

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

Kia ora parents and whānau,

It is hard to believe we are already at the midpoint of Term 1! The energy around the school has been fantastic, and it has been wonderful seeing our students settle so beautifully into their learning routines.

We are officially lacing up our sneakers for Movin' March and we are encouraging all our tamariki to walk or wheel to school whenever possible. To help our families skip the school-gate congestion, our wonderful Ngā Rangatahi ō Ngaio (our Year 6 leaders) are leading our 'Park n Stride' initiative. Our leaders (who will be wearing very fashionable bright yellow vests) will be at our four meeting points by 8:25 am to walk the group to school, departing at 8:30 am sharp.

Our Meeting Points:

- The corner of Aplin Terrace and Bombay St.
- Outside the Cummings Park Library.
- The corner of Colway and Bombay St.
- Awarua St (by the walkway to the train station).

You may have seen recent media coverage and government announcements regarding changes to curriculum resources, assessment, and reporting. Often, we receive these updates at the same time you do, which means we are learning alongside you. Because some of these shifts are significant in scope, our staff is currently unpacking what they mean practically for Ngaio School. We want to ensure that any changes we implement are thoughtful and sustainable. We look forward to sharing our progress and plans with you during parent information sessions starting in Term 2.

Please clear your calendars for Thursday, 26 March, from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm for our Rocket Carnival! We have an exciting hour of activities planned. More detailed information will be heading your way very soon, but for now, please do pencil it in your calendars.

You will soon receive a separate, detailed message from the Board regarding our Voluntary Family Donations. I want to echo the Board's gratitude for this support. As our

roll has shifted and operational costs for things like heating and insurance rise, these funds are more critical than ever. Remember, you can claim 33% of this back from the IRD. We understand the financial pressures many are facing; please know that we appreciate any contribution, whether in full or via smaller instalments throughout the year.

Finally, we are planning a working bee before the end of the term to bring two of our key areas back to life: the School Hall and the Arb. As many of you know, the Arb is a beloved nature-based play area, but it has become overgrown and is currently out of action for safety reasons. We want our children back in there exploring as soon as possible! Along with the hall, these spaces just need a bit of elbow grease to get them back to their best. We know how much we can achieve with a collective effort; if you can spare an hour or two, we'd be incredibly grateful. We will set a firm date soon and be in touch.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil McIntosh
Tumuaki

New to netball? Come and have a go!

"Have a Go Sessions" will be starting from next week for those keen to play winter netball or try it out before the season starts. Come meet some of our friendly netball parents and find out more about how to get involved with the netball community.

Who: anyone keen to try out netball - especially if you are considering joining a school netball team this year. Boys and girls are both welcome.

When: Tuesdays after-school 3:15pm, on the 10th and 17th March (netball registrations close 18th March)

Where: school astroturf

How: if your child is keen, just show up.

There will also be some lunchtime sessions, led by teachers and some Year 6 students. Children should keep an eye on the daily notices for when these will take place.

CAN YOU HELP WITH NGAIO SCHOOL NETBALL, MINIBALL OR HOCKEY?

More information is on the way soon regarding opportunities for your child to play netball, miniball or hockey with our after school teams!

It is amazing we can offer these sports, but only possible thanks to our amazing co-ordinators!

We are seeking a new **hockey co-ordinator**, please get in touch if you can help. No coaching or playing experience is required. This role is administrative and involves strong communication skills to select and register teams as well as being the main point of contact for hockey at Ngaio.

We are also seeking **assistant co-ordinators for netball and miniball**. Our current co-ordinator, Nicola Wilks, has very generously been responsible for both netball and miniball but with her eldest child in the final year of Ngaio School it is the perfect time for someone new to gain experience with the role.

Be part of our wonderful community and support our amazing students! For more information or to express interest, please contact Dan Byrne at d.byrne@ngaio.school.nz.

PTA NEWS

NGAIO SCHOOL NEEDS MORE PTA MEMBERS

A number of PTA parents will be leaving the school as their tamariki graduate from year 6 at the end of the year.

It's really important that new members come in with their ideas and energy to help our amazing school thrive.

Your PTA is in need of new committee members for 2026.

These are important and engaging roles at the heart of our school community, and are a great way to meet other school parents.



You're warmly invited to attend
the upcoming PTA meeting
Next Thursday, March 12, 7:30pm
in the staff room.

LAST CHANCE TO YUM IT UP!

Thanks for all your work and enthusiasm supporting the
Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser

Please get in touch with the PTA if you can take another box to sell
(pta@ngaio.school.nz), there aren't too many left 😞

The last day to return money is **Wednesday 11 March**. Please pay by
cash or eftpos in Room 15. We appreciate prompt payment in person to
minimise the work for our volunteers.

Room 15 is open:

- Mondays 8.30-9.15 am
- Wednesdays 2.45-3.15 pm
- Fridays 8.30-9.15 am



Remember, your child earns more
chances to win great prizes with every box
sold!

PLUS the top-selling classes in **Tui** and
Kākāpo will receive a **Hell Pizza lunch**.
AND every child will receive a lemonade
Popsicle as a thank you for selling
chocolate.

