

KEY DATES

TERM 3	
Thursday 19 October	NZ Shake Out Day (Earthquake Drill 9.30am)
Thursday 19 October	Pōhutukawa Fire Safety Day
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
Friday 27 October 9:10 am	Whakatau to welcome new families
Monday 30 October (pp 6 Nov)	Northern Zone Athletics - Newtown Athletics Stadium
Monday 30 October	Sibling Photo orders close
Thurs/Fri 2 & 3 November	School Photos
Wednesday 8 November	House Fun Day - dress in house colours
Wednesday 8 November 1:40pm	New Parent's Information Seminar, Staffroom
Tuesday 12 December	Reports go home
Tuesday 21 November (pp 23rd)	Inter Zone Athletics - Newtown Athletics Stadium
Thursday 23 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 sa bula vinaka kece sara (Fijian Language Week)

Welcome back to you all for the final term of 2023. It has been a special week - thank you for the lovely welcome back. It's really good to be here - week one has flown by and I imagine the rest of the term will be just the same. As expected, Sarah and Michelle did a superb job running the school while I was away. I congratulate them and appreciate how well they managed the school in my absence.

I've had some superstar writers visiting me this week. Students from Bronwyn and Morag's class came and read me their stories. Well done to Shakshi, Eddie, Matteo, Cruz and Cooper who have made their teachers really proud with their hard work and progress in writing.

We had a fantastic athletics day on Tuesday. There was so much excitement and anticipation in the morning and the weather played its part in making the day all the more enjoyable. I was proud to see the ROCKET values in full view throughout the day - the effort and healthy competitiveness along with encouragement and support shown for others was great to see. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day.



You can see more photos in the [Events Photo Gallery](#) on the school website.

Our two EPro 8 teams competed this week and were excited to share their experience. Congratulations to both of the teams for their efforts. An extra shout out to Joe, Heather, Jim and Blake who placed first and will go on to compete in the next phase of the competition. Read more about EPro 8 below.

I've been involved in a Strategic Measurement for Schools leadership programme during the past term with Sarah. The programme continues this term and into 2024. It was really helpful having the results of our community survey to start drafting our very high level objectives, so I appreciate your contributions through the survey. The Board has been analysing the survey results and will be back in touch with you to share themes as well as goals that emerged from the survey.

Have a great weekend - I look forward to catching up with more of you in the coming weeks. Please check the calendar regularly as there is a lot happening this term.

Ngā mihi nui
Ni sa moce
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

EPro8 Challenge

Two teams from Ngaio School competed yesterday at South Wellington Intermediate for the EPro8 Challenge. This is an annual inter-school science and engineering competition for Year 5 and 6 students. Team One included Naava, Theresa, Lucas and Violet. Team Two, Joe, Heather, Jim and Blake made it into the next phase of the competition to be held later in the term.



Yesterday we went to our first Epro8 competition. Our challenge was to make a working car wash. We started by making a frame to support the different items that we needed to add to complete the challenge. Next we added a motor to move our car wash around the car for future criteria. The next part of the criteria was to make a sensor that if it was touched by the car it would stop the motor moving. Then we had the task of adding a duster to clean our car. We also had to add another motor to make the duster spin. The last criteria said to make it so the sensor and duster could move up and down by having a rope that was attached to a motor. We also had to attach buttons to allow it to go up and down. Me and my whole group had lots of fun and best of all we came first.

By Jim



PTA NEWS

Stock of this amazing cookbook is available NOW at the school office with Eftpos and cash sales available. An email with ordering information will come out next week for online ordering.

ORDER YOUR NGAIO SCHOOL T-SHIRTS AND HATS!

NGAIO SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Kids sizes	\$25	100% cotton
Adult sizes	\$28	

Orders must be placed online:
<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/ngaio-school>

Orders close 28th October

Colours available:

GREEN	PURPLE
ORANGE	ROYAL
RED	BLUE

T-shirts will be delivered to the school and distributed to classrooms during term 4 or for a fee you can have them delivered to your home address.

Ngaio Cookbook ON SALE NOW!

\$39.95

each

A great gift or keepsake!

- 230 pages of delicious recipes
- Local, high quality product
- Profits will benefit the tamariki of Ngaio School
- A mix of local and professional contributions (including Logan Brown, KTC and Cameron Harrison)

BE IN TO WIN!

Buy 3 or more and go into the draw for a \$50 Cafe Villa voucher
(Drawn 11 December 2023)

NGAIO SCHOOL
SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/ngaio-school>

If you missed out on Hoodies these are also available via the suppliers website above. Samples are available in the school office to try on and view colours.

Ngaio School Hats - Ngaio School hats are available from the office for \$20 each.

Remember, sunhats are compulsory in Terms 4 and 1. Purchases can be made by cash or Eftpos in the school office or via MyKindo:

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=school_hats

For questions, please contact pta@ngaio.school.nz.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We're looking for a volunteer or a duo to share the job organising the Christmas Raffle. Could that be you?

Key activities for this role include:

- Seeking donations from local businesses
- Packaging up raffle baskets
- Working with the Tui Team Leader to arrange students to sell tickets
- Working with the treasurer to manage floats and deposit proceeds

Full support provided. Email pta@ngaio.school.nz if you're interested or if you have questions.

PTA KEY DATES

Thursday, 19 October	PTA Meeting - 7pm staffroom
Friday, 27 October	New Families Breakfast
Thursday, 23 November	Volunteer Celebration
4-8 December	Christmas Raffle
Wednesday, 6 December	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea
Friday, 8 December	Sausage Sizzle
Friday, 8 December	House Fun Day

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The Inspire Photography Team is excited to be back at Ngaio School this year! We will be photographing your children and their classes on Thursday 2nd November and Friday 3rd November.

If you would like your children to have sibling photos, please fill in our Sibling Photo Request form.

Follow this link to the form >> <https://www.inspireschools.co.nz/NgaioSchoolSiblingPhotos.html>

Please Note : Submissions for Sibling Photos will be closing on the 30th of October.

Out of School Siblings will be photographed on 02/11/2023 starting at 8.30am.

In School Siblings will be photographed on 03/11/2023 during the school day.

About 2 weeks after your photo days, our online galleries will be ready to go and we will deliver A5 sized sheets with personal passcodes for each child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with the Team at Inspire, info@inspirephotography.co.nz or ring 04 384 8009.

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

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

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>

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 – SPRINT INTO SPORTS!!

Wednesday's 3.05pm – 4.05pm, starts Wednesday's 18 October 2023 for 8 weeks.

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance ball skills, catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

In Term 4 we will be focusing on the following sports: *T-Ball, Athletics, Cricket and Football!*

We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness – all while having FUN!

To Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put "Ngaio"

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Kids Aikido



Aikido is a martial art, but a peaceful one that teaches how to resolve conflict without aggression or hurting the opponent

Aiki Kids (ages 6 – 12) every Monday during school terms, 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Aiki Teens every Monday and/or Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Parents, you can join our adults classes with the Aiki Teens 😊

\$80 per term,
first 3 lessons free
City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd,
Kaiwharawhara
Top floor of the big
yellow Animates Building

Turn up and give it a try - **first 3 lessons free**
or contact Conrad at conrad@aikido.org.nz or 021 843 467