

KEY DATES

| TERM 3 | |
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| 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, 7:00pm | PTA Meeting - Staffroom |
| Friday 20 October | Staff Only Day. School is closed to students |
| Monday 23 October | Labour Day Holiday - School closed |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 21 November (pp 23rd) | Inter Zone Athletics - Newtown Athletics Stadium |
| Tuesday 21 November, 7:30pm | PTA Volunteers Evening |
| Thursday 30 November, 7:00pm | Board Meeting, Staffroom |
| Tuesday 5 December (pp 7th) | Regional Athletics - Newtown Athletics Stadium |
| Wednesday 6 December | Staff Appreciation Morning Tea |
| Tuesday 12 December, 9:00-10:00am | Pōhutukawa Final Assembly |
| Wednesday 13 December, 6:00-9:00pm | Year 6 Graduation at Rāroa Intermediate |
| Friday 15 December, 12:30pm | End of Term 4 |



Ni hao Chinese language week We were thrilled with the huge turn out of whānau at our Open Afternoon on Wednesday to showcase our Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum learning over the term as part of our *I am a historian* school-wide focus. The enthusiasm of kaiako and ākonga was evident across the school. Thank you to kaiako for sharing learning via seesaw to provide a window into the classroom as we appreciate not all mums and dads are easily able to attend events at school during the working day.

Te Kapua really did fulfil our school motto by *soaring to new heights* on Sunday. I was relieved to find FENZ onsite attending to the badly ripped shade sail that was beyond repair. It took the team of four firefighters over three hours to take Te Kapua down. Thanks to Hawkins Property Services for arriving early Monday morning to take Te Kapua away.

I knew from watching the final rehearsal of our Kapa Haka that we were pretty good but was simply blown away by the actual performance at the St Brigids' Kapa Haka Festival on Saturday. Congratulations to all those involved. Ka mau te wehi - you rocked it! Read on in the newsletter for details about how to watch the performance.

Next term our whole school inquiry has a technology focus: *I am an Innovator*. Teachers have started to plan for this and consider ways of integrating this focus into other curriculum areas. If you have a background in creating, innovation or design and think you may have something to add to the classroom programme please contact your child's class teacher.

We look forward to welcoming back our Principal Raewyn Watson next term. It will be nice to have the head of our team back again.

Ngā mihi nui

Sarah Simpson, Acting Te Tumuaki

ST BRIGID'S KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

The joy on the faces of all the ākonga was proof that the festival is a wonderful taonga gifted to our cluster by St Brigid's School.

Here is the secure link to the video for the day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdSrZ5q4agk>
Anyone with this link is able to access the video. Ngaio School is at 2.00:10.

Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdSrZ5q4agk>

MATH-A-THON

A massive thank you to all ākonga and whanau for an outstanding effort. So far we have raised over \$15,500! Thank you all so much for your generosity and support.

If you still need to pop your sponsorship money through, you have until the end of the holidays.

Bank Account: 12-3140-0210759-00, Particulars: Students Name, Code: Room Number, Reference: Math

Congratulations to Eddie from Room 17, Francis from Room 12 and Matthew T from Room 20 for winning our Math-a-thon draw.

THE CLINIC

This term we have had seven fun and engaging sessions for tamariki to enjoy - we started off in week 2 with some exploration of natural resources with Pōhutukawa, were wowed by the creativity of our kids in playdough sessions for Kākāpō and Pōhutukawa, enjoyed a fun Touch Rugby skills session held by super parents Joe and Greig, built box forts with Tūi and Kākāpō and rounded off the term this week playing with bubbles large and small with our youngest students. Our team is passionate about

supporting Ngaio students in varied opportunities for authentic, child-led play and we have loved every minute. We have seen some incredible examples of teamwork, collaboration, creativity, imagination and perseverance across all of our activities. A huge thanks to all of our amazing parent volunteers who have helped to make this happen - the Clinic couldn't run without you!



BETTER START LITERACY APPROACH (BSLA)

Earlier this week we surprised Bronwyn, Karen, Alison, Morag, Wendy and Annabel with a morning tea to celebrate their completion of the BSLA microcredential with University of Canterbury. Undertaking study while teaching full time is a massive achievement. We acknowledge the additional hours including weekends that teachers spent completing online workshops, readings, tests, assignments and preparing for observations.

