

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

Tuesday 22nd October, 7-8pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Thursday 24 October 9.30am	New Zealand ShakeOut - earthquake drill
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>STAFF ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 30th October	School Disco
Tuesday 29th October, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Monday 4th November	Northern Zone Athletics
Tues 5th & Wed 6th November	School Photos (by Inspire Photography)
Thursday 7th November	Volunteers Celebration
Friday 8th November	Tūi Hui in Rm 24 (Hosted by Rms 20/21)
Wednesday 13th November, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar
Friday 15th November	Sneaker Friday - Support Diabetes Action Month - gold coin donation
Thursday 5th December, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Friday 6th December 10am	Tūi Hui in Room 24 hosted by Amy and Louisa (Rms 23/24)
Friday 6th December	End of Year Reports sent home
Wednesday 11 Dec 1.30-2.30pm	Tūi Celebration (certificates)
Thursday 12 Dec 1.45-2.45pm	Poroporoaki to farewell leaving staff members
Monday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation, Rāroa Normal Intermediate
Tuesday 17th December	Ākonga meet their 2025 kaiako
Wed 18th December	Last Day of School Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8am Leaving families breakfast</li> <li>• 11.30am Farewell to Yr 6 ākonga</li> </ul>

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back for term 4. Thank you to our sports coordinator Dan for organising a fabulous athletics day, and to all the teachers and support staff who supported throughout the event. Thank you also to all the parent helpers and supporters. We were thrilled to have such a stunning day after postponing the event on Tuesday.

As always, term 4 is full of events and activity as we conclude another productive year at Ngaio School. We're working through staffing and class allocation and will let you know where kaiako are placed for 2025 in a few weeks. We have to cover a considerable amount of release time next year as kaiako will have 5 days a term plus another 2 days if they are in a permanent curriculum leadership role. We are doing our best to make this as consistent as possible for classes, so there's a fair bit of juggling going on to work this out.

We have received further updates about the revised curriculum in mathematics and are currently evaluating the resources on offer. We are well placed to continue to provide an excellent mathematics programme and look forward to the extra support in the way of resources to support us. We don't have any more information about assessment levels at this stage but will work to align our assessments once we have this information.

We'll be participating as a school in the New Zealand ShakeOuti on Thursday 24 October at 9.30am. You can find more here if you want to join in at work or home. <https://getready.govt.nz/involved/shakeout>

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui, Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

## PHONICS CHECK TRIAL

Our school is participating in the Ministry of Education's phonics check trial. More than 75 schools across the country have agreed to try out a new phonics check assessment in class to help make sure it is fit for purpose before it is introduced to all schools in 2025.

Children in year 1 and 2 who have been at school for a specified number of weeks have been identified to participate in the trial. Parents of these children will be notified directly. If you have questions about the trial, please talk to your child's teacher or email [enquiries.national@education.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries.national@education.govt.nz)

## DISCO

We are hosting a school disco on Wednesday 30 October in Room 2. The disco is a free event.

Y0- 3: 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Y4-5: 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Y6: 4:30pm - 5:30pm



Similar to previous years the Y0 - 3 junior school disco will be held during school time. There is no set theme for the Y0-3 disco.

The Y4&5 and Y6 disco theme is 'Spooky'. Please feel free to dress up or just come with your dancing moves!

Chips and nice blocks will be sold at the Y4/5 and Y6 discos only. Glow sticks will be available to purchase for Y6.

There is no need for parents of children in Y0-3 to do anything as the disco is during school time.

If you wish for your Y4 - 6 child/ren to attend please fill in the Google Form for each child attending to signal arrangements for pick up by Thursday 24 October 12pm.

Our teachers will manage and supervise each of the discos.

[Y4 & 5 Disco Permission Form](#)

[Y6 Disco Permission Form](#)

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## KIWI COMPETITION RESULTS

Recently Year 5 and 6 ākonga had the opportunity to opt into the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These are run

through the Centre for Assessment and Monitoring, University of Canterbury.

We are thrilled to share the following results.

**Kiwi English:**

Excellence:

Reuben B, Liam C, Patricia K

Merit:

Benji B, Lily R, Alex T, Mischa W, Zoe B, Jackie C, Emma M, Tessa M

**Kiwi Maths:**

Excellence:

Benji B

Merit:

Theo B, Thomas G, Niamh H, Charlie K, Lily R, Daniel S, Alex T, Zoe B, Jackie C, Owen X

**Kiwi Science:**

Excellence:

Charlie K, Mischa W, Zoe B, Liam C, Jackie C

Merit:

Benji B, Reuben B, Ryan B, Lily R, Rosalie J

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## **SNEAKER FRIDAY - Friday 15th November**



We are encouraging everyone to wear sneakers or wear something blue and bring a gold coin donation to support Kiwis living with diabetes.

Sneaker Friday is a fundraising event that happens during Diabetes Action Month, and encourages New Zealanders to support young people living with diabetes.

Get your sneakers on, or wear 'something blue' to raise money, as blue is the global colour for diabetes awareness.

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# St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival

By Trinity, Year 6

The start

As we got to the room I looked in to see people getting ready for the show. I went into the room and saw everyone getting black lipstick on, so I went to get ready.

