

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

Tēnā koutou Families

The government continues to throw surprises at us and we are working really hard to keep up. If you've already engaged with the Ministry of Education Parent Portal, you'll see we are already expected to report against the new NZ Scope and Sequence goals in their refreshed version of the English and Mathematics curriculum learning areas, even though schools have only been using the new curricula from the start of 2025.

New documents and assessment guidelines are being created and built in the background as we navigate the changes, so we don't yet have all the tools we need. The Ministry of Education does acknowledge that this is a transition year as we change from the old to the new curriculum.

Kaiako at Ngaio School are working really hard, with our year 4 to 6 Kaiako currently involved in professional development around structured literacy, and the whole school working with the new mathematics resources, working out how these can be integrated into our mathematics programme.

Kaiako are using the new NZ Scope and Sequence goals to plan for teaching and learning and over time these will be shared on your child's Hero report. For our 2025 mid-year reporting we are continuing with our current format for Reading, Writing and Mathematics, with a post for each area describing your child's achievements in these areas. We are introducing Oral Language by sharing goals from the new curriculum so you can see how reporting will look going forward as we familiarise ourselves with Hero.

As this is a short term, and we're making these changes, it has been decided that we will send the mid-year reports home early in term 3 at the end of week 2, followed by conferences in week 3.

It's been fun seeing all the year 6 ākonga out learning to ride bikes, with some heading off for rides around the streets. We're grateful for the opportunity Pedal Ready provides for learning bike riding skills and confidence.

Thank you for the help with the cross country event. It's always exciting seeing the achievements of our runners as they compete in this annual school event. We love that everyone gives it a go and are so proud to

complete the course. Congratulations to our runners who went on to compete at the Northern Zone competition.

We're very excited to be attending the NZSO performance Thursday 29 May. You should have received a request for the donation for this event and really hope you can contribute so we can continue to plan for special excursions like this.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
The Tumuaki

NGAIO SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

(first 5 placings only)
Congratulations to you all!

	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
1st	Stevie Theo	Esme T Oscar	Chella Alfie	Tilly Benjamin	Cerys Ezekiel	Delia Louis C
2nd	Clara Lucio	Evie Alby	Emily Oliver	Rani Henry	Tia Tilo	Mila Charlie
3rd	Poppy Rafael	Maryann King	Lily Lucas	Pepi Flynn	Mumu Koa	Poppy Alex
4th	Sophie James	Alice B Zeke	Audrey Angus	Iris Oliver M	Thea Pedro	Sophie Fra
5th	Kezia Connor	Sylvie River	Olivia Carter Y	Astrid Matteo	Isabelle W Juno	Ruhi Brooklyn



Please remember to wear pink shirts tomorrow and donate gold coins to support the Mental Health Foundation. By donating to Pink Shirt Day, you're helping create a kinder, more inclusive Aotearoa where everyone feels safe, valued, and unafraid to be themselves.

PTA NEWS

At the AGM last week we discussed our combined achievements with the school and the board and looked ahead to upcoming fundraising needs. We re-elected the majority of our phenomenal executive committee and welcomed Kim, who will be an amazing addition to the team bringing a wealth of fundraising expertise.



Committee Executive:

Chairperson - Jen Thornburrow

Communications Coordinator - Kirsty Donbavand

Treasurer - Kelly Evans

Secretary - Julia Rendell

Fundraising Coordinator - Kim Verry

We are planning a sponsorship style fundraiser (e.g., 'buying' bricks for a foundation wall or other type of visible acknowledgement) to raise funds for the much needed matting replacement for the playgrounds - this is the ultimate goal for 2025. The next meeting to discuss ideas is on Tuesday 10th June 2025 where we aim to plan a fundraising approach for the remainder of the year to help with the ultimate goal, and lock in a movie fundraiser as our next event. Please join us online if you have any skills or ideas you'd like to contribute to this project, or if you're simply just interested in what we're planning.

Tuesday 10 June 2025 · 7:30pm – 8:30pm

meet.google.com/uxs-yiok-zry

We are also looking for someone, or a group of friends who can share the role of **Raffle Coordinator**. This isn't an official role, just a description of a duty we'd like someone to take responsibility for. We like to have 1-3 raffles per year and need someone who can approach businesses and the community for donations for these raffles. You don't even have to come to meetings if you don't want to! If this sounds like you please contact pta@ngaio.school.nz

The work we do is for the benefit of ours and future Ngaio School children. We work in partnership to support the school in delivering on their needs. So please lend your mind, or a hand when we reach out for help.

Nga mihi nui

PTA

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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

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250+ ARTISTS | 4,000+ ARTWORKS
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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. We still have a few tickets so please add your details to this form if you'd like some free tickets.

[NZ Art Show Ticket Request](#)

AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS

TERM 2 2025
NGAIO SCHOOL
Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks
www.kellysports.co.nz



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

Sessions start Weds 7 May
Contact: adminwatn@kellysports.co.nz

TedX speaker

Jo Robertson

presents

Parenting in the Digital Era



WELLINGTON
**ONE
NIGHT
ONLY**



Practical solutions to protect kids from online harm | For parents of kids 4-13+

Join us for an essential session on creating a safe online experience for your child. Led by Jo Robertson, you'll explore the online world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

The workshop will cover harmful content, exploitation, popular apps and filters. Evidence based and expert led, you'll leave with strategies on how to prevent and respond to harm, to keep your child safe.

Jo Robertson is a therapist holding a Master of Science in Medicine, specializing in the effects of online sexual content. Jo has years of experience delivering sexual health education to professionals, parents, caregivers, and young people. Jo has presented a TEDx talk, and continues to speak globally on topics related to youth, sexual culture, and media influences.

Thursday 22 May

Meow Nui, Vivian St, 7.30pm

Limited tickets – Book now
Book Now at MeowNui.com

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PARENTING COURSE

TERM 2

FOOTBALL SKILLS

THE PROGRAMME IS IDEAL FOR BEGINNERS - IT COVERS BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SKILLS. COME ALONG TO IMPROVE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE AND TO GET TO KNOW A BIT MORE ABOUT THE "BEAUTIFUL GAME" .

FRIDAYS - 3.30PM-4.30PM, for 8 weeks

Green Room, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton

www.kellysports.co.nz

Starts Fri 2 May for 8 weeks!

contact: adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz

- ✓ Team Work
- ✓ Ball Control
- ✓ Dribbling
- ✓ Passing

SHOW IN A WEEK
7- 11 JULY



email: fastforwardmt@gmail.com
for registration and more details

Monday - Thursday 9am-5pm

Khandallah Presbyterian Church

Friday 9am - 9pm (3 shows!)

Hutt City Church

Our upcoming production is **Madagascar Jr.**, and we currently have **15 spaces available**. The program runs:

Monday to Thursday: 9am – 5pm in **Khandallah**

Friday: 9am – 9pm in **Lower Hutt** (with 3 performances!)

You can find the registration form [HERE](#).



After School and Saturday Computer Classes

Our term time classes are smaller just 3 to 6 children. Classes are focused on what you want to learn. Class runs from 3:30 to 5:30 pm class fee \$180 for 4 sessions (doors open from 3:15). Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 pm. class fee \$260 for 4 sessions.

- Learn to Code; Scratch or Python
- Learn to Code & Create 3D Games.
- Minecraft
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Build Your Own Computer

Information & bookings: grandtraining.co.nz or call 04 499-2211

