

Kia ora e te Whānau

Thank you for the feedback regarding receiving the newsletter through Hero. We'll continue to send a separate link while we sort out why the newsletter isn't loading for some of you.

Congratulations to Zoe Fraser who won our spot prize.

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that Evan in room 23 attained the highest score in the Year 5 Kiwi English Competition administered by the University of Canterbury. Here is a photo of Evan with his \$100 Whitcouls voucher and special letter. Congratulations Evan!



I was incredibly proud of Ngaio School's performance at the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival last Saturday. They were stunning! Congratulations to all the participants, and to Hemi and Hayden who lead them with such passion.



Thank you for all your support across the school this term and for the amazing staff appreciation morning tea this week. As always, this is very much appreciated!

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki



STRIKE ACTION 23 OCTOBER

Primary teachers, primary principals, support staff, kaiārahi i te reo, therapists and Ministry of Education field staff and support workers voted to take strike action together on 23 October.

Because most of our staff are members of the NZEI, Ngaio School will be closed for instruction on Thursday 23rd October, as all union members will not be at school.

You can read about some of the reasons for this decision in this link

[Why Are Teachers Striking](#)

THANKS FOR BEING ONESIE-FUL

Thank you for all your donations to support Wellington Free Ambulance on Onesie Day. We raised \$418.70!

Dogs on School Grounds

We've been receiving increasing feedback about the increasing number of dogs in the school grounds during drop off and pick up. Please see the policy below to ensure everyone's comfort and safety.

Sadly we've also been experiencing people after hours walking dogs through the grounds and leaving their dog's poo for us to find and pick up - not great for a playground environment!

[Dogs on School Grounds Schooldocs Policy](#)

During school hours (8.30 am – 3.30 pm), dogs may only be brought onto school grounds by prior arrangement. Dogs are an important part of life for many Ngaio School families, and are often included in activities such as walking tamariki to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values the place the dog has within a family. It also acknowledges that some people can find contact with dogs stressful, and even frightening.

Parents who bring dogs on to school grounds (by prior arrangement in school hours, or after hours) do so on the understanding that their dog has no issues around tamariki, has never displayed any aggression towards tamariki, and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.

Owners bringing a dog or dogs on to the school grounds must follow the guidelines below.

Guidelines

- All dogs must be on a leash that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult. The leash must be held by an adult. Specific "in-school dogs" may be exempted from being on lead with approval from the tumuaki.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must not come onto school grounds.
- Only dogs with special permission from the tumuaki or board are allowed inside school buildings.
- Dog owners should help educate tamariki about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog.

Kiwi Competitions

Recently Year 5 and 6 ākonga had the opportunity to participate in the Kiwi Competitions run by Canterbury University. Congratulations to Evan S who achieved New Zealand's top score in the Kiwi Year 5 English competition! The results are as follows:

Kiwi English:	Kiwi Science:	Kiwi Mathematics:
<u>Distinction</u> Evan S	<u>Excellence</u> Evan S	<u>Excellence</u> Muhan L
<u>Excellence</u> Emma R	Benji B	Evan S
<u>Merit</u> Aurelia M	<u>Merit</u> Raas G	Theo B
Benji B	Charlie K	Charlie K
Niamh H	Lily R	Daniel S
Charlie K	Ben ZP	Alex T
Lily R		<u>Merit</u>
Alex T		Raas G
		Aurelia M
		Isobel A
		Benji B
		Michael R

