

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

Tēnā koutou Families

Congratulations to the Board appointment committee who put many hours into the recruitment of my replacement. No doubt you'll agree, this is a very important decision and I know they followed a robust process with professional outside support to guide their decision. Sarah and I will be meeting with Phil next week and I'll be working with him on a transition plan to help get him started, including some school visits. Phil has shared a few words below as a first introduction.

Kia ora koutou,

I am delighted to be joining Ngaio School as your new Tumuaki. It is a real privilege to have the opportunity to work alongside a community that values learning, whānau, and the wellbeing of tamariki so highly.

I have spent the past several years leading at Karori Normal School, including as Acting Principal, and during that time I have seen firsthand the difference a supportive and collaborative school community can make for learners. I am passionate about creating a welcoming environment where tamariki can thrive, staff feel supported, and whānau are active partners in learning.

Over the coming weeks and months, I am looking forward to meeting you, learning more about what makes Ngaio special, and working together to continue building on the school's strengths.

Ngā mihi nui,
Phil McIntosh
Deputy Principal



We're very excited to be working with the PTA to launch our School Colour Fun Run today to help raise funds for playground matting. We're holding the event early enough for you to receive prizes this year so have a think about Christmas presents when you're setting your fundraising goal! How many relatives could contribute to a family trampoline! See the information in the PTA section below, check for the parent letter and brochure in schoolbags tonight and create your fundraising profile .

Thank you to everyone who supported our athletics day at Nairnville Park yesterday. Whether you were helping out or spectating, we loved having you there. I've loved hearing how much everyone enjoyed the day. We were so lucky with the weather! A huge thank you to Dan who organised the day and to all the staff who made it so successful. Well done to all the competitors - we love how everyone gave it a go and we saw some amazing support of peers throughout the day. Congratulations to all ākonga who are going on to represent Ngaio School at the Northern Zone athletics meet in week 3.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson

Te Tumuaki

TERM 3 ATTENDANCE

Following each completed school term we receive a report, "Every Day Matters," which highlights student attendance patterns, providing insights to inform targeted interventions and strategy. The overall goal is to work toward the government's target of 80% of students attending regularly (over 90% of the time) by 2030.

In Term 3, 2025, only 60% of students were classified as having **Regular attendance** (over 90% attendance), which is equivalent to missing fewer than 5 days across the term. This is similar to Term 3 2024 (59%).

The top three reasons for absence in term 3 2025 were:

1. **Illness / Medical Absence (M):** 62% (*This is a justified absence reason*).
2. **Holiday (G):** 32% (*This is an unjustified absence reason*).
3. **Explained and Approved (J):** 4% (*This is a justified absence reason*).

Please consider carefully before taking holidays during term time. We totally understand the benefit of special trips, especially when there is family to visit, or a special family event, however whenever possible, leisure holidays should be taken in the term breaks.

SCHOOL DOCS - TERM 4 REVIEW OPEN

This term's scheduled review policies focus on behaviour management, and staff wellbeing and safety. Follow the instructions below to contribute to the review.

1. Go to the SchoolDocs site for our school by clicking on this link:
<https://ngaio.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
This will take you to *Current review and review instructions*.
2. Enter the username (ngaio) and password (abbott).

3. The policies listed here are the key policies under review this term. Click on the policy you want to review.
4. Click the "Start your review" button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Follow the prompts to submit your review.

Note that you can review any policy that has a "Start your review" button, not just the key policies listed in *Current review and review instructions*. There will be other related policies in that section of the site open for review.

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION

We are very lucky to have one of our grandparents who is an expert math teacher volunteering in our school. Geoff works on extension activities with a small group of year 6 students. We thought you'd enjoy this biography written by Charlie, one of his current group.

Geoff's Biography

Written by Charlie, year 6.

Geoff was born in Dunedin. When Geoff was growing up he had two heroes: Roger Federer, who he liked because he was all class and humble in defeat, and Jack, his really cool maths teacher who played for the Black Caps.

Geoff says that Dunedin has had some changes in the middle of the city. There's a new hospital and it's more modern and urbanised since he lived there.

Geoff got a taste of algebra in secondary school and has loved it ever since. He also loves maths because he says it's beautiful, clean and he loves watching students go "Aha!"

