



**Ngaio School Newsletter**  
Term 1 Week 11  
10 April 2024

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[School Calendar](#)

[absences@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:absences@ngaio.school.nz)

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

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
Tue 14th May, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom <b>NB: Date Change</b>
Fri 17th May	Pink Shirt Day

Kia ora e te Whānau

Well that's term 1 done and dusted! It feels like the beginning of the year was such a long time ago and despite the interrupted weeks with public holidays, we are all well ready for a break. I'm at camp today with the year 6 classes. They're (of course) having an amazing time. I'm very grateful for the preparation Chantal completes for camp and the support Sam has given in this mahi. We appreciate all the parents who are helping - this generous contribution makes camp possible.

It's a real buzz around here this week with Pedal Ready. I get the best view from my office of all the amazing ākonga learning and/or refining their biking skills!

Thank you for supporting the teachers last week so they could attend their union meeting. We realise this was inconvenient so we really appreciated so many of you being able to take your children home for the afternoon.

Thank you for all your contributions this term - we've seen so many of you volunteering to help with school events, as well as supporting the PTA in their important endeavours. We really appreciate your support which makes so many more things possible.

Lastly I'd like to acknowledge the amazing mahi of our talented staff at Ngaio School. As I say in my mihi whakatau speech, your tamariki are in good hands. They have certainly earned a decent break and I look forward to working with them on another jam packed programme in term 2.

Raewyn Watson

Te Tumuaki

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## My TRYathlon

On the day of my TRYathlon I had to wake up at six o'clock in the morning. I had to get warm clothes on and have a quick breakfast.

The TRYathlon is next to Saint Patrick's College. I had to put my bike in the transition area and write my bib number on my right arm and leg it was 950739.

All the yellow capped girls lined up then walked to the pool side. The whistle blew. All the girls next to me started to leap into the water! I started to swim.

I was struggling a bit, I had to do four laps. but then I figured out a way. When I finished my laps I was aghast, but I had to keep going. I went to get my bike, it was really hard getting my shorts on because I was still a bit wet. I put on my helmet then set off. The biking was hard, about 37 people overtook me. On my second lap it was like everything was against me, but I could hear my parents cheering me on.



I returned my bike to the transition and started to run. I was so close to the finish. At the finish line a dude gave me a high five and a medal!

The race was over, but it was fun with my family and friends because they gave me company. I did not get bored, we even had our own little carpet and chairs to sit on!

*By Anna and Tilo*

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## **Movin'March –**

Thank you to Ngā Rangatahi o Ngaio for organising Movin' March. It was wonderful to see so many ākonga take up the challenge of walking, biking or scootering to school. All stamped cards have been entered into the Movin' March competition. Good luck to everyone who participated and entered!

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## **The Great Kiwi English Mathematics and Science Competitions - open to year 5 & 6 students**

On Monday, you would have received an Etap message advising University of Canterbury are delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions to all Year 5 & 6 students.

The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered.

Please click on the link below preferably using a computer, laptop or ipad as we have experienced issues with using a smartphone in the past.

<https://forms.gle/Nh78CBuB9B9bcN548>

If you have any questions, please email Sarah  
s.simpson@ngaio.school.nz

Please note - Entries close at 10:30am Tuesday 14th May. No late entries will be accepted

## Hockey, Netball and Miniball

A big thanks to the sports co-ordinators ( Estelle, Nicola W and Nicola S ) for sorting teams for the winter hockey, netball and miniball competitions.

Payment into the school account now will be greatly appreciated.

Ngaio school bank account number is 12-3140-0210759-00.

Please add your child's name as the reference.

Miniball - \$32 per player - code 4930

Netball - \$40 per player - code 4904

Hockey fee information is yet to be received from Wellington Hockey.

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## PTA NEWS

### NGAIO SCHOOL HOODIES

Kids sizes **\$52<sup>.50</sup>** Adult sizes **\$55<sup>.00</sup>**

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)**

### HOODIES & T-SHIRTS - Final Chance!

Remember that we have the Ngaio School Hoodies & T-Shirts available for sale this term.

There are samples available at the school office if you want to test out any sizing. You can buy these directly from the supplier using the links and QR code in the image. You can add a name to the back which is super cool!

**Orders close 12 April 2024 - last day of term!**

## Annual General Meeting and PTA meeting

We will be hosting our Annual General Meeting (AGM), as well as a usual PTA general business meeting at 7pm, Thursday 9th May 2024.

The purpose of the AGM is to run through annual reporting and other key information for members, Board, the school and our supporters. We are always thrilled when people join to hear all the initiatives we have successfully delivered in conjunction with the School, for our tamariki.

We hope to see you there.

## Thank you bakers!

We are always indebted to our volunteers, special thanks to our bakers for the recent Staff Appreciation Morning Tea, which is always a huge hit at school!

