletics - Newtown Athletics Stadium
Thurs/Fri 2 & 3 November	School Photos
Wednesday 8 November 1:40pm	New Parent's Information Seminar, Staffroom

Tena koutou katoa,

Our Maths Team were appreciative of the positive feedback received after our recent Maths Parent Information Workshop. I have included a summary of what was shared at the workshop in this newsletter along with a PDF containing information about how parents can support their child/ren with maths at home.



Syndicates have been out and about across Wellington with trips to Keith Spry Pool and the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre for swimming sports. Kākāpō and Tūi have visited Te Papa as part of their Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum learning. Pōhutukawa are in the process of planning a trip too. We were proud of the compliments Ngaio School received from Te Papa educators about our respectful behaviour, great listening, background knowledge and questions. Having well prepared ākonga ensures we are able to make the most of the learning experiences offered. Thank you to all parent helpers for making these trips possible. Tino Pai!

I trust that ākonga are well on the way with collecting sponsors for the Math-a-thon. After the success of last year's Spell-a-thon we are keen to piggyback on the idea to raise money for digital devices. Sadly, our stockpile of digital devices is grim. Over half of the digital devices at Ngaio School are operating software that has expired and cannot update. About three quarters of our devices have been in use for five years or longer. Of 224 devices, 125 need replacing as they are unfit for purpose. It is difficult to teach learning set out in the Digital Technology Curriculum, due to the availability and standard of our stock of devices. Please give generously! We really need your support with this.

Next week we welcome back Life Education and Harold. Since the Life Education trailer no longer squeezes down our driveway Harold will be based in Rūma 2. Kaiako have planned sessions with the specialist health teacher around Mental Health: skills and practical strategies to support themselves and others during times of stress; managing change and loss and coping with disappointment. Having a specialist health teacher present these sessions adds a wow factor for ākonga.



Sadly we have had a lot of ākonga away sick over the last few weeks. Thank you for keeping your child/ren home when they are unwell. The ongoing reliever shortage across New Zealand is real! I'm grateful to our teachers for giving up their Classroom Release Time (CRT) so that classes have a teacher when teachers are sick. Syndicates have also stepped up to cover classes when we have been unable to find a reliever. With high numbers of ākonga away it is taking a long time for our office staff to account for all absent children. Please remember to notify us before 9:00am if your child/ren are away either via the absence email, school app or landline so we know they are safe.

Ngā mihi nui

Sarah Simpson, Acting Te Tumuaki

MATHS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Kaiako hosted a Maths Parent Information Session last week. The following is a summary of the session:

Over the last two years kaiako have embarked on a Professional Learning Journey in *Mathematics Learning for Assessment* with Gillian Kissling and Lee Smith (Cognition Education).

Why upskill in maths? Although our students were achieving well in maths, kaiako knew it had been a long time since they had received specific maths PLD. Maths teaching was driven by the Numeracy Project. It had been around awhile and was receiving mixed reviews from maths researchers. We wanted to upskill and find out how we could improve our pedagogy for ākonga.

To identify what was happening for ākongā and as a way of tracking if our PLD was making a difference, students completed a dispositional survey to find out about their attitudes towards mathematics.

Before administering the survey kaiako already knew that while ākongā were achieving well in maths they were yet to exhibit dispositional behaviours of flourishing learners. Kaiako identified that ākongā were reluctant to take risks in their learning, were not overly confident, did not really like maths, were reluctant to talk or share their ideas, were heavily reliant on the teacher showing them how and then repeating it, had little willingness to problem solve, avoided entering a productive struggle, had limited maths vocabulary and awareness of what maths looks like outside of the classroom. Ākongā also held strong beliefs about their maths abilities, often being linked to parents' opinion e.g. 'Mary doesn't have a maths brain', 'Bryan's just like me, not good at maths but I got by', 'Mum/Dad says maths doesn't matter because I can use a calculator if I get stuck'.

So, kaiako learnt how to change this. We introduced Talk Moves into our pedagogy designed to shift the quality and intensity of classroom thinking and conversations. Maths Talks were included in programmes to engage ākongā in tasks with a low floor/high ceiling to allow open access. We worked on our ability to anticipate learning and front foot common misconceptions. Time was invested into teaching maths vocabulary. We learned how to make maths accessible and fun using real life contexts. We now see maths all around us and integrate maths throughout the school day as well as teaching daily maths lessons. We take time to go deeper into tasks and show different ways of working. Maths equipment is used widely. We have replaced hands up with thumbs up to encourage participation. Timed tests are gone. We have made maths joyous!