BSLA is a structured literacy approach in Year 0 to Year 2 to support the development of reading, writing and oral language. It is a phonics based approach that systematically teaches phonological awareness and letter sound knowledge. The programme includes explicit teaching of vocabulary and has been developed specifically for New Zealand. For more information about BSLA <https://www.betterstartapproach.com/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK

Jack is now a fully registered New Zealand teacher! We celebrated with a special morning tea today to acknowledge this milestone in his career.

STAFF APPRECIATION MORNING TEA

Staff were treated to a special home-baked morning tea on Wednesday morning. It was well received and just the lift we needed to see out the winter term. Thank you to the generous group of volunteer bakers led by Diane and the PTA.

ORANGE DAY PARADE

Here is our Road Patroller's winning Orange Day Parade banner! Thank you Christen for supporting us with the design and inspiration for our banner!





NETBALL YEAR 5 WINNERS

Ngaio Steel Triumphs as Year 6 Section D Winner in Winter Netball Season

We are delighted to share that Ngaio Steel has emerged victorious in the Year 6 Section D of the winter netball season, proudly representing Ngaio School.

Ngaio Steel Y5 Team: (from left to right) Madeline M, Adalise H, Emmeline B, Molly M, Lily C, Rylee B, Patricia K.

Initially representing our school as one of the Year 5 winter netball teams, Ngaio Steel's journey to success began with their outstanding performance in the grading games against other Year 5 teams. Their excellence did not go unnoticed, leading the organisers to promote them to Year 6 Section D for the round-robin games. Their prowess was evident as they held their own against Year 6 teams, with only one match ending in defeat.

During the fiercely competitive competition stage in Year 6 Section D, Ngaio Steel demonstrated unwavering determination, winning every game they participated in. Their consistent excellence eventually secured them the coveted top spot in the section.

The crowning moment of their season took place at the Northern Suburbs Netball prizegiving where Ngaio Steel proudly brought home the winner's trophy once again. This achievement is a testament to their dedication and skill. Congratulations to Ngaio Steel for this outstanding accomplishment.

HEALTH CONSULTATION

It is time for Ngaio School to undertake a Health Consultation. Please take time to read through our Health Plan and complete the short consultation survey [here](#)

We look forward to hearing your voice and thank you for taking the time to make Ngaio School the best it can be!

Ngā mihi nui
Ngaio School Board

RAISING BODY-CONFIDENT KIDS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Churton Park School's *My Home and School Committee* is holding this event as a fundraiser at Rāroa Intermediate.

Churton Park School is bringing Raising Body Confident Kids in the Digital Age with Emma Wright to our community on Wednesday 25th October. Please don't miss out on this important event for parents, teachers and coaches caring for kids in the digital age. Emma has been featured on [The Project](#) and is

about to publish a book (through HarperCollins). She holds a Masters degree, is well researched and has lived experience with disordered eating.

90% of teens report that Body Image is one of their biggest concerns. 73% say it stops them from engaging in physical activity. Schools and parents report that their biggest challenges are kids' mental health and behaviour around devices. Emma's talk will arm you with practical tools and strategies to help your child build resilience to damaging messages, self-manage screen use and have a healthy relationship with their body.

Event details:

What: Raising Body-Confident Kids in the Digital Age

Who: Parents, teachers and coaches of 5-15 yr olds

Where: Rāroa Intermediate School Hall

When: Wednesday 25th October, 7-9 PM

Tickets: \$25

LINK: <https://events.humanitix.com/raising-body-confident-kids>

PTA NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AND PIZZA LUNCH

We are thrilled to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair and pizza lunch raised a whopping **\$3,395**. As part of the PTA's annual \$5K contribution, this money will be used to purchase library books for our wonderful school library. Thank you to all of the families who visited the Scholastic Book Fair and purchased books and cupcakes.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Hannah Baker, Sarah Young and their team of enthusiastic student volunteers, parent volunteers and cupcake bakers. Thank you also to Desmond, Michelle and Sarah S for all of their support.

