

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

Tēnā koutou Families

The highlight of my week was last night's performance of Ngaio ākonga at Artsplash, held at the Opera House. Congratulations to all the performers - you really were amazing. Congratulations also to Frances and Sam who supported this big group to achieve a very successful contribution to the Artsplash showcase. I was very grateful to be in the front row with such a fantastic view!



New Zealand Chinese Language Week 2025 celebrations are taking place from 31 August to 6 September. Each year, NZCLW publishes a picture book in English, Te Reo Māori, and Chinese. This year's title is Birdsong — a counting book from 1 to 10 that celebrates language, nature, and cultural connection. We have received a copy of this beautiful book which I will share at the PTA storytime event next Thursday at 6pm in the library.

Teachers are all in a professional development session next Tuesday working with a facilitator from Evaluation Associates to complete our second Ministry of Education Mathematics Day. We are working onsite and have relief teachers across the school to enable this whole school mathematics curriculum development.

We're excited for Bookweek coming up next week. Get your thinking caps on for book costumes - it's always so much fun to see the creations on our Book Character Day.

Thank you for all the sponsorship for our Readathon which concludes today. We're very grateful for all contributions to upgrade our digital

devices so we can continue to offer an effective Digital Curriculum and support the effective use of devices across the curriculum.

In this newsletter you will see the Board have shared the Mid-Year Achievement Data Report. Our reporting will continue to evolve as we receive ongoing advice and guidance from the Minister of Education around assessment and reporting.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson

Te Tumuaki

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## BOARD ELECTION

**Please ensure you vote by 4pm on 10 September**

At the close of nominations for the parent election of the Ngaio School board we received a total of 10 nominations for 5 vacancies for parent representative positions when nominations closed on August 6th. We have now moved to a voting election.

You should have received your voting information in your inbox on 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.

The candidates who receive the most votes will be elected 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)

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## OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT FOR 2026

The Ngaio School Board of Trustees invites applications from parents of children who will become eligible for enrolment in 2026 who live out of zone. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school and do not need to apply. The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provision of the Education Act 1989. The Board has determined that 20 out of zone places are available for Year 1-5.

Applications must be made on the form available from the Ngaio School Office, Tel: 04 939 6455 or email [info@ngoio.school.nz](mailto:info@ngoio.school.nz)



Thank you to Julian from GAS and Phil Proctor (Kelly Sports) who have helped our school access high jump equipment to practise before our school athletics next Term.

Julian provided a trailer for our school to use, and Krista and Phil delivered the equipment to our school.

Thank you so much for always being there to support our school.

## ARTSPLASH PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday we performed in ArtSplash at the Opera House. When we arrived on the bus we did a dress rehearsal and watched some of the other schools' performances. They were so cool and creative and we cheered really loudly for all of them. Our throats were so sore by the end of the day!

After that we had ArtSplash Day Out. Half of us went on the cable car to Space Place in the Botanical Gardens. The other half



went to Hannah Playhouse to do a drama workshop and learn about what happens behind the scenes of a theatre performance.

We then went back to The Opera House to get ready for our performance in the professional dressing rooms. When Sam, Frances, and Phoebe lead us out to the stage we were so nervous, but also really excited and ready to perform.

Finally, after an amazing day out with our teachers and friends, we performed an absolutely incredible dance. Our teachers were really proud of us, especially our amazing choreographer Frances. It was the best day of our lives!!!

Thank you to everyone who came to watch and helped out. We really appreciated it.

By Amelia, Isla T., Delia and Isla G.

# BOOK WEEK BONANZA IS NEXT WEEK!!

## 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 then 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](#)

Orders in by Friday 29th August 5pm!

## 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.

See you at Book Week!

## 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.

Ngā mihi nui  
PTA



# Board of Trustees Mid-Year Achievement Data Summary 2025

At our meeting in week three, Deputy Principal Sarah Simpson presented the whole school mid year achievement data for 2025.

Twice a year, the Board is presented with data about student performance. This is our opportunity to dig into the outcomes, ask questions and adjust the support and expectations we have of the school.

