

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

Tēnā koutou Families

We had a fabulous trip to the Michael Fowler Centre today to see the NZ Symphony Orchestra Schools' Concert Ngā Tohu o te Taiao, The Signs of Nature. It was an exciting and interactive performance showcasing beloved symphonic music, a new specially composed suite by Dr Jeremy Mayall, and stunning live visual art by Marcus Winter, aka 'The Sandman'. Ākonga learnt about Aotearoa New Zealand's seasonal signs of nature, where and when to find them, and how to care for them. Highlights included a musical retelling of the Māori creation story and a special song for ākonga to sing with the orchestra. Presented by NZSO Animateur Chris Lam Sam, the concert was an exciting and interactive experience that unpacked elements of the music in a fun and engaging way.

We enjoyed a good turn out to this week's Parent Information afternoon so are hopeful of a few more enrolments. If you know of anyone interested in attending Ngaio School, please let them know they are able to visit us any time - call the office to make an appointment or look out for our termly Information Afternoon.

We're excited to be holding a House Reward Day tomorrow as the Houses have all filled the token jar. Kaiako have organised craft activities for a fun crafty session in the morning.

Enjoy the extra long weekend - remember there is no school Monday and Tuesday!

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson

The Tumuaki

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## ON BOARD

### Ngaio School Board 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 included:

- Reviewing our self assessment using the ministry's Hautū tool, which helps us assess our maturity from a governance point of view in giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Decisions and progress update around matting for the senior playground.
- An update from Raewyn on the development of a Ngaio school graduate profile - a key initiative in our strategic plan, that will help describe for students, staff and whānau, what it looks like to demonstrate our ROCKET values and what we want to see in our kids when they leave Ngaio.

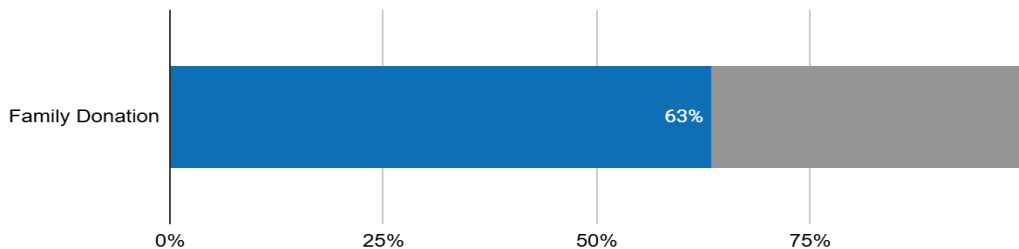
### *Family Donation update*

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.

With falling rolls across Wellington, the family donation is more important than ever for the school to balance our budget. As Raewyn said, when interviewed for a [recent Post Article](#), our funding is tied to the number of students enrolled, but our costs - especially for things like maintenance and caretaking - don't change.

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 back the tax.

So far 63% of families have paid, Thank you



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

Joe Winton

Presiding Member

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## MATARIKI HĀNGĪ

We're looking forward to another great Matariki Hāngī at Ngaio School in week 8 of Term 2. This is part of a wider planned Matariki celebration and as always we would appreciate your help in making it a success.

We are seeking help with tasks from Tuesday morning 17th June through to Thursday morning 19th June.

The Google Form is set out in sections relating to each day (noted in purple boxes) and the tasks required for that particular day in time order. We are expecting most of these tasks to take approximately one hour but this depends on the number of people we have assisting as you can appreciate.

Please complete this form by 10:00 am Wednesday 4th June if you are able to help.

We will be in contact with you once scheduling has been organised.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNpLHea3C1JPsnTDBdtEGYebgqrNLLuJ9CZ-eCXKkAEsB3xw/viewform?usp=header>

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## UPDATE FROM the

The Y has been thrilled with the move to rooms 16 and 17 and now have a new Centre Manager Rohan Swanepoel for their Ngaio School programme.

Their daily program is taking shape beautifully, with art, sport, and practical skills being taught. It has been great to hear about the variety and hands-on experiences being enjoyed each day.