Pleasingly we are seeing positive shifts in dispositional thinking and attitudes towards maths. This has a knock on effect for how ākongā approach all learning. Parents tell us that their children love maths. We even have Year 6 children identifying maths as their favourite 'thing' in the Year 6 Leavers' Book.

Our mid-year achievement data tells us the vast majority of our students are achieving at or above mid year expectation in maths. For each ākongā yet to reach mid year expectation they are being supported and closely monitored.

We are incredibly proud of our Maths PLD Journey!

TŪI WRITERS' GROUP

Recently, me and other known keen writers were taken to Books Alive. It's a place where we meet real authors and illustrators! We learn about the writing process and other interesting details about the industry. But among other amazing authors, there was one that caught our attention. A 17 year old boy named Arlo Kelly, who is a published author! What was even more amazing is the fact that he is the youngest finalist at this year's New Zealand's Book Awards For Children And Young Adults. He talked to us about his book, Echo, which is a story about a boy who is visually impaired.

He also told us about the struggles of writing this book. "It was difficult to write a book about someone who is visually impaired, since I have good eyesight, and I don't know anyone who has trouble seeing." But when asked what the best part of being a writer is, he responded saying, "Just having absolute control. The world that you write is all yours. You don't even have to publish it, but can still hear people's opinions."

Arlo didn't publish his book alone. His mother, a book designer, helped him every step of the way. She said, "It was nice working with Arlo and not a big company. Because when we were talking about the book, it was like we were just having a chat!" Arlo was very excited with the opportunity to publish his own book because he has loved writing since childhood. "When I was in primary, writing just wasn't hard enough. So I wrote stories at home. I wanted to take it up a notch!"

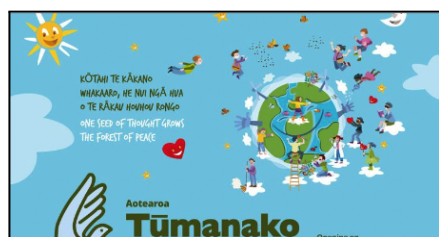
We all enjoyed this experience so much, and it was such an amazing opportunity!

So on behalf of all of us, we would like to thank Arlo Kelly for sharing his book with us and talking to us!

By Alejandra D

THE CLINIC

The Clinic was back this week hosting a Playdough session for Pōhutukawa. In a couple of weeks they are offering an Introduction to Touch Rugby session. The Clinic is a group of willing parent volunteers hosting lunchtime activities for our ākonga. Over the years the school has collected a huge range of resources for the Clinic to use including magnifying glasses, bones, microscopes, bags of feathers... If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with please contact Becky: beckywinton82@gmail.com



ART EXHIBITION - Johnsonville Library

If you are looking for a family outing over the next few weeks you might consider checking out the Art Exhibition at the Johnsonville Library: *Aotearoa Tūmanako Children's Art. Works for a Peaceful World*. Ngaio School has artwork on display as part of this exhibition closing 31 August.

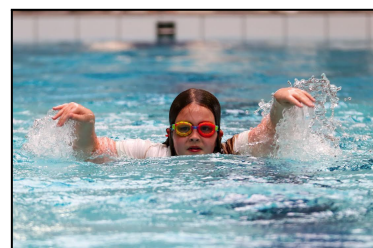
NORTHERN ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following ākonga who attended Northern Zone Swimming today:

Year 4 - Mila G, Isla G, Genna D, Poppy T, Alex T, Misha W, Michael R, Daniel S

Year 5 - Tessa M, Rylee B, Isabelle V, Patricia W, Miles B, Jackson S, Louis S, Te Mera G, Owen X, Andrew S

Year 6 - Henrietta H, Theresa Y, Claudia Q, Frankie S, Hilary W, Hank E, Oskar P, Michael C, Matthew



"Trot, trot, trot" we walked down the stairs out of school down to the bus stop to see our buses waiting. After we got on the bus it started moving instantly. At last we were at the Johnsonville pool. The teachers all talked to us as we headed to the other side of the pool to get ready for the races. Snap! The clapper went off. Splash! Off they went, it was freestyle first. Soon it was backstroke, then breaststroke and butterfly too! Before we knew it, it was time to go." - Hazel C

"It was nerve racking lining up. It was an amazing feeling when you got in the pool. I was tired during the races. I was really cold when I got out."