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Mon 6 Oct	Start of Term 4	9am
Wed 8 Oct	Athletics Day Nairnville Park (Postponement date Friday 10 Oct)	9.30am-2.30pm
Thurs 16 Oct	Shake Out National Earthquake Drill	9.30am
Thurs 16 Oct	Yr 6 Raroa Performing Arts Trip	11.15-12.15pm
Mon 20 Oct	Northern Zone Athletics Newtown Park (Postponement date Mon 3 Nov)	9am-3pm
Thursday 23 October	School closed due to strike	
Fri 24 October	Teacher Only Day	School Closed
Mon 27 October	Labour DaySchool	Closed
Thurs 30 October	School Disco McLeod Hall (more details to come)	1.30pm-4.30pm
Tues 4 November	School Photos	9am-3pm
Wed 5 November	New Parents Information Seminar	1.40-2.45pm
Friday 7 November	PTA Sausage Sizzle	Lunchtime
Friday 14 November	Diabetes Appeal - wear blue	
Tues 18 November	Interzone Athletics	10am-2pm
Thurs 20 November	Interzone Athletics Postponment	10am-2pm
Tues 25 November	Regional Athletics	10am-2pm
Thurs 27 November	Regional Athletics Postponment	10am-2pm
Wed 3 December	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Friday 12 December	Reports published	
Mon 15 December	Yr 6 Graduation Raroa	1.30pm-8.30pm
Wed 17 December	Last Day of School	

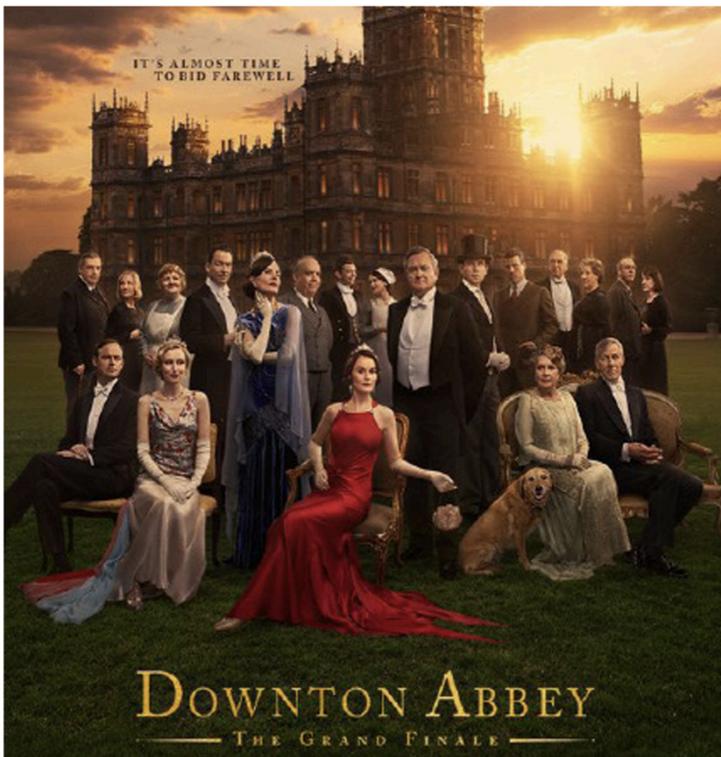
Update: Closing of Wellington Music Academy

Hello, my name is Ngarita and I have been teaching piano lessons at Ngaio school for the Wellington Music Academy since 2023.

The Academy is closing at the end of this term. So that I can continue with lessons at Ngaio school, I am collaborating with Jack England (another WMA teacher) who runs Leit House Music with his partner.

For more details and costs, please contact Jack at leithousemusic@gmail.com

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South Pacific**

**For bookings contact Zai - projects@rcwn.org.nz /
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Registrations are open for our 2025/26 season!



Onslow Amateur Athletic Club (OAAC) welcomes registrations for our coming 2025/26 season.

We cater to kids aged 5-13, providing an inclusive and welcoming opportunity to develop their running, jumping and throwing skills.

Most evenings are focused on coaching apart from our ribbon night and the end-of-season club champs. The more committed OAAC athletes also represent at Wellington Athletics Junior competitions and the Colgate Games.

Where: Nairnville Park, Khandallah
Dates: Mondays from 20 October 2025 to 23 March 2026 (during school terms)
Time: 5:50 to circa 7:15pm
Cost: \$125 per athlete
Weblinks: [Registration Form](#) [OAAC website](#)
Contact: oaac@fastmail.fm

Nga mihi,
Committee - Onslow Amateur Athletic Club