

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

Tēnā koutou Families

A special farewell and thank you to Amy and Liam who leave us to travel overseas. Liam is planning some NZ travel before heading to the Basque region of Spain with family. He's hoping to get back into his passion, cooking up a storm as a chef. We've appreciated Liam's kind and capable approach to his work as a teacher aide and we will really miss him.

Amy is also heading to Spain to take up a teaching position in a school over there. She has some travel planned prior and will rejoin us for a short time in term 3 before heading overseas to take up her position. We've loved having Amy on the staff and will miss her contributions and dedication to teaching. Amy has been one of our release teachers this year so she didn't have to disrupt a class when she left.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Matariki celebration, especially to the PTA who stepped in to contribute once we knew it wasn't possible to hold the hāngī. We're really hoping we can rally more support to hold a hāngī later in the year as this event is truly special.

Thank you for the wonderful morning tea provided yesterday for the staff - this special contribution is always appreciated. Thank you also for all the ways you have contributed over the term. It's been a whirlwind term, not only shorter with nine weeks, but also 2 long weekends! Staff have worked really hard, as always, and managed to provide another amazing term of learning experiences for your tamariki.

We are really proud to have had a visit from Ministry of Education staff this week due to our outstanding phonics check results. Congratulations to our junior kaiako who really work hard to get our little people reading. Their hard work has really paid off - there's been a lot of new learning and demands on teaching staff, but Ngaio School kaiako make me so proud with their positive attitudes and commitment.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson

Te Tumuaki

ON BOARD

Ngaio School Board Update



The Ngaio School Board meets twice a term, usually Thursday's 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!

Highlights from our meeting last week include planning for the upcoming board election, Matariki celebrations and an update on the playground matting redevelopment.

Board election planning

In September there will be an election for parent representatives. The current Board has started thinking about what skillsets are needed to support Ngaio School over the next 3 year Board term. A small number of the current parent representatives on the Board will be seeking re-election so we will need others to join us. If you think you might be interested, please come along to a meeting to find out more, otherwise please reach out to any of us for a chat about what's involved.

Matariki celebrations

The Board would like to acknowledge the School and PTA for a fantastic Matariki celebration held under te kapua on Wednesday evening. We'd like to call out Sarah and Hayden for leading on the night and the PTA for rallying together to put on a sausage sizzle, snack stands and milo. A thank you too, to Kelly Sports, for the football set up! And special thanks to all the kaimahi for making Matariki such a special time for our tamariki.

Playground matting redevelopment

As mentioned in our last update the senior playground is mostly roped off due to the end-of-life matting, and we are keen to get it back open as quickly as possible. We also highlighted, with the playground matting being a significant investment, the need to make sure the right decisions are made to balance cost, safety and longevity. The Board would like to acknowledge the work of the PTA as they continue to fundraise and for the work of their latest fundraising coordinator, who is busy working with the Board to get grant applications in, to support raise funds. You will hear more about this project as the Board, School and PTA progress this mahi to get the playground reopened! Make sure to look out for fundraising from the PTA!

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

Emma Andrews

Parent Representative (botemma@ngaio.school.nz)

PTA NEWS

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Smurf Movie Fundraiser!

There's no time like the present to lock in some family friendly fun!

Tickets are now available to purchase for our upcoming Movie Fundraiser to watch the Smurfs latest adventures!

- **Date:** Sunday, 3rd August 2025
- **Time:** 3:00 PM. Be there at 2.30pm.
- **Venue:** Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn
- **Price:** \$20.00 per person

BUY NOW - through [MyKindo](#)

Tickets include a goodie bag!

Plus, don't miss our exciting raffle –

tickets will be available for purchase on the day.



Let's make it a Smurftastic event together! 🌟

Matariki Event

We are thrilled with our last minute rally to feed the whanau for Matariki.

The PTA was able to raise \$1221.45 and the funds will be going towards the playground refurbishment with planning underway.

As always, these things do not happen with your help - thanks so much to the amazing crew of volunteers who really demonstrated the spirit of Matariki through their shared connection and effort.

Chief Sizzlers: Conwae & Ben - those sausages were spectacular according to local roving reporters on the night !

A massive hand from this crew of helpers across all stations: Marie, Tara, Jon, Nicola W, Siobhan, Rebecca, Meredith, Andrea O'B, Kelly, Hui, Erina C, Jo M, Diana A, Kirsty D, Julia R, Jen T, Katie, Diane F, Vanessa R and Nicola D....

