

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

Monday 4th November	Northern Zone Athletics (pp 11th Nov)
Tues 5th & Wed 6th November	School Photos (by Inspire Photography)
Thursday 7th November, 7:00pm	Volunteers Celebration
Friday 8th November, 9.10am	Kākāpō Hui Room 2 (Hosted by Rms 5 & 16)
Friday 8th November, 10am	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
Friday 29th November	PTA Sausage Sizzle
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	Last day to donate books to the Kiwi Christmas Books Appeal.
Wednesday 11 Dec 1.30-2.30pm	Tūi Celebration (certificates)
Thursday 12 Dec 1.45-2.45pm	Poroporoaki to farewell leaving staff members
Friday 13th December	End of Year Reports go home
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"> ● 8am Leaving families breakfast ● 11.30am Farewell to Yr 6 ākonga

Kia ora e te Whānau

The term is zooming by and it's already been fun with Athletics Day, the Disco and Teddy Bear Picnic!



More to come, with the PTA volunteers' celebration next week. Please join the PTA in celebrating your contributions to school life - if you have helped out in any way, this is to thank you! Anything from going on a school trip or helping at a school event like the athletics day, to putting away books or supervising school patrol. There are so many ways you help out so please RSVP and attend!

We are thrilled to announce that we have employed Elise Chan to continue working at Ngaio School. Elise joined us this year to take Alison's class once she left on maternity leave and we are very happy to be able to offer her a continued role. We're also looking forward to Alison returning sometime during 2025 too.

We had a very productive staff only day last week, unpacking the changes coming with the revised curriculum. Included was a fabulous session led by Jack around structured literacy from a science of learning perspective and Bronwyn took us through the BSLA resource and strategies. We now have the final curriculum documents so will be spending more time unpacking these and aligning our classroom programmes, assessment and reporting to meet the new expectations. What we already know is that there will be increased demands on our learners in the first year of school in the expectations for reading, writing and mathematics. We are well placed to support your tamariki as we transition our teaching programmes.

We are introducing Hero as our student management system in 2025 - we have started transitioning already so we are prepared for a beginning of the year launch. Thank you for updating your contacts so we have accurate information to transfer. We will let you know when it's time to install the Hero app - many of you already have this if your tamariki have gone onto Rāroa Intermediate.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui, Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

SUNHATS

A reminder that ākonga are asked to wear a wide brimmed hat in terms 1 and 4. Ngaio School hats are available to purchase from the office for \$20 each and come in a variety of colours. Ngaio School branded hats are not compulsory, your child is welcome to wear any hat that meets the requirements.



KIWI CHRISTMAS BOOKS

We are collecting brand new books, on behalf of Kiwi Christmas Books, to gift to kids in need this Christmas. Picture books, chapter books, fiction, non-fiction - we'd love them all! (And we'd love it even more if it was by a Kiwi author or illustrator, so we can support local artists as well as our budding Kiwi readers.)

Please bring books to the collection box in the office. Donations close on Friday 6 December.

PTA NEWS

It's a busy term so to keep it simple here's a summary table with key PTA info. See full details for each item below.

Details - Events & Dates	Action required	Closing Date
Volunteers Celebration 7pm on Thurs 7 Nov in Staffroom	RSVP if attending https://forms.gle/KpaTbnnLSrAAYaRBA	Tues 5 Nov
Touch Rugby Sizzle Sessions between 3.15 and 6.30pm on Mon 11 Nov at Alex Moore Park	4 more volunteers are needed. Register here: https://forms.gle/3ePuvLCPeQ1JwJSUA	ASAP

Festive Fundraiser Delivery to class Fri 29 Nov	Order christmas treats via Kindo https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/app/login?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=festive_fundraiser	Fri 22 Nov
Sausage Sizzle Lunchtime Fri 29 Nov	Order lunch for your child(ren) via Kindo https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/app/login?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=sausage_sizzle Volunteer to help cook or distribute on 29 Nov Email pta@ngaio.school.nz	Fri 22 Nov
Entertainment Book 20% goes towards Ngaio School. Receive a \$30 Woolworths eGift if you join by 4 Nov.	If keen subscribe here: https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/10420o2	Ongoing (or 4th for the voucher!)

Volunteers Celebration - REMINDER

Volunteers celebration



7 November
7pm in the staffroom
Remember to RSVP

If you have helped the PTA or school in any way this year, big or small, we want YOU to come and celebrate with drinks, nibbles and good company on Thursday 7 November - 7pm in the staffroom. RSVP by Tuesday 5th November if you can make it so we know how much yummy stuff to buy.

