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School will be open on Monday 29 Jan from 9-11am if you'd like to pop in, drop off stationery and have a quick kōrero with kaiako.

School begins for 2024 on Thursday 1st February, 9:00am.

Please look out for the final 2023 On Board, early next week.

Kia ora e te Whānau

Congratulations to Chantal and the Tūi team who organised an amazing graduation ceremony on Wednesday night. Once again this celebration was moving and a special way to send off our fabulous year 6 tamariki.

A huge thank you to Tracey Henderson and to the wonderful team of year 5 whānau who decorated the hall and helped out with the supper. Thank you to those of you who provided the delicious desserts!

We are very proud of what this group of students have achieved during their time at Ngaio School - they've taken every opportunity offered and contributed so much to the life of the school. At the graduation I heard their teachers talk so fondly of their humour, leadership, support of younger students and contributions to the school. They acknowledged the way this group have been outstanding role models for the Ngaio School ROCKET Values. They are definitely all ready to 'Soar to New Heights'!

As we farewell our year 6 students, I would like to acknowledge those of you who have reached the end of your time associated with Ngaio School, some of you after many, many years of involvement. We've really appreciated all the ways you have helped out - volunteering your time to help in the class or on trips, including camp, belonging to the PTA and/or supporting their fundraising, supporting your children in their learning, contributing to The Clinic, being spectators at events, coaching, supervising the road patrollers, the list goes on. The school is certainly better for having you as part of the school community.

A heartfelt thank you and farewell to the families of the following year 6 ākonga leaving Ngaio School with their year 6 graduates:

Elodie, William, Nina, Michael, Zane, Nico, Gwen, Astin, Alejandra, Sadie, Sascha, James, Sylvia, Evan, Matty, Grace, Scarlett, Theo, George, Sam, Jessie, Monty, Riley, Milisiki, Nina, Matiu, Claudia, Ivy, Johnny, Aiden, Malachi, Levi, Frankie, Madison, Izzy, Felix, Ananya, Blake, Tom and Waru.

We appreciate all you have contributed to Ngaio School and wish your children and you all the very best.

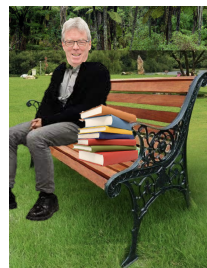


Year 5 haka to our year 6 leavers at today's final hui.

Thank you to our teaching staff (full time and part time). They are an amazing team of professionals who work very, very hard to do the best they can for every student. They look after their classes and also all have other responsibilities in various areas of school life. Teachers, thank you all for your commitment to Ngaio School.

To all the other staff, our wonderful teacher assistants, amazing librarians, our cleaner, Desmond and Helen, Nicki and Kirsty who look after the office. Congratulations to all of you for a job well-done. Our students have benefited from your talents, care, and commitment.

A huge thank you to Desmond who leaves today after looking after our school for 17 years. Desmond is like a mind-reader. He has always stepped in at the drop of a hat to help us out and knows what's needed to prepare for meetings and events, sometimes before we do! We



presented Desmond with a park bench in the hope he will enjoy some well earned relaxation with a few good books!

We also farewell Annabel Donnelly who is leaving Ngaio School to work closer to home at Chilton St James School. Sadly Annabel has been sick for the last few days and was unable to join us for our final farewell. We wish Annabel all the best in her new role.

Lastly, we farewell Merrick who has been working as a teaching assistant this year. We've appreciated Merrick's support for ākonga across the school.

Huge thank you to the Board and the PTA, two important groups who work really hard to support everything that goes on in the school. The Board has worked hard behind the scenes to set school direction and keep supporting us, the staff of Ngaio School, to provide your children with an excellent education, full of opportunities and support for their learning and wellbeing. The PTA works really hard, with the support of all of you, to provide extra financial support for school projects and their input to social and community events is appreciated. Thank you Ros who led the PTA for some of 2023 and to Jen who has taken her place. You're superstars!

Thank you to you, our parent community; There have been many opportunities to be involved in school life and so many of you have!

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year everyone. I hope you can have some family time relaxing and recouping after another very busy year.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa
Christmas and New Year greetings

Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki



Congratulations to everyone who helped us collect 225 books to donate to Kiwi Christmas Books.

A huge thank you to Cristin and our school library, and Jessie and Hetty and Ngā Rangatahi ō Ngaio for your help.

We received this special acknowledgement from Kiwi Christmas Books...

Wellingtonians came through with donations of 798 beautiful new books in 2023! And over 1 in 4 of them came from the Ngaio School community. AMAZING.

Donations have now been delivered to our charity partners. 581 books went to Wellington City Mission, 186 books to Wellington Hospitals Foundation, and 31 books to Nest Collective Wellington.

Thanks so much for being part of Kiwi Christmas Books this year, and enabling the giving of books to kids for Christmas. Please share with the kids and their whānau what an amazing contribution they have all made. Meri Kirihimete,

Marie Elliott Jones

Wellington Coordinator

PTA News

Thank you Enviro Club!

It's been another year of fun and hard work for the Enviro students this year! Led by Sam in Tui and funded by the PTA, the Enviro kids have kept the gardens in bloom, the veggie boxes thriving, created fairy gardens and kept the weeds at bay. A huge amount of effort has gone into helping create the new Tui outdoor space which looks amazing. Last week graduating Enviro members planted their fruit tree in the orchard, gifted to them by the PTA for their amazing mahi. GOOD LUCK, keep gardening and THANK YOU for your mahi



and aroha caring for our environment, what a difference you have made.

Thank you for supporting our Cookbook fundraiser!

We're almost sold out of our Ngaio Nourished cookbooks! Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser and we hope you enjoy trying out all of the delicious recipes. If you're still wanting to buy one, pop in to Ryl & Roy here in Ngaio to buy one of their store copies. We will announce the amount raised next year after we have the final figures.

Exciting things are coming

The PTA have just signed off on funding the development of the playbank adjacent to the basketball courts and the area adjacent to the Tui Learning platform to create play and outdoor learning spaces. This development is in line with the school's Property Master Plan that was developed in consultation with the community. We hope to have these key projects completed over the summer holidays and look forward to showcasing these exciting projects in the new year.



Meri Kirihimete

Whatever is beautiful to you, whatever is meaningful and whatever brings you happiness, may it be yours this holiday season. Have a wonderful break everyone. From the Ngaio School PTA.