- Miles

"I found it stressful getting into our marshalling but it was really really fun. I enjoyed doing the 25 metre freestyle the most because I got to dive in after feeling very hot sitting on the seated area around the pool. There were lots of people there who were screaming and it felt very chaotic."

- Tessa



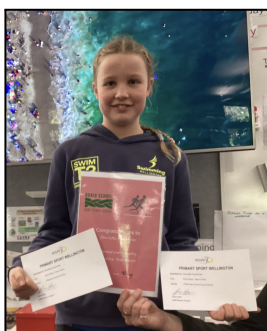
"I enjoyed seeing some of my friends from different schools. My favourite race was the 25 metre breaststroke because I felt I did well in it." - Rylee



"I found the day fun because I got to spend the day with Frankie. My favourite race of the day was the 25 metre butterfly. I also enjoyed getting to see my other friends around who swim at the same club as me." - Hetty

"I did the relay for the year 6 boys and found this very fun. I think I did very well in the 25 metre freestyle. In my other events I also felt I did pretty good in them. I found it a very fun day but also very stressful, so stressful I almost forgot my shoes!" - Jackson

"I enjoyed winning my 25 metre breaststroke. I also did the relay and our team came second. I was a bit annoyed that I did not do so well in my backstroke race but overall I found the day to be very fun." - Mathew



CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

We are so proud of Hetty H who was placed 1st at Regionals and 1st at Inter Regionals Cross Country. She is such a young talented runner who is humble in her abilities. Way to go Hetty! We know we will hear what you get up to in a few years' time, perhaps at New Zealand Nationals and even the Olympics in the future.

Tommy H also raced in the Regional Cross Country event and was placed 18th. We are very proud of your dedication and endurance Tommy. - *Chantal McKee*

PB4L POSTER COMPETITION

Tamariki and kaiako have been working hard in the background thinking about what our ROCKET values look like, sound like and feel like in our school. After gathering everyone's ideas, we have written expectations for moving around the school. We are holding a poster competition for our first PB4L ROCKET focus on 'moving around the school'.

Over the next two weeks, classes will be discussing the statements and designing a poster. They may wish to continue the mahi at home and even ask for your help. We ask that the designs only use the words we have given on the instructions. They may create a mascot or character. Physical copies for children will be given out in class and spare copies will be made available at the office.

Posters are due back to Alison (R13) or Amy (R23) by Friday 8 September. Entries can be dropped into the office. There are prizes!

While we are looking for quality over quantity, there is no limit as to how many designs children create!

Ngā mihi

PB4L Team (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

REMOVAL OF COVID-19 ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

You may have seen that the Government announced the removal of the mandatory COVID isolation rule with effect from 15 August 2023. [All COVID-19 requirements removed – Unite against COVID-19](#) Public health officials have advised risk from COVID-19 is now considered low compared to other stages of the pandemic and it is safe to remove the final requirements. As with any other illness it is recommended that ākongā stay at home if they are feeling unwell or have [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or other respiratory illnesses. It is important that people have time to recover from illness and are fit for work, care or school. For health advice, visit KidsHealth or call Healthline anytime on 0800 611 116 for free health advice or information.

- ❖ We encourage ākongā to maintain good hand hygiene. Wash and dry hands thoroughly or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
 - ❖ It is important to enable children to clean their hands after using the bathroom and before mealtimes.
 - ❖ Avoid touching your face, including your eyes, nose or mouth, if your hands are not clean. Either way you clean your hands, it will kill the COVID-19 virus by bursting its protective bubble.
 - ❖ Cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth and nose with tissues. Put tissues in a bin immediately, then wash or sanitise your hands.
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ONESIE DAY

We are celebrating Wellington's Free Ambulance with Onesie Day! It will be on Friday 8th September. 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

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 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.

Ngaio School Out of Zone Enrolment Applications for Term 4 2023 and Term 1 2024

If you would like more information please contact the office info@ngaio.school.nz

Daffodil Day is on **Friday 25th August**



Next Friday 'Daffodil Day' is when we wear yellow.

