

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

Tēnā koutou Families

Thank you for the lovely messages of support following the announcement of my retirement at the end of this year. At the end of this term I will have been the principal of Ngaio School for 8 years and by the time I finish my principal career will be over 31 years! This is a great school, as confirmed in our recent ERO report, and I will leave feeling proud of our amazing team of kaiako and the programmes offered to your tamariki. This is a challenging time for education as the Government throws changes at us which need to be navigated carefully. We are working really hard to ensure your tamariki continue to receive an excellent deal while we keep up with the changing demands, and a key aspect of my role is ensuring kaiako are well supported through this period of change.

Next week, teachers, principals, support staff, and learning support specialists start coming together for **Back Our Future I Kimi Haeta** paid union meetings (PUMs). We have decided to send our kaiako to separate meetings so we can provide in-school cover with no need to request you pick your tamariki up early. Please be aware that some classes will be spread across the school during the afternoon their kaiako are attending a meeting. At the meetings, members will decide the next steps to be taken to get the Government to value all educators.

Thank you to the parents who are nominated in our Board election. You should now have the information you require to vote for your preferred candidates. Congratulations and thank you to Dan Byrne who is continuing on as our staff representative. Being a Board member is a rewarding experience as you get to learn and understand so much more about the workings of the school. In my role, I appreciate the support and perspectives of board members as we plan for the future and ensure we continue to provide an excellent school experience for all Ngaio School ākonga.

We've really appreciated all the help with the various trips recently. Your help makes these excursions possible. Over the past week there have been visits to the Cummings Park Library and a Books Alive event in the city, and coming up tomorrow is our Swimming Sports. Your commitment of time to

support these makes it possible for kaiako to plan for a rich and exciting curriculum.

Some of you may have attended the 100 year celebration of the Ngaio Town Hall last weekend. Chantal and Hayden worked with our ākonga to create prints to be displayed as bunting in the hall. A huge thank you to Heather Payne who completed the momentous task of sewing all the pieces together to create the bunting. It looked amazing - so effective!



After a long wait for our ERO report to be published on the Education Review Office website, we heard from them that they were making changes to their reporting format and would reissue our report once completed. We have finally received the updated version of our report, which should hopefully be published on the ERO site soon. You can see the updated version on our school website [here](#).

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson

Te Tumuaki

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## INFORMATION FROM ELECTION PILOT

### NOMINATIONS CLOSED - PROCEED TO VOTE

Nominations have now closed for the Ngaio School board elections and as there were more nominations than positions available the election will be continuing to a vote. The Ngaio School Board received a total of 10 nominations for 5 vacancies when nominations closed on August 6th.

You should have received your voting information yesterday the 13th of August. The voting packs contain all the details on how to vote in the election, as well as candidate statements and photos. Voting closes at 4pm on 10 September. The candidates who receive the most votes will be

ected to the board and the results will be shared with the candidates and our school community.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz)

The Ngaio School Staff Board Election has now been completed, below is the official declaration of results

	<p><b>Election Pilot Mission Control</b> PO Box 414, Christchurch 8140 Level 1, 89 Nazareth Avenue Middleton, Christchurch 8024</p> <p>Schooled.nz 0800 868 369 election@electionpilot.nz</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">NGAIO SCHOOL STAFF BOARD ELECTION DECLARATION OF RESULTS</h2>	
<p><b>NAME</b></p>	
<p>Byrne, Daniel</p>	
<p>I hereby declare the following duly elected:</p>	
<p><b>NAME</b></p>	
<p>Byrne, Daniel</p>	
<p>Signed,  Schooled Limited Returning Officer</p>	

## PTA NEWS

### SMURFS MOVIE - Success!

Thanks for coming to our lovely family friendly film at the Penthouse Cinema. Special thanks to Katie Bramley, Diana Abercrombie, Jo Mettrick, Kelsey O'Brien, Kirsty Donavand, Kelly Evans, Bridget Burt, Jen Thornburrow and the helpful tamariki (Annabel Thornburrow, Olivia Donbavand, Thea Shore, Thea O'Hagan) who helped to sell raffle tickets.

We raised \$1089 which will go toward our school playground refurbishment!

Huge thanks to

- The Penthouse Cinema & Cafe for hosting us
- Khandallah New World who donated all the things for the guest goodies bags!
- Hells Pizza & Point Piercing who contributed the Spot Prizes at the theatre.
- Key contributors towards the raffle: Ngaio Pharmacy, Fee Thompson Gallery, Bayley Bear Wear, Point Piercing, Daily Good, Flossy Crafts, Cameron Harrison Butchers, Cafe Villa and Ngaio Supermarket.

## **BOOK WEEK BONANZA**

Between Monday 1 - Friday 5 September we support the school with the annual "BOOK WEEK BONANZA".

