

Please note Key Dates are now at the end of the newsletter (before Community Notices).

Tēnā koutou Families

Thank you so much for the amazing staff appreciation morning tea. We all look forward to this each term. We are very grateful for the efforts of each term's morning tea providers and thank the PTA for continuing this initiative for our staff wellbeing.

It was lovely seeing many of you at the Open Afternoon today. I know your tamariki and their kaiako appreciated you being able to free up time to visit their classes.

We've been working hard to get our new School Management System, Hero ready for launching at the start of term 2. Next week you'll be invited to install the Hero App so you can start using Hero to record absences and start to receive learning posts (like SeeSaw).

We've been mapping out term 2, which is very short due to it being only nine weeks as well as including some public holidays and a staff only day. Of note in the term is our bi-annual Hāngī to celebrate Matariki. Please start considering how you can help out with this event. A Google Form will be sent home early in the term to invite helpers.

Thank you for attending the ROCKET Carnival - the weather meant we didn't have activities on the field or The Clinic session, but we had a great turn out which was very much appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
The Tumuaki

Little Heart Day.

Thank you for your contributions to this important fundraising campaign. We are grateful to have raised \$259.70 which will be sent on to Heart Kids NZ who have been supporting heart families for 40 years.



ON BOARD

The Ngaio School Board of Trustees Update

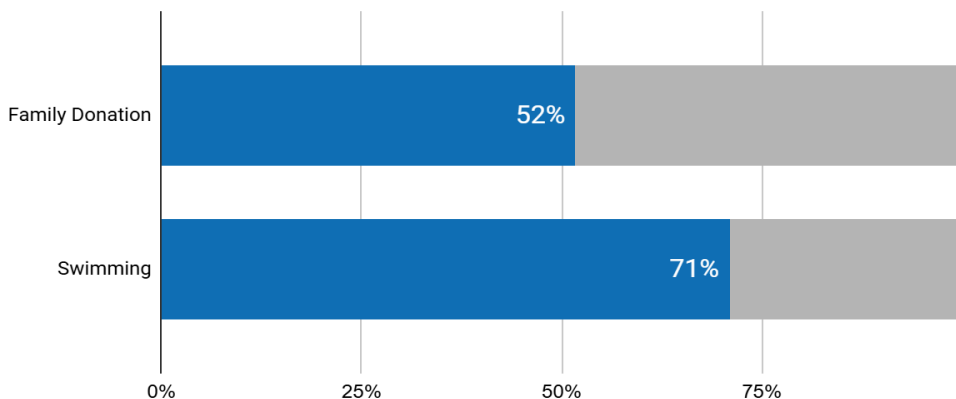


The Ngaio School Board of Trustees meet twice a term (usually Thursday of weeks 3 and 8 at 7pm in the staffroom). Parents are always welcome to come along and hear the discussion, so if you are interested to hear what we talk about then we would love to see you! In September there will be an election for parent representatives, so if you think you might be interested, then coming along to a meeting is a good way to find out more.

Highlights from our meeting last week include the recent ERO visit, risk mitigation for education outside the classroom and the senior playground.

First, a huge thank you to all of the whānau who have paid their donation. The donation is critical to the running of the school and we are always very grateful to those who pay. You can pay your donation at any point throughout the year, or in installments - you can even pay more than the requested amount - and remember to save the receipt to claim the tax back.

So far 52% of families have paid, Thank you



ROCKET Carnival

We want to say another huge thank you to the staff and PTA for another successful ROCKET carnival - it is so awesome to see so many people coming out to hear the kids sing and support the school.

ERO Visit

Raewyn and I gave the rest of the Board a summary of the recent ERO visit. It was a busy, few days but the feedback from the ERO staff was overwhelmingly excellent.

Particular highlights for me were how highly the ERO team talked about the quality of teaching they observed, the detailed knowledge they saw that all staff have of the kids and the passion they saw from our kids about the school and their learning. A great example being the wonderful description of the mural and explanation that they received from their student tour guides of the process, the story behind it and the link to our ROCKET values.

A huge congratulations and thank you to Raewyn, Sarah and all of the staff for the effort that went into the week, and the ongoing effort that made preparations for the week that much easier.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

Raewyn and Dan presented on Ngaio policy and process around risk mitigation and planning for trips, including camp, sports and school trips. We were impressed with the detail and deliberate planning that goes into all trips and we are confident that excellent processes are followed.

