

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

Tēnā koutou Families

We're getting so close to the end of the year now and there's already been a lot of planning for 2026. I've enjoyed working with Phil, incoming principal, at our Northern Zone Principal Cluster gathering last week and again this week as he starts his preparation to take over in 2026. He also joined the staff for a 2026 planning meeting.

A huge acknowledgement to everyone who helped out at last week's hāngī. We ended up with a lot of helpers which meant the event could go ahead. A special mention to Hayden for the overall organisation and coordination of the helpers. Thank you to the many helpers who signed up to help with the many jobs, as well as those of you who helped me in the kitchen. I know there was huge disappointment when the hāngī failed, but a huge shout out to everyone for patience and kindness as we put our limited school kitchen to the test to get as much kai as possible out to you!

Kirsty in the office has been working hard behind the scenes and we are pleased to announce our enrolment form is now online and accessed through our website.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Lunchtime Picnic - Friday 5th



Tokens have mounted up so we are excited to share that the whole school has earned another reward!

To celebrate, we're having a picnic lunch tomorrow and invite teddies and soft toys to join us on the field.

Tamariki are also encouraged to wear their house colour.



Thanks to Hunter and George for delivering flyers around the neighborhood informing our community that we were having a hāngi so they wouldn't be alarmed when they saw smoke!

2025 Hāngi

Our heartfelt thanks to the following whānau who helped with the hāngi last week.

Witaka, Greig, Patrick, Adam, Gareth and Quentin who helped out on Monday with digging the pit.

Krista, Alex, Heather, Tara, Emma, Jo and Ashleigh who prepared the vegetables

Hayden, Witaka, Greig and Conwae who were up at the crack of dawn on Tuesday to light the fire.

Witaka, Greig and Hayden laid the hāngi late morning,

Cleon, Krista, Alex, Emma, Heather, Cathy and Meredith helped with supervision throughout the day.

Alex, Patrick, Erina, Greig, Nicola, Tara, Adam, Joe, Karen (teacher) and Jen all helped with the kai rescue and serving.

Nicola, with help from Braithan and Heather for the wonderful (and very popular) fry bread.

Krista and Heather for tidying up on Wednesday.

Greig and Witaka for sourcing firewood

Krista and Phil for the pallets

Hadley for the fencing and extra pallets.

Sorry if we've missed some names, but please know you were appreciated!



UNIFORM DONATIONS

If your child is leaving Ngaio School, feel free to donate unwanted Sports Uniforms. The school holds a supply of uniforms which are loaned out to children who need them for sports trips. Uniforms can be left at the office. Thank you!



REGISTRATIONS FOR A SWIMMING POOL KEY ARE STILL OPEN

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. A reminder to register for the key was sent to parents yesterday. Pool keys will be issued next week to those parents who have registered and paid for the key. If you have any questions, please email Nicki n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz.

PTA NEWS



Pizza for dinner?

We've got a great excuse for you to take a night off cooking next week!

For every pizza purchased at Khandallah Dominoes on **Wednesday 10 December between 4pm-10pm** Dominoes Khandallah will give Ngaio School \$1. This will go towards the replacement of the playground

matting.

Calling all bakers!

We require four more volunteer bakers to support a morning tea following the Poroporoaki for Raewyn on Friday, 12 December.

If you're able to help with a plate for this event, please email us at pta@ngaio.school.nz.



If you would like to be added to our official "regular bakers" list, let us know also.

Can you help the PTA?

The Ngaio School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) aims to build links between home and school. We're developing some exciting plans for fundraising activities and events next year and beyond! If you have an idea of how you could help the PTA email us on pta@ngaio.school.nz. We'd love to hear from you!