And to our spectacular lolly baggers & expert lolly sales team: Ellie T, Sayari, Holly Y, Cerys P, Isabelle W, Tia G and the Chief Mum Delegates can't be forgotten - Thanks Loren T & Liz G.

Staff Appreciation Morning Tea - Thank you!

Our school teachers and staff were treated to another special morning tea on Wednesday 25 June. We host one of these each term to say "thank you for your mahi". These events are made extra delicious thanks to the help of our bakers and makers - thanks to Kelly R, Cathay N, Andrea O'B, Phil K, Tara H, Mariza L, Diane A and Fleur M

ANZ Netball Grant.

Our year 6 netball team were thrilled to have received an ANZ Netball Grant, consisting of a netball mesh ball bag, 12 Gilbert netballs (size 5), 4 ib sets, 10 pot markers and a ball pump

Thanks ANZ!

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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	Mid-year reports home	
Wednesday 30th + Thursday 31st July	3-Way Conferences (bookings available soon)	3.30 -8pm 3.30- 6pm
Sunday 3rd August	PTA Movie Fundraiser Penthouse	3pm
Wednesday 13 Aug	New Parents Information Seminar	1.40 - 2.45pm
Friday 29 August	Daffodil Day	
1- 5 Sept Friday 5 Sept Friday 5 Sept	Book Week Book Character Day PTA Sausage Sizzle	
Thursday 4 Sept	Board Meeting	7pm
Week 9	Futsal festival Yr group days TBC	
Saturday 13 Sept	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival	
Wed 17 Sept	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Y-KIDS

Afterschool Programme

Book Now!

See below for the term 3 after school care programme. Get in touch if you want to find out more or check out the programme.

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Mondays Masterpiece

Unleash your child's creativity in our fun and inspiring art programme! Kids will explore drawing, painting, and crafting while building confidence and expressing themselves through art.



Tuesdays Tunes & Traditions

Let the rhythm take over! In this fun-filled music module, kids will explore sounds, instruments, and songs from around the world while learning about beat, melody, and movement. A great way to build confidence, creativity, and a love for music—no experience needed!



Wednesdays Mind Craft

Get curious and hands-on with our exciting STEM programme! Kids will dive into fun activities that explore science, technology, engineering, and maths through experiments, building challenges, and creative problem-solving. Perfect for young thinkers and future inventors!



Thursdays Thrive & Strive

Get active with sports, fitness games, yoga, football, and all kinds of ball games—great for coordination, teamwork, and letting off steam. Perfect for all skill levels—just bring energy and a smile!



Fridays Funfinity

It's time to play your way! Our Funfinity Friday gives kids the freedom to explore, create, and connect through games, toys, and imaginative activities. With plenty of choices and space to move! Spontaneous fun to wrap up the week!



active

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



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

CREATE

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

For more information contact:
Centre Manager: Rohan Swanepoel | Email: ngalo.asc@ycentral.nz
enrolmy.com/ymca-central/book-now

👤 Age 5 to 13
🕒 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Breaking Dance Battle brings together some of the top dancers from across Aotearoa and Australia for an epic day of competition and entertainment.

Event Details:



Date: 12th July



Time: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Location: Ngaio town Hall



Entry: Koha (donation)

It's an all-ages, family-friendly event—and we'd love to have your school community come along and support! **Nash and Ari** will be competing on the day, and the event will be MC'd by their dad, **K Bags / Keza**, who many of the kids, parents and staff will know well.

The poster features a stylized cityscape background. At the top left, it says 'KOHA ENTRY'. The main title 'BREAKING DANCE BATTLE' is in large, bold, white letters with red outlines and stars. Above it, 'BREAKING LIMITS' is written in a green, bubbly, graffiti-style font. Below the title, two cartoon characters are shown in dynamic poses: one in a blue hoodie and yellow pants, the other in a red hoodie and pink pants. At the bottom, the date 'SATURDAY JULY 12TH 2025' is written in large white letters. Below the date, the venue 'VENUE: NGAIO HALL - 1. OTTAWA RD. NGAIO, WELLINGTON' and time 'TIME : - 12 - 5pm' are listed. Logos for Wellington City Creative Communities, Black Beauty Caravan, and a 'Challenge 2025' spiral logo are also present. The email address 'breakinglimitsnz@gmail' is at the bottom.