Senior Playground

Detailed plans are finally underway to replace the matting under the senior playground. The Board selected a preferred provider and planning for fundraising and grant applications are now underway.

The playground has been closed for months, and we are keen to get it back open as quickly as possible, but this is a significant investment, so we needed to make sure the right decisions were made to balance cost, safety and longevity.

You will hear lots about this project as the Board, School and PTA work together to reopen the playground. Look out for fundraising from the PTA!

As always, please reach out to me or any of the board with any questions

Joe Winton

Presiding Member

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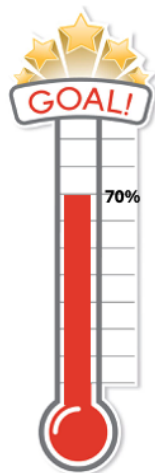
Thank you so much for the donations so far - these have covered 70% of the Easyswim fees for swimming lessons. Our goal is to get as close to 100% as possible so the shortfall doesn't eat into other budget areas.

Easyswim Swim School has charged us for swimming instruction in 2025 at \$46 per student. (8 lessons @ \$5.75).

We have loaded the swimming donation onto Kindo for your convenience, however you will note this amount is \$47.36 to cover the \$2.95% Kindo fee and appreciate you donating this extra amount if you can. Alternatively, you are welcome to pay \$46 by internet banking, or by Eftpos in the school office.

If you are making your payment by internet banking into the school bank account

Please use your child's name and SWIMMING when making payment into the school account 12-3140-0210759-00 and use the code 0209. Alternatively, Eftpos is available in the office.



21st May
Camp Wainui,
203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata.
Entry fee \$30 per person

Ngaio School is entering this event again this year, after proving popular and successful in 2024. Matt, a school parent, has kindly offered to be the coordinator again this year so any Ngaio kids entered can meet up as a group on the day. Please note this is not a school run event so you must be prepared to organise your child's transport and supervision.

The Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in the Carpet Court Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, an exciting and muddy adventure designed especially for children!

This obstacle course race is perfect for young adventurers who love a challenge, enjoy being active, and aren't afraid to get their hands (and everything else) dirty.

Ngaio students are invited to join as a school group on **Wednesday 21st May**. Children take on either a 1.5km (Yrs 3/4) or 3km (Yrs 5/6) muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, water crossings and not to mention, mud mud and more mud!

If your child is interested in attending **and you are able to take them to this event**, please enter via this link: <https://forms.gle/5NgBXc8fpwU5hCfA9>

11.00am: Wave starts of approx 80 children to spread everyone out (Years 7-8, Years 5-6, Years 3-4)

1.00pm: Prize-giving

PTA NEWS

ROCKET CARNIVAL

What an event! The weather played ball - but only just! It was wonderful to see our tamariki and their whanau enjoying themselves nonetheless....

Drum Roll Please !!

\$2139.78 was raised thanks to your support!

We have lofty fundraising needs this year to help support the school in the replacement of matting for the school playgrounds, so this will be a great help.

Thanks yous

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that made this event so successful and to Ngaio School and teachers for hosting us all, and to the wonderful Tamariki for their performances.

Teachers & Students - the teachers and school staff put so much into making this evening a hit and our amazing tamariki wowed us with their singing.

To our Bakers - 22 amazing people volunteered! And gosh we were treated at the Bake Stall - Thank you Julia R, Philip P, Daphna O, Martha P, Cathay N, Kim V, Tory M, Jen T, Diana A, Wendy Y, Diane F, Andrea O, Nicola W, Anna M, Kim L, Kelly R, Erina J, Emma B, Kim C, Sara P, Marie F and Tara H.

To our stall organiser Julia R and parent helpers - Hong ?, Melanie D, Kornelia M, Tory M, Anna M, Alan W, Emma Bl, Nicola W, Kelly R, Diana A, Marie F, Phil O.

Thanks to Katie Bramley and the amazing volunteers charged with distributing a massive 149 pizzas in a very short timeframe. Well done Katie B, Hong W, Diane F, Mel D, Kornelia M, Kelsy O, Elise and Chantel M.

We had a very busy Lollies & Drinks stall expertly run by some year 5 children who wanted to help raise funds for the playground - Thanks to Cerys P, Ellie T, Sayari G, Holly Y, Tia G and Isabelle W and their whanau for helping them prep for the hard mahi.