The delay

We were all ready for the show and someone came in and said we were delayed 40 minutes! So we were all sitting there playing games like whispers, then we practised.

Show time!

As we walked in the cold crisp air to the stage the announcer said "Ngaio School!" We walked to the back of the stage and we started to sing [ka mate](#) and walked forwards. The rest of the show went smoothly!

The surprise

The announcer was announcing the winners for the raffles and he said: "Olivia Miles if she is still here." We all started to giggle and pointed at Olivia!

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## The Great Kiwi Write Off

Congratulations to Ngaio year 6 ākonga Toby who has won second place in the The Great Kiwi Write Off with his short story, Where Things Appear.

### Where Things Appear

"Mum, I can't find my basketball!"

"It will appear."

Our story begins with an eleven year old boy named Jamie who lives in a monotonous concrete city where nothing exhilarating ever occurred; so when he found out that he had a school trip to the local rubbish centre he was not too excited. He begged his parents to let him stay at home, but they wouldn't listen.

Later that night Jamie was reading his favourite fantasy book called the Land of Stories when his mum came in through the door. "Hey honey." She said, "Why don't you want to go?" But no answer came from the forlorn boy. Jamie's mum turned to the door but just before she left she looked at him and said, "It's more than just a dump, it's where things appear..."

The day had finally come, Jamie was going to the rubbish centre. He had given up asking when all his parents would say is "It's not just a dump." And "It's where things appear."

Let's go back about three days when Jamie had started noticing that things around his room were disappearing.

On Monday he couldn't find his basketball, on Tuesday he lost his skateboard, Wednesday was his orange handball. He lost all sorts of other things too!

After a long day at school Jamie trudged up the stairs to his bedroom and plonked himself down on his bed, only to find that it was gone and fell straight onto the floor! **PLONK!** **OWWW!** He screamed.

The trip to the rubbish centre was unfathomably long and the most exciting thing he saw was a goat stuck up a tree. When they arrived class 12b met their tour guide called Jonathan who looked like a decomposing frog who never got a day off work! "What numbers can we recycle?" croaked Jonathan. "One, two and five." came a robotic chorus from the children. While the tour guide was showing the kids the glass recycling centre, Jamie saw a giant pile of rubbish with his basketball and skateboard sitting on top, he was amazed. He called out to see if any one was there, but no reply came.

When he arrived at home Jamie's mum asked him how his day at the dump was. But all he said was, "It's not a dump, it's where things appear."

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## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Inspire Photography Team is excited to be back at Ngaio School this year! We will be photographing your children and their classes on the 5TH & 6TH OF NOVEMBER.

As part of Ngaio School's fundraising for the year, Inspire Photography will donate 10% of all sales made during the first two weeks of ordering directly to Ngaio School.

What we offer on the day :

- Group photos of each class
- Individual portraits and siblings photos
- A totally relaxed and unique style of photography
- Friendly and easy-going photographers
- Fun, games and general silliness to get even the shyest children smiling

***Out of School Siblings will be photographed on the 5th starting at 8.30am.***

***In School Siblings will be photographed during the school day.***

About 2-3 weeks after your photo days, our online galleries will be ready to go. You will receive login details from the school office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the team at Inspire, [info@inspirephotography.co.nz](mailto:info@inspirephotography.co.nz) or call 04 384 8009.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

If your school is having a teacher-only day on **Friday, 25th October** Nairnville Recreation Centre is excited to offer a "Sports & Inflatables - Schools Out Day" programme from 8:30am – 3:30pm.

Make the most of this opportunity and book early to secure your child's spot and avoid missing out.

Click the link below to reserve a place and for more details!

<https://enrolmy.com/wellington-city-council/book-now/113-Nairnville-Recreation-Centre-Schools-Out-Day-October-2024>



**SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER**  
**9:00 AM- 11:30 AM**



**WE OFFER:**

- JUNIOR SURF 6-13 YEAR OLDS
- SENIOR SURF SPORT AGES 14 +
- LIFEGUARDING
- IRB RACING
- WHĀNAU & COMMUNITY

**COME DOWN AND TAKE A TOUR**

107 LYALL BAY PARADE,  
LYALL BAY

**SCAN FOR MORE INFO**

 [www.maranui.co.nz](http://www.maranui.co.nz)







**9AM-11.30**  
**20th Oct**



## From Wellington City Library

I'm reaching out to you on behalf of my colleague Tess, who organises our popular Dear Delaware pen pal programme, where folks of all ages get matched with a new friend in Delaware in the USA and get to exchange letters every other month through the magic of the WCL Interloans system! Tess has let me know that there is currently a group of Delawarean kiddos who are without a Wellingtonian pen pal, and have been for some time! Basically we're looking for about 15 kids between the ages of 6 and 12 who might be keen on joining up.



[Dear Delaware: Wellington City Libraries' new pen pal programme - News and information - Wellington City Council](#). Altogether, we now have about 800 folks who have joined the programme and made a new friend – or more than one! – from the other side of the world. For those of you who may have had pen pals when you were young, it really can be a formative experience – not to mention a revival of what some would call the lost art of letter-writing! All in all, a fab experience to be part of.

Email [Stephen.Clothier@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Stephen.Clothier@wcc.govt.nz)

Children's and Youth Services Coordinator | Wellington City Libraries | Wellington City Council for further details.