



Ngaio School Mini Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6

17 November 2023

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Rotary Khandallah Fair 10 December

Ngaio School has been given the opportunity to perform at this year's Rotary Khandallah Fair on Sunday 10 December at 1.40pm.

You will be required to deliver your child/ren to and from the event and stay during the performance.

Please complete this form - [Rotary Khandallah Fair](#), if your child/ren would like to be part of this event.

The content will be finalised once we get the numbers involved, but is likely to be waiata, including some Christmas carols they've been learning in te reo as part of Kapa haka.

Important Notice regarding the use of the grounds after school hours.

The Y provides an important service for Ngaio School families who require before and after school care. The-Y use McLeod Hall for their programme and also use some of the school grounds.

It is important for them to be able to run their programme in a safe way and as such we ask that children not involved in the programme please stay away from the astroturf and senior playground after school hours when The-Y are using these areas.

2024 Class and teacher allocations

We've been working out the class arrangements and staff placements for 2024. There's been a lot to consider so we're really excited to have reached this point to be able to share the arrangements with you.

We're looking forward to Dan Byrne returning to Ngaio School in 2024. Dan will be picking up teacher release across the school, including some Classroom Release Time (CRT) which is increasing to three days a term at the beginning of

term one 2024 and 4 days per term in terms 3 and 4. This change was a component of recent NZEI (union) negotiations.

Annabel Donnelly has secured a role in a school closer to home which she is really excited about. We wish her well in this new role.

As a result of this resignation and Dan picking up the release teacher role, we were able to confirm a role for Jack Yorke, which is fabulous news.

Each year we need to work with the staffing allocated and the numbers of ākonga in each year level. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the refreshed curriculum, Te Mataiaho, is organised into phases of learning and is different from the current two year bands. Like many schools, we have taken the opportunity to organise the school into the first two phases. This structure works really well with our current year group numbers.

Next year our year 6 ākonga will be in a single year level and placed in the heart of our school. They'll have the whole of the bottom floor of the current Kākāpō block and an outside area to enjoy as the leaders of our school. Composite groupings in 2024 will be years 2/3 and years 4/5. The year 2/3 classes will be together on the top floor of the current Kākāpō block and year 4/5 classes will be located in the current TŪI block. Year 1 spreads across 13-17 on the field. Because Chantal's syndicate is spread into different areas of the school, Megan Palmer will take on the role of day to day support down in the year 4/5 area.

Starting in a new class is an exciting time, providing an authentic opportunity for resilience and open-mindedness. We are fortunate to have quality kaiako (teachers) at Ngaio School so you can be assured your children will be in good hands. Kaiako spend a considerable amount of time making up class lists. They consider a wide range of information and factors as they make up the classes. As such we are unable to guarantee requested placements and appreciate your support of our placement decisions.

On Tuesday 12 December End of Year Reports will go home and ākonga will find out their room and classroom teacher for 2024. On Thursday 14 December they will spend time with their 2024 class and teacher to meet each other in their new class.

The following outlines the classroom and teacher arrangements for 2024.

Kākāpō Syndicate - Years 1 to 3

Team Leader: Michelle Pontifex

Year 1 Classes

Room 13 = Alison Craven

Room 16 = Bronwyn O'Halloran

Room 17 = Morag Roberts

(Kathy Yamada Fridays)

Room 15 = Karen Doogan will join us in Term 3

Year 2/3 Classes

(Upstairs in current Kākāpō Block)

Room 5 = Christina Johnstone

(Jo Purcell Thursdays)

Room 6 = Tessa Gatenby

Room 7 = Michelle Pontifex

Room 8 = Wendy Holbrooke

TŪI Syndicate - Years 4 to 6

Team Leader: Chantal McKee

Years 4/5 Classes - Rata

(In current TŪI Block)

Room 20 = Megan Palmer

(Dan Byrne Alternate Fridays)

Room 21 = Jack Yorke

Room 22 = Hayden Trass

Room 23 = Louisa Marks

(Donna Beechy Fridays)

Room 24 = Amy

Year 6 Classes - Harakeke

(Downstairs in current Kākāpō Block)

Room 10 = Chantal McKee

(Dan Byrne Alternate Fridays)

Room 12 = Sam Jenkins



KIWI CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Ngā Rangatahi Ō Ngaio ākonga have started collecting donations of new books to gift to families who would otherwise go without at Christmas time.

Donations can be dropped into the collection boxes in classrooms.

Ngā Rangatahi Ō Ngaio will collect them each day and will record the total on a giant thermometer in the office window.

Thanks for your support - Ngā Rangatahi Ō Ngaio