Raffle donations were received from several local businesses which we are so grateful for! Love seeing the community come together to help. Thanks to New World Khandallah, Ngaio Discount Liquor, the Villa Cafe and Subway. Thanks also to our amazing year 6 students who sold the tickets Daniel S, Genna D and Esme P.

PTA members who always go above and beyond - Thanks to Jen Thornburrow, Kelly Evans, Kelsey O'Brien, Bridget Burt, Julia Rendell, Katie Bramley, Kirsty Donbavand, Diane Fleming, Vanessa Rowe and Danielle Horne.

Julian from GAS supplied warm drinks for the evening and his usual friendly smile!



Staff Appreciation Bakers - THANK YOU!

Once a term we provide a special "time out" for all Ngaio School staff to say THANKS for all they do.

Special thanks to our bakers for this week's Staff Appreciation Morning Tea!

Daphna O, Diane F, Anna McK, Heather P, Vanessa R, Hilary S, Kim V, Nicola W
- we appreciate you !

Thanks also to those who reached out to be added to our "Regular Bakers" pool
- we will be in touch!.

Ngaio School Hoodies & T Shirts on sale now

We are thrilled to bring back the Ngaio School Hoodies & T Shirts. There are samples at the school office if you want to test out sizing. You can buy these directly from the supplier here:

<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/ngaio-school>

You can even add a name to the back!

Orders close 5.00pm 11 April 2024 (last day of term).

NGAIO SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

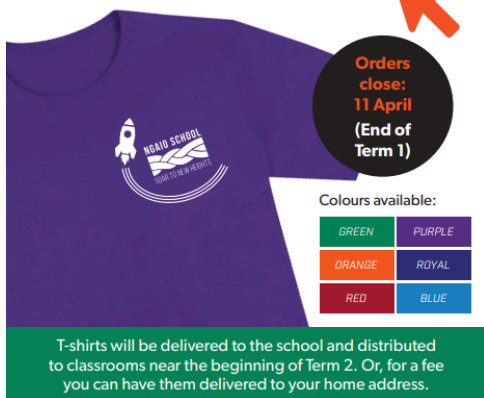
Kids sizes **\$25**
Adult sizes **\$28**

100%
cotton



Orders must be placed online:

<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/ngaio-school>



NGAIO SCHOOL HOODIES

Kids sizes **\$52.50** Adult sizes **\$55.00**

Optional custom name **\$10**



Orders must be placed online:

<https://dynastyteamstore.co.nz/collections/ngaio-school>



SAUSAGE SIZZLE & ICE BLOCKS

We will be having our Term 1 Sausage Sizzle tomorrow which we know will be a hit with the tamariki!

Thanks to those who have volunteered to make the event a sizzling success ! Katie B who does a fab job pulling her crew together

Special thanks to New World Khandallah who supply the Bread, Sauce, Vegetarian Sausages & Popsicles! Such a fabulous local contributor.



KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Friday 4 April, 9- 10am | Kākāpō Hui - Hosted by Rooms 5 & 8 |
| Mon 7 - Fri 11 April | Pedal Ready Dates Y5 EOTC Week |
| Tues 8 April - Fri 11 April | Year 6 at Forest Lakes Camp |
| Friday 11 April, 3:00pm | Term 1 Ends |
| Monday 28 April, 9:00am | Term 2 Begins |

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please also see last week's newsletter for holiday activities.



on these holidays

April 2025






Y-Kids Ngāio | ngāio.asc@ycentral.nz | www.ycentral.nz/ykids



Holiday Programme

Apr 2025




BOOK NOW!

enrolmy.com/ymca-central/book-now

This programme is funded with support from the Ministry of Social Development.



About our Holiday Programme

YMCA holiday programmes are the perfect way for your kids to get out and about with their friends over the break. Our friendly, fully trained staff can't wait to have your kids on-board.

For those of you with busy schedules, our site operates from 8am-5.30pm for one inclusive cost.

Our holiday programmes run Monday to Friday and all children must be on site by 8:30am.


Alongside our holiday programmes we also run a selection of holiday camps at Kaitake Outdoor Education Centre. For more information on all holiday programme sites and full T&Cs please head to our website ycentral.nz

You may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy which you can use towards the cost of our programmes. Visit the Work & Income website for more information.

This programme is funded with support from the Ministry of Social Development. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we may need to amend our programmes at short notice.


Our Commitment


We have a commitment to the development of our Y-Kids while they are under our care. We do our best to ensure our activities fall into the following three categories:



active


Energetic games designed to support fundamental movement, teamwork and being on the move in a supportive environment.