Geoff played violin when he was little, hence why Music is his second favourite subject.

Geoff learnt the most about maths in university, and in his third year he had an exciting moment when his professor put up a problem on the board and said no one had ever solved it and, you guessed it, Geoff solved it.

Geoff taught at John McGlasham College and Wellington College, which are both boys only schools and Geoff enjoys teaching boys.

Geoff started teaching in his 50s so he wanted to teach as long as other teachers do which is why he wanted to be part of another learning journey, so he volunteered at Ngaio School. Geoff has also only ever volunteered at Ngaio School.

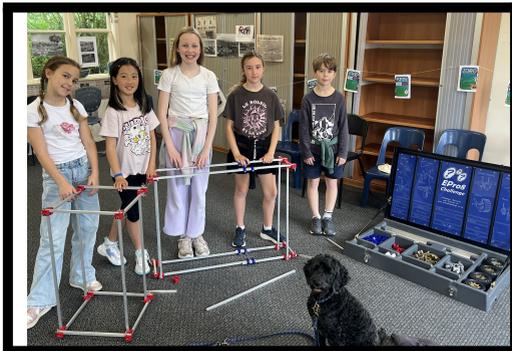
Geoff enjoys teaching year sixes but his favourite year group to teach is year thirteens because they're close to university and Geoff has spent tons of his life around university students.

Geoff has lived in Wellington for four years.

We love Geoff teaching us maths.

2025 EPRO-8 TEAM

All the best to the EPro8 Teams who are representing Ngaio School next week.



Team Poppy

Isobel, Mumu, Niamh, Anna and Charlie

Team Jodah

Ruhi, Benji, Daniel, Aimi and Tilo

SAFETY AT DROP OFF TIME



Please do not do U-turns in front of the school on Abbott St. It really doesn't take long to either go around the block or find a safer place to turn further along the road.

Please do not park on neighbour's driveways or on yellow lines - this is also unsafe.

Thank you.



PTA NEWS

Staff Appreciation Morning Tea - THANK YOU

At the end of last term we celebrated with our staff as we like to do each term. We were supplied with the most delicious array of home baking! Thank you to our volunteers:

Andrea O, Daphna, Nicola W, Hilary S, Heather P, Emma A, Emma B, Diane F, Martha P.

NGAIO SCHOOL HATS

Term 4 is upon us and so is the start of the warmer weather. Protect your child from the sun with a Ngaio School sunhat! Remember, sunhats are compulsory in Terms 4 and 1.

Ngaio School hats are available from the office for \$20 each. Hats come in two sizes; Medium (50-54cm) and Large (up to 58cm) and in a wide variety of colours. Purchases can be made by cash or Eftpos in the school office or via MyKindo: [myKindo - School Hats](#)

PTA Members & Executive Vacancy

The Ngaio School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) aims to build links between home and school. We hold regular meetings in partnership with the school, to help coordinate parent involvement in events, and fundraising activities to support initiatives that benefit our tamariki and the school community.

If you are looking to build awesome relationships with other amazing whanau who want to contribute to the experience our tamariki have at Ngaio School, then this is the place to do it! **Send us an email to find out more** pta@ngaio.school.nz

We are looking for a Communications Coordinator to complete our executive committee and general committee members to bring fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to the team.



If you just want to help from time to time in an ad hoc capacity or have specialist knowledge that can help achieve our major fundraising goals we'd love to talk. Grandparents are also welcome.

Bring on the Playground Refurbishment!

Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is next week in person at **7.30pm on Thursday 16 October** in the school staff room. Our meetings look at upcoming fundraising initiatives and fun events for our skids and involve members from the teaching staff and the Board.

If you have any questions please contact pta@ngaio.school.



The SCHOOL FUN & COLOUR RUN is coming on 7 November!

Students have their sponsorship forms and we have officially launched our fundraising!

This year we are really hoping to raise over **\$20,000** which will help pay for the much needed upgrades to the school playgrounds.

Also, for raising just \$10 our students will receive a reward of their choosing!

Families should sign up for a Student Profile Page at www.schoolfundraising.co.nz as soon as possible.

Buy your White Wear !!!!! And save your washing machine!