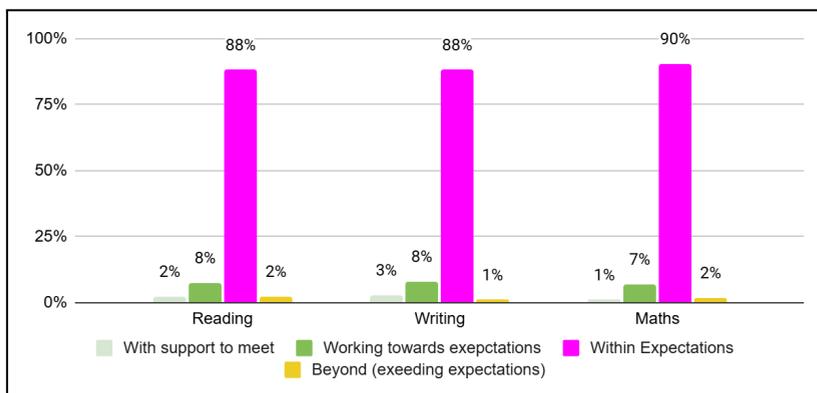
## 2025 mid-year achievement summary

This year is the first where student expectations have been measured against new curriculum levels. (there is a short explanation of how the school reports achievement against the curriculum levels below). The school usually reports on both achievement and progress of students, however since we are now reporting against a new curriculum we are unable to track progress from mid 2024.

We are pleased to report again that high numbers of students are working within or beyond mid year expectations. This is a direct result of teachers knowing their learners, setting high expectations and targeting the specific learning needs of each student. The excellent quality teaching practice at Ngaio is supported by our recent ERO report.

- 90% at or above mid year expectation in Reading
- 89% at or above mid year expectation in Writing
- 92% at or above mid year expectation in Mathematics

### *Whole school mid year achievement 2025*



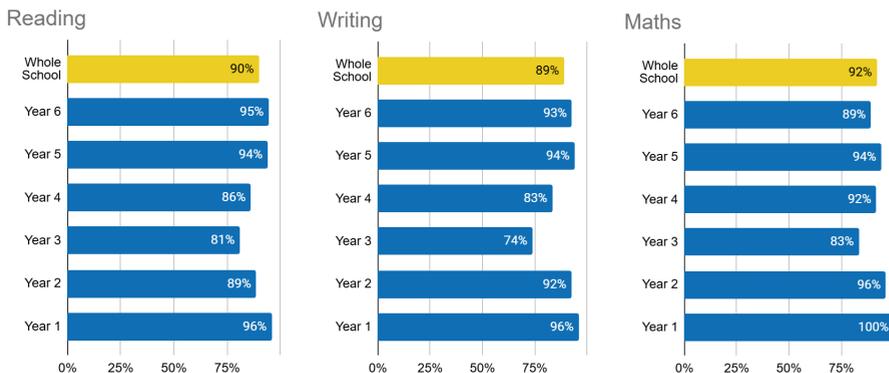
The expectations under the new curriculum are higher. The new curriculum places greater demands on learners and they are required to be

performing at a higher level than in previous years in order to be achieving within expectations. In many schools this has meant that mid year results have been lower than usual. We are very pleased to report that this is not the case for Ngaio, although we do see fewer students achieving beyond expectations than in previous years.

The board explored the high achievement given a change in expectations. The investment in programmes like Better Start Literacy Assessment, phonics and a whole school focus on mathematics teaching have meant that Ngaio teachers were well prepared to teach to the new curriculum.

Due to the change in curriculum and new expectations, additional moderation and questioning took place to ensure that students were reported at the right level.

## Percent of students working within or beyond mid year expectations 2025, by year group.



The charts above show that in year three there are more children not achieving within or beyond expectations, than in other years. There is no single explanation for this difference, the majority of ākonga working towards expectations have ongoing learning stories, often with interventions in place. We are confident that there are interventions and support in place to help all students succeed, a view supported by the recent ERO report.

## Understanding mid-year reports

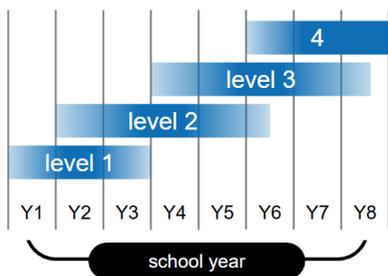
The board has heard parent feedback around the reporting at mid-year. Whilst the Hero reporting has allowed for more personalised detail to be added to the written summary, the overall achievement rating has been hard to interpret - especially without a visual.

The school will continue to evolve the reporting as both Hero and the new curriculum levels are further embedded. Our expectation is that the end of year reporting in term four is clearer.

