

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

Tēnā koutou Families

Well first to mention this week has to be the Colour Run! Thank you to everyone for your support to raise a whopping contribution to the playground matting. I've collated feedback from the event along with the staff PMI so any future event can be fine tuned. Staff conclude most of our events with an evaluation tool called PMI - plus, minus, interesting table to record useful information to reflect on and refine for the future. A huge thank you and congratulations to Kelsey who was the main organiser, along with Micky and many more helpers.



The field was an amazing transformation into a fun filled race route and the fun was evident everywhere! I certainly had a great time; even the sliming was bearable, although cold and definitely slimy, and I had pink tipped hair for several days following!

On a less positive note, it has been time consuming and complex ensuring the management of sand products we had at school. We are pleased to say that following air and sample testing that we have been cleared of any asbestos contamination. Although only one of our products matched a recalled product (a different batch), all sand products have been removed from the school by the authorised asbestos management company. We have followed all Ministry of Education, Worksafe advice and Healthline advice, along with further advice from Fibresafe NZ who carried out our testing.

I attended the PTA Volunteer celebration last week and enjoyed spending time with a great group of very appreciated people. I know this was only a representative sample of everyone who helps out in the school so thank you to you all.

I was privileged to attend the Rotary Citizen's Award ceremony at the Johnsonville Community Hall. Congratulations to Grace, year 6, who was presented with an award and book voucher, along with a shield for the school. 18 schools were represented at the awards and Mayor Andrew Little was there at the start to meet the recipients and have a photo with each of them. This is the first year Ngaio School has been involved so Grace's name is the first on our shield which will hopefully fill up over the years going forward. Nominations come from the school and I read out a beautiful letter Chantal wrote to Grace for the presentation speech on the night.



Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition

Congratulations to the following students on their attainment in the recent Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition:

Merit: Naomi B, Benji B, Ronan I, Charlie K, Mumu Li, Emma R, Daniel S

Excellence: Theo B

Diabetes NZ Day

Thank you for your gold coin donation to help support Diabetes New Zealand. We raised \$309.90. We also had \$89 donated directly to our One Million Minutes Diabetes NZ School page. It was amazing to see the school dressed up in blue and lots of decorated shoes.

Safety around our school gate on Abbott Street

This photo shows yellow lines opposite our school gate. Sadly, parents have been parking here to drop off and pick up children. It causes congestion, and it has also contributed to some near misses in recent weeks. After speaking with our local constable, and the safety concerns we have, photos of vehicles have been sent to WCC.



There are also parents doing a 3 point turn in our school driveway after school. This is a very busy area, and some children do run ahead of their parents, straight across this driveway. We would like to prevent any possible accidents and kindly ask people to drive further down the road and find a safer place to turn.



Please help our school to keep our children safe near roads. Thank you again to the Road Patrol Team and parents who help with this. Some families have helped for many years with supporting our tamariki with road patrol and your support has been amazing. You will be sadly missed as your families leave Ngaio School at the end of the year.

REGISTRATIONS FOR A SWIMMING POOL KEY WILL OPEN NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Ngaio school pool will be open for students who are in years 0-5 this year, to use over summer from Saturday 3rd January 2026 and weeknights and weekends in Term 1 2026 up to and including Sunday 22nd March 2026.

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to test the water in the pool to allow this facility to be used. It is very much appreciated.

The link to register for a key will be sent to you via HERO before the end of school on **Wednesday 26th November**.

At this time, you will be required to complete the google form after reading the Pool rules that will also be attached to the notification email.

Please note there are a limited number of keys available so I suggest you register as soon as you receive the link to avoid missing out.

You will then be advised the following week if you have been successful in registering for a key and the cost for the key of \$75 will be set up on your Mykindo account. There will also be more information emailed to you at this time advising such things as when keys will be available to be picked up from the school office and also the need for you to sign a contract and hand that to the office when collecting the key.

Ngaio School has an opportunity to be part of Kiwi Christmas Books this year.



This involves collecting new books and donating them to families in need. We will have a box in the office where books can be put, and they will also be collected from your child's class.

If you would like to be involved, please bring a **new book** into school.

The final day for collection is Thursday 11th December.

Please check out kiwichristmas.org.nz if you would like further details. Thank you for your assistance in supporting families in need this Xmas.