Buy your kids a fun WHITE outfit to wear for the event! Save your washing machine and buy a combo or an item as detailed below:

- \$10 White T-Shirt (sizes 5-14 available)
- \$10 White Tutu (one size fits all)
- \$15 Combo (White T-Shirt & Tutu)

You get your purchases NOW by clicking here: [MyKindo](#)

Sausage Sizzle

As part of our Fun and Colour Run Day on Friday 7th November, what better way to enjoy the event than with a Sausage Sizzle Lunch!

Meat & Vegetarian sausages - \$2.50 each and Lemonade Popsicles - \$2.00 each.

Make your purchases online here - [My Kindo](#)

Orders in by 5pm Monday 3 November.

As always, we cannot make these Sizzles happen without some Chief Sizzlers and their crew - Volunteers needed: 6 deliverers & 2 Chefs! Please email the

pta@ngaio.school.nz

Thank you for supporting our School Fun Run this year!

Ngā mihi nui

PTA

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. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

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.



KEY DATESLINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Thursday 16 Oct	Shake Out Earthquake Drill	9.30am
Thursday 16 Oct	Year 6 to Raroa for Performing Arts	11.15am-12.15pm
Friday 17 Oct	Kākāpō Hui	9am-10am
Friday 17 Oct	Tūi Hui in McLeod Hall	10.10am-11.10am
Mon 20 Oct	Northern Zone Athletics Newtown Park (Postponement date Mon 3 Nov)	9am-3pm
Thursday 23 Oct	Proposed Teacher Strike Day (TBC)	
Friday 24 Oct	Teacher Only Day	School Closed
Monday 27 Oct	Labour Day	School Closed
Thursday 30 Oct	School Disco McLeod Hall (more details to come)	1.30pm-4.30pm
Friday 31 Oct	Kākāpō Hui	9am-10am
Friday 31 Oct	Tūi Hui in McLeods Hall	10.10am-11.10am
Tuesday 4 Nov	School Photos	9am-3pm
Wednesday 5 Nov	New Parents Information Seminar	1.40-2.45pm
Friday 7 Nov	PTA Sausage Sizzle	Lunchtime
Friday 7 Nov	School Colour Run	10am-3pm
Thursday 13 Nov	PTA Volunteers Celebration	7.30pm-9.30pm
Friday 14 Nov	Diabetes Appeal wear blue	All Day
Friday 14 Nov	Kākāpō Hui	9am-10am
Friday 14 Nov	Tūi Hui in McLeods Hall	10.10am-11.10am
Tuesday 18 Nov	Interzone Athletics	10am-2pm
Thursday 20 Nov	Interzone Athletics Postponment	10am-2pm
Tuesday 25 Nov	Regional Athletics	10am-2pm
Thursday 27 Nov	Regional Athletics Postponment	10am-2pm
Friday 28 Nov	Tūi Hui End of Year Celebration McLeod Hall	9.15am-10.15am
Wednesday 3 Dec	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Monday 15 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Raroa	1.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 17 Dec	Kōrero & Kai (Leaving Families)	8am
Wednesday 17 Dec	Final Hui	1.45pm-2.30pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Y-Kids Ngaio

Afterschool Programme



the **Y**

Book Now!



Term 4, 2025

Mondays Imagine It...

Let your imagination run wild as we build, sculpt, and invent using LEGO, clay, and all kinds of creative materials! From crazy creatures to epic cities—anything is possible in this hands-on, fun-filled adventure.



Tuesdays Step It Up!

Aliyah will lead us through new moves, different styles, and high-energy routines, games and freestyle challenges. LET'S DANCE!



Wednesdays Global Explorers

Travel the globe through music, crafts, and stories as we explore a new country or cultural theme each session. Every adventure is a fun and creative journey into the world's rich traditions!



Thursdays Play Move Compete!

Get moving with high-energy fun that keeps both body and mind active! Each session brings a new movement theme or sport to explore through games, challenges, and teamwork.



Fridays Funorama!

End the week with a playful theme and a fun mix of games, crafts, tasty treats, sensory play, and chill-out activities—there's something for everyone to enjoy!



active

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

OPEN MIND

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 Swonepoel | Email: ngaiolo.asc@ycentral.nz
enrolm.ymca-central/book-now

📍 Age 5 to 13
🕒 3:00pm - 6:00pm





Spring Into Action!

