

KEY DATES TERM 3 - Please check the school website calendar regularly

Tues 13th August, 1:30-2.30pm	Year 6 Swimming Event - Keith Spry Pool
Tues 13th August, 6:00pm	Rāroa New Parents Information Evening
Wed 14th August, 9:00-10:30am	Rāroa New Parents Open Morning
Wed 14th August, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar, Staffroom
Tues 20 August 12.45-2.30pm	Year 4/5 Swimming Event - Keith Spry Pool
Wed 21st August	Skipathon fundraiser
Friday 23rd August	Staff Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 30th August	Daffodil Day
Mon 2nd - Fri 6th September	Scholastic Book Week
Tues 10th September	Year 1-4 Futsal tournament at Ākau Tangi
Thur 12th September, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Sat 14th September	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival
Friday 27th September, 3:00pm	Last Day Term 3

2025 Term Dates

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

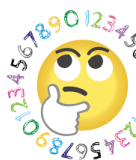
Kia ora e te Whānau

It's been fun hearing the buzz around skipping this week. Sponsorship forms will be coming your way if you want a paper option for collecting sponsors. See Dan's Skipathon update below and please continue to support your tamariki to gather sponsors. We're desperate to update our devices for your tamariki to use at school as an important part of their learning, so will be grateful for your contributions.



There's a lot of illness around at the moment and our kaiako are also getting sick. There is a desperate shortage of relief teachers in Wellington at the moment so we have had to juggle other release or split classes at times when kaiako call in sick. If your children are sick, we really appreciate you keeping them home to help stop the spread!

Thank you for the ongoing donations for trips. We really value being able to take your tamariki on curriculum related outings, so rely on these payments. We absolutely understand if you're unable to pay and won't let anyone miss out on a class trip, but are likely to limit trips going forward if we can't cover the costs.



On Sunday 4 August, the Government announced a Four-Point Action Plan to tackle maths achievement. The actions are summarised here:

Action One: Curriculum Delivery:

A knowledge-rich, maths curriculum will be released a year earlier than planned. Year 0-8 content will be compulsory from the start of 2025, not 2026.

- *Teacher and student workbooks will be provided to every primary school and kura.*
- *Professional learning and development (PLD) for teachers and kaiako will be delivered in maths and pāngarau starting with maths teacher only days in Term 1 2025.*
- *Continued support for the dedicated hour-a-day of maths and pāngarau teaching.*

Action Two: Assessment and Acceleration:

Twice yearly assessments for maths from the start of 2025. This will clearly show students' progress and help direct resources where needed. Professional development and support will be provided for kaiako. The Ministry of Education will speed up exploration of a foundational skills check for the end of Year 2.

Action Three: Enhancing Workforce:

The Teaching Council has agreed to deliver changes to primary sector initial teacher education (ITE) to require fourteen credits in NCEA maths and pāngarau at Level 2.

Action Four: Clarifying Expectations:

A clear focus on supporting schools to meet the goal of 80% of Year 8 students being at or above the expected curriculum level for their age in maths.. The Education Review Office (ERO) will update its reporting to ensure schools are using the curriculum properly, undertaking assessment well, and progress is accelerated.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson

Te Tumuaki



This is an update about our skip-a-thon fundraiser. We have made a good start, but we need your help to keep going towards our goal of \$15,000 to replace outdated digital technology.

It has been wonderful to see the students working hard on their skipping skills, striving to challenge themselves and gain your pledges. Many are motivated to skip every chance they get. You will have seen the goal your child has set on Seesaw.

Many thanks to those who have already sponsored someone - we appreciate you. To those who haven't sponsored anyone yet, now is the perfect time. Not only will your participation support our school but there are fantastic incentives to motivate us all.

- ★ The class with the most sponsors will receive a special gift at school - there'll be something special for their Kaiako too!
- ★ All students with pledges go into a draw for a special prize.
- ★ The top fundraising house will earn a group treat.

Current Class Rankings

1. Room 20 Megan
2. Room 5 Christina
3. Room 24 Amy
4. Room 23 Louisa
5. Room 17 Morag

How you can help:

1. Sign in to sponsor a Skip-a-thon participant! Here is the link - every pledge of sponsorship counts. <https://forms.gle/wn17k4aHb8FvyT3KA>
2. Spread the word. If you have already made a pledge, you can help us to spread the word. Encourage friends, whānau and other families at school to support the school by completing a sponsorship form.
3. Support your tamariki. The children are training every day so please support them to achieve their goals

Ngaio School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Joe Winton, Presiding Member (chair), Ngaio School Board

botjoe@ngaio.school.nz

By: 6 September 2024

If you are interested in filling the vacancy, or would like to find out more, please contact Joe or any other member of the Ngaio School Board.