We appreciate your support
Ngā Rangatahi ō Ngaio on behalf of Ngaio School

PTA NEWS

We are coming to the end of a busy time for the PTA. Thank you to those who joined us for the volunteer celebration last week. It was a lovely evening and great to celebrate those who support our school events.

The Colour run and sausage sizzle were also a great success. Thanks so much to everyone for participating in the Colour Run. It was a really fun day. Over \$17,000 from the colour run, sausage sizzle and white clothing will go towards our school playground refurbishment! One individual raised \$1100 - what an effort!!



Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Sausage sizzlers and crew - THANK YOU to our amazing organiser, Katie B - yet another successful sizzle! And THANKS to our other critical helpers: Master chefs Conwae L. and Chris. Deliverers: Kirsten F, Alex A, Fran R, Edwina H, Mel D, Adam S.

Colour run crew - THANK YOU to Kelsey O for her amazing organisation of the event and to our other wonderful helpers: Micky O, Amy D, Jen T, Rebecca S,

Emma B, Melanie D, Sarah M, Mark C, Adam S, Emma W, Tara D, Kristen F, Eddie H, David L, Craig B, Fleur M, Scott S, Kelly E, Alex A, Kornelia M, Chris M, Dale B.

Remember to order your prizes!

Prize ordering for the Colour Run Fundraiser closes on the **23rd of November 2025**, so if you are yet to do so, please log on to your profile page at schoolfunrun.co.nz. Once logged in click 'Order Prizes' and follow the prompts. You will still need to do this if you have only raised cash.

Please note: If you have selected a goal prize, you still need to log on to order your prizes!

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 looking to fill two key roles for next year:

- Secretary - organise our PTA meetings (normally twice a term).
- Sausage sizzle co-ordinator - keep the sausage sizzles going each term next year! You can be part of PTA or this can be a stand-alone role.

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! We'd also love to hear from people who can help from time to time in an ad hoc capacity or have specialist knowledge that can help achieve our major fundraising goals.

Grandparents are also welcome.



Send us an email to find out more pta@ngaio.school.nz

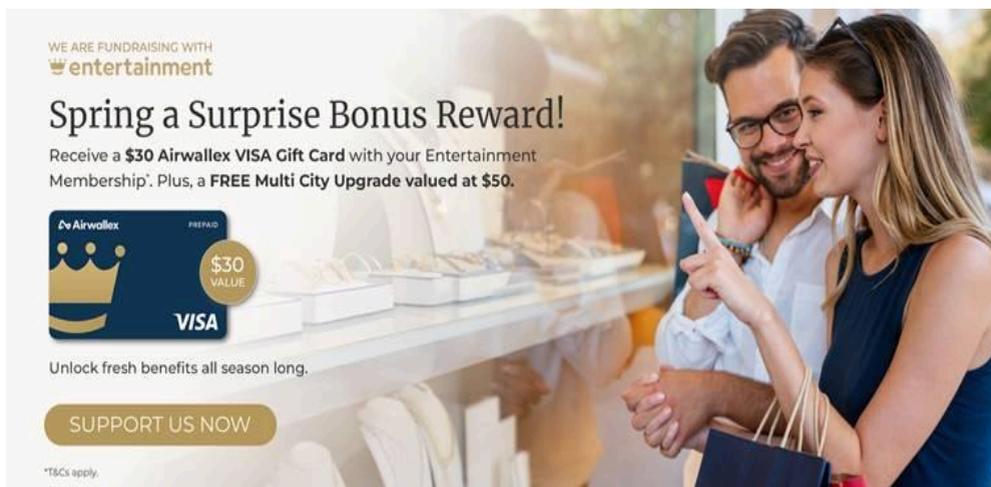
If you just want to help from time to time in an ad hoc capacity or have specialist knowledge that can help achieve our major fundraising goals we'd love to talk. Grandparents are also welcome. Bring on the Playground Refurbishment!

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](#)

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

A promotional banner for Entertainment Membership. The background shows a man and a woman in a jewelry store. The text on the banner reads: "WE ARE FUNDRAISING WITH entertainment", "Spring a Surprise Bonus Reward!", "Receive a \$30 Airwallex VISA Gift Card with your Entertainment Membership*. Plus, a FREE Multi City Upgrade valued at \$50.", and "Unlock fresh benefits all season long." There is a button that says "SUPPORT US NOW" and a small note at the bottom left that says "*T&Cs apply".