Thank you to our cupcake bakers: Nirwana K, Sarah M, Janine H, Natasha A, Deya Q, Andrea O, Susan M, Elizabeth R, Diane F, Jen T, Rachel B, Karen C, Emma W, Lacy J, Beth D, Tara H, Vanessa R, Nicola W and Lauren W

Thank you to our book fair helpers: Susan P, Rebecca S, Heather P, Bridget B, Jason L, Diana C, Rachel W, Melanie D, Vanessa R, Jessica Y, Nicola W and Andrea O

Thank you to our student volunteers: Michael C, Nico D, William B, Elena H, Jessie M, Hilary W, Sadie E, Jim D, Emme B, Trinity C, Seb C, Hank E, Henrietta H, Theresa Y and Lucas M



Thank you to our pizza lunch volunteers: Katie B, Emma B, Emma W, Julia R, Jen T, Rebecca B, Heather P. We'd also like to give a huge shout out to **Hell Pizza Khandallah** for giving us a great deal on the pizzas and for delivering them piping hot and on time.

STAFF APPRECIATION MORNING TEA



On Wednesday we were able to host a staff appreciation morning tea for the wonderful teachers and staff at Ngaio School but we couldn't have done it without the help of our volunteer bakers.

Thank you to Shelley V, Elizabeth R, Sam A, Cathy N, Elena Sm Katie B, Natasha A, Heather P and Karen C.



NGAIO COMMUNITY COOKBOOK COMING TERM 4!

Thank you to everyone who submitted recipes for our Ngaio Community Cookbook. It's shaping up to be amazing and we can't wait for you to see it! The cookbook will be ready and available for purchase in Term 4. More details to follow so stay tuned!

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wellington City Libraries : *Art Through the Ages | Toi Puta Noa i Ngā Tau*. From the 23rd of September to the 8th of October, our libraries are putting on over 50 free art-themed events for young people.

Highlights include:

- A 'Festival of Ultra-wild Design' with local graphic artist and maverick inventor Steve Mushin
- Getting up-close and personal with extremely old and rare items from our Rare Books collection – some from the 1400s – and learning how they were decorated and illuminated
- Creating micro-masterpieces for an exhibition of tiny art at the library
- Taking on the role of Michelangelo and painting the undersides of our tables and desks like you're painting the Sistine Chapel
- Traditional Chinese painting, Japanese wood-block printing, raranga papercrafts, and much much more!

Visit our blog for the full list of events, times and locations: [School Holidays: Art Through the Ages | Toi Puta Noa i Ngā Tau – Kids' Blog \(wcl.govt.nz\)](#). Some events require registration, but all are totally free.

Do you know a child who loves to sing?

Bring them along to our CHORISTER OPEN DAY, where they can experience what it is like to sing with the Cathedral Choristers.

Includes a tour of the Cathedral and Fish and Chip supper.

Thursday 19 October, 3:30-6:30pm

Register here: <https://www.wellingtoncathedral.org.nz/chorister>

Total Touch Holiday Programme

9am-3pm, 2nd-4th October- just \$30 a day for a fun day with the Total Touch Crew INCLUDING NZ Touch Rep George Jahnke!

Register now!

- ✓ Quality coaching
- ✓ Inclusive
- ✓ Good people
- ✓ Good times

Available for Year 1-Year 8 players.

It's not all touch focused for the younger children (we have a range of other activities on hand and planned) and also include fun activities nurturing relationships and teamwork for all age groups.

Join us at Petone Rugby Club to learn new skills, advance on what you already know and make great new friendships leading into the 23/23 season. Registrations -

<https://totaltouch.fmweb.nz/october-holiday-programme>

Any questions- please contact Bronwyn

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SUMMER SERIES
2023 2024

SUMMER FOOTBALL 5-A-SIDE
Ian Galloway Park, Winton

SUMMER NETBALL
Samuel Marsden School & Karori Normal School

TEAM ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN
TERM 4: 27 Oct – 15 Dec 2023 TERM 1: 2 Feb – 22 Mar 2024

REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE TODAY!
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HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing **great stories** from an **award-winning author**

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill
The award-winning author of books including Ernest Rutherford and Epic New Zealand Adventurers

Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"

WRITE like an AUTHOR

Where: **Rena Intermediates**
37 Haumi Street, Johnsonville
When: 9 Oct to 5 Oct 2023

Register now at:
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