

KEY DATES TERM 4 - Please check the school website calendar regularly

Friday 15th November	Sneaker Friday - Support Diabetes Action Month - gold coin donation
Friday 29th November	PTA Sausage Sizzle - order through Kindo
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

Another fortnight has whizzed by and we're well into planning for the end of the year events. I hope lots of you can attend our poroporoaki to farewell staff who are leaving us this year. As we prepare to purchase gifts, we invite your contributions. See the notice further on in this newsletter.

We have now advertised our Office Manager position, to replace Helen in the school office, so if you or anyone you know may be interested in this fulfilling role, please check out the information below.

Thank you for the wonderful evening put on by the PTA to thank volunteers. While there was a great turn out, we are aware that so many more of you have contributed to the school this year in so many ways. Our heartfelt thanks go out to you all.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui, Raewyn Watson, Te Tumuaki

Staffing announcements

We are aware that some of you missed this announcement in the end of term 3 On Board, Board newsletter so we're sharing it again here.

We have some staff leaving Ngaio School at the end of this year. To those moving on, the Board wants to say a huge thank you to each of you for everything you have brought to Ngaio School over many years and wish you all the best for what comes next.

After 22 years at Ngaio School, **Helen Shields** will be retiring at the end of the year. Helen leads the office team, serves as the Board secretary, does hundreds of other jobs every week that keep the school running and is a wealth of knowledge on Ngaio School. Helen has been a huge part of the school community and her children were third generation Ngaio students. Helen will be sorely missed. Good luck for your retirement Helen.

Megan Palmer (Room 20) will be joining Korowai, the Special Education Unit at Johnsonville School from next year. This is a fantastic fit for Megan, who has been developing her knowledge and expertise around special education over the past few years, and is a great opportunity to follow her passion. Megan and her family have been connected with Ngaio school for around 17 years. In addition to her classroom teaching, we thank Megan for her wider contributions, in particular to the areas of Reading Recovery, collaborative practice, curriculum development and leadership.

Johnsonville School is lucky to gain such an incredible teacher. Good luck Megan!

At the end of the year, **Morag Roberts (Room 17)** is also retiring after 6 years at Ngaio, but an impressive 28 years in the profession! Over her time at Ngaio School Morag has taught in the junior school and contributed to the wider school through her passion for teaching the arts. No doubt in walking around our school you have admired art displays inspired by Morag. Best wishes for your plans to travel as you settle into retirement.

Jack Yorke (Room 21) will be leaving us to teach in Australia. Jack has been in fixed term roles at Ngaio School for the past two years. Jack has co-led curriculum development over 2024 with Megan and contributed to literacy practices in Tūi syndicate. We wish Jack well as he continues his teaching career in Australia.



If you would like to contribute to a gift for any of our leaving staff, please deposit into our school bank account and put the 'staff member's name' and 'Gift' as your reference. Alternatively you can drop cash into the office or pay by Eftpos in the office.

Bank account details: 12 - 3140 - 0210759 - 00

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

This has now been advertised. The advertisement can be found on Seek <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/80169962?ref=cm-ui> or the OUR TEAM page on our website [Office Manager Advertisement](#)

POOL USE OVER SUMMER

If we open the pool this summer, it will not open until Saturday 4th January 2025 and will stay open until Sunday 23 March 2025. Keys will be sold to

the Ngaio school community at a lower cost of \$80 (due to this shortening of the summer period)

Opening the pool for families over summer relies on being able to carry out regular pool testing. **Currently we do not have enough people to be able to open the pool.** In exchange for your pool services, you will receive a key free of charge - a minimum commitment of testing /managing will apply.

Testing times are between 7am - 10:00am, 2pm and 5pm daily over the summer holidays and over the weekends up until Sunday 23rd March.

Todd from Easyswim will be providing training on Thursday 5th December at 7pm at the school pool.

Please click on this link to complete the form if you can provide assistance with pool testing for this season.

<https://forms.gle/8dadmyU6Wy6jFsL87>

Please complete by Wednesday 20 November midday so we can make our decision and confirm the training if it is able to open.



**Wed 18 December
From 7.45am**

We invite parents and caregivers of our Year 6 Tamariki who are the last (or only) children leaving Ngaio School, to this coffee/snack gathering on the last day of the school year.

This is a chance for a chat with staff and fellow leavers; especially ideal if you are unable to attend the final assembly later in the day.

We would love you to join us in the school staffroom if you can. Please RSVP on this form by Friday 9 December to help us with catering.

[R.S.V.P. Form](#)

NORTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS RESULTS

Well done to everyone for your efforts against the best athletes in our zone. The top 3 places go on to Inter Zone athletics on 19th November.

<p><u>800m</u> Eva B 9th Georgia M 11th Tommy H 7th Arlo M 8th Mila G 1st Delia GR 3rd Charlie K 10th Louie D 12th</p> <p><u>60m</u> Mumu L 5th Cerys P 6th Finn P 16th Ezekiel H 22nd</p> <p><u>100m</u> Mumu L 5th Cerys P 11th Finn P 9th Ezekiel H 18th</p>	<p><u>80m</u> Lily C 10th Emmeline B 20th George C 3rd Jackson S 16th Isobel A 7th Mila G 8th Zac H 5th Fra S 20th</p> <p><u>150m</u> Lily C 9th Emmeline B 12th George C 7th Jackson S 9th Isobel A 6th Mila G 7th Zac H 7th Fra S 20th</p> <p><u>Vortex</u> Isla T 4th Adalise H 4th</p>	<p><u>Relay</u> Year 5 girls 1st Year 5 boys 2nd Year 6 girls 3rd Year 6 boys 1st Year 4 girls 3rd Year 4 boys 4th</p> <p><u>Long jump</u> Finn P 2nd Mumu L 3rd</p> <p><u>Quoits</u> Anna P 4th Adam C 3rd</p> <p><u>High jump</u> Alex T 1st Isla G 1st George C 2nd Ezekiel H 3rd Mumu L 3rd Niamh H 3rd</p>
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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.