PTA NEWS

Book Bonanza - Seeking Volunteers

A Book Bonanza is taking place at Ngaio School between Monday 2nd to Tuesday 10th September.

As part of the festivities the PTA will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair where Scholastic books and items are made available for purchase in a 'school store'.

- Friday 6th September 2.45pm - 3.30pm
- Monday 9th September 8.30am - 9.15am and 2.45 pm- 3.30pm
- Tuesday 10th September 8.30am - 9.15am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm

On Friday 6th September **Pizzas & Iceblocks** will be available to purchase for Lunch as a fundraiser for the school library.

- Orders in by Wednesday 4th September.
- Pizza \$7.50
Type: Kids Sized pizza from Hell Pizza
Flavours: *Pepperoni, Hawaiian, Plain Cheese*
Gluten free and dairy free options for the above pizzas.
- Lemonade iceblocks \$2 each
- All orders done on my Kindo [HERE](#)



There will be a **Bake Sale** which will take place on Monday 9th September at the Book Fair after school that day – cash only for these items.

There will be a **Raffle Hamper** being sold adjacent to the Book Fair, with 2 mystery Scholastic books among other items – cash only.

If you or your business have any items to contribute we'd be very grateful. Please email pta@ngaio.school.nz



All proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair and associated fundraising goes directly into purchasing items for our wonderful school library.

We are Seeking Volunteers to make this event a success:

- Bake Sale - we need bakers and sellers



- Book Fair - process sales of books.
Training on Eftpos will be provided.
- Pizza & Popsicle Lunch delivery - help us get pizzas & popsicles to the classroom

Click on this link to express your availability to help -
<https://forms.gle/QYXF8zpdFjeRLqrZA>



Daffodil

Day

Friday

30th

August 2024



Please wear yellow or a bright colour and bring a gold coin to show your support.

**Your donation could help to support research into cancer.
Money can also help people who need treatment for cancer in
New Zealand.**

**Ngā Rangatahi ō Ngaio will collect donations throughout the
day and you can also donate through MyKindo.**

**Ngā Rangatahi ō Ngaio will be selling a small number of
cupcakes on the day. These will be sold outside Tui at
morning tea. If you are interested, please bring \$1 for a
small cupcake or \$2 for a large cupcake.**

**2024 Wellington and Kapi Mana Primary &
Intermediate Schools Tournament**

This singles tennis tournament is being held at the Renouf Tennis Centre. Year 6 and under grades for primary aged boys and girls report at 8:30am on Tuesday 24th September.

Players

- will be guaranteed at least two single matches, weather permitting
- must have played tennis before and have knowledge of the rules of tennis and how to serve and score
- must bring their own tennis racquet and wear appropriate sporting attire

One parent is required per school to manage the players.

If your child wishes to take part please **email** n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz with the subject heading of "Tennis Tournament" advising your child's name by 10:30am on Tuesday 3rd September.

Please also let me know if you are available to manage and /or transport children on the day.

The payment of \$20 may be deposited into our school bank account 12 3140 0210759 00 with your child's name as reference and using the code 4952

COMMUNITY NOTICES



We have received this invitation to our local Ngā Aukaha Learning Support Campaign Launch – a Community Forum in Johnsonville!

In collective bargaining teachers and principals pushed hard for better learning support but governments of both stripes have made frustratingly little progress. Field Officers heard this clearly in Paid Union Meetings again this year. That is why our member leaders started the **Ngā Aukaha Campaign** – a political campaign to create sustained pressure on the government to fund an inclusive education system. An effort to build the community demand for change, beyond collective bargaining.

The two priorities this year are a teacher aide for every child that needs them and increasing the staffing of MOE/school-based specialists. People like SENCO, counsellors, resource teachers, advisors, therapists, kaitakawaenga and psychologists.

MPs have been invited and they respond to a united community voice and pressure, so let's fill the hall with educators and parents.

Come to your community forum from 4-5pm on the 28th of August at Johnsonville Community Centre to build the pressure on political leaders to do right by tamariki and fund meaningful learning support provision. **[RSVP here.](#)**