

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

Tēnā koutou Families

Welcome back for term 3. Kaiako have been completing the mid-year reports which will be released to you through Hero on Friday 25 July. You should now have the link to book your three-way conference/s which are being held in week 3. If you do not have the Hero App, we encourage you to download this, but understand if you prefer not to, and alternatively ask that you contact your child's teacher to organise your conference time/s. You are able to access Hero through your browser as an alternative to the App if this is your preference.

After scraping in with 80% of students regularly attending school in term 1, term 2 stats are in from the Ministry of Education, revealing only 67% attending regularly in term 2. As mentioned previously, the Government target is 80 percent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030. Regular attendance is over 90% attendance (missing fewer than 5 days across a term). 61% of these absences were for medical reasons, and 28% for Holidays. These two categories continue to be our main reasons for absences at Ngaio School. We totally understand and appreciate the importance of some one-off special family holidays overseas, but continue to encourage you to book your trips during the holiday breaks whenever possible. We also continue to encourage you to keep sick children home! The mid-year reports include ākongā attendance for term 2. A colleague shared this helpful table showing the impact of missed school days.

https://www.ngaio.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/IMG_9281.jpg

You'll see in the PTA information below that there's a meeting next week. Please consider attending to consider how you can contribute to their activities this year. We're working hard to come up with grants and fundraising activities to fund playground matting this year so we'd love lots of ideas and input!

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

NORTHERN ZONE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 2025

At the recent Northern Zone Hockey Tournament Ngaio competed with commitment and spirit. The children played 7 games and won 6 out of those 7 games!

A huge thank you to Hilary Sharp (coach), Jo Mettrick (umpire) and Mark Calcott (team manager) for your support of the day.



Well done to the team who consisted of; Mason Z, Theo C, Henry, Jackson, Leo M, Genna, Daniel, Grace and Adine.

All children showed great resilience and teamwork throughout the day.

It was a HUGE effort with only 1 sub per game.

2025 GREAT KIWI SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Parents of Year 5 & 6 students were sent details of the 2025 Great Kiwi Spelling Competition on Tuesday.

These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students. The competitions are administered by the Centre for Assessment and Monitoring (CAM) at the University of Canterbury.

Registrations must be made by Monday 28th July 10:30am. No late entries will be accepted.

The assessments are \$10.74 which includes the 3.95% for the mykindo fee.

The online Spelling Bee will take place on Monday 8th September at 11:30am.

Please click on the link below to register your child

<https://forms.gle/oSuqEGBqyqQx3R2VA>

BOARD ELECTIONS 2025

Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025. Once again this year, we have appointed **Election Pilot** as the Returning Officer for our election. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022.

The Board is made up of 5 parents, the Principal, and a staff representative elected by the staff. The nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by **Election Pilot**. If we don't have an email address for you, **Schooled Election Pilot** will send these out to you by post. There are a lot of rules around School Board elections that need to be followed, the main ones being the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to **Election Pilot** to enable them to deliver elections services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Ngaio School only, and as required by legislation, your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date.

If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at **Schooled Election Pilot**. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

The election date is 10 September. We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process.

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



Ngaio School Movie Fundraiser

Save The Date!

**Sunday
3rd August
3pm**

Smurfs (2025)

Penthouse
Cinema & Cafe,
205 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn

Raising funds for the
children's playground upgrades

SMURFS

The poster features a vertical strip of Smurf characters on the left side. The main text is on a white background with a film strip border at the top. A blue circular badge contains the date and time. The bottom of the poster has the word 'SMURFS' in large, white, stylized letters on a blue background.

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 Smurfastic event together! 🌟

PTA Meeting Staff Room Thursday 24 July at 7.30pm

We welcome all parents and caregivers to come and join us at our next PTA meeting Thursday 24 July in the Staff Room at 7.30pm. The meeting will include discussions around supporting the replacement of the playground matting.