LIFE SKILLS


Preparing our tamariki with diverse skills to navigate their way through their development and their experiences.





CREATE

A range of activities which encourage self expression and to explore new mediums and techniques.



The RNZB is pleased to offer school students and their families \$10 tickets to our upcoming performances of *Dazzlehands: The Ballet*. In Wellington on 12th and 13th April, Kāpiti on 16th and 17th April and Upper Hutt on 23rd April.

Use the code “SCHOOL25” when booking.
Get tickets at

<https://rnzb.org.nz/show/dazzlehands>.

Ts&Cs apply. Discount cannot be applied to existing bookings.



AKOTECH APRIL HOLIDAYS

Queen
Margaret
College

Code Camp: 14th–17th April

Days: Monday – Thursday

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

AI Camp : 14th–17th April

Days: Monday – Thursday

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Code Camp: 22nd – 24th April

Days: Monday – Thursday

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Students learn Coding, AI Safety, Game Design, App/Web Development & more!

<https://akotech.nz/>





CALLAGHAN

— EQUESTRIAN CENTRE —

Callaghan Equestrian Centre is a family owned and operated riding school, welcoming riders of all levels and ages. Learn to ride on one of our quality schooled horses or your own.

We're located in the heart of the Wellington equestrian scene at 507 Ohariu Valley Road, Ohariu Valley. Just an 8 minute drive from Johnsonville.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**15th - 17th April &
22nd - 24th April**

9am - 3pm, \$150 per day,
Book as many days as you
like via email.

No experience needed!

Each day will consist of:

- 1 riding lesson
- Games and activities
- Daily pony care & handling

PONY GROUP

Term based

Pony Group is focussed on teaching riders to care for and ride ponies across a variety of disciplines to develop a well-rounded young rider. Sessions will rotate over the term between arena riding, hacking in the hills and equine care & handling.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Weekends 3.30pm - 5pm

Have a birthday party to remember. Enjoy pony rides and games in our indoor arena. Create your own theme, whether it be unicorns or cowboys our ponies will be able to make it an extra special day.



PRIVATE & GROUP LESSONS

Our experienced instructors are available 6 days a week for one to one and group tuition. Our team takes a well-rounded approach to coaching our clients over a variety of disciplines

For all enquiries, email
info@callaghanequestriancentre.co.nz

These school holidays KidzStuff Theatre for Children are presenting Badjelly The Witch, Adapted by Alannah O'Sullivan from the book by Spike Milligan,

What: Badjelly The Witch

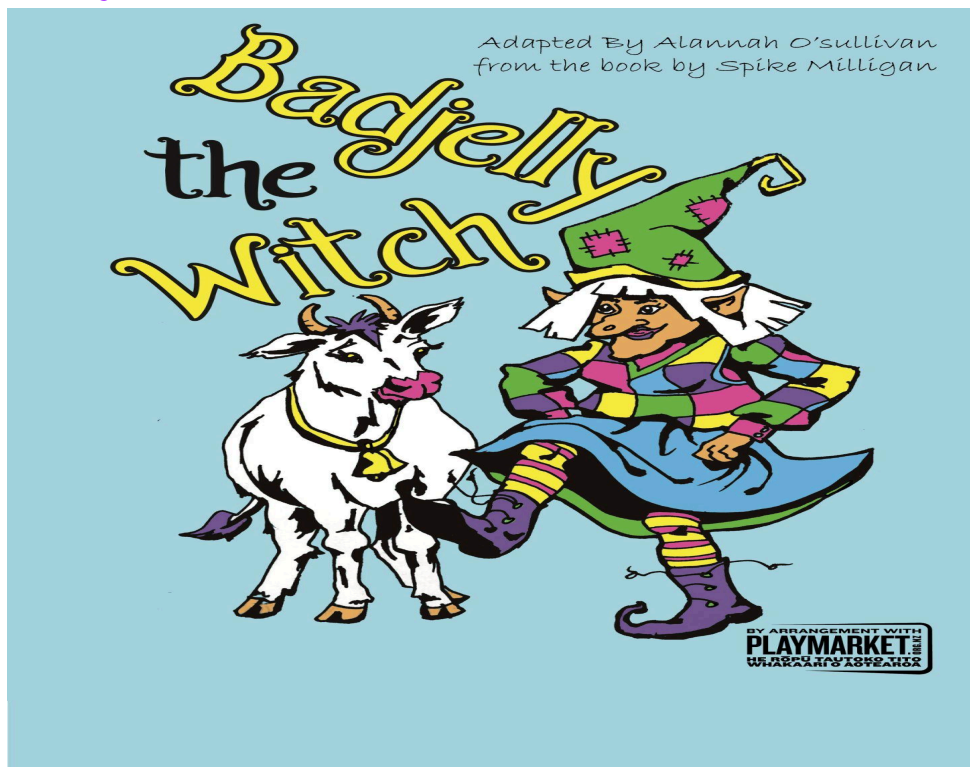
When: 12th - 25th April 2025

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays

Tickets \$16.00pp, Children under 2 Free.

