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KEY DATES TERM 4	
Monday 27 November	Pool key registrations close at 10:30am
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
Friday 8 December	Last day to return library books
Friday 8 December	House Fun Day + Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 12 December	Reports go home
Tues 12 December, 9:00-10:00am	Pōhutukawa Final Assembly
Wed 13 December, 6:00-9:00pm	Year 6 Graduation at Rāroa Intermediate
Friday 15 December	Final Assembly begins at 11:15am ākonga dismissed 12:30pm

Rotary Khandallah Fair 10 December

Note: We have repaired the link for this event so responses have started coming in. We'd love to have lots involved so please sign up.

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.

Tēnā koutou Families

Thank you to the PTA who funded the beautiful new learning platform at the rear of Tūi Block. The platform was opened this week with a mini whakatau, attended by the builders Craig and Kyle along with other special guests Heather, Ros and Jen. Jen, PTA Chair joined us and spoke, along with Sam and some ākonga. The plaque on the platform reads:



Te manu e kai i te miro, nōna te ngahere.

Te manu e kai i te mātauranga, nōna te ao.

The bird that feeds on the miro berry, theirs is the forest.

The bird that feeds on the tree of knowledge, theirs is the world.



The weather was stunning for the annual Kākāpō Triathlon held on Wednesday. We opened up our school pool and used the whole of our school grounds for ākonga to run and cycle around. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped to supervise this event.

It is with sadness that I announce that Desmond Lyons is leaving Ngaio School after 17 years. Desmond will be sorely missed. His knowledge of the workings of the school are second to none and Desmond has a sixth sense for knowing what needs to be done in preparation for any occasion, meeting or event. All his extra support and thoughtfulness will be hard to replace.

Have a great weekend

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

THE CLINIC



Thank you to The Clinic volunteer Will Maguire who ran an amazing orienteering session yesterday for Kākāpō ākonga. Will created an incredible map of the school to support the session which I know will be enjoyed by others across the school too.

Please think about interests you have that might make a good Clinic session. We'd love to support the amazing Clinic team with even more activities and variety.

FOLLOW UP NOTICE REGARDING THE USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

Due to the astroturf being lifted next week, The Y will be using the hard court area for their after school care programme, unless sports teams are using the area. As mentioned in the last newsletter, 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 to please play in another area.

INTERZONE ATHLETICS RESULTS

We haven't received the full list of results but would like to share these placings with you. Congratulations to everyone who competed at this challenging level of the competition. The following placed in the top 3.

- Vortex 2nd place - Cece Stevens
- 800m 2nd place - Hetty Humphries
- Year 4 girls relay team - 2nd place (Ana, Barbara, Genna, Isla G, Mila)
- Year 5 boys relay team - 3rd place (George, Jesse, Tommy, Toby)
- Year 5 girls relay team - 3rd Place (Emmeline, Tessa, Isobel, Lily)

Swimming Pool Key Registrations close on Monday 27th November

An email was sent to parents of Yr 1-5 students on Monday afternoon this week advising the decision to open the school pool for community use over summer and mid way through term 1 2024.

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to test the water in the pool to allow this facility to be used.

This is a reminder that registrations for key hire close on Monday 27th Nov at 10:30am.

Please refer to the email sent to you on Monday 20th November which includes the pool rules.

If you wish to register for a key, please click on the link below

<https://forms.gle/ALN4Lafm5oHWGKwe7>

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

Note: No Parsons Cafe lunches on Friday 8 December (Fun Day)

MATH-A-THON THANK YOU

We're very grateful to the community for supporting the Mathathon which allowed us to purchase 30 new Chromebooks and 10 new iPads with strong cases.

Kaiako really appreciate this boost in devices to support their learning programmes and their ability to carry out trouble free assessments.



experiences and learning provided by teachers, support staff, parents, the wider community and our amazing volunteers. Your contributions to sports, road safety, literacy and generally providing support to the school and our tamariki do not go unnoticed. You are appreciated.

The PTA has had a very busy year!

We have organised:

- Katherine Berkett parenting education
- Clothes swap
- Sausage sizzles
- Inspire photography
- Pie fundraiser
- Hoodies, hats and t-shirts
- Cookbook
- Book fair and pizza lunch
- Wine fundraiser
- Supplied munchies for the disco
- Staff appreciation morning teas
- New families breakfasts

With the money raised we have delivered

- hockey goals
- \$6,500 worth of readers
- \$5000 worth of books for the library
- plants and other material to support the enviro club, arb restoration and beautify the school
- Tui learning platform
- leavers book printing and decorations for the leavers function
- volunteers celebration
- house fun day
- clinic resources

We could not do any of this without the PTA committee, subcommittees, friends of the PTA and our volunteers. Special thanks also goes to school

support staff, teachers and leadership, without whom none of this would happen. And last of all thank you to the community for getting behind our fundraisers so we can provide the extras for our tamariki.

Our wine fundraiser is back!