This involves a huge combined effort between Ngaio school and the PTA involving a Scholastic Book Fair run across multiple days, including raffles and a bake sale, an evening event at the library with book readings and Milo, book dress up day, and a sausage sizzle... It's a Book Bonanza!!

## **WE NEED YOU!**

To ensure we can run the Book Week events, we need to establish a crew of booky volunteers - Find the volunteer form here and let us know if you can help with one or more of the events - <https://tinyurl.com/2wm2mahb>

Bake Sale bakers, Book Fair helpers, Sausage Sizzlers!

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

As part of Book Week, the Scholastic Book Fair will be held in Room 13

- Wednesday 3 September:  
2.45pm - 3.30pm
- Thursday 4 September:  
8.30 - 9.15am / 2.45pm - 3.30pm
- Friday 5 September:  
8.30 - 9.15am / 2.45pm - 3.30pm



There will be raffle tickets available at the Book Fair - Bring Cash !

# Come to Our Book Fair

# GRAND EVENT

*Reading Is Out of This World!*

Ngaio School Book Fair - Room 13  
Wednesday 3rd September:  
2.45pm-3.30pm

Thursday 4th September:  
8.30am-9.15am and 2.45pm-3.30pm

Friday 5th September:  
8.30am-9.15am and 2.45pm-3.30pm

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## Bake Sale

There will be many scrumptious items available for purchase as part of the Book Week Bake Sale - this will be held on the Wednesday 3rd after school outside Room 14. Come and grab a treat while purchasing your books at the Scholastic Book Fair. Bring Cash !

## Sausage Sizzle

To wrap up book week Friday 5th September, what better way to finish off than with a Sausage Sizzle Lunch !

Meat & Vegetarian sausages - \$2.50 each and Lemonade Popsicles - \$2.00 each. Plus we have chips left over from Matariki so get in quick before they sell out - \$2.00. Make your purchases online here - My Kindo [Link](#)

*We need volunteers to help cook and distribute the kai - check out the volunteer form above !*

## Storytime at the Library

We will be serving Milo with marshmallows at the annual evening Library Story Time event for our school whanau.

Bring the kids along (PJs acceptable and encouraged!) for a few books read by our special book worms.

Thursday 4 September: 6-7pm at the Ngaio School Library.

## Clubcard for Schools

New World Khandallah has partnered with Ngaio School and now you can help to raise funds for essential school equipment at Ngaio School each time you do your grocery shopping.

The more families signed up for the programme who scan their card at the checkout every shop, the more funds you can help raise.



This is a great way to raise extra money for your school through the support of families within the school community who shop at New World Khandallah. It's a win-win for the school and the school community.

### How do you get involved?

1. Register your Clubcard with Ngaio School here. <https://forms.gle/J6FBHwvJRtncnmuD8>
2. Shop at New World Khandallah and scan your Clubcard with every shop.
3. New World Khandallah will then donate 1% of all sales made with participating

Once you've registered your card with the school, the school will reap the rewards from every shop.

### Questions & Answers

#### Can extended family also sign up?

Yes, anyone associated with the school who wants to participate is welcome to be a part of the program.

#### Will this impact participants' Clubcard rewards balance?

Not at all. This is a separate programme and the funding comes directly from the stores based on sales from all the Clubcards registered. You will still be able to collect Clubcard Airpoints rewards as normal when you shop.

## Next PTA meeting

We are always seeking new ideas and people willing to “muck in” to support our tamariki and Ngaio School be their best! Come along to hear what's on the horizon for the rest of 2025. Online meeting 21 Aug 2025 - 7.30pm - join us using this [Link](#)

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# BOOKS ALIVE TRIP TO NATIONAL LIBRARY



The children got to meet Li Chen (author and illustrator), Sarah Wilkins (illustrator) and Katie Furze (author).

We then met Jane Arthur (author of *Brown Bird*) and learnt what inspires her to write and how her book is based on her life.



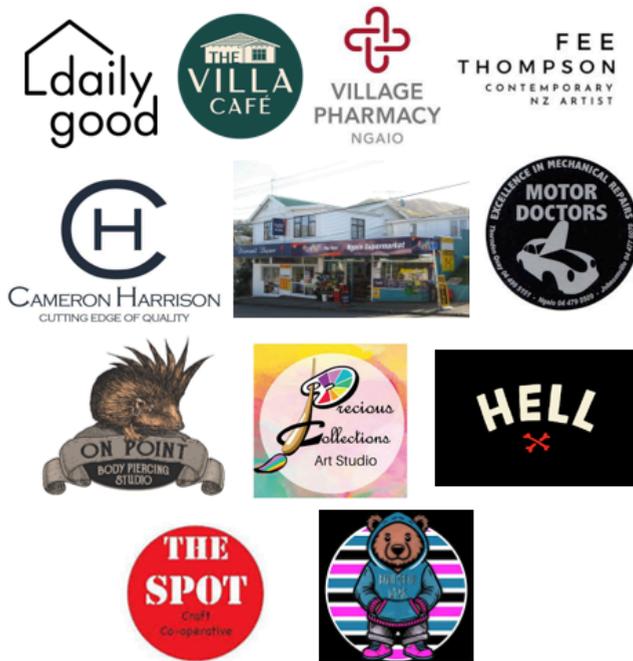
We met Rachael King and learnt how her book (*Red Rocks*) has been made into a TV Series and how she played in a band and this has inspired her to write a book about playing in a band that includes chords and a short musical piece she wrote. Some of her books have horror and fantasy and others are based on children's experiences.

