

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is great to be continuing to connect with you all again as we move into the final weeks of the term. The school has a great energy about it at the moment, and it has been a real pleasure seeing the kids settled into their routines, celebrating at our hui and making the most of their time outside in the sunshine.

The excitement is certainly building for our upcoming Rocket Carnival! This is always a highlight of our calendar and is a special chance for us to come together as a community, share a laugh, and enjoy some evening fun. We will be gathering from 5:00pm until 6:30pm. We will kick things off together with a waiata and a warm welcome before the activities begin. Families are very welcome to bring a picnic rug and a basket of food, however, if you'd prefer a night off from cooking, we will have a sausage sizzle, drinks, and snacks available for purchase. Please remember to bring cash for these. Make sure you've been practising your moves, as we'll be closing the evening with a Jump Jam session together.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to those who have already contributed to the school by paying the annual school donation. As many of you are aware, while we receive government funding, it unfortunately does not stretch far enough to cover the full cost of running a school and providing the high-quality learning experiences we want for our students. These contributions really do make a difference to the resources we can provide. As a reminder, you can make these payments through the school office or via our online portal. We will also have our EFTPOS machine out at the Rocket Carnival.

You may have heard in the news that a new assessment and reporting tool called SMART tool is launching this week. At this stage, Ngaio School intends to continue using PATs (Progressive Achievement Tests) for 2026. These are trusted assessment tools that we have used for a long time; they provide solid information that, when interpreted and used well, helps us inform our teaching and learning. We will review our assessment tools later in the year, but for now, we are sticking with what we know works for our staff and students.

Finally, a huge thank you to our PTA for running such a successful chocolate fundraiser. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of parent volunteers. We would always love to see more people jump on board and help out, even if it is just for a single event. If you have some time you are willing to donate, please contact the team via pta@ngaio.school.nz.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Rocket Carnival next week.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil McIntosh
Tumuaki

Thank you Wadestown Vet Clinic and Cattery.

Thank you to Amisha Patel and Justin Silcock from Wadestown Vet Clinic and Cattery for their very generous donation of \$1000 towards our playground fundraiser. Wadestown Vets have been looking after the pets of Ngaio for many years and each year they donate to a community cause - we are so grateful they have decided to choose Ngaio school this year.

www.wadestownvet.co.nz

NETBALL COACHING

Last week, some of our Year 6 leaders helped coach netball on the astroturf during lunchtime. We worked with younger students and helped them practise their passing, shooting, and teamwork skills. It was a great opportunity to build our leadership skills while encouraging others to get involved in sport. Everyone had lots of fun and it was great to see the students improving their confidence and netball skills. Thanks to Kornelia Miles for helping organise the session!



We encourage all students to sign up for winter netball teams which are starting in Term 2. You can register here using this link. Registrations close this week so don't delay!

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Our Trip to the Botanical Garden

In Year 6, the Sports Leaders have been taking part in the Building Leaders programme. On Monday, we got to go to the Botanical Garden to meet some other schools and do some leadership activities.



When we got to the Discovery Garden, we were split up into two groups. My group stayed on the stairs and we played *Mavi, Matu*, which is a game where everyone has a stick and stands in a circle with their stick in front of them. When the caller says "Mavi," we move to the left and try to grab the stick next to us. When they call "Matu," we move to the right.

After that, we built a hut, but we only had four sticks and two pieces of string. We didn't get many instructions, so we had to figure things out for ourselves.

It was a great day at the Botanical Gardens. Thanks so much to the Nairnville Recreation staff who organised it and the Wellington Gardens teachers who led the activities. Also, thanks to Kornelia, Clinton, Haley, and Conwae for volunteering their time as our drivers!

Written by Anna P, Olivia M and Henry S (Year 6)

PTA NEWS

A Sweet Success!

Thanks to the efforts of you & your whānau the Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser is on target to have raised approximately \$10,000!

Our community is amazing at coming together for important projects like this one, and we've loved hearing some of the innovative sales techniques deployed by our tamariki :) It's all been hugely appreciated.



If you still need to pay, please do so asap - A box sold is \$108

Payment is needed to complete the PTA prize contributions.

