

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

Tēnā koutou Families

There's a lot of excitement around here as we get ready to enjoy an afternoon of coloured chaos tomorrow. Our Fun Colour Run is finally here and there's a lot of anticipation as the committee prepares the obstacles and activities. A special thank you to Kelsey and Micky for all the organisation and to everyone who has volunteered to help tomorrow.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the playground matting fundraising campaign, whether through the Colour Run website or directly to school. We'd love to see some business sponsorship in the mix, so please reach out to anyone you think may be interested in contributing.

I'm feeling very proud that we've been recognised for our approach to changes in literacy curriculum delivery. I'm a firm believer in staying strong during change, really thinking through what we do well and analysing how changes can be integrated into our already rich curriculum delivery model. This is reflected in the article which you can read here. [Phonics Check Article](#). Congratulations to our junior teams and also to Michelle, Team Leader of Kākāpō Syndicate who is also presenting a session for the Ministry around Phonics Checks.

Regarding the curriculum, we're feeling a little shell shocked by recent announcements regarding the curriculum. We've been working really hard coming up to speed with changes in mathematics and literacy already introduced, now to be confronted with yet another version - the Minister has now substantially changed the curriculum for the third time in two years. This is disheartening for our kaiako who want to do their very best for your tamariki and take great pride in their mahi. The pace of change, and making substantial changes to the curriculum, puts huge pressure on schools. The changes across other curriculum areas are substantial and in my opinion will actually limit the capacity for schools to engage in knowledge rich, meaningful and relevant contexts - while there's some interesting content included, we'll be limited to what is presented.

Earlier this week changes were also announced in regard to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its place in the Education and Training Act and for the future of the Teaching Council. These both have the potential to undermine what we value in education, so we'll be listening carefully as the debate continues and there is opportunity to learn and understand the implications for our Board and curriculum delivery.

Although the implementation timeline has been rephased with Science, Social Sciences, Health & Physical Education in 2027 and The Arts, Technology, Learning Languages in 2028, the time for consultation is only 6 months, 24 April 2026. This sounds like a long time, but our kaiako are already at capacity with their teaching load and end of year reporting. There's a lot to unpack and analyse to build understanding, so our teams will have a heavy load beginning the 2026 year.

We also still haven't received any information about the SMART (the new Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool), which will be in use from the start of 2026. This will also need unpacking and professional development implemented to ensure our kaiako are using the tool for assessment and reporting in 2026.

In the meantime you can be reassured that your tamariki are in good hands, learning to read, write and do mathematics, as well as experiencing rich, relevant learning opportunities across the wider curriculum.

We are absolutely thrilled to have the support to have our 2025 hāngī. This wasn't able to happen for Matariki, but we've been overwhelmed with support to run this on 25 November. This is special for me as I managed to get our first hāngī for many years over the line in 2021, with the amazing support of our then caretaker Peter. We're incorporating this into a BYO family picnic. Look out for more information soon, as well as a catering form to help us manage the kai amounts to prepare and cook - we don't want a lot of leftover kai like last time!

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Diabetes NZ Day is next Friday the 14th November

We encourage students to wear blue and if they would like to, decorate their shoes to raise awareness of diabetes. We will be promoting physical activity throughout the day to support [Diabetes NZ One-million Minutes](#)

Money collected will be donated to Diabetes New Zealand.



Each class is encouraged to decorate their shoes or colour-in a shoe template to recognise that we are all active kids and we support this cause.

Here are some ideas for you to upcycle your own shoes or even build them out of old tissue boxes!



Thank you for your gold coin donation to help support Diabetes New Zealand.

You are invited to

RAEWYN WATSON'S

Poroporoaki

FRIDAY 12 DEC

9.15 A.M

TE KAPUA, NGAIO SCHOOL

Meet in the Admin Block, Ngaio School, at
9am

Followed by morning tea in the staffroom

Please RSVP to k.robertson@ngaio.school.nz by
21 November 2025

JOIN THE PTA!