A few learners recently showed a keen interest in ukulele, so Rohan started offering some basic tuition. He loved it when some of the learners taught him a few of the Māori waiata that they sing at school!

Year 1, 2, and 3 ākonga visited the library on Wednesday last week where they enjoyed a read-aloud session. Senior ākonga will have their turn in two weeks. TheY are planning to make these library visits a regular feature from Term 3 onwards.

Find out more about TheY at Ngaio School here:

<https://ycentral.nz/portfolio-items/ngaio-school/>.

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## PINK SHIRT DAY

Thank you for your support - we raised \$273.00 for Mental Health NZ

# JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GIRL CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the competitors in the recent Tough Guy and Girl Challenge.

A special mention and thank you to Matthew Fowler who again took on the role of liaison for this event.

Matt reported that there was plenty of fresh mud and it was a beautiful sunny day. The kids all embraced the challenge, embracing the Rocket value resilience when things got tough. Matt noticed many kids supporting their mates too.

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## WEARABLE ARTS

*By Ruhi and Isobel*

Last Thursday, we went to Wearable Arts. It was the most exciting but stressful day of this year. Just before lunch we headed off to the bus. All of us had our costumes ready to go. When we got there, we went straight to the church behind the Saint James theatre. We set up all of our stuff and costumes and got ready for the photo shoot. At the photo shoot we had to talk to the judges about our costume and the materials we used.

We were all so pumped for the big day! We walked our models over to the stage for rehearsals. The costumes looked outstanding and all of them were so cool and creative! The rehearsals were just making sure our models knew where they were walking on the stage. We were screaming and shouting when we saw the models come out in their costumes, even though it was only rehearsals. We almost lost our voices by the end of it.

Before the real show came round we went into the theatre and had fun with the silent disco! After the rehearsals we had dinner with our family or friends for about an hour.

Then came the real show. We were lucky to be allowed to sit in the wings and watch. We couldn't make any noise though. It was so cool there were lots of lights and a disco ball. It was so much fun. Ngaio School ended up winning 3 awards!





# NAIRNVILLE RUGBY SEVENS

On 22 May a team of year 5 and 6 kids played in a sevens tournament against teams from all across the Wellington region.

## Words from Cooper Winton (room 21)

Last week we represented Ngaio School in a tackle rugby tournament at Nairnville Park. Some people play rugby every week, for some it was their first time. We played four games of 7s rugby and we came third! It was great to be able to take the day off school and play my favourite sport for my school.



## Interested in playing Rugby?

The season is in full swing, with kids from across Ngaio School playing for their club teams.

Ngaio school has teams from all age groups playing Touch over the summer - Sign ups for Ngaio School Touch teams (playing in Term 4) will be towards the end of term 3.

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## PTA NEWS

### Hoodies & T-Shirts - UPDATE

For those of you who ordered Ngaio School hoodies & T-Shirts in Term One, you should have received them last week. Any issues at all - please reach out to

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

**SAVE THE DATE - Smurf Movie Fundraiser!**

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming Movie Fundraiser to watch the Smurfs latest adventures! For now, pop this date in your calendar and we will be planning for an amazing family event. Sunday 3rd August 2025 - 3pm at the Penthouse Cinema in Brooklyn.



**Next PTA meeting**

On Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm we will be having our next PTA Meeting Online - Join here [meet.google.com/uxs-yiok-zry](https://meet.google.com/uxs-yiok-zry)  
At this meeting we'll discuss playground fundraising initiatives, the Smurf movie fundraiser as well as any other relevant business. We would love to have you or your whanau come and join us to share ideas.

