

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

Fri 22nd March	Book Club orders close today
Wed 27th March 2:15-3:00pm	Open afternoon to share learning
Wed 27 March 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom (NB: Wednesday)
<b>Friday 29th March</b>	<b>Good Friday - no school</b>
<b>Monday 1st &amp; Tues 2nd April</b>	<b>Easter holidays - no school</b>
Wed 3rd April (pp 4th April)	Northern Zone Football, Alex Moore Park
Wed 3rd April	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea
Thurs 4th April, 1:30pm-3:00pm	Teacher Union Meeting - see notice below
Fri 5th April 12 noon	Out of Zone ballot closes
Tues 9th - Fri 12th April	Forest Lakes Camp
Tues 9th April	Pedal Ready - year 5
Wed 10th April	Pedal Ready - year 4 scooter day
Thurs 11th April	Pedal Ready - year 2/3 scooter day
Friday 12th April, 3:00pm	End of Term 1
Monday 29th April, 9:00am	Start of Term 2
Thurs 2nd May, 9am-12:30pm	Cross Country
Mon 13th May	Pedal Ready - year 6 (Gp A/B)
Tue 14th May	Pedal Ready - year 6 (Gp A/B)
Wed 15th May	Pedal Ready - year 6 (Gp C/D)
Thur 16th May	Pedal Ready - year 6 (Gp C/D)
Thur 16th May	Junior Invitational Cross Country, Amesbury
Thurs 16th May, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Fri 17th May	Pink Shirt Day

Kia ora e te Whānau

What a fantastic turn out to our community event last evening! It brought to mind the well known whakatauki

*'He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!'*

Translated it is asking, *'what is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!'* It talks about the importance of human connection and relationships. This is what creates community and enables people to flourish. It values the human being in all of us and reminds us of what is most important – not money, not success, not a job or a thing – it is people. A monstrous shout out to the PTA and staff who worked together to create such a fun event. A special shout out to Jen and Nicola who were the key coordinators and made everything run so smoothly. So many of you contributed - from baking, selling or distributing goods including the raffles, running the Clinic activities, turning skipping ropes, cooking sausages, packing up..... too many to mention individually - please know you're all greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

Raewyn Watson  
Te Tumuaki

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## Open Afternoon - Next Wednesday 27th March from 2:15 to 3:00pm

You are warmly invited to visit classrooms where your children will share their work and talk about their learning. All children will remain in their own classrooms during this time with school finishing at 3pm as usual.

We hope you are able to put aside some time to see the great work happening in the school.

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## School Gates

For safety reasons the school gates must be kept shut at all times during the school day. We have some children who are very eager to explore and will quickly take advantage of an open gate and leave the school. Our patrollers close Ottawa and Abbott St

**Help keep our  
ākonga safe**  
Please keep the  
gates closed

gates and we are putting in monitors to check on the Colway St gate after the 9am bell and would appreciate these not being hooked or propped open during the school day.

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## Scooters, Bikes and skateboards

Please remind your children that they need to walk their scooters, bikes and skateboards in the school grounds before and after school.

We've also noticed a number of children riding on our brand new astroturf after school, so would also appreciate your support with messaging that this is not ok.



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## Dogs Policy Reminder

During school hours (8.30 am – 3.30 pm), dogs may only be brought onto school grounds by prior arrangement.

Owners bringing a dog or dogs on to the school grounds must follow the guidelines below.

### Guidelines

- All dogs must be on a leash that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult. The leash must be held by an adult. Specific "in-school dogs" may be exempted from being on lead with approval from the principal.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must not come onto school grounds.
- Only dogs with special permission from the principal or board are allowed inside school buildings.
- Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog.

The full policy can be read on our Schooldocs site here.

[https://ngaio.schooldocs.co.nz/35997.htm?zoom\\_highlight=dogs](https://ngaio.schooldocs.co.nz/35997.htm?zoom_highlight=dogs)

## Schooldocs Policies

In term 1 we have been reviewing topics in the Governance and Management, Parents and Whānau, and Documentation and Self-Review Policy sections.

- All reviews are open to board members, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau).
- Anyone can review any policy/procedure that has a review button.

To start reviewing, click on a topic name below, then click the Start your review button. If a link is inactive, our school doesn't have the topic.