Nicola W, Emma A, Hannah Z, Tina L, Cathy H-N, Sarah K, Heather P, Hilary S, Elena S, Andrea O'B.

## Rocket Carnival Profit!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the wonderful community Rocket Carnival was not only enjoyable, but we were successful in raising \$2136.58 for our next PTA initiative.

Thanks to the amazing school community for sharing in a wonderful event, and special thanks to the SUN for making an appearance!

With a huge number of volunteers, there are simply too many to make individual mentions - you know who you are. We couldn't have done it without you!

## NGAIO SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Kids sizes \$25  
Adult sizes \$28

100%  
cotton



Orders must be placed online:

<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/ngaio-school>



## CROSS COUNTRY DAY

Ngaio School's annual cross country day is coming up on Thursday 2nd May (Week 1, Term 2). This year we encourage all tamariki and whānau to represent their school house by wearing house colours. Ask your child's teacher if you do not know which house/colour this is. Read on for the schedule and details of how you can help!

### **Race Schedule (approximate times)**

- 9:30am - Year 3 girls
- 9:40am - Year 3 boys
- 9:50am - Year 0-1 girls
- 10:00am - Year 0-1 boys
- 10:10am - Year 2 girls
- 10:20am - Year 2 boys
- 10:45am - Year 4 girls
- 11:00am - Year 4 boys
- 11:15am - Year 5 girls
- 11:30am - Year 5 boys
- 11:45am - Year 6 girls
- 12:00pm - Year 6 boys

Coming to watch? We would love it if you can help. Please review the available slots below and click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA5AD28A0F9C07-48883432-ngaio#/>

## 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



Click this link for information:

<https://www.ngaio.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/April-2024-HP-Ngaio.pdf>



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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 [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call [04 972 7201](tel:049727201).

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## **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)**

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**Whodunnit? at Wellington City SPYbaries.** From the 13<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of April, our libraries are putting on over 50 free spy, detective, and espionage-themed events for young people. Some of the highlights include:

- The Puzzle Room Challenge – work your way through a series of hands-on and brainteasing puzzles as a team to solve the mystery, accuse the correct suspect, and save the day!
- Incognito Investigator Kits – come along to the library to craft your very own spy kit, including binoculars, magnifying glasses, disguise masks, and spy-identification cards



- Where in the Library is Carmen Sandiego? – in this blast from the past, tamariki will learn how to modify our modern computers to play classic video games from the 80s and 90s, and experience the classic *Carmen Sandiego* sleuthing game in its original 1985 form
- Golden Ticket Quest – decode cryptic clues, uncover invisible-ink messages, and work together to find the golden tickets before time runs out!
- Vintage gaming, VR experiences, LEGO clubs and much much more!

# BOOK FAIR

## Ngaio Town Hall

Saturday 4 May 9am - 6pm  
Sunday 5 May 9am - 3pm

- BOOKS AT GREAT PRICES!
- CHILDREN'S BOOKS \$1
- ADULT BOOKS \$2 - \$3
- COFFEE TABLE BOOKS FROM \$5
- CASH AND EFTPOS



All proceeds will go to Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, a charitable trust working with Vietnam's poorest children to break the poverty cycle.

**blue dragon**  
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

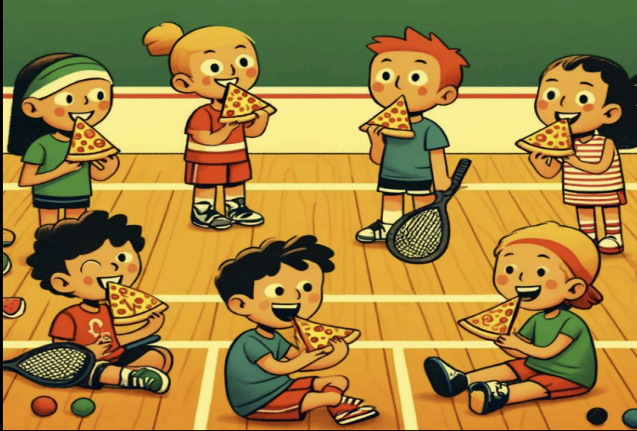
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Bring your own bags

Visit our blog for the full list of events, times and locations: [WHODUNNIT?](#)  
[at Wellington City SPYbraries \(wcl.govt.nz\).](#)

Some events require registration, but all are totally free.

### KHANDALLAH JUNIOR SQUASH CLUB NIGHT



**Khandallah**  
TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB  
55 Delhi Crescent

- PIZZA & SQUASH
- EVERY FRIDAY (STARTS 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY)
- 5 - 6.30PM (INCL PIZZA TIME!)
- COACHING - JAMES THOMPSON
- \$FREE - MEMBERS
- \$5 - NON MEMBERS
- \$2 PIZZA SLICE!
- AGES 8-17

Questions? Call or Text Fintan on 021 0247 8450

# 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!