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz



Term 2 Afterschool Creative Classes begin the last week of April at Karori Arts & Crafts Centre. Classes run Monday to Thursday afterschool. Our creative classes are not only fun and enjoyable but also help develop confidence and self-expression. Find everything from Crochet to Zines!

<https://www.kacc.org.nz/kids-courses>



Afterschool Creative Classes

**Term 2
2025**

**Karori
Arts &
Crafts**

www.KACC.org.nz
info@KACC.org.nz
04 476 6817



Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall

**Saturday 17 May 9am to 6pm AND Sunday 18
May 9am to 3pm.**

We invite you to come and buy books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs at our annual book fair. We encourage you to buy for yourself or as gifts for others.

Books are sold for \$3 each, and, after the first ten books, \$2 each. *Children's books are all \$1 each.* We have a huge number of top-quality books, CDs and puzzles. We love seeing so many excited families enjoying stocking up.

All the money raised will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.

Dinah Dobson, trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand, [Check out our website](http://www.bluedragon.org.nz)

ROCK ON DOWN TO OUR AWESOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

APRIL

Holiday Heroes

ART, GAMES, MUSIC, DISCOS, CRAFTS, DANCE, SINGING,
LEGO BUILDING, BAKING & TALENT SHOWS. MAKE NEW
FRIENDS AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES IN A
FUN-FILLED ENVIRONMENT.

BASKETBALL SHOOTOUTS! AIR HOCKEY!
ARCADE GAME BATTLES! FOOSBALL!

MON 14TH SUPER HERO MASKS DAY

Transform into your favorite superhero by designing and creating your own unique super-hero mask. With your imagination as the limit, you'll be ready to save the day in style!



TUE 15TH SPACE DAY

Blast off on a cosmic adventure! Create galaxies of hanging stars, draw aliens, and navigate our dark 'space room' with glow sticks. Perfect for young astronauts eager to explore the universe!



THUR 17TH BUNNY BAGS

Hop into Easter fun by decorating your very own bunny-themed bags, perfect for collecting Easter eggs and goodies. Let your creativity shine with paints, stickers, and decorations!



WED 16TH OCEAN EXPLORERS

Dive into creativity with ocean-themed crafts! Make sea creatures, colour the coral reef, and discover underwater wonders! Plus, learn all about marine life. Perfect for young explorers!



FULL DAY: \$55
9.00AM - 4.00PM

EARLY START: \$10
8.30AM - 9.00AM

FOR 6 YEARS
& OVER

WWW.GOODTIMEMUSICACADEMY.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMME

Matsuri Gala

Crofton Downs Primary School Fair

Nau mai, haere mai Please join the Crofton Downs Primary School community at our gala to enjoy:

GAMES

Horizontal Bungee | Bouncy Castle | Obstacle Course

STALLS

Books | Toys | Plants | Crafts | Sweet treats

FOOD & DRINKS

Gyudon | Chicken Karaage | Hot Chips
Vegetarian Curries | BBQ | Cafe

ACTIVITIES

Kids crafts room | Raffle | Splat the rat
Potty toss | Jar Jar Pong | and much more!

ENTERTAINMENT

Taiko drums | Japanese dance
Kapa Haka | Red Hackle Youth Band

EFTPOS available. To reduce waste, please bring your own coffee cup and water bottle.

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 11am – 2pm



April school holidays 12–27 April

The prehistoric Earth!

Learn about ancient landforms and the creatures that roamed them!

Use Greek or Latin to design your own dinosaur, be a palaeontologist for a day with GNS Science, travel back in time to search for specimens, try out a fun new craft activity, and much more.

Visit wcl.govt.nz/kidsholidays or scan the QR code for the full schedule of event times and locations.

Nau mai rā tātou katoa
Everybody is welcome.



wcl.govt.nz

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No Haka to Fear