Account details

NGAIO SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

12-3140-0318313-00

Particulars: oldest child first and last name. Code: their room number.

Reference: chocolate

Big Money, Big Prizes

Firstly, thanks so much to our spot prize sponsors:

Daytona Adventure Park, H2O Xtreme, Event Cinema, Wellington Phoenix, and Puku pies.

Your generosity has driven sales efforts and we're so thankful that you're part of our community.

...and extra special thank yous to Sarah S., Katie B., Julia R., Adam S., Katy R. and all our volunteers Sarah M, Sasha M., Kim L., Kim C., Alexandra A., Tara H., Sandaru, Diane F., Mike L., Nicola W., Jen T., and Phillipa T. for all your organising, corralling, distributing etc... None of this could've happened without you.

Congratulations to Rooms 1 and 21 for being the top-selling classes.

Your prize is a pizza lunch courtesy of the PTA and Hell Pizza this Friday March 20.

(Please ensure any outstanding fundraising payments are made asap)

Spot prizes will also be given out on Friday and all tamariki will get a lemonade popsicle provided by Khandallah New World through Club Card points to say thanks 🙌🙌🙌

Rocket Carnival Take-off

Our PTA is once again supporting with the always popular sausage sizzle, plus a yummy bake sale and lolly, chippies & drinks sales.

Volunteers needed

If you think you could help by baking or volunteering for part of the evening then please fill out the form at this link.

<https://forms.gle/q1yYCGRAbRhEMEG18>

Great PTA Roles Available Now

We're currently on the hunt for the following: secretary, fundraising co-ordinator, treasurer, and new committee members. These roles are a great opportunity to share your ideas and experience with the local community, and to support our amazing school.

Please get in touch here : pta@ngaio.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Your Ngaio School Parent Teacher Association

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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-6.30pm
Thursday 26 March	Board Meeting in Staffroom	7pm-9pm
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-1pm
Tuesday 31 March	Northern Zone Football at Alex Moore Park	9am-3pm
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
Wednesday 22 April	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Tuesday 28 April-Wednesday 6 May	Pedal Ready Year 6	Daily Sessions
Tuesday 28 April	Ngaio Cross Country Day	9am-12.30pm
Wednesday 6 May	Author Visit Des Hunt visits Tui	9.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday 6 May	PTA AGM Staffroom	7.30pm
Thursday 7 May	Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge	All Day
Tuesday 12 May	Junior Cross Country Amesbury School	9am-3pm
Friday 15 May	Pink Shirt Day	9am-3pm
Tuesday 19 May	Northern Zones Cross Country Grenada North Park	9am-3pm

Wednesday 20 May	New Parents Information Afternoon	1.40pm-2.45pm
Tuesday 9 June	Inter Zone Cross Country Macalister Park	9am-3pm
Wednesday 10 June	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday 16 June	Northern Zone Hockey National Hockey Stadium	9am-3pm
Tuesday 16 June	Regional Cross Country Harcourt Park	9am-3pm
Thursday 18 June	Open Afternoon	2.15-3.15pm
Friday 26 June	PTA Sausage Sizzle	Lunchtime
Wednesday 1 July	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Friday 3 July	End of Term 2	3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maths lessons available! Liz Sneyd is a highly qualified and experienced teacher, with a Phd. in Maths, a Graduate Diploma of Teaching, and a passion for enhancing the confidence, skills and enriching the lives of her students.

Lessons are one-on-one, or in a small group. There are also twice-weekly classes (with no more than four students per tutor) at the Kenepuru Studios. Text Liz on 0277-899-543 for an interview.

Further information on mathsandmusic.com

ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about their child's school's assessment and reporting practices, as part of a national project. Here is the link to a 10-minute survey:

https://www.research.net/r/Assessment_Parent_Survey

Join the OBU Junior GOATS this season!

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby has joined forces with the Old Boys University RFC to create OBU Junior GOATS — one united junior club for our tamariki, whānau and community.

We offer fun, inclusive rugby for kids of all abilities. Whether your child is picking up a rugby ball for the first time or already loves the game, our teams focus on learning skills, building confidence and making great mates along the way. With experienced coaches and a welcoming club culture, OBU Junior GOATS is a great place for young players to grow and enjoy the game. Registrations for the 2026 season are now open.