**Note that if you'd like to provide feedback on a topic that's not listed below, you can still do so if it has a review button.**

### Term 1 review topics

- [Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#)
- [Board Responsibility](#)
- [Parent Involvement](#)
- [Communicating with Parents](#)
- [Community Conduct Expectations](#)
- [Documentation and Self-Review Policy](#)
- [School Planning and Reporting](#)[Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement](#)

Anyone who can't use the online review tool, can use this [Policy Review form](#).

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## Gold Ring

A small gold ring was found outside room 17 a couple of weeks ago. Please ask at the office if you think it's yours or you know who may have dropped it.

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## Kaiako Union Meeting Thursday 4 April

NZEI Te Riu Roa has announced a series of paid union meetings between 18th March and 5th April 2024 for employees covered by the Primary Teachers' and Area School Teachers' Collective Agreements.

The Education and Training Act 2020 does not allow schools to close for instruction because of a paid union meeting, so the school will remain open with supervision for those ākongā unable to leave for the afternoon.

A Google Form was sent home this week with more details. If you didn't receive this, or have more questions, please contact the school. Not completing the form is an indication that you will collect your child/ren at 12.30pm.

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## Movin'March – Week 4!



### Let's Keep Stamping!

Don't forget to bring your passports for stamping every day you walk or wheel to school over the next 2 weeks to go in the [WOW passport competition](#) prize draw. At the end of March we'll be sending all passports off to the Movin'March team (remember they don't have to be complete – even passports with one trip count!). All passports go in the draw to win one of 6 x \$400

[MYRIDE](#) vouchers. Come to the school office if you need a new passport or ask your class teacher.

### Whānau Photo Competition

Simply post a pic and comment under the weekly themes on [Facebook](#), or post and tag us (@movinmarch) and you'll be in to **WIN 1 of 5 x [Micro Scooters](#)** (excludes posting "Stories")! There's also **TEN Family Passes** to [Staglands Wildlife Reserve](#) or [Zealandia](#) being given away.

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## Touch Rugby *By Cooper, Year 4*

This term, Ngaio have two touch teams, the Ngaio Year 3-4 Rockets and the year 1-2 Stars.

Touch is really fun. It is on Monday afternoons in term 1 and 4 at Alex Moore Park.

I have learnt several things including how to play, strategies for playing, and I am quite good now. I have the best coach ever (my dad) and I know the best ref ever (my brother Alby). My team have not won every game, but we showed lots of the ROCKET values and all of our matches were close. I think lots of people should play touch rugby.





Thank you for your generous contributions to this important charity. Ākonga wore lots of red, pink and hearts and enjoyed meeting the Heart Kids mascot, Maia the bear.

The school raised \$674.10 through our collection and online donations. Thank you!



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## SWIMMING POOL KEY HOLDERS

The last day for key holders to use the school swimming pool is **Sunday 24th March**.

Please return your pool key to the school office before Thursday 28th March - Thank you.

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## PTA NEWS

### Rocket Carnival

What an amazing night, it was wonderful seeing the community come together on a spectacular Wellington evening. Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that made this event so successful. Thank you to every person and organisation who supported the event, to Ngaio School and teachers for hosting us all, and to the wonderful Tamariki for their performances. As you can imagine there is a tonne of coins to count so we can update you on the funds raised in the next Newsletter.

### Hot Cross Buns

Thanks to all of those who indulged in ordering Hot Cross Buns. We had all purchased items collected from the Rocket Carnival - so thank you very much and ENJOY!

### Fundraising Efforts

We are keen to keep you all across the results of our shared efforts. You all take part in initiatives throughout the year and it's important for us to be transparent on funds raised and objectives for fundraising.

We are thrilled to share the final figures for the **Cookbook** fundraiser last year - We made a whopping profit of \$15,488 - WOW! And we hope you have been enjoying trying out some new recipes at home.

The PTA are meeting with the Board of Trustees to discuss upcoming funding priorities. We look forward to working with the school to invest these funds into projects that will positively impact our gorgeous tamariki.

### **Ngaio School Hoodies & T Shirts on sale now**

We are thrilled to bring back the Ngaio School Hoodies & T Shirts. There are samples at the school office if you want to test out sizing. You can buy these directly from the supplier by using the links or QR code in the images. You can even add a name to the back!

Orders close 12 April 2024 (last day of term).