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Order by Monday, 24th November to get a \$30 VISA Gift Card and a FREE Multi City Upgrade (worth \$50)!

- Enjoy thousands of local offers on dining, travel, and experiences - like Wellington Zoo, Best Ugly Bagels, Empire Cinema, Holey Moley, and more.
- Support local businesses and our school—20% of every membership goes directly to us!
- Funds help buy sports/play equipment, the clinic, enviro club, and playground upgrades and more.

 [Click here to purchase your Entertainment Membership now!](#)

Quick, easy, and works on your phone!

Please share this link with your family and friends—every membership sold makes a difference!

PTA MEETING

Do you have a great idea for future PTA events? Our next meeting will be looking forward to our plans for next year. The meeting is at **7.30pm on Thursday 27 November 2025** - Get in touch if you want to join us. 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.



From July to October we have raised \$280.33 - Thank you!

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](#)

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
Wednesday 26 Nov	Registration for Pool Key sent out on Hero	Before 3pm

Thursday 27 Nov	PTA Meeting Online	7.30pm
Friday 28 Nov	Tūt End of Year Celebration McLeod Hall	9.15am-10.15am
Tuesday 2 Dec	Board Meeting Staff Room	7pm
Friday 12 Dec	Raewyn's Poroporoaki (Te Kapua)	Meet 9am for 9.15am start
Monday 15 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Raroa	6pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 17 Dec	Kōrero & Kai (Leaving Families)	8am
Wednesday 17 Dec	Final Hui	1.45pm-2.30pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



A Merry Vinnies Christmas

A **Merry Vinnies Christmas** offers a shopping style experience to families seeking support over the holiday period – giving people the dignity, ownership, and choice of presents for their children, without the cost.

✨ **We're calling for donations of gifts.** ✨

New unwrapped gifts for 0-16year old children can be dropped off to:

- the **School Office** or
- **one of our op shop collection boxes:**

(Aro, Newtown, Kilbirnie, Brooklyn, Kelburn, Khandallah)
Before the 9th of December.

Ngā mihi nui

For more information visit our website:
vinnies-wellington.org.nz/christmas



Donate:

Name of BNZ Bank Account:
Society of St Vincent de Paul
Wellington

Account Number:
02-0576-0017817-00

Reference: TOYS

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



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A SCREEN FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FULL OF MINDFUL, HOLISTIC ACTIVITIES! VEGAN LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!

1/175 VIVIAN ST | 16TH, 23RD, 30TH JAN 2026 |

7 - 10 YEAR OLDS



SEARCH MINDFUL KIDS
 on **EVENTBRITE**
 to **REGISTER**
 OR SCAN THE QR CODE

JANUARY WEEK 1: IT'S 80'S WEEK

Holiday Heroes

OVER 3 FUN-FILLED DAYS, PICK YOUR INSTRUMENT (DRUMS, GUITAR/UKULELE, OR KEYBOARD) AND LEARN COOL 80'S HITS! WRAP IT UP WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR PARENTS ON THE LAST DAY! NO MUSIC EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

3 DAY WORKSHOP: \$199.00
9.00AM - 4.00PM

EARLY START: \$10
8.30AM - 9.00AM

FOR 6 YEARS & OVER

TUES 20 JAN
 Welcome & introduction games.
 Choose your instrument for the next 3 days
 Start rocking out to NZ hits!

WED 21 JAN
 Keep learning and perfecting your NZ music songs
 Enjoy plenty of breaks with our fun games

THU 22 JAN
 Final practice and polish
 Perform your song at a special show for parents at 3:15 pm

PLUS COOL GAMES TO BURN OFF SOME STEAM;
BASKETBALL!
AIR HOCKEY!
ARCADES!
FOOSBALL!

Goodtime Music Academy, Lower Hutt

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JANUARY **Goodtime MUSIC ACADEMY**
Blockbuster Beats Songs From The Movies

Holiday Heroes

OVER 3 FUN-FILLED DAYS, PICK YOUR INSTRUMENT (DRUMS, GUITAR/UKULELE, OR KEYBOARD) AND LEARN COOL MOVIES HITS! WRAP IT UP WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR PARENTS ON THE LAST DAY! NO MUSIC EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

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