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Thursday 24 July	PTA Meeting in staffroom	7.30pm
Friday 25th July	Mid-year reports home	
Wed 30/Thurs 31 July	3-Way Conferences	3.30 -8pm 3.30- 6pm
Thursday 31st July	Board Meeting	7pm
Sunday 3rd August	PTA Movie Fundraiser Penthouse	3pm
Wednesday 13 Aug	New Parents Information Seminar	1.40 - 2.45pm
Friday 15 August	Tui Swimming Sports - Keith Spry Pool	9am - 2pm
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
Monday 8 Sept	Great Kiwi Spelling Bee	11.30-12.30pm
Tuesday 9 Sept Wednesday 10 Sept	Epro 8	
10 -12 Sept	Futsal festival - Yr 4-6 days TBC	10am-2pm
Wednesday 10 Sept	Board Election	
Saturday 13 Sept	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival	
Tuesday 16 Sept	Cricket Visitors to school	9am-3pm
Wed 17 Sept	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Friday 19 Sept	End of Term 3	3pm
Monday 6 Oct	Start of Term 4	9am
Friday 24 October	Teacher Only Day	School Closed
Monday 27 October	Labour Day	School Closed

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mini Ball Term 3

Y3/Y4 students are you interested in taking up miniball in Term 3 as we have a team that desperately needs 1 or 2 new players?

This is for **NEW** players only, not people who have already signed up. It could be a student who's thought about giving it a try but isn't so sure.

Miniball teams are all about having fun and providing a supportive environment, and is just a one term commitment. Games are played on a Monday between 3.20pm-6.50pm at Nairnville Recreation Centre.

If you are interested please email **Nicola Wilks** wilksnk@gmail.com



KELLY SPORTS
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

Frosty Fun, Winter Sports Warm-Up!



NGAIO SCHOOL
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3:05PM – 4:05PM
Traditional Maori Games Athletics - Throwing
Football Athletics - Jumping
(2 weeks of each sport)

KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ   

This weekly programme gives children the skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings, Giving them the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

Starts Wednesday 23 July 2025 for 8 weeks.

www.kellysports.co.nz



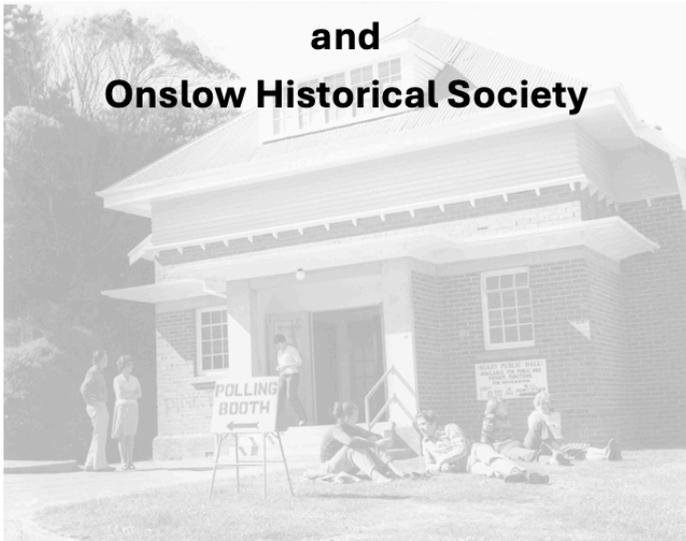
Onslow Historical Society Inc.

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**

spaces currently available



JOIN OUR

GIRLGUIDING

COMMUNITY

contact for local groups
Email: michelle@splashbathroomdesign.co.nz
Phone: 027 292 2007

KELBURN GUIDES, 9-12.5 years, Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm
NORTHLAND GUIDES, 9-12.5 years, Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm
WADESTOWN BROWNIES, 7-9.5 years, Wednesdays 5.30 - 7pm



Imagine a place where your child can:

- Make lifelong friends
- Discover the thrill of outdoor adventures
- Learn skills that will shape their future

That place is GirlGuiding New Zealand and **Wadestown Brownies, Northland Guides, Kelburn Guides and Onslow Rangers** have a few spots remaining to join with this term's intake.