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.

We are shuffling roles with two departures of long standing team members and we need some people to step up to support this cause.

Vacancies include:

- Sausage sizzle co-ordinator - organise 4 sausage sizzle per year. You can be part of PTA or this can be a stand-alone role.
- Secretary - organise PTA meetings (normally twice a term).
- Communications officer - prepare comms material including writing this awesome newsletter!

If you are looking to build awesome relationships with other amazing whānau 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



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!

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](#)

NEXT PTA MEETING

Our next meeting is online at **7.30pm on Thursday 27 November 2025** - if you wish to join we can send you a link. Our meetings look at upcoming fundraising initiatives and fun events for our kids and involve members from the teaching staff and the Board.

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

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 DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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 Rm1,2 & 3	9am-10am
Friday 14 Nov	Tūī Hui in McLeods Hall	10.10am-11.10am
Tuesday 18 Nov	Kakapo to Akau Tangi	9.40am-2pm
Tuesday 18 Nov	Interzone Athletics Postponment Thursday 20 Nov	10am-2pm
Thursday 20 Nov	Epro8 Semi Final Raroa	9.30am-12.30pm
Monday 24 Nov	Hāngī Pit Dig	2pm-4pm
Tuesday 25 Nov	Hāngī preparations	6am-5pm
Tuesday 25 Nov	Regional Athletics Postponment Thursday 27 Nov	10am-2pm

Tuesday 25 Nov	School picnic and hāngī	5pm
Thursday 27 Nov	PTA Meeting Online	7.30pm
Friday 28 Nov	Tūi End of Year Celebration McLeod Hall	9.15am-10.15am
Tuesday 2 Dec	Board Meeting Staff Room	7pm
Wednesday 3 Dec	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Friday 12 Dec	Raewyn's Poroporoaki (Te Kapua)	Meet 9am for 9.15am start
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

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.



Term 4 Piano Lessons at Ngaio School

With the closure of the Wellington Music Academy, we're pleased to confirm that piano lessons will continue in Term 4 through Leit House Music. Lessons will continue to be taught by Ngarita Davies who has over 21 years of teaching experience.

 Lessons are open to students of all levels, from complete beginners to advanced players. New students are welcome to join at any point in the term provided spaces are available.

For more information or to sign up, please contact us at:

 leithousemusic@gmail.com

We look forward to supporting both continuing and new students on their musical journey!

Capital Gymnastics Club

Capital Gymnastics Club offers exciting opportunities for children to excel in gymnastics! Our programmes cater to all skill levels, from preschoolers to national-level athletes, covering gymnastics and tumbling. Led by experienced coaches, our structured approach fosters skill development and confidence in a fun, supportive environment.

Book online for classes, birthday parties, or school groups at www.capitalgymnsport.org.nz or contact us at 027 239 9139 or office@capitalgymnastics.nz.



The poster features a central photograph of a teacher and several children sitting around a table, engaged in a hands-on activity with various materials. To the left, there are three circular inset images: the top one shows a child working with plants in a garden, the middle one shows children playing with colorful blocks on a table, and the bottom one shows a child focused on a small task at a table. The background is a light cream color with decorative yellow starburst shapes and a red spiral graphic. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with green and orange accents.

**You're invited to our
OPEN DAY!**

**Montessori
at Otari
PLAYGROUP
PRESCHOOL**

WHEN:
Saturday,
22 November 2025
10:00am to 12:00pm

WHERE:
166 Wilton Road,
Wilton

Discover how Montessori
education inspires a lifelong
love of learning.

Come along to:

- Explore our well-prepared learning environment
- Meet some of our dedicated and experienced teachers
- Learn about enrolment and our Montessori curriculum

✦ Everyone welcome - families, whānau, and future tamariki!