Just in time for your holiday parties, the PTA is delighted to bring back our fundraiser with Pask Winery and Jackson Estate. This is an incredible opportunity to get a 20% discount on wines not available at the supermarket and to give back to our school. The school will benefit from a donation of at least \$60 per dozen bottles sold!

Purchase options:

- Order online at <https://www.pask.co.nz> and <https://www.jacksonestate.co.nz> and use NGAIO23 at check out to secure a discount
- Order via [this order form](#). Email order forms to pask@bentonwines.co.nz or contact Serena at 021 790 517

This promotion is open until 8 December. The discount applies to all products, except the instinct range and clearance products.

Get your orders in for the upcoming Sausage Sizzle!

The PTA is excited to host our final Sausage Sizzle of the year and fund our School Fun Day on Friday 8 December. The School Fun Day will include fantastic activities such as tug of war, dodgeball, rippa, snag golf and many more games.

We will have meat and vegetarian sausages available for purchase. We have moved away from Nice Blocks due to significant price increases and have chosen to go with the classic Lemonade Popsicle to keep sizzles affordable for families.

Place your orders now via myKindo:

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=sausage_sizzle **Orders close Sunday 3 December**

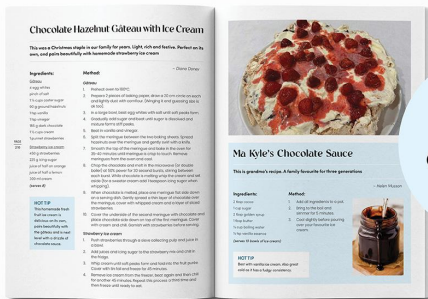
We also need volunteers to run the Sizzle:

- 2 cooks - 11.30am - 1.15pm

- 6 adult helpers - 12.45 -1.45pm
Email hevatee@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Funds raised from this Sizzle and previous PTA activities allow us to fund fantastic experiences for our tamariki like the School Fun Day.

Christmas gifts sorted!



Looking for Christmas gifts for your friends and family or a secret Santa? We've got the perfect idea. Ngaio Nourished, a collection of our community's best

recipes!

In this beautiful book you'll find everything from classic family recipes to exotic international delights across soups, salads, snacks, breakfasts, dinners, vegetarian, gluten free baking and desserts, including a few contributions from local chefs! Funds raised support our amazing school!

\$39.95 with free office pick up or local delivery. Note: local delivery can take a week as we're relying on volunteers for deliveries. Nationwide delivery options are also available.

Buy now via myKindo:

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/.../kindo/ngaio_nourished_cookbook

No myKindo account? Buy via Google form:

<https://forms.gle/RRwDGEHrT5Pa2sbKA>



New Tui outdoor learning space!

A beautiful mihi whakatau was held on Monday morning to celebrate the completion of the Tui Learning Platform. Attended by Tui and Kakapo, beautiful waiata and haka were performed, whakatauki spoken and a ribbon cutting officially opened the platform.

This project started as an idea 3 years ago when brainstorming how to convert the space outside Tui into a usable space for our tamariki. Funded by the PTA with proceeds from the 2022 Christmas Raffle, this space is a beautiful new area to be used as a multi purpose space for learning and play.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all who contributed to making this happen: Tui teacher Sam Jenkins and parent volunteer Roslyn McMahon who led this project; Peter, prior caretaker who helped clear trees and scrub at the beginning of the journey; parents Akio Shigeeda and Blair Curry who chainsawed trees too big for the kids to handle and Matt Anderson for helping at Enviro sessions. Most recently thanks to Craig Tunnicliffe and Kyle Payne, our amazing deck builders, and Hadley who brought in a digger at the eleventh hour to remove excess dirt. A special shout out to Jen Thornburrow and the team of 15 odd kids who worked in the rain on Friday and again before school Monday morning shovelling bark so we could complete it in time for the whakatau. We also want to recognise the mahi of many Enviro kids who worked on different aspects of the project over the last 3 years.

Ngaio School Hats available now

Protect your child from the sun with a Ngaio School sunhat! Remember, sunhats are compulsory in Terms 4 and 1. Ngaio School hats are available from the office for \$20 each. 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

PTA KEY DATES

Wednesday, 6 December	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	—
Friday, 8 December	Sausage Sizzle	—
Friday, 8 December	House Fun Day	—

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Get ready to ignite your child's musical passion! Goodtime Music Academy teaches at Ngaio School and is offering award-winning in-school music lessons. Say goodbye to post-school commutes! Dive into the world of music in a vibrant group setting with the following instrument lesson: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele, or our 'Intro to Music' course. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Your child will have the chance to shine in our thrilling concerts. Act fast, as spots are limited. Enrol now at

www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school or call us at 04 568 2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits!

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES
SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
(SWIS - BERHAMPORE) AND WESTERN SUBURBS RUGBY CLUB (WILTON)

18th DEC 2023 – 2nd FEB 2024 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$82.04/cub per

session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$12/hr

ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors are also available if needed at \$35/her per mentor.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online:

www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page:

www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare
