

KEY DATES TERM 1 - Please check the school website calendar regularly

Tues 13th/Wed 14th Feb	Goodtime Music lessons start
Thursday 15th Feb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5pm Kākāpō ● 5:45pm Tūi 	Meet the Teams - gathering and class visits
Thursday 15th Feb 6:30pm	Year 6 Camp Meeting
Thursday 15th Feb 7.30pm	Board Meeting
Friday 23rd Feb 9am in Rms10/12	Kākāpō Hui - Michelle's class hosting
Friday 23rd Feb 10am- Rms10/12	Tūi Hui - Chantal and Sam's classes hosting
Wednesday 28th Feb 1.40pm	New Parents Information Session
Fri 8th March 9am	Kākāpō Hui - Tessa's class hosting
Fri 8th March 10am	Tūi Hui - Jack and Megan's classes hosting
Friday 15th March	Little Heart Day
Monday 18th March 9am	Whakatau
Fri 22nd March 9am	Kākāpō Hui - Christina's class hosting
Fri 22nd March 10am	Tūi Hui - Hayden, Louisa and Amy's classes hosting
Friday 29th March	Good Friday - no school
Monday 1st & Tues 2nd April	Easter holidays - no school
Tues 9th - Fri 12th April	Forest Lakes Camp
Tues 9th April	Pedal Ready - year 5
Wed 10th April	Pedal Ready - Yr 4 scooter day
Thurs 11th April	Pedal Ready - Yr 2/3 scooter day
Friday 12th April, 3:00pm	End of Term 1

Kia ora e te Whānau

A very special welcome to the 2024 school year. Sadly this week we've been dealing with the aftermath of a burst hot water pipe in the toilet by room 3 (old block by Abbott St). The steamy hot water did significant damage to the toilet, corridor and room 3 and these areas will be out of action for some time. With the cost looking well in excess of \$20k, we're very grateful that the Ministry of Education has stepped in to pay for this through their emergency funding scheme. Given this is our gathering space, we've had to do some juggling of spaces and dates, including our planned whakatau which has now been moved to Monday 18 March (week 8). Hui have been relocated to Rooms 10 and 12.

You should have received the syndicate newsletters which have links to their syndicate pages on our website. We encourage you to refer to the website for information and welcome feedback if there is other information that would be useful to add. The school events calendar can be accessed through the website and through the School App. The 'list' view is especially helpful if you're using the Ngaio School App. Click on an event to check if there is more information.

Have a great weekend.

Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki



On Thursday 15th February (week 3) we are hosting a Meet the Team Evening for whānau to come into school and hear about how each Syndicate works. Teachers will present information first and then there'll be a chance to visit classrooms.

Whakatau Postponed

We've postponed this term's whakatau to week 8 due to the flooding event which leaves us without a meeting space. This event is to formally welcome ākonga and families who are new to Ngaio School. Invitations with more detail will be sent home prior to this event. R.S.V.P.'s can be

sent to Helen in the office by emailing info@ngaio.school.nz by Wednesday 13 March.

Property Project Update

Te Kapua, our Shade sail, is being reinstalled in a couple of weeks.

Tiger Turf has almost completed the replacement of the turf.

The Playbank upgrade has been completed so this area now looks amazing and is being well used. We're very grateful to the PTA for funding this project and to our caretaker Lockie who got it done.

Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

In line with the government recommended changes expected in Term 2. We are sharing our school policy on personal digital devices. Please note this includes smart watches and any digital device used for communication.

The key messages from the policy are:

If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- The device should be kept turned off and out of sight. Devices may not be used at break times.

[Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices Policy](#)

The Clinic

The Clinic is a parent-led programme, run within lunchtimes to offer rich and authentic play and hands-on learning opportunities to our amazing tamariki. Last year our sessions included bubbles, playdough, water play, large loose parts, junk modelling, deconstructing electronics, box forts and nature play!

We are always looking for more parent volunteers to make our sessions happen. There is no commitment or obligation to help every time - but if you can spare an hour at lunchtime now and then, having fun and engaging with the kids, please get in touch with Becky on beckywinton82@gmail.com.

Similarly, if you have any ideas or have a skill or knowledge that you'd love to share with our kids then get in touch as we can offer support setting up and planning a session.

Community Notices

Join our French class at Ngaio School in Term 1 2024!

- For children Year 2 to Year 6
- Every Thursday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm
- From Thursday 15th February to Thursday 11th April

Price: \$153 for 9 weeks

Run by our team of native qualified French teachers

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française (admin@french.co.nz)



Aikido for juniors


Aikido is a martial art with a difference, its focus being on defence rather than attack: a non-violent, defensive art. Aikido is renowned for its benefits for self-control, coordination and posture, and like all martial arts promotes confidence and provides fun, fitness and friendship. We are a not-for-profit organisation teaching the art of aikido, based in Kaiwharawhara, in our 30th year. Classes for 'Aiki Kids' (around 6+ to 12 years) 5:30pm every Monday in school terms, and our 'Aiki Teens' train every Monday and Wednesday 6:30 pm. First 3 lessons free, then \$80 per term, with 10% discount for families. City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, directly above Animates pet shop. Turn up and give Aikido a try - and parents, you can join in too :-). Contact Conrad at conrad@aikido.org.nz or 021 843 467, or visit www.aikido.org.nz.

Drama Club

We run fun weekly drama classes to help your child express themselves creatively as well as learning some valuable performance skills along the way. Our drama classes work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Classes are based in Karori, we have small classes that are grouped by age. Email Bridie - admin@dramaclub.co.nz for more information or to trial a couple of classes. Alternatively, check out our website - www.dramaclub.co.nz for more information.



KARORI LIONS KARNIVAL & FAIR
Sunday February 18th
10:00am – 3:00pm
Ben Burn Park
Campbell Street, Karori
ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
For further information:
www.karorikarnival.com or
email: karorikarnival@lionsclubs.org.nz



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Read Right, Write Well: After school tuition with an expert

Is your child having problems reading? Is writing a struggle for your child?

Enrol your child for after school literacy tuition, taught in Wellington's northern suburbs by a highly qualified and experienced specialist. With a PhD in English, and over thirty years working in education, Viv has taught every level from five-year-olds, to secondary school students, to teacher trainees, to post graduate university students. Sessions are one-to-one, and include a range of approaches that address skills, and the child's needs and interests, and remedial or extension reading, draft writing, spelling, handwriting, or children's literature. Tuition is \$30 per half hour, or \$50 per hour. The initial consultation is free.

To make an appointment, or learn more, phone 021 073 9234 or 04 4791740, or email van.rj.vivien@gmail.com