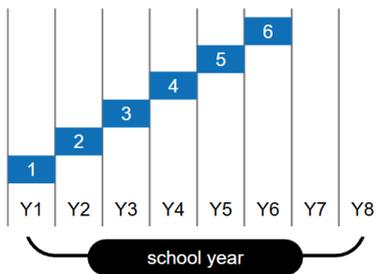
Any changes to reporting will be made in line with Ministry guidance. Work is continuing on guidance and resources for schools which will guide how achievement and progress will be reported to parents and whānau. This means that reporting is likely to continue to iterate over the next year.

### *New curriculum levels and reporting*

Mid year 2025 reports used the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum, released for use by schools at the beginning of this year. The refreshed curriculum includes a new Scope and Sequence framework to guide teaching and learning in literacy and mathematics.



Previously, achievement was reported against broad Curriculum Levels that took two or more years to master.

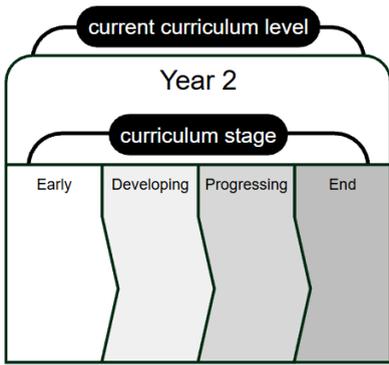


These have been replaced with year by year content and your child's progress will be assessed and reported against their current Year Level.

Each curriculum year level is divided into 4 sections and ākonga will progress through these as they progress through the school.

Within each curriculum year level, the stages are Early > Developing > Progressing > End.

Ākonga are placed along this continuum to indicate how far through the curriculum they are.

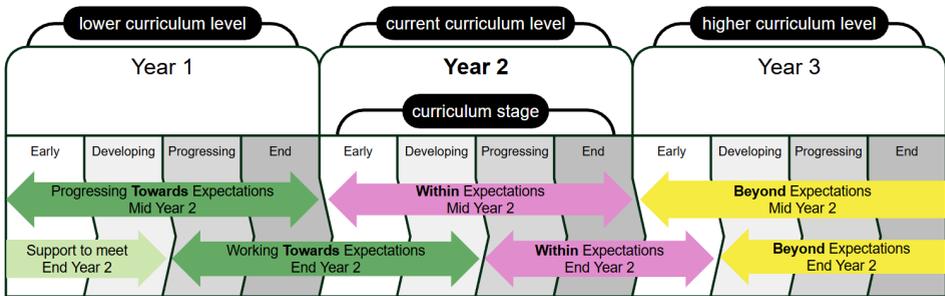


For example, if a child is working at “Developing Year 2”, that means they are working at the year 2 curriculum level and are at the developing stage.

Each year the curriculum builds on the level before.

As with previous reports, there are different expectations for where ākonga should be achieving at mid-year and end of year, in line with MoE expectations.

*Example mid and end year expectations for a Year 2 child*



The expectation at mid year (pink arrows) is that a year 2 child is working within the year 2 curriculum level. At the end of the year, the expectation is that a child is working at the top end of the current curriculum year level or early into the next level.

For example, your child’s hero report will have included a sentence like this, which describes where on the scale your child sits:

**Reading Progress**  
 The current expectation for Joe is: Early Year 2.  
 Joe is currently working **within** expectation (mid-year 2) at **Developing Year 2**.

## 2025 Wellington singles tennis tournament

Details regarding this tournament have been in the last two newsletters and so this is a reminder that entries close on Sunday 31st August.

Please email [n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz) before 12.30pm this Thursday if you wish to take part.

## Ordering your child's artwork

Last week you would have received an A4 colourful sheet with instructions on how to order items with your child's artwork display on it.

The last day for placing orders and making payment on line is Wednesday 10th September at 11:30pm.

If you have misplaced the sheet with your child's unique ordering code on it, please email [n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz) and she will be in touch with you.

## Registration for touch rugby

The community was advised today that registrations are now open on line for those who wish to play touch rugby in term 4 this year.

Please click on the link below to read more about this and register your child.

<https://forms.gle/tb4zQjsGijvZ9XU2A>

## KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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 - Yr 4-6	9am-3pm
Wednesday 10 Sept	Orders close for Children's Artwork	Closes 11.30pm
Wednesday 10 Sept	Board Election	Closes 4pm
Wednesday 10 Sept	Cricket Visitors to School	9am-3pm



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Have you booked your spot at The Y yet. There are some great activities planned!

on these holidays

Sept - Oct 2025

Colour Splash!

