

5 November 2025

Kia ora Ngaio families and whānau,



***We need your help!***

We're excited to share an update on our playground matting project - and we're asking for your continued support to make it happen.

Our senior playground (outside Rooms 20–24) has been partially closed since late 2024, after we were advised the matting absorption pads were nearing the end of their life and, because of the height of some structures, the matting did not meet safety standards. We closed off that area while the rest of the playground remains safe and open for play. The remaining playground matting areas are also nearing the end of their life and need replacing in the near future. Replacing our playground matting is an absolute priority. We know this is important to you, your tamariki - and the wider Ngaio community who enjoy our grounds. Unfortunately, replacement of the playground matting is not able to be funded by the Ministry of Education, so it is down to the school and community to raise the funds.

Our goal is to raise **\$130,000** ex GST to replace the matting on both playgrounds. Thanks to the hard work of the PTA and volunteers, and support from you, we've raised over **\$70,000** through fundraising and grants so far (a big thank you to Four Winds and NZCT who have awarded grants). We still have **\$60,000** to go!

The PTA has great initiatives planned, including the **Colour Run**, a fun event for the whole school and a key fundraiser— we appreciate our school community getting behind PTA initiatives like this to help us achieve our goal. **We appreciate that many of you have already contributed to this current fundraising opportunity and we thank you.** The PTA and Board will also continue to apply for grants.

**We need your help to make it happen.**

To get the closed senior playground section up and running as fast as possible, and replace the other senior and junior playground matting, we really need your help.

Some families and local businesses have enquired about making a direct donation which is amazing and very welcome—thank you! To enable this, we've established a **Playground Donation Fund** with a range of donation tiers and we are reaching out to our families, our communities and local businesses for support.

For those able to donate the top tier, this will go directly toward sponsoring one of the coloured dots in the new playground matting - an awesome way to make a meaningful contribution to the playground upgrade. These dots will be colourful sections in the new surfacing to brighten up the space for our tamariki and sponsoring a dot will be acknowledged in our playground.

Donations can be made via Kindo or directly to the school and are eligible for a **tax credit** of 33%, so you can claim part back and the school will receive the full amount (learn more on the [IRD website](#)).

Here's the **Donation Tiers** and how your donation and tax credit works:

Tier	You donate	Your donation credit	Your actual costs	The school gets
1	\$50.00	\$16.50	\$33.50	\$50.00
2	\$100.00	\$33.00	\$67.00	\$100.00
3	\$150.00	\$49.50	\$100.50	\$150.00
4	\$250.00	\$82.50	\$167.50	\$250.00
5	\$500.00	\$165.00	\$335.00	\$500.00

We know every family's circumstances are different. That's why we welcome and deeply appreciate **gifts of all sizes** - every contribution helps. Your support will help us get our playground up and running as soon as possible.

We're deeply grateful for the financial support Ngaio families already contribute. Your family donation and our Ministry of Education funding covers essential operational costs and staffing; but they don't fund all of the capital projects we need to upkeep our school environment, so we're reaching out to our community for your help.

If you are a business, or know of a business who would like to make a donation, please contact [info@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:info@ngaio.school.nz) and we will pass the relevant details on and issue a receipt on payment.

**Thank you for your support—every dollar gets us closer to new, safe play spaces for our tamariki.**

Ngā mihi nui,  
The Ngaio School Board and PTA

**You can make a donation either:**

- Via MyKindo, or
- Directly to Ngaio School's account: 12-3140-0210759-00 using the reference: Family name-Playground Donation-0206  
*(direct donations won't incur Kindo fees for you or the school)*