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](#)



Ngā mihi nui

PTA



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

Thank you so much for the donations so far

This involves collecting new books and donating them to families in need. There is 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

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Wednesday 10 Dec	Kākāpō Celebration Hui	9am-10am
Wednesday 10 Dec	PTA Dominoes Khandallah Doughraiser	4pm-10pm
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
Wednesday 28 Jan	Open morning/optional stationery drop-off	10.30am - 12pm
Tuesday 3 Feb	First day of school	9am
Friday 6 Feb	Waitangi Day	School closed
Thursday 12 Feb	Meet the Teachers	5-7pm
Thursday 19 March	ROCKET Carnival	5-7pm
Tuesday 24 March	Open Afternoon	2.15pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOLIDAY programme
Dec 2025 - Jan 2026

- Camp Kaitoke Y - Warriors!
- Laser Wars
- Cool at the Pool
- Kiwi Christmas Carnival
- Animal Rescue
- Balloon Workshop With Zappo
- Staglands
- Kiwiana Games

the **Y**

Y-Kids Ngaio
ngaio.asc@ycentral.nz
www.ycentral.nz



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 0–16-year 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

This summer, Wellington City Libraries is inviting kids, teens and adults on a **Summer Reading Adventure!** From the **1st of December 2025 – 31st of January 2026**, you'll be able to log your reading, write, draw or film book reviews, and complete activities and challenges to earn rewards like collectible badges, free books, art kits, and go in the draw to win one of our fabulous Grand Prizes.

Visit the library website today at wcl.govt.nz/summerreading to pre-register for the Summer Reading Adventure, or visit any of our libraries from the 1st of December to pick up your Adventurer's Guide and get started.





Karori Business Association would like to invite you all
to our annual event

Christmas *in the park*

Karori Business Association would like to invite you to
Christmas carols in the park
Bring a picnic and a blanket along with friends and family to enjoy some
Christmas songs by **Nick Tansley**
Food options include: **Karori Lions** on BBQ // **Karori Playcentre** will have a stall

Thursday 11 December 2025

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Ben Burn Park, Karori 6012

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www.karori.org.nz



EPIC HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

IS YOUR CHILD OR TEEN
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JANUARY 2026

For beginner & advanced coders
Ages 9&10, 11&12, 13&14, 15 to adult
Fun, Free & Educational!

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GREEN ROOM, WESTS RUGBY CLUBROOMS, WILTON

FOOTBALL HP

TUES 20TH, WEDS 21ST, THURS 22ND JAN

TUES 27TH, WEDS 28TH, THURS 29TH JAN

9.30AM-12.30PM

A BEGINNERS PROGRAMME FOR YEARS 1-8

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

 KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ



**** KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL ** - NEW VENUE**
NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

TUES 20TH, WEDS 21ST, THURS 22ND JAN

9:30AM-12:30PM

2 GROUPS - YEARS 1-4 & YEARS 5-8

GREAT TO KEEP PRACTICING SOME SKILLS OVER SUMMER FOR THE SUMMER SERIES COMP

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

LIVE ONLINE FAN CALL and Q & A

JESSE RANDALL

All White & Auckland FC

Date: Sunday, 25th January

Time: 7 p.m. NZDT

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2026 CLUB DAYS START SUNDAY 18TH JAN

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INNER CITY ART STUDIO

School Holiday Art Workshops

For kids that love art

Paint with Light Work with Cyanotype - hand painted photographic emulsion
1 day course. Teenagers Ages 13 -17 , December 15th. 9am-3pm
Ages 8 -12, December 17th or January 22nd, 9am-3pm
Cost \$95 materials Included



Garden Magic - A Day exploring the Botanical Gardens, drawing painting and sculpting wonderful plants.
1 day course, either December 18th or January 23rd 9am-3pm.
Ages 9 - 14 Cost \$90

French Cafe and Art Scene - Drawing and inking like the masters
1 day course, December 19th or January 26th, 9am - 3pm.
Ages 9 -14 Cost \$95 materials and a hot chocolate included



A Day of Clay Beginners Hand Building

1 day beginners clay course, December 22nd or Jan 28th, 9am-3pm

A Day of Clay 2 Beginners Clay

December 23rd, 9 am - 3 pm.
Ages 8 -14 Cost \$130 materials included



Designer Planters - working in clay with templates
1 day course, January 27th, 9am - 3pm. Ages 10-14
Cost \$135 materials included



Clay Creatures - Scientifically study an insect and recreate it in clay
1 day course, January 29th, 9am - 3pm.
Ages 10-15 Cost \$90 materials included



Sculpted Animal Dish - Students learn sculpting methods
turning 2D images of an animal into a fabulous 3D ceramic animal bowl
1 day course, January 30th, Ages 11-16, 9am - 4pm, Cost \$150 materials included
All bookings and enquiries

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Paintings and sculpture on this poster made by kids (the turtle and clay was made by the tutor)