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## THANK YOU !!! FROM THE NGAIO SCHOOL PTA

We appreciate and wish to say a MASSIVE thank you to the following businesses who have supported the Ngaio School PTA with our Raffle Fundraisers so far this year...

Daily Good Sustainable Soap Keepers, The Villa Café, Village Pharmacy Ngaio, Fee Thompson Art Gallery Ngaio, On Point Body Piercing Studio, Ngaio Supermarket, Motor Doctors, Cameron Harrison Butchery, Bailey Bear Wear, Precious Collections Art Studio Churton Park, The Spot Craft Co-Op Johnsonville, Hells Pizza Khandallah.



And a very special mention to **Khandallah New World** who have contributed to many of the PTA events throughout the year.



**Thank you so much for your generous donations, we couldn't meet our Fundraising goals without you!**

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What's **on these holidays** Sept - Oct 2025

Colour Splash!

Zappo the Magician

Barnyard Buddies

Shrek the Musical JR

Jumperama

**BOOK NOW!**

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www.ycentral.nz/ykids

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# 2025 Wellington and Kapi Mana Primary & Intermediate Schools Tournament

This is a singles tennis tournament and will be held at Renouf Tennis Centre, 60 Brooklyn Road, Wellington, reporting at 8:30am.

Primary Boys and Girls - Year 6 and under grades will be held on Tuesday 16th September.



## Players

- will be guaranteed at least two single matches, weather permitting
- must have played tennis before and have knowledge of the rules of tennis and how to serve and score.
- must bring their own tennis racquet and wear appropriate sporting attire

One parent is required per school to manage the players.

If you wish your child to attend please complete the following BEFORE 5pm on Sunday 31st August. Email [n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz) with the subject heading of "Tennis Tournament", advising your child's name and also if you are available to manage and /or transport children on the day.

Payment of \$20 will be uploaded on your MyKindo account on Monday 1st September to be paid by the end of Tuesday 2nd September.

## KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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	
Wednesday 3- 5 Sept	Scholastic Book Fair	Afternoons 2.45pm-3.30pm Mornings Thurs & Fri 8.30am-9.15am
Thursday 4 Sept	Board Meeting	7pm
Monday 8 Sept	Great Kiwi Spelling Bee	11.30-12.30pm
Tuesday 9 Sept	Wgtn Free Ambulance Visit	11.30-12.30pm
Tuesday 9 Sept Wednesday 10 Sept	Epro 8	
Tuesday 9 Sept	Futsal festival at Akau Tangi Sports Centre	9am-3pm

	- Yr 4-6	
Wednesday 10 Sept	Board Election	Closes 4pm
Wednesday 10 Sept	Cricket Visitors to School	9am-3pm
Thursday 11 Sept	Rippa Rugby Nairnville Park	9am-2.45pm
Friday 12 Sept	Onesie Day - Wellington Free Ambulance Appeal	
Saturday 13 Sept	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival	
Monday 15 Sept	Whakatau	9.15am-10.15am
Wed 17 Sept	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Friday 19 Sept	End of Term 3	3pm
Monday 6 Oct	Start of Term 4	9am
Wednesday 8 Oct	Athletics Day Nairnville Park (Postponement date Friday 10 Oct)	9.30am-2.30pm
Mon 20 Oct	Northern Zone Athletics Newtown Park (Postponement date Mon 3 Nov)	9am-3pm
Friday 24 October	Teacher Only Day	School Closed
Monday 27 October	Labour DaySchool	Closed
Tuesday 4 November	School Photos	9am-3pm

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



# Play Cricket this summer !

Registrations are now open for the 2025/2026 cricket season. Onslow Junior Cricket Club has teams for all children aged 6-13, or school years 2-8. We will also be offering "Smash Play" - a fun introduction to cricket for 4-6 year olds (details to be confirmed at a later date).

Register at [www.ojcc.org.nz](http://www.ojcc.org.nz)



- No prior cricket experience is necessary. Teams are not selected on ability.
- Girls can choose between girls-only and mixed grades
- We try our best to place children in teams with their friends or classmates



**Ngaio Scouts** have space for youth between the ages of 5-14. Keas age 6-8, Cubs 8-11, Scouts 11-14 and Venturers 14-18

Every year we help 13,000 young people in New Zealand enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors, make new connections, and gain confidence. This includes outdoor activities and Leadership.

