

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

Tēnā koutou Families

Welcome back for term 2 - a very short and busy one! With only 9 weeks, 2 public holidays and a teacher only day, we'll be flying through the learning and activities!

Thank you everyone who has engaged with Hero so far. We started using Hero to record absences this week and teachers have been getting up to speed with Learning Posts which is replacing Seesaw. Expect some posts soon. Leadership have been exploring the reporting function and are well underway to deliver the mid-year report. We may delay this until early term 3 due to the shorter term, but will let you know soon.

As mentioned previously we are planning for our bi-annual Hāngī to celebrate Matariki. A Google Form will be sent home soon to invite your participation - we'll appreciate lots of helpers.

A special welcome back to Alison Craven who has returned following maternity leave. Alison is working part time in various classes covering release. We are also very pleased to welcome back Julie Rogers who has returned to New Zealand after 4 years living in Jakarta. Julie is also working part time covering teacher release.

You may have heard the announcement from Education Minister Erica Stanford regarding a new focus on financial education in the national curriculum.

*Financial education will be at the heart of the refreshed social sciences and Te Ao Māori national curriculum for students in Years 1-10. A draft of the updated social sciences learning area and Te Ao Māori wāhanga ako will be available in Term 4, 2025 for feedback before updated versions are available for schools and kura to use in 2026. Content will become required teaching in 2027. Financial maths has also been included in the new mathematics and statistics and Pāngarau curriculum being delivered this year.*

*The updated curriculum content will support younger students to build important foundations such as being able to identify needs versus wants and how to manage a bank account, earnings, spending and saving. Older students will have the opportunity to build on this on their education*

*journey, learning about budgeting, investment, interest, taxes and insurance to build lifelong financial skills.*

There has been some confusion regarding the taking of holidays during term time. The way these absences are recorded has not changed and continue to be recorded on your child/ren's record as unjustified absences. What has changed is the focus the government has put on schools to achieve 80% or more of students attending school 'regularly'. Regular attendance is 90% or more. We appreciate some holidays during term time are unavoidable and important to families, however we do ask that you consider this carefully before booking trips away.

Ngā mihi nui  
Raewyn Watson  
The Tumuaki



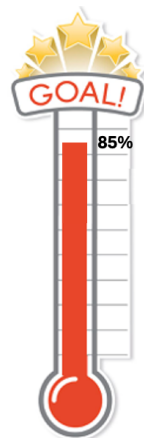
We invite you to engage with this campaign to support our wonderful support staff. <https://action.nzei.org.nz/petitions/support-investing-in-essential-school-staff>



Thank you so much for the donations so far - 85% of you have now made a donation to cover the Easyswim fees for swimming lessons. We'd love to get closer to 100% if possible and appreciate any contributions you can make.

Easyswim Swim School has charged us for swimming instruction in 2025 at \$46 per student. (8 lessons @ \$5.75). We don't pass on any other running costs for the pool, which does cost a considerable amount to run.

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.

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## PTA NEWS

### JOIN THE PTA - WE NEED YOU!

The Ngaio School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) aims to build links between home and school. We hold regular meetings in partnership with the school, to help coordinate parent involvement in events, and fundraising activities to support initiatives that benefit our tamariki and the school community.



If you are looking to build awesome relationships with other amazing whanau who want to contribute to the experience our tamariki have at Ngaio School, then this is the place to do it! **Send us an email to find out more**

[pta@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:pta@ngaio.school.nz)

**We are looking for either a Communications Coordinator or Fundraising Coordinator to complete our executive committee and general committee members to bring fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to the team.**

If you just want to help from time to time in an ad hoc capacity or have specialist knowledge that can help achieve our major fundraising goals we'd love to talk. Grandparents are also welcome. Bring on the Playground Refurbishment!

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Next week we are having the Annual General Meeting (AGM) with the Board, PTA and School. We reflect on our achievements across 2024 and with lofty goals to achieve a much needed playground refurbishment, we will be looking ahead to develop a fundraising plan for the remainder of 2025 and beyond.

When: Thursday 8 May - 7.30pm

Where: Ngaio School Staff Room

Feel free to share with any whanau & friends who may be interested to attend.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE THANKS

With the disappointment over the weather impacting on the Cross Country today we were still able to treat the kids to their Sausage Sizzle & Iceblock! Thanks so much to these amazing whanau volunteers who contributed some time today to make the magic happen - Conwae L, Chris E, Heather P, Kornelia M, Kim C, Paula H, Katie B & Mike L - Ngā mihi nui ki a koe !