(If your child cannot have a Popsicle,
please email pta@ngaio.school.nz)

NGAIO SCHOOL HATS

I know we haven't seen much of it, but sunhats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.

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

Ngā mihi nui

Your Ngaio School Parent Teacher Association

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Friday 6 March	Tui Hui Rm 24	10-10.50am
Thursday 12 March	PTA Meeting in Staffroom	7.30pm
Friday 13 March	Kakapo Hui	9-10am
Friday 13 March	Tui Hui Rm 24	10-10.50am
Tuesday 17 March	Northern Zone Cricket at Alex Moore Park	9am-3pm
Wednesday 18 March	Yr 3-6 Girls only Futsal Festival at Aku Tangi	9am-3pm
Friday 20 March	Popsicles and Prizes for PTA Chocolate Fundraiser	Lunchtime
Monday 23 March	Yr4-5 Triathlon	10am-12.30pm
Tuesday 24 March	Open Afternoon	2.15pm-3pm
Thursday 26 March	Rocket Carnival	5pm-6pm
Friday 27 March	Kakapo Hui	9-10am
Friday 27 March	Tui Hui Rm 24	10am-10.50am
Friday 27 March	Movin March Jump Jam House Event	11.30am
Monday 30 March	Yr 6 Camp Forest Lakes	9am
Monday 30 March-Wed 1 April	Yr 5 Pedal Ready	9am-3pm

Tuesday 31 March	Northern Zone Football at Alex Moore Park	9am-3pm
Wednesday 1 April	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Thursday 2 April	Yr 6 return from camp. Last Day of Term.	3pm
Friday 3 April	Good Friday. School closed for the Holidays	School Closed
Monday 20 April	Start of Term 2	9am

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Registrations are now open for the upcoming rugby league season with Hunters Rugby League Club. We are the only rugby club based in Wellington City and seeking new and returning players of all experience levels to join our club. We offer grades from under 6s through to under 16s. Season dates run from 18th April to 4th July. Register here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/392997> or

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Registrations are open for the upcoming winter season

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onslow.org.nz/registrations/



contact us at victoria.hunters@gmail.com



Regional Fantails Day

A funfilled morning, creating a space for girls to kick around in a fun, safe and friendly environment. Open to both new and current Fantails girls!

- 📅 Sunday 8 March
- 🕒 9:30AM- 11:30AM, check in 9:15AM
- 📍 Petone Memorial Park
- 👶 Ages 5-13
- 👋 Meet Football Ferns
- 🎁 Lots of freebies and giveaways!





LEIT HOUSE MUSIC

NGAIO PIANO LESSONS

Leit House Music offers individual piano lessons, taught during school hours by Ngarita Davies.

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 year 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!

*Beginner recorder and flute lessons also available on request



Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall,
2026

Saturday 18 April 9am to 6pm AND Sunday 19
April 9am to 3pm.

We invite you to come and buy books, puzzles and games at our annual book fair. Books are sold for \$3 each, and, after the first ten books, \$2 each. Children's books are all \$1 each.

All the money raised will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch with me for details. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.

Dinah Dobson, trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand, [Check out our website](#)

Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

Artist in the Garden Competition

Sunday 29 March 2026 – 10.30am–2pm

Location: Botanic Garden, Glenmore Street
Meet at the **TREEHOUSE**

Registration: 10.30am (and briefing)
No pre-booking required

Starts: Starts at 11am
Finishes at 2pm
Judging will take place on the day

3 Categories: 3–10years, 11–16 years and Adult

Registration forms available in the Treehouse or online:

 Friends of the Wellington Botanic Garden



PASIFIKA GIRLS

Football Festival



When?

SATURDAY **14** MARCH

9:30–12PM

Petone Memorial Park

What's Involved?

FUN, FREE morning of Football

All abilities welcome

Music + Cultural Performances

BBQ provided

FREE t-shirt for every girl

FREE tickets to the Phoenix Double Header

FREE bus transport to & from the game

(special thanks to Football For All & the Wellington Phoenix)

Sign up using the QR code below



For any enquiries or questions please contact our Women's and Girls Lead Jenna Reddy
jenna@capitalfootball.org.nz



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Porirua Judo Academy

Level 1, 11 Cobham Court, Porirua CBD



Judo is a martial art that builds resilience and determination in kids. Whether your kids are already involved in sports or you are looking to find the right activity for your sports shy kid, judo has something to offer anyone.

At Porirua Judo Academy we have a team who are eager to introduce your kids to the start of their martial arts journey. Committed coaches, dedicated students, PJA is the complete package. First four lessons free.

Contact:

info@porirujudo.org.nz

021 081 98340

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ENTRIES CLOSE: April 19th 2026

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www.spcan.z/kindmatters



SCAN HERE

The brilliant writer of the Bravepaw series, Lili Wilkinson, is in Wellington (from Australia) on Saturday 7 March at 2pm and is doing a free event at the Karori Library. Lili is fun, inspiring and really gets kids' imaginations flying!

All details are here:

<https://www.festival.nz/events/all/explore-bravepaw-with-lili-wilkinson/>



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