We are also on the lookout for new Leaders in our Group, it is a great and fun opportunity. To make contact with us, please email [ngaio@group.scouts.nz](mailto:ngaio@group.scouts.nz)

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## Alliance Française September Holiday Programme

**Week 1 (Monday 22 September - Friday 26 September): French heritage. Week 2 (Monday 29 September - Friday 3 October): Tales & Fables from childhood.**

Children are immersed in the French language through cooking, arts and crafts activities designed to educate and entertain. From \$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)



  
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at **Otari**  
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**PRESCHOOL**



**OPEN DAY—Saturday 16th August from 10am to 12pm**

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[www.otaripreschool.school.nz](http://www.otaripreschool.school.nz)



# INNER CITY ART STUDIO

## School Holiday Art Workshops

For kids that love art

### A Day of Clay Beginners Hand Building

1 day beginners clay course, September 24th 9am-3pm

### A Day of Clay 2 Beginners Clay Sept 25th 3rd, 9 am - 3 pm.

Ages 8 -14 Cost \$130 materials included

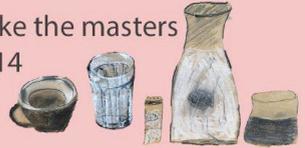
### Intermediate Day of Clay September 29th 9am - 3pm

For returning students Ages 9 - 14 Cost \$130

### French Cafe and Art Scene - Drawing and inking like the masters

1 day course, September 26th, 9am - 3pm. Ages 9 - 14

Cost \$90 materials and a hot chocolate included



### Animal Botanical

Painting an animal into a botanical scene the studio will be filled with flowers to observe and draw on large paper

1 day course, September 30th, 9am - 4pm, Ages 10 - 15

Cost \$90 materials Included



### Designer Planters - working in clay with templates

1 day course, October 1st, 9am - 3pm. Ages 10-14

Cost \$135 materials included



### Clay Creatures - Scientifically study an insect and recreate it in clay

1 day course, October 2nd, 9am - 3pm.

Ages 10-15 Cost \$90 materials included



### Sculpted Animal Dish - Students learn sculpting methods

turning 2D images of an animal into a fabulous 3D ceramic animal bowl

1 day course, October 3rd, Ages 11-15, 9am - 4pm, Cost \$150 materials included

All bookings and enquiries

[www.innercityartstudio.com](http://www.innercityartstudio.com), [Innercityartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:Innercityartstudio@gmail.com),

FB:@InnercityArtStudio Insta@Innercityartstudio Ph: 0226407506

Paintings and sculpture on this poster made by kids ( the turtle and clay was made by the tutor)



ANIMALS BEING ANIMALS

# PHOTO COMP



**ENTRIES CLOSE**  
**12th October 2025**



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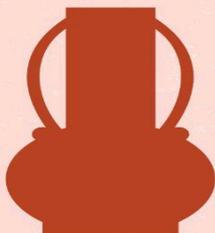
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Mondays October 6th - November 24th

or

Thursdays October 9th - November 27th

6.15pm - 8.15 pm

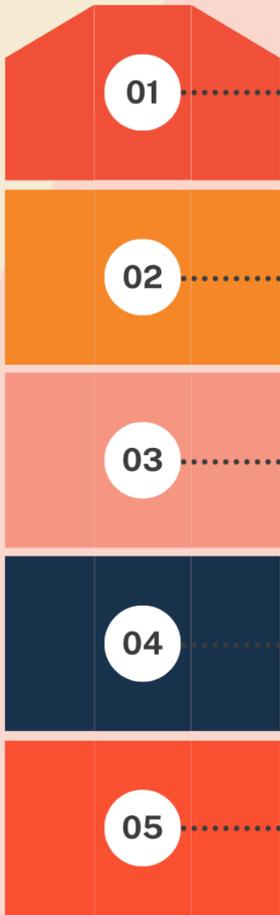


## SPRING

### ADULTS POTTERY/ CERAMIC HAND BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Bookings and information  
[www.Innercityartstudio.com](http://www.Innercityartstudio.com)

# Why parents bring their kids to see us at @kowhaichiro



01

## **Knocks, falls and injuries.**

Does your child seem to be 'clumsier' than most? Do they wear out the soles of their shoes evenly?

02

## **Posture.**

Maybe they have one shoulder or hip higher than the other, or you find yourself telling them to stand up straight all the time!

03

## **Wired and tired.**

Does your child take a long time to wind down at night or find the right tools to self regulate?

04

## **Digestive complaints.**

Sore tummies- irregularities?

05

## **Well check**

Developmental milestone check or gross and fine motor control

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