Zappa the Magician

Shrek the Musical JR

Barnyard Buddies

Jumperama

BOOK NOW!

Y-Kids Ngāio  
ngāio.a@ycentral.nz  
www.ycentral.nz/ykids

the Y



## 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





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- **Advanced Ball Skills** - General & Sport Specific!
- **Goal Setting** - Helping you to achieve your dreams!
- **Nutrition** - Guidance to fuel your body for PEAK performance!
- **Motivation** - To keep you PUMPED UP & driven!



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CREATURES  
TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER  
1:00PM TO 4:00PM



THE INS & OUTS OF  
WEAVING  
THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER  
1:00PM TO 4:00PM



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CREATURES  
MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER  
1:00PM TO 4:00PM



CITYSCAPES  
TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER  
1:00PM TO 4:00PM



SHADOW  
PUPPETS  
THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER  
1:00PM TO 4:00PM



**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
**Creative Workshops for Young Artists**  
**Art**  
**INVERLOCHY ART SCHOOL**

Spend your next school holidays with Inverlochly Art School!

<p><i>Whānau Sculpture</i></p> <p><b>CLAY DINOSAUR SCULPTING WORKSHOP FOR TAMARIKI &amp; THEIR CAREGIVERS</b></p> <p><b>SUITEBLE FOR AGES 6+</b></p> <p>TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 10 AM - 12 PM OR 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p><i>Children's Creative Holiday Programme</i></p> <p><b>DAILY CREATIVE TIME</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 6-10 YEARS</b></p> <p>MON-FRI, 29 SEPT - 3 OCT 9:50-11:50 DAILY</p>	<p><i>Pinhole Photography for Teens &amp; Tweens</i></p> <p><b>DISCOVER IN THE DARKROOM</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 10+</b></p> <p>MON-WEDS, 22-24 SEPT 10 AM - 1 PM DAILY</p>
<p><i>Sculpting for Tweens &amp; Teens</i></p> <p><b>BUILD A FANTASTICAL CREATURE FROM CLAY</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 10+</b></p> <p>THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 10 AM - 12 PM</p>		<p><i>Pottery for Teens &amp; Tweens</i></p> <p><b>CREATE A HANGING GARDEN POT</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 10+</b></p> <p>MONDAY 22 SEPT 10 AM - 12 PM</p>
	<p><i>Painting &amp; Drawing for Teens &amp; Tweens</i></p> <p><b>DISCOVER YOUR PERSONAL STYLE</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 10+</b></p> <p>TUES-WEDS, 23-24 SEPT 10 AM - 1 PM DAILY</p>	<p><i>Creative Sewing for Teens</i></p> <p><b>WEAR YOUR OWN WORK</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 10-15</b></p> <p>MON - TUES, 29 - 30 SEPT 10 AM - 1 PM DAILY</p>
<p><i>Pottery Wheel Throwing for Teens</i></p> <p><b>CERAMIC VESSEL MAKING</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 12+</b></p> <p>TUES-THURS, 30 SEPT - 2 OCT 10 AM - 12 PM DAILY</p>	<p><i>Intro to 2D Animation for Teens &amp; Tweens</i></p> <p><b>VISUAL STORYTELLING</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 12+</b></p> <p>TUES-FRIDAY, 30 SEPT - 3 OCT 10 AM - 1 PM</p>	
<p><i>Jewellery Making for Teens</i></p> <p><b>TURN RAW SILVER, COPPER &amp; BRASS INTO SHINY WEARABLE RINGS</b></p> <p><b>FOR AGES 13+</b></p> <p>TUES 25 SEPT OR WEDS 1 OCT 10 AM - 1 PM</p>		<p><b>Inverlochly Art School</b>          3 Inverlochly Place          Te Aro, Wellington</p>  <p>04 959 2177          inverlochlyartschool@gmail.com  <a href="http://www.inverlochly.org.nz">www.inverlochly.org.nz</a></p>

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# MTB SPRING SERIES



MAKE YOUR SCHOOL THE NEXT COLLEGE SHIELD CHAMPION

Race 1 - Sun 7th Sep 2025 - Waiu Trail Park, Wainui  
 Race 2 - Sun 21st Sep 2025 - Rangituihi, Porirua  
 Race 3 - Sun 12th Oct 2025 - Makara Peak, Karori  
 Race 4 - Sun 2nd Nov 2025 - Stratton St, Belmont  
 Race 5 - Sun 16th Nov 2025 - Rangituihi, Porirua

FOR MORE INFO & ENTRIES HEAD TO  
[WWW.PNP.ORG.NZ/MTB](http://WWW.PNP.ORG.NZ/MTB)




EVERYONE OUT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Everyone Out, formerly based in Wilton/Crofton Downs, has moved to a new home in Paparangi! Our Holiday Programme gives tamariki the chance to play and follow their own interests in a beautiful natural environment. Whether it's building huts in the bush, testing out the slackline, learning how to start a campfire, or relaxing in a hammock - there's something for everyone.