Term 4 Sports Programme

Wednesday's 3.05PM-4.05PM FOR 8 WEEKS

CRICKET, TBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL

2 WEEKS OF EACH SPORT!!

STARTS WEEK 2 OF TERM 4!

BOOK ONLINE AT

KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ



LEARN MUSIC IN-SCHOOL!!!

**DID YOU KNOW YOUR KIDS CAN LEARN
MUSIC HERE DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY !?!**

LEARN: Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Keyboard – or try them all in our Intro to Music class (Y1–2)**
GROUP LESSONS: Up to 5 students, with personalised teaching & fun with mates.
INTERACTIVE WORKBOOKS: Created by our musicians for easy at-home practice.

\$225 PER TERM*
YOU'LL LEARN ON OUR MUSIC BUS OR IN A SCHOOL SPACE
VISIT: WWW.GTMA.CO.NZ



Goodtime
MUSIC ACADEMY

Join the Kids' Kaukau Challenge!

Come along to the Kids' Kaukau Challenge on Sunday 9th November — a 4.6km family-friendly run/walk for kids aged 4 to 18 to the top of Mt Kaukau and back, followed by fun, food, and festivities at Khandallah School.

Register now at

<https://events.barefootsport.co.nz/event/1205>. Early bird

registrations before 19th October include a personalised race bib.

Find out more here: <https://khandallah.school.nz/a/RlpXDh7>.

There's a prize for the participants from the school with the most registrations, so get your friends together and sign up today!

We'd love to see your school community join us for this great day out.



ONSLow AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

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: Nairville 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

ONSLow AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB INCORPORATED (Inc. No. 216514)
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/onslowaac/Home>



After School and Saturday Computer Classes

Our term time classes are smaller just 3 to 6 children. Classes are focused on what you want to learn. Class runs from 3:30 to 5:30 pm class fee \$180 for 4 sessions (doors open from 3:15). Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 pm. class fee \$260 for 4 sessions.

- Learn to Code; Scratch or Python
- Learn to Code & Create 3D Games.
- Minecraft
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Typing
- Build Your Own Computer

Information & bookings: grandtraining.co.nz or call 04 499-2211



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 fun and a great opportunity. To make contact

with us, please email ngaio@group.scouts.nz

The advertisement features the Learning Connexion logo at the top left, with the text 'THE LEARNING CONNEXION School of Creativity and Art'. The main title is 'KIDS AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES' in large, colorful letters. Below the title are two columns of bullet points: 'CERAMICS', 'DRAWING', 'PAINTING' and 'TEXTILES', 'SCULPTURE', 'AND MORE'. A central image shows children working on art projects. At the bottom, there are three boxes for different age groups: '5-10 YRS' (Tuesdays 14 Oct - 9 Dec, 3:30-5:30pm, Young Artists), '5-12 YRS' (Tuesdays 14 Oct - 9 Dec, 10:00-12:00pm, Home School), and '10-14 YRS' (Thursdays 18 Oct - 11 Dec, 3:30-5:30pm, Tween Artists). Contact information includes phone number 0800 278 769, website www.tlc.ac.nz, and thelearningconnexion. A footer text says 'BOOK NOW TO UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S INNER CREATIVE'.The advertisement features a close-up photograph of a young woman with dark hair. Overlaid on the right side of the photo is the text 'WINI WINI WINI' in large, pink, stylized letters. At the bottom, there is the Wellington Girls' College logo and the text 'WELLINGTON GIRLS' COLLEGE ROWING'.The advertisement for Lorde's 'ULTRASOUND WORLD TOUR' features the name 'LORDE' in large, bold letters. Below it, the text reads 'ULTRASOUND WORLD TOUR WEDS, 11 FEB 2026 SPARK ARENA, AUCKLAND'. To the right, there is a 'tickets \$10' offer with a QR code and the text 'SCAN FOR INFO & TO BUY'. Below the QR code is a blue arrow pointing to it. Further right, there is a 'Prize Includes:' list: '2x concert tickets', '1 night's stay and breakfast for two at Hotel DeBrett', and '\$300 towards flights to Akld'. At the bottom right is the Hotel DeBrett logo and the text 'RAFFLE DRAWN 18 Dec'.