- Wadestown Brownies ages 7 - 9.5 years (meets Wednesdays)
- We are taking expressions of interest for Kelburn Brownies which is reopening in Term 4 for girls aged 7 – 9 years

- We are taking expressions of interest for Northland Brownies which is reopening in Term 1 2026 for girls ages 7 – 9 years
- Northland Guides ages 9 - 12.5 years (meets Thursdays)
- Kelburn Guides ages 9 - 12.5 years (meets Thursdays) - **OPEN NIGHT THURSDAY 24 JULY**
- Onslow Rangers ages 12 - 17 years (meets Mondays)

Get in touch today to arrange a visit either by texting 027 292 2007 or email michelle@splashbathroomdesign.co.nz

This is more than just an activity—it's a place where your child will shine. Sign up today!

Community activities and personal/self-confidence skills which builds girls confidence & life skills with fun, adventure and friendship!

Please let me know if your daughter is interested in attending:

- Txt 027 292 2007
- michelle@splashbathroomdesign.co.nz

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School

Open Day for Year 7 entry in 2026

Marsden warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2026 to their final Open Day for 2025 on

Friday 15 August, 8.45am–12.00pm. Please

register at

www.marsden.school.nz/news-events/experience-marsden/open-days

Māori & Pasifika Scholarships for entry in 2026 close 22 August

2025. For more information and to apply, visit

www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships

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THEATRE FOR YOUNG ASIANS ++

DRAMA . SPEECH . MOVEMENT . CULTURE .

**Build Confidence
Empower Young People
Nurture Creativity
Foster Cultural Pride**

AFTER-SCHOOL PROG
JULY 17TH - SEPT 19TH 2025
OCT 16TH - NOV 30TH 2025
THURSDAYS
3:30-5:00 AGES 8-12
5:00-6:30 AGES 13-16
KHANDALLAH TOWN HALL
Georges Road, Khandallah, Wellington

FOR RESERVATIONS:
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WE GUARANTEE THE QUALITY OF OUR LESSONS

OUR LESSONS:



EARLY CHILDHOOD

AGE: 3 MONTHS - 3 YEARS

Our early childhood programme welcomes children from 3 months to 3 years old. Each child is accompanied in the water by a parent or caregiver, with the teacher also in the pool guiding a fun and structured lesson.



PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL AGE

AGE: 3 - 5 YEARS & 5 - 13 YEARS

From beginners to stroke development, children build their swimming skills through fun, age-appropriate activities. They progress through ability-based levels that focus on improving technique and building confidence in the water.



SHARKS SCHOOL AGE

AGE: 5 YEARS + SUNDAY FREYBERG POOL

Our skill-based programme is designed to develop confident, capable swimmers in the big pool. It serves as a great transition into club swimming, other water sports, or simply as a weekly fitness option for those wanting to stay active in the water.



TEENAGE LESSONS

AGE: 13-18 YEARS OLD

Our private pools provide a supportive and comfortable environment for teenage swimmers, with individual lessons tailored to their needs and goals. At Easyswim, we believe swimming is a skill everyone deserves to have the opportunity to learn.



PRIVATE & ADAPTED

AGE: 3 YEARS +

Private lessons are a great way to boost progress, with each session customised to suit the swimmer's individual needs and learning pace.

For children with diagnosed conditions, medical needs, or high support requirements, we also offer Adapted Lessons – designed to provide the extra support they need to thrive in the water.



ADULTS

AGE: 20 YEARS +

Adult swimming classes are a great way to build fitness, boost confidence, and feel more at ease in the water. With a focus on technique and comfort, our lessons support adults at every stage – whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills, our private pools offer a relaxed, supportive setting for learning.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

PRE SCHOOL & SCHOOL AGE

Our holiday programmes are intensive block courses that run over 3–5 consecutive days, offering a great way to fast-track swimming progress. These programmes are available at various pools during school holidays.



POOL PARTIES

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Easyswim offers private pool party bookings on Saturday afternoons. Each session runs for 1 hour and 45 minutes and includes access to paddle boats in one half of the pool, while the other half is filled with a variety of toys and equipment to keep everyone entertained.

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SWIM SCHOOL

NEWTOWN, KHANDALLAH, JOHNSONVILLE
REWA REWA, TAWA AND PLIMMERTON SCHOOL POOLS

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