SNEAKER FRIDAY

diabetes.

Thank you for your donations to this important appeal to support young people living with

Ākonga have been guessing the number of jellybeans in the jar in the office and I'm sure there'll be great excitement when a winner is drawn. For most of us, Jellybeans are considered a treat food so this jar should last a long time!

For someone who is diabetic, Jellybeans can provide a quick source of energy to raise blood glucose levels as an important treatment for hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar), which can occur when someone with diabetes is taking insulin.

Yummy Sticker Results

THANK YOU to every family who helped by collecting and returning the Yummy Stickers this year. Ngaio School raised \$429 to spend on new sports equipment we can use for the children to play



with at break times! If you have more stickers, please keep them safe for next time!

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
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 distribute on Fri 29 Nov Email pta@ngaio.school.nz	Fri 22 Nov
Entertainment Book 20% goes towards Ngaio School.	If keen subscribe here: https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/10420o2	

Festive Fundraiser

Only one week left to place your orders for our Festive Fundraiser!

- 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 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!

School Lunch Sausage Sizzle

We will have a lunchtime Sausage Sizzle on Friday 29th November. Order lunch for your child(ren) via Kindo here -

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

We need a couple more volunteers to distribute the lunches to the tamariki classrooms on the day (29 November). If you can help please email pta@ngaio.school.nz

Also, if you have any metal roasting trays that you don't need please donate them to the PTA for the sausage sizzles.

Thanks to Sizzle Volunteers

A huge thank you to David, Jo, Annabel, Ankia and Jen who stepped up and ran the BBQ at Touch Rugby at Ian Galloway Park on Monday alongside agents from The Collective. Thanks to their efforts, and the donation of all supplies by the Collective we raised a whopping \$486



Entertainment Book/Membership

If you are an avid Entertain Book/Membership user 20% of your membership can go to Ngaio School. A Single City Membership is only \$70 for the year. Order Here:

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

Ngaio School Out of Zone Enrolment for 2025 Applications Open

The Ngaio School Board of Trustees invites applications from parents of children who will become eligible for enrolment during 2025. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school and do not need to apply. The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provision of the Education Act

1989. The Board has determined that 10 out of zone places are available in our Year 1 class for 2025.

Applications must be made on the form available from the Ngaio School office, Tel: 04 939 6455 or email info@ngaio.school.nz

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- priority will be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any student who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the school or a child of a member of the board of the school.
- priority will then be given to all other applicants.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone enrolment within this period is 12 noon, Friday 6th December 2024.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held under supervision on Monday 9th December 2024. Parents/whānau will be informed as to the outcome of the ballot immediately following the ballot being held.

Applications are to be addressed to

- The Principal, Ngaio School, 45 Abbott Street, Ngaio, Wellington 6035
 - Or by email to info@ngaio.school.nz
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COMMUNITY NOTICES




JOIN THE WELLINGTON PIRATES

- JOIN OUR 12U TEAM (10-12 YEARS)
- KIDS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
- WE HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT YOU'LL NEED TO GET STARTED!

HAVE A GO AT BASEBALL!

The Pirates are all about kids having fun playing baseball with friends! We practice Thursday nights from 5:30-7:30 at Ian Galloway Park—indoors if it's raining. We'll start playing games on Sundays in the new year with other teams in the Wellington region.

Get in touch and come out for a few training sessions to see if baseball is the sport for you! We'd love to have you on the field with us!

Get in touch at wgtncitypirates@gmail.com, or...

Register at piratesbaseball.nz



Holiday Heroes

LITTLE ELVES 3 DAY WORKSHOP

Over three magical days, kids will learn jingles & create **holiday treasures** in this jam-packed Christmas workshop. Each day, they'll prepare for a **surprise Christmas show** for parents on Friday. Plus, every little Elf will take home a festive **goodie bag!**

\$160: 9am - 330pm
\$30am early drop off: \$10
Christmas show: 3pm Friday

WED 18TH DEC	THURS 19TH DEC	FRI 20TH DEC
Little elves will design and craft their own unique wooden and salt dough ornaments to hang on the tree	Have a blast making Christmas crackers, then designing and painting Santa's cookie plate to leave out on Christmas Eve.	Create Christmas cards filled with holiday cheer and decorate delicious cookies to take home—or enjoy

****JANUARY DATES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE NOW!**

Goodtime
MUSIC ACADEMY

WWW.GOODTIMEMUSICACADEMY.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMME



JOIN OUR GIRLGUIDING COMMUNITY

Email: youthenrolmentsni@ggnz.org.nz

Join your local Brownies Unit for 2025!

We are looking for girls (age 7-9.5), to join the local Brownies Unit.
 We meet 5:30- 7:00pm every Wednesday during term time at 34 Pitt Street, Wadestown.
 We are excited for you to come and join us!

 Girl Guiding New Zealand