KEY DATES		LINK: <a href="#">School Community Calendar</a>
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday holiday	School closed
Tuesday 3 June	Staff Only Day	School closed
Friday 6 June	Kākāpō Hui - Hosted by Rooms 5 & 3 Tūi Hui - hosted by Rm 24	9.10 - 10.00am 10.10-11am
Monday 9 June	Kiwi Competition - English	

Tuesday 10 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Kiwi Competition - Mathematics</li><li>● Inter zone cross country</li><li>● Open Afternoon</li></ul>	10am – 2pm 2.15 - 2.45pm
Thursday 12 June	Kiwi Competition - Science	
Wednesday 18 June	Hāngī - more detail coming soon!	From 5pm
Thursday 19 June	Board Meeting in staffroom	7pm
Friday 20 June	<b>Matariki Holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Monday 23 June	Year 6 Day at Rāroa - Chantal and Sam	
Tuesday, 24 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Northern Zone hockey (PP Thu 26)</li><li>● Regional cross country</li></ul>	10am – 2pm 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 25 June	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Friday 27 June	End of Term 2	3pm
Monday 14 July	Start of Term 3	9am
Thursday 24 July	PTA Meeting in staffroom	7.30pm
Friday 25th July	Reports home	
Wednesday 30th + Thursday 31st July	3-Way Conferences	From 3.15pm (end times TBC)
Sunday 3rd August	PTA Movie Fundraiser Penthouse	3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Y-KIDS TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Ngaio School**

When: Tuesday 3rd June, 2025  
Time: 7.30am - 6pm | Price: \$60  
Theme: Kings and Queens  
Around the World

BOOK NOW!



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*Rāroa Normal Intermediate*  
**CRAFT BEER**  
*AND*  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**TICKETS**  
**SELLING NOW**  
**THURSDAY 12 JUNE**

Rāroa Intermediate Hall. Doors open at 6pm.  
Quiz event starts 7pm.  
Food platters available for purchase. EFTPOS onsite. R18 Event. Tickets \$20pp or purchase a table of 8 for \$150.  
Purchase tickets via KINDO.

Please use this link to purchase tickets via our community Kindo page:

[https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/community-shop/Raroa%20Normal%20Intermediate%20School/kindo/quiz\\_night](https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/community-shop/Raroa%20Normal%20Intermediate%20School/kindo/quiz_night)

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## "Alliance Française July Holiday Programme

**Week 1 (Monday 30 June - Friday 4 July): Bienvenue en Afrique. Week 2 (Monday 7 July - Friday 11 July): France's Neighbours.**

Children are immersed in the French language through cooking, arts and crafts activities designed to educate and entertain. \$55 per day, 9.00am—3.00pm (5 -10 years old).

Contact [admin@french.co.nz](mailto:admin@french.co.nz) or book online at [french.co.nz](http://french.co.nz)



## Looking for an adventure for your young rider these school holidays?

[WORD](#) (World Off-road Riding Department) is a youth mountain biking charity dedicated to empowering tamariki and rangatahi through the thrill of mountain biking. Our July Holiday Camps are now open for bookings!

☀️ **About WORD** - Founded in 2013, WORD is a not-for-profit organization committed to changing the world one ride at a time. We offer after-school sessions and holiday camps designed to build confidence, connection, skills, and a love for the outdoors among young people aged 7–17 year-old. Our programs are led by experienced, first aid-certified coaches who are passionate about youth development and mountain biking.

📌 **Camp Info** - Our 1, 2 and 3 day camp options operate in:

- Central Wellington: Mākara Peak, Matairangi/Mt Victoria, and Waimapihi/Polhill
- Porirua: Rangituhi/Colonial Knob.
- 8:30-3pm each day
- Cost varies between \$155-\$337 per camp



## Why Choose WORD Holiday Camps?

- Inclusive for All Skill Levels: Whether your child is new to mountain biking or looking to hone advanced skills, our camps cater to all abilities
- Small Group Sizes: We maintain a low instructor-to-rider ratio



**WORD**  
YOUTH MTB ADVENTURES  
7 - 17 year olds

July Holiday Camps are  
**LIVE!**  
We will be running  
camps for riders of all  
abilities, from 7 to 15  
years-old!

Bookings  
**NOW Open!**

Term Programmes | Holiday Camps | Events | Youth Leadership  
**visit [www.word.org.nz](http://www.word.org.nz)**

## July School Holiday Computer Classes

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16.

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods.
- Learn to Code; Scratch or Python.
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Build Your own Computer

For information & bookings 499-2211 or [grandtraining.co.nz](http://grandtraining.co.nz)





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- Hip Hop classes 7 yrs +
- Jazz classes 7yrs +
- Adult Ballet Classes
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