## NGAIO SCHOOL HOODIES

Kids sizes **\$52.50**    Adult sizes **\$55.00**  
Optional custom name \$10



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



Hoodies will be delivered to the school and distributed to classrooms near the beginning of Term 2

**Orders close: 12 April (End of Term 1)**

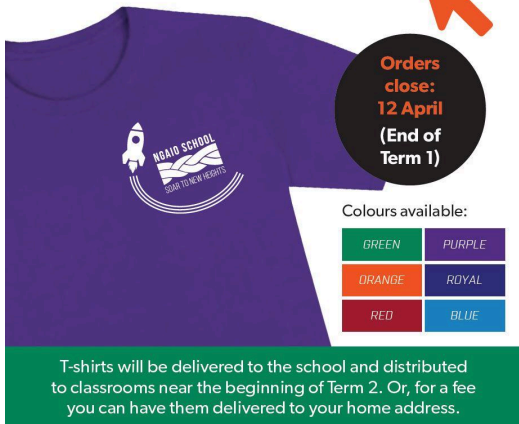
## NGAIO SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Kids sizes **\$25**  
Adult sizes **\$28**

**100% cotton**



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



**Orders close: 12 April (End of Term 1)**

Colours available:

GREEN	PURPLE
ORANGE	ROYAL
RED	BLUE

T-shirts will be delivered to the school and distributed to classrooms near the beginning of Term 2. Or, for a fee you can have them delivered to your home address.

## Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

21st-23rd May, Camp Wainui , 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata

### Entry fee \$30 per person

The Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge is NZ's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for tamariki. Ngaio students are invited to join as a school group on **Thursday 23rd May**.

Children take on either a 1.5km (Yrs 3/4) or 3km (Yrs 5/6) muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, water crossings and not to mention, mud mud and more mud!

If your child is interested in attending **and you are able to take them to this event**, please enter via this link:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>.

Please make sure you select **TEACHER PICK UP** as the bib method (so our coordinating parent can collect the school bundle) and enter the **CORRECT AND FULL NAME OF OUR SCHOOL** in order for your child's entry to be grouped in the school bundle.

Closer to the event our coordinator Matt will receive a list of competitors and we'll be in touch re meeting and collecting your race packs.

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## Community Notices



### APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

#### For Years 1 - 8

Football – Green Room, Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton

Week 1 - Tues 16th, Weds 17th, Thurs 18th April 2024 - 9.30am-12.30pm

Perfect for beginners and those just wanting to have fun. Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills. We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

Sign up for 1 day or all 3 days!

It's great practice to keep your football skills going.

To enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call [04 972 7201](tel:049727201).



## PRIDE LANDS: Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi

Pride Lands provides a structured and engaging (Technology Free) social development programme for young people age 4 – 17 years from all walks of life.

You will find our centres at **Western Suburbs Rugby Club in Wilton** and **South Wellington Intermediate School Hall in Berhampore/Newtown**

Our shuttle services have booster seats driven by first aid trained mentors that have full driver licences.

At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent children and youths with one-on-one support available to those that need it in our communities.

Please enrol when ready on: [www.PrideLands.co.nz](http://www.PrideLands.co.nz)

## THE WINTER PROJECT

### WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Year 12 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woolens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.



## CONTACT US



### FACEBOOK

The Winter Project

### INSTAGRAM

@\_thewinterproject

### EMAIL

winterprojectwgtn@gmail.com

### WHAT WE NEED:

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

### *Are you going overseas for the school holidays?*

*When you return, you can now complete a digital **New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD)** before you fly back into New Zealand – replacing the need to fill out a paper declaration card on the plane.*

*Everyone coming into New Zealand needs to complete an NZTD. You'll answer questions about your trip and what's in your bags. You can complete it at a time that suits you, on the [NZTD website](http://www.nztd.govt.nz) or by downloading the [NZTD app](https://www.nztd.govt.nz/app), and submit it 24 hours before your trip back to New Zealand.*



# SEADOGS SWIM SQUAD



TUESDAY NIGHT SWIMMING  
6.30PM OR 7.15PM

**\$75**

PER TERM FOR  
1 SESSION A  
WEEK

TUESDAY 6.30PM OR 7.15PM  
AND  
THURSDAY 6.30AM

**\$100**

PER TERM FOR 2  
SESSIONS A WEEK

EMAIL: [SEADOGS@PIRATES.ORG.NZ](mailto:SEADOGS@PIRATES.ORG.NZ)

## WHAT IS IT?

SKILL IMPROVEMENT FOR  
NON-COMPETTIVE SWIMMERS

FITNESS FOR OTHER SPORTS

LOW IMPACT FITNESS

**MORE INFORMATION:  
[WWW.PIRATES.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.PIRATES.ORG.NZ)**