Nga mihi nui

PTA

## KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Mon 5 May	Yr 6 Pedal Ready begins
Tuesday 6 May 9-12pm	Ngaio School cross country
Friday 9 May - 9.10 - 10.00am	Kākāpō Hui - Hosted by Rooms 6 & 7
Friday 9 May - 10.10-11am	Tūi Hui - hosted by Rm 21
Tuesday 13 May 9am -3pm	Northern Zone cross country (PP Thu 15)
Wed 14 and Fri 16 May	NZSO - Visit to Tūi
Friday 16 May	Pink Shirt Day
Tuesday 20 May 10am - 2pm	Junior zone cross country (PP Thu 22)
Wednesday 21 May	Junior Tough Guy and Girl Challenge
Thursday, 22 May 9am – 3pm	Tackle rugby tournament
Friday 23 May - 9.10 - 10.00am	Kākāpō Hui - Hosted by Rooms 8 & 1
Friday 23 May - 10.10-11am	Tūi Hui - hosted by Rm 23
Wednesday 28 May 1.40-2.45pm	New Parents Information Seminar
Thursday 29 May	NZ Symphony Orchestra trip
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday holiday - school closed
Tuesday 3 June	Staff Only Day - school closed
Friday 6 June - 9.10 - 10.00am	Kākāpō Hui - Hosted by Rooms 5 & 3
Friday 6 June - 10.10-11am	Tūi Hui - hosted by Rm 24
Tuesday, 10 June 10am – 2pm	Inter zone cross country
Thursday 19 June 7pm	Board Meeting in staffroom
Wednesday 18 June	Hāngī TBC
Friday 20 June	Matariki Holiday - school closed
Monday 23 June	Year 6 Day at Rāroa - Chantal and Sam

Tuesday, 24 June · 10am – 2pm	Northern Zone hockey (PP Thu 26)
Tuesday, 24 June · 9am – 3pm	Regional cross country
Wednesday 25 June	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea
Friday 27 June - 3pm	End of Term 2

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



# NZ ART SHOW

WHAKAATU TOI

*a place to get lost*

**KING'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND**

FRIDAY MAY 30 10AM - 6.30PM  
 SATURDAY MAY 31 10AM - 6.30PM  
 SUNDAY JUNE 1 10AM - 5.00PM

TSB ARENA | 4 QUEENS WHARF | WELLINGTON

250+ ARTISTS | 4,000+ ARTWORKS  
 TICKETS ON SALE NOW



ARTSHOW.CO.NZ

Postcards with information about this event can be collected from the school office. If you're keen to attend, we have complimentary tickets available. Usually \$10 each, these have been donated to the school to pass on to interested families - first in first served, they will be allocated in the order of responses.

There is an initial limit of 2 tickets per family but you can add your name to a waitlist to get more.

Please add your details to this form if you'd like some free tickets.

[NZ Art Show Ticket Request](#)



**Encore Drama Academy (previously known as Helen O'Grady Drama Academy)**

Encore Drama Academy based in Wellington is all about giving children self confidence to succeed in life. Our classes help build creative thinking and literacy skills while also teaching children positive social skills including effective team interaction, leadership, confidence and public speaking. Our programme also helps every child to develop performance skills, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, and make new friends in a fun filled learning

environment. After-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, and Lower Hutt. If you wish to enroll or require more information please visit our website [www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz](http://www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz).

We have been given a one term scholarship to join a class. Please email [principal@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:principal@ngaio.school.nz) if you are interested in applying for this.





Girls ... give football a go!  
Fantails Football is for 7-10 Year old girls. Friday 4-5pm, Nairnville Park Turf. Kick off 9 May 2025.

Designed for girls & coached by girls, Fantails football is where girls can give football a go. No football experience is needed – you will get it all here.

Onslow is running free weekly Fantails sessions for 7/8 & 9/10 age groups. The hour-long sessions will introduce the fundamentals of football, encourage friendships and allow girls to fall in love with the game.

Both sessions will run on Friday, 4-5pm at Nairnville Turf from Friday 9 May.

Register now – <https://onslow.org.nz/milo-fantails/> or contact [fantails@onslow.org.nz](mailto:fantails@onslow.org.nz) for more info.

# friends & family deals are here!

From 5 May - 18 May 2025

**cost\* + 5%**  
Computers, Whiteware, TVs and Cellular\*

**cost\* + 7.5%**  
on all Smart Home

**cost\* + 10%**  
storewide, exclusions apply\*

**15%** off all tech support & product protection\*

2.5% of total sales will go to Variety - The Children's Charity

Offers in this flyer run between 5th May - 18th May 2025, while stocks last. \*Cost reflects the average cost price of the product. \*\* Conditions and exclusions apply. See full terms and conditions for offer text.

Scan this barcode instore

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Use this code online  
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Shop now

Easy ways to pay

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ZIP

Ask us about Interest Free Finance options

## AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS

TERM 2 2025

NGAIO SCHOOL

Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks

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



- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Rippa Rugby

Sessions start Weds 7 May

Contact: [adminwatn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwatn@kellysports.co.nz)

# E-RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY 10 May**

**9.00am – 1.00pm**

**KARORI COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Payment by Cash and Eftpos**

## **WE ACCEPT THESE ITEMS:**

Flat screen TVs/Monitors	Cell/land line/IP phones
Modems/Routers	DVD players
Servers/Motherboards	Cameras
Laptops/Tablets/PCs	E-Readers
Printers/Scanners	Stereos
Gaming Consoles	Hair Driers/Straighteners
Alarm Clocks/Radios	Keyboards/Mice
Batteries	Cables/Wiring

**Spectacles for Lions Sight Project**

**NO CRT TVs/monitors, car batteries,  
microwaves, whiteware, speakers**

**Charges - Most items \$5, Printers \$10,  
Large/Oversized items \$10,  
Flat Screen TVs \$20**



***Proceeds go to the Karori Lions Trust  
to support the Community***

*Contact: 027 442 0916*



**Echo**