KOHA ENTRY

BREAKING DANCE BATTLE

BREAKING LIMITS

SATURDAY JULY 12TH 2025

VENUE: NGAIO HALL - 1. OTTAWA RD. NGAIO, WELLINGTON

TIME : - 12 - 5pm

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Monday 4th August

Khandallah, Churton Park, Other Schools

Tuesday 5th August

Amesbury, Ngaio, Johnsonville

Wednesday 6th August

Cashmere Ave, Westpark, Crofton Downs

Open Mornings & School Tours 9am-10.30am

Tuesday 5th August

Khandallah, Churton Park, Other Schools

Wednesday 6th August

Amesbury, Ngaio, Johnsonville

Thursday 7th August

Cashmere Ave, West Park, Crofton Downs

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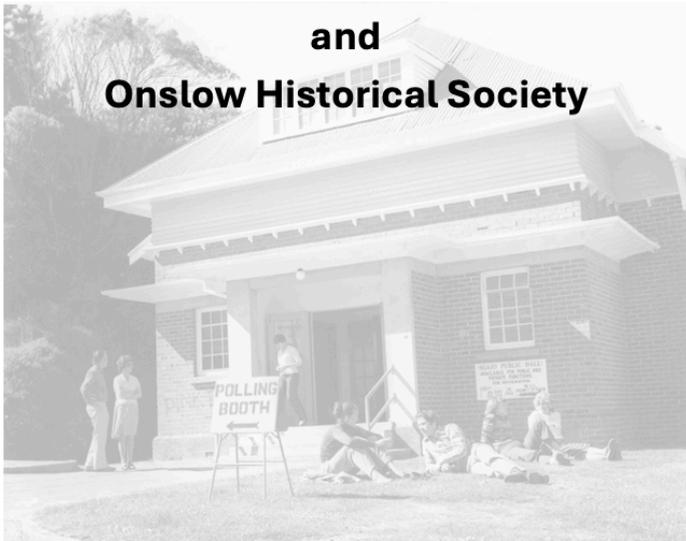
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NGAIO TOWN HALL CENTENARY

**Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents
Association,**

and

Onslow Historical Society



**Invite members of our community to celebrate the 100th
Anniversary of the opening of Ngaio Town Hall**

Afternoon Tea, 2.00 pm to 4.30pm

At the Hall, 1 Ottawa Road, Ngaio

Sunday 3 August 2025

RSVP – centenarysvp@ngaio.org.nz

**Bakers, a plate would be warmly
welcomed**



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Saturday 28th June | 10am – 2:30pm

162–168 Hutt Road, Kaiwharawhara

Illustrations of a boy blowing bubbles and a girl holding balloons.



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Photographs of a boy tumbling and a girl performing a handstand on a barrel.



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Mon
7 Jul

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11am or 1pm | \$5.00 per ticket

Thu
10 Jul

MOVIE: MOANA 2

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ST MARK'S SCHOOL

Space STEM

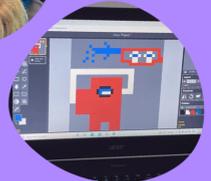
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LAUNCH A ROCKET, COLLECT SAMPLES, BUILD A MECHANICAL CLAW
THE Y CENTRAL

Neurodivergent STEM

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LEARN CODING, CONTROL GAME CHARACTERS, CREATE ANIMATIONS
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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

2nd, 3rd and 4th July & 9th, 10th and 11th July

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



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Term based

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**Term 3
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21 July to
8 September
Ideal for 8 & Up



Tuesday
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Tuesdays
4:00 to 5:15
22 July to
9 September



Wednesday
Afterschool Art
Wednesdays
4:00 to 5:15
23 July to
10 September



Beginner Sewing:
Apparel & Accessories
Thursdays
4:00 to 5:15
24 July to
11 September
Ideal for 10 & Up



Mid-Term Enrolments Welcome!

JULY HOLIDAY DRAMA PROGRAMME



Lights, Strings & a little bit of Magic!

Join us for three action-packed days of puppetry fun! From designing and crafting your very own puppets to learning the secrets of bringing it to life on stage, this workshop is perfect for kids who love to create, perform, and let their imaginations run wild.



Dates: 30 June, 1 & 2 July 2025 (Mon – Wed)

Time: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm* (doors open from 8.30 am for drop-off)

*Please enquire for late pick-up (available till 6.00 pm)

Venue: Amesbury School, Churton Park

Price: \$215+GST per child for the 3 day workshop

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