Please bring in a \$1 or a \$2 coin.



Your donation could help to support research into cancer. Money can also help people who need treatment for cancer in New Zealand.

Ngā Rangatahi o Ngaio are making a limited amount of cupcakes to sell on the day. There will also be some fun activities to do in your classes.

Helpers:

Mj, Nina.B, Nico, Trinity, Toby and Theresa

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 - Send your recipes in now

We need more recipes to make the Ngaio Community Cookbook a treasured keepsake. So we have extended the deadline and created a word document so it's easier to submit.

Use [this template](#) to submit your recipe(s) along with a photo(s) of your prepared meal, and email them to pta@ngaio.school.nz. The deadline to submit your recipe(s) is 21 August. Baking and desserts are welcome, but we especially need savoury recipes.

Here's a sneak peak.



Get involved in this fantastic community initiative and see your recipe and name in print. This is bigger than just the school so please reach out to neighbours, friends and family too. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used towards developing a new playground at our kura.

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 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TE WHATU ORA

Te Whatu Ora has been notified by a number of education facilities of an increase in winter illness among staff and tamariki. We are seeing surges of Covid, flu, and gastroenteritis and other respiratory viruses around the region.

If you are worried your tamariki has symptoms or they have long-term health problems (e.g. asthma,

diabetes kidney, heart or immunity problems), then you should phone your usual doctor or Healthline 0800 611 116 for further advice. Most people recover at home and only see their GP if their illness gets worse or is not improving.

Remember - the FREE minor health conditions service is running at a number of local pharmacies until the end of September. Pharmacies can provide free treatments for skin conditions like scabies, head lice, eczema and other skin infections, as well as pain and fever, dehydration, eye inflammation, and acute diarrhoea. The free service applies if you are Māori, Pacific, a community services card holder or aged under 14 years old.



**We're looking for leaders who know
their community to help deliver
the 2023 General Election.**



Please see email link below for HQ support roles for Ohariu Electorate.

[General Election 2023 - Ōhāriu Electorate - Electoral Commission \(elections.nz\)](#)

GRK Karate is having a Grand Opening Day of their new full time venue on Saturday 26th, August. 7/33 Johnsonville Road. Come down and try a free beginners class, for kids 5 yo+, teenagers and adults on Sat 10-11am & 3-4pm and Sun 9-9.45am. Text/call Sensei Anthony on 027 765 3935 to book in. Everyone is welcome.

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 19th August, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who may be interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and would find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. We currently have a few spaces available for an immediate start. For more information phone 04 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

Pridelands Fun Holiday Adventures

Spring School Holidays at Western Suburbs Rugby Club (Wilton)

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our

Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

AKOTECH CodeCamps October School Holidays - FREE PRIZE & EARLY DISCOUNTS Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls, which includes AI Art & Animation.

Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps

Thorndon School: 25th - 28th September & 5th - 8th October

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 25th Aug

Siblings Save 6%

Summer Series Football & Netball

Get your friends/teams together and enrol for the Kelly Sports Summer Series Football or Netball!!

Competition starts on Friday 27 October 2023.

Football is held at Ian Galloway Park, Netball is held at either Marsden or Karori Normal School.

The poster is for the Kelly Sports Summer Series 2023-2024. It features a green background with a blue header. The header includes the text 'FOOTBALL' and 'NETBALL' on either side of a central 'SUMMER SERIES' logo with a trophy icon. Below the header, there are two circular images: one showing people playing football and another showing people playing netball. Under the football image, it says 'SUMMER FOOTBALL 5-A-SIDE' and 'Ian Galloway Park, Wilson'. Under the netball image, it says 'SUMMER NETBALL' and 'Somers Meadows School & Karori Normal School'. Below these, it states 'TEAM ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN' and provides dates: 'TEAM 1: 27 Oct - 15 Dec 2023' and 'TEAM 2: 2 Feb - 22 Mar 2024'. A call to action says 'REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE TODAY!' with links to 'kellysports.co.nz/netball2023' and 'kellysports.co.nz/football2023'. At the bottom, there is the Kelly Sports logo and contact information: 'For more details Email: info@kellysports.co.nz Phone: 021 272 728 Facebook: @kellysportsnz'.