- 📅 Bookings are now open for our Spring Holiday programmes
- 🌐 [enrolmy.com/everyone-out](http://enrolmy.com/everyone-out)
- 📄 More info: [www.everyoneout.co.nz](http://www.everyoneout.co.nz)






EVERYONE OUT  
 NATURE PROGRAMMES

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## **Ngaio Junior tennis players and families**

We invite you to register with our club to play Junior interclub tennis and/or to join as a Junior member (with some coaching provided) ahead of the new 2025 / 2026 season.

Over the past two seasons we have steadily grown our junior membership and we look forward to strong numbers again this coming season through retention of many of our existing members and attracting new members.

Some key pieces of information:

**Junior Membership and Sunday coaching** - By joining as a junior member you can access the courts at times set aside for Juniors (when not already booked for regular activities), with this in general being Monday-Friday 3pm-6pm. As part of the membership we also offer one hour group sessions (approx 8-10 per group of similar ages/abilities), delivered by coaches from Evolve Tennis Coaching. These sessions run every Sunday during Term 4 & again during Term 1 (weather permitting). It's a great way for kids to be introduced to tennis in a fun way along with their friends, while also learning the basics from a coach. Our youngest group are usually 6 year olds (at 10.30am) and our oldest group, usually 11-12 year olds (at 1.30pm). The first Sunday coaching session is likely to be mid October, with the last session of the year likely to be early December. Note if your child was in our 1.30pm group last season or an earlier group and can hit the ball over a few times in a rally then we would encourage them to move into Interclub tennis (Novice grade) this coming season.

**Junior Membership and Interclub tennis** - juniors usually start playing interclub anywhere from about 10-12 years old. Interclub starts with a Novice grade as the kids are introduced to actually playing games in a fun and relaxed manner. All they need to do is to be able to rally for 2-3 shots or so and we also allow them to bounce serve from the service line in the Novice grade. As they get older/more skilled they can move up through the Grades (D, C, B & A). We usually have a good mixture of teams in different grades (including boys, girls or sometimes mixed teams). Once registrations are in we'll work to compile teams of similar ages and experience as best we can (and where possible with their friends). Occasionally we join with other clubs to make up a team. The Interclub teams also receive a one hour coaching session as a team during the week after school. All junior interclub tennis is played on Sunday mornings, except for the Girls Novice grade which is played on Saturday mornings. The season begins in early Oct and runs to early Dec. It then restarts late Jan ending towards the end of March.

**Enrolment Form 2025/2026** - Please click link here: [Junior enrolment form 2025/26](#)  
Please complete one Enrolment form per player. The fee structure is included in the registration form and for this season being \$130 for those Under 12 and \$145 for those 12 and over, with a further \$120 coaching fee for those playing Interclub (note the fees cover both Term 4 2025 and Term 1 2026). Note ages are taken as at 1 October this year.

- Please submit the form by Sunday **31 August 2025 for Interclub** (this deadline is particularly important for those wishing to play Interclub teams as we need to submit our teams to Tennis Central shortly after this to get them into the correct grades). For those not playing Interclub we may be able to accept registrations after this date (if space permits).
- We'll then work out the Interclub teams and Sunday coaching groups, and confirm arrangements with you before Interclub starts the weekend of 11 October & Sunday coaching from mid October.
- Please feel free to forward this email on to friends/family/others who might also be interested in joining the club - we're always keen to welcome new members!
- If you have any questions then please give any of us on the junior committee a call or email us back on this email.
- More information about the Ngaio Tennis Club can be found at the club website: Ngaio Tennis Club

Note also if any parents wish to join the club as senior members then we can point you in the right direction to join up also! The club runs adult club days/nights for social tennis (Wed night, Sun afternoon), and also offers the option of playing interclub for those who are interested.