☎ 04 475 9688
✉ wcmp@xtra.co.nz
🌐 www.otaripreschool.school.nz

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRACTICE

In a disaster your neighbours are your first and best source of support

Come along and plan working together as a community
during a disaster

Saturday, 22 November 2025 | 1pm - 3pm
Ngaio School Hall, 45 Abbott Street, Ngaio

In partnership with the Ngaio Climate Crew, this session will cover how to:

- Ensure those in need are supported
- Overcome potential challenges together
- Make the most of the resources you have locally
- Set up your local Community Emergency Hub

Everyone is welcome. Join in and be more prepared as a community.

Free lunch will be provided!

Scan the QR code for more info:



Find out more at wremo.nz/calendar



In partnership with:



Mākara Pony Club Fair

Gold coin entry

Limited parking

Email makaraponyclub@gmail.com to register your interest

Pony rides and grooming
Games
Bake Sale



15th November
10am-3pm

Come along and get to know your local pony club!

Sausage sizzle
Raffle
Demos
Golf ball sales



Do you care about your community and wish to help others?

Meet Karori Lions

Wednesday 19th November 7.30 – 8.30 pm
At the Karori Park Sports Club
400 Karori Road

Light refreshments Admission free



Find out

- Who we are
- What we do

Tell us what more we can do

Let us know if you wish to help

Maybe think about joining us 😊

Karori Lions are a diverse group of men and women of all ages with a common interest in helping those in need and help our community thrive. We are part of a worldwide network of Lions Clubs.

Lions - Ordinary people making an extraordinary difference

Porirua Judo Academy

Level 1, 11 Cobham Court
Porirua CBD

Judo is a super fun and rewarding activity for kids! It mixes getting fit with learning to focus. In this martial art, kids not only learn cool self-defence moves, but they also pick up important values like respect, patience, and self-control. Imagine the thrill of safely doing throws and holds while using up all that energy in a fun and safe way! Judo classes are all about working together and making new friends, helping kids improve their social skills.

Email: info@porirujudo.org.nz
Phone or Text: 021 081 983 40

Pre Xmas STEM

MAKERROOM
Wellington

Holiday Programme



4 Projects
Across 4 Days
Just Before
Xmas



Run From Our
Kilbirnie Space



\$135 For The Day
16th-19th
December



One Day, Take Home
Builds For Young
Makers Aged 10-14

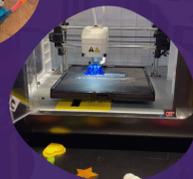
Small Group Sizes
With Friendly
Experienced
Instructors

To Learn More and Book Your Place visit:
www.makerroomwellington.nz

SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

Private STEM Sessions

- **PERSONALISED SESSIONS FOR YOUR CHILD**
 - CODING, ROBOTICS, 3D DESIGN, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, MINECRAFT
- **BOOKED ON YOUR SCHEDULE**
 - DURING SCHOOL, AFTER-SCHOOL
 - ONLINE, AT HOME, LOCAL VENUE
- **FOR ALL LEARNERS**
 - EXTENSION
 - BUILDING A NEW HOBBY
 - DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE & SKILLS
- **HIGH & COMPLEX NEEDS SUPPORT**
 - IF AND CARER SUPPORT FUNDING ACCEPTED



BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ

For one day only in Wellington - magical puppet theatre for all the family from Argentina!

Enderas Masugui (The magic wheel of time)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c3ojc-cVbk&authuser=0>

Luisa is addicted to her cell phone. Between selfies and social media, life is passing her by. While on holiday she sets out on a walk to the sea. When her GPS fails she is lost in the middle of the jungle. In front of her are the remains of an old marionette theatre called "Enderas Masugui" Something magical happens and the theatre comes to life. Luisa's journey begins...

When and Where:

Saturday 22nd November
10am and 11.30am
Vogelmorn Bowling Club upstairs

Tickets available through eventfinder:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/rosana-lopez-argentinian-puppeteer/wellington>

\$15 General admission (under 3's free on laps), \$50 for family x 4

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/17D7Fbd8U4/>