

Kia ora e te Whānau

Thank you for the amazing kai shared for staff appreciation morning tea this week. Staff really do appreciate your generosity and all the deliciousness!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Three-way conferences this week. It was lovely to hear all the positive comments from teachers who are really proud to be teaching your tamariki.

This week we received a much anticipated announcement from the Minister of Education Hon Erica Stanford confirming her intentions for

'building a nationally consistent, coherent assessment and aromatawai system. They are going to introduce a consistent, coherent system of assessment and aromatawai — one that is used throughout students' schooling years. The purpose of these changes is to deliver a nationally consistent approach through common assessment tools.'

The tools they are proposing are e-asTTle and Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT). We already use these tools to inform our overall teacher judgements. What will change is the timing and frequency of these assessments. Once we have more information, we will incorporate this into our review of reporting. We have some ideas about the direction we'd like to take, so will be surveying you as this starts to take shape.

Please take some time to read through this term's On Board which will be in your inboxes today.

Thank you for all the ways you have supported Ngaio School this past term. I hope you're lucky enough to take some time off with your tamariki during this holiday break. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term of learning at Ngaio School.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson Te Tumuaki

Building Work Starting

Work will start on the re-clad of room 15 on Monday. The area around room 15 will be fenced off throughout most of term 3. There will be some monitored vehicle movements through the school, so please be aware of this during the break.

2025 Term Dates

Start: Monday 3rd February and Finish: Tuesday 17th December

Emergency Management

As part of our Emergency Preparedness School Procedures, we are introducing a system of storing food on site for your child/ren to eat if we were faced with an emergency disruption at school and your child is required to stay at school for an extended period of time.

We would like each student to have a small collection of long life food in a named ice cream container to be stored at school. We would appreciate every child bringing to school a named 2 litre ice cream container with a selection of long life food items inside appropriate for your tamariki to eat. Please tailor the emergency food kit to the dietary requirements of your tamariki. The food and container will be returned to ākonga during the last week of the year, replenished by you and brought back to school on the first day of school the following year.

Food Ideas for Packing into the 2 litre Ice Cream Container:

(Please check expiry dates so the food is safe to consume until mid December).

 Can/s of Food (fruit, rice puddings etc that can be eaten cold) - rip top cans only please

Examples

- Muesli Bars
- Jelly or Fruit Cups
- Barley Sugars
- Spoon
- Maybe a note from home to say we will see you soon.

Please send it to school and

give the container directly to your child's class teacher.

ERO research on Relationships and Sexuality Education

Our school has been selected to take part in national research by the Education Review Office, about Relationships and Sexuality Education. This means that our students will be invited to complete short surveys early next term, that will ask them simple questions about their learning related to this area of the curriculum. The surveys are designed to be appropriate to their level of the curriculum.

If you would prefer that your child is *not* invited to complete these surveys, please email Raewyn <u>principal@ngaio.school.nz</u> or let your child's teacher know.

Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition

Caregivers of yr 5 - 6 students were emailed last week with the information about how to enter this competition. Entries close on Monday 29th July, 3:00pm

Dodgeball League

Congratulations to Sam and Kowhai house for winning the lunchtime dodgeball league! Thank you to all the teachers and students for taking part! Everyone showed resilience and house spirit by playing the game well and fairly.

Here are the final standings: 1st place - Kowhai Tied 2nd place - Whero, Kikorangi, Kakariki 3rd place - Tawa 4th place - Karaka

Here are some pictures showing Kowhai being presented with the Tui Trophy. All classes will get a chance to see the trophy this week.





COMMUNITY NOTICES

Storytime for Kids at Te Papa

A musical adventure with Paddington Bear™'s First Concert



Bring your favourite bear, keep your marmalade sandwiches under your hat and join the free family fun as we all head to the Royal Albert Hall!

https://www.nzso.co.nz/the-nzso/events-tickets/events/paddington-bear

Incredible School Holiday Event:

Looking for something exciting to watch or do during the school holidays? We've got just the thing! See the poster below for details.

Get ready for the Breaking Battle Event 2024 in Wellington Ngaio, proudly funded

by the Wellington City Council Creative Communities Scheme. This is an event you won't want to miss, featuring thrilling 1-on-1 divisions for both kids and adults. Ngaio School's Nash will be competing in the event!

Everyone is welcome, so bring your family and friends to enjoy some of the most talented b-boys and b-girls from Aotearoa, including Ngaio School's Nash, showcasing their incredible skills!

Don't miss out on this spectacular event!