<https://forms.gle/KpaTbnnLSrAAYaRBA>

Festive Fundraiser

As the holiday season approaches, we are excited to announce our annual **Festive Fundraiser!**

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to get access to some delicious treats to ready your homes and bellies for Christmas. The items available are EXCELLENT for gift ideas!

- Christmas Fruit Mince Tarts (6 Pack) \$10.00
- Christmas Cake Muffins (6 Pack) \$14.00
- Shortbread Iced Christmas Trees (Packet of 4) \$9.00
- Gingerbread Iced People (Packet of 4) \$9.00

Orders are open: NOW, closing 5pm 22 November 2025.

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/app/login?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=festive_fundraiser



Orders will be sent home with your school children on Friday 29th November, or any orders from outside the school will be available for pick up from Ngaio School Office.

Goal: to fundraise for some necessary playground refurbishment/redevelopment.

Please share this offering with your friends and whanau to help us reach our goal!

Touch Rugby - Sausage Sizzle Volunteers - WE NEED YOU!

We have an awesome opportunity to raise funds for Ngaio School, but we need 4 more volunteers to make it happen on Monday 11 November in sessions between 3.15pm-6.00pm.

The Collective First National team are supplying the full set up for a sausage sizzle at Alex Moore park during Touch Rugby, all we need is feet on the ground to work alongside the Collective Team. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NGAIO SCHOOL - YAY!

Please sign up here if you can help out!

<https://forms.gle/3ePuvLCPeQ1JwJSUA>

Entertainment Book/ Entertainment Membership

Are you an avid Entertain Book/Membership user?? Your purchase of an Entertainment Membership can contribute to Ngaio School. Help us achieve our fundraising goals by sharing the link below with your friends and whanau too.

20% of your purchase goes towards Ngaio School and until the 4th of November you will receive a \$30 Woolworths eGift Card if you join now!

A Single City Membership is \$70 for the year! (equates to \$5.83 a month)

Order Here - <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/10420o2>

Disco Chips & Popsicles - New World Khandallah - THANKS

New World Khandallah do it again!

Thanks so much for their generous contribution to the School Disco with them donating Chips & Popsicles for the senior tamariki to purchase at the event.

Dancing, Chippies & Popsicles apparently all a HIT !

School Lunch Sausage Sizzle

We will have a lunchtime Sausage Sizzle on Friday 29th November.

Order lunch for your child(ren) via Kindo here by 5pm Friday 22nd November

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/app/login?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=sausage_sizzle

WE NEED YOU! Volunteer to help be our Sizzler Chef or to distribute the lunches to the tamariki classrooms on the day (29 November) by emailing pta@ngaio.school.nz

Love it when school lunch is taken care of!

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.

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. No need to book.**

***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 or call 04 384 8009.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wonderplay performs a retelling of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' on Saturday 2nd November., A fantastic introduction for children to the world of Shakespeare.

11am & 1.30pm Saturday 2nd Nov

Lower Hutt Little Theatre

Tickets: trybooking.com or, www.wonderplay.co.nz

The Kids Kaukau Challenge is a kid-focused event for the whole family to enjoy on 10 November 2024. Hosted by Khandallah School but open to all! Like other school fairs and community events, families from other schools are warmly invited to join in.

This is a fun run/walk/skip/dance up to the summit of Mt Kaukau. Registered participants get their own race bibs and timing chips. It's all about participation and giving it a go! A small fair on the school grounds contains family fun, raffles and lucky balloons, food stalls, a bake sale, and a cafe. We want to get the kids to the top, so we can celebrate them at the bottom!

[Registrations](#) are now open to anyone aged between 5 to 15 years. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a support person over 16.

[Registration](#) until the 31st of October costs \$25.00 per participant and includes a personalised bib. Additional children from the same family get a \$5 discount, so the registration costs only \$20 each. Click +ADD ANOTHER REGISTRANT to add multiple people to your registration.

Late [registrations](#) from November 1st onwards, cost \$35.00 and the bib is not personalised. Additional children from the same family continue to get a \$5 discount.

Ngā mihi maioha
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**OPEN DAY—Saturday 16th November
from 10am to 12pm**

Come and visit our beautiful Preschool
and find out more about Montessori at
Otari for 2025!

www.otaripreschool.school.nz