Link: <https://www.obujuniorrugby.com/>



Get to know your local awa!

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

KORIMAKO STREAM COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

10AM-1PM | SUNDAY 29TH MARCH
CUMMINGS PARK, NGAIO

MOUNTAINS TO SEA WELLINGTON
WAI CONNECTION
NGAIO CLIMATE CREW

The poster features a blue and green wavy background representing water and hills. It includes illustrations of a damselfly, a brown trout, and a dragonfly. Logos for 'Mountains to Sea Wellington', 'Wai Connection', and 'Ngāio Climate Crew' are at the bottom.





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

The poster has a dark blue background with a lighter blue piano icon at the top. The text is in white and gold.

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Open Day for Year 7, entry in 2027

Marsden warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2027 to their first Open Day for 2026 on **Friday 20 March, 8.45am–12.00pm**. Please register at www.marsden.school.nz/register

Scholarships for entry in 2027 are open. For more information and to apply, visit www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships.



**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](#)

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

April 2026

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Cost \$95 materials included



A Day of Clay Beginners Hand Building

1 day beginners clay course, ages 8-14, April 8th, 9am-3pm

A Day of Clay 2 Beginners Clay

April 10th, 9 am - 3 pm.
Ages 8 -14 Cost \$130 materials included

Intermediate Day of Clay

April 15th 9am - 3pm
For returning students Ages 10 - 16 Cost \$130



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



Clay Creatures - Scientifically study an insect and recreate it in clay
1 day course, April 14th 9am - 3pm.
Ages 10-16 Cost \$90 materials included

French Cafe and Art Scene

- Drawing and inking like the masters
1 day course, April 16th, 9am - 3pm.
Ages 9 -14 Cost \$95 materials and a hot chocolate included



Sculpted Animal Dish - Students learn sculpting methods
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1 day course, April 17th, Ages 11-16, 9am - 4pm, Cost \$150 materials included
All bookings and enquiries

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FB: @InnercityArtStudio Insta: @Innercityartstudio Ph: 0226407506



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

Ngā Manu
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The BIG Easter Weekend!

Over
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FOUR DAYS OF WHĀNAU FUN!

- Annual Easter Rock Hunt
- Easter Hub for the kids
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle

ngamanu.org.nz

74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road
Waikanae



Katherine Mansfield House & Garden's creative writing workshops for young people aged 10-14 are a fun way for keen young writers to get inspired and develop their skills.

Monday 13 April, 9.30am & 1.30pm,
\$25 per session – writing materials and snack included.

Details and registration at
www.katherinemansfield.com



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19 APRIL
2-3PM

PARTY FOOD,
BALLOONS,
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UPCOMING HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

SOCIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME \$85/DAY

TUES 7 - FRI 10 APRIL
MON 13 - FRI 17 APRIL

Football skills, challenges and tournaments - all lead by our wonderful club coaches. The social programme is open to players aged between 7 and 13, of all abilities. Players will be grouped by age and ability.



SWIFTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME \$85/DAY

TUES 7 - THU 9 APRIL
MON 13 - WED 15 APRIL

A holiday training programme for more competitive players aged 9-13 our Swifts Holiday Programme offers players the opportunity to develop their skills through a mix of training sessions, guest speakers and lessons from guest coaches.



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Easyswim believes swimming is more than just a skill — it's a life-saving, confidence-building journey that every child should have the opportunity to experience.

We currently offer lessons at the following school pools: Plimmerton, Tawa, Khandallah, Johnsonville, and Newtown. If you are interested in enrolling your child in lessons, bookings can be made directly through the iClassPro app. Alternatively, you can contact our Customer Services Team at book@easyswim.co.nz or 234-7946 for assistance.

Holiday courses will also be available during the second week of the school holidays (13–17 April) at Johnsonville, Newtown, and Plimmerton. These intensive block courses are a fantastic way to kick-start your swimmer's journey or help them progress more quickly in their learning.

Easyswim has also launched an exciting 2026 community goal: to see all children in Wellington able to swim 1000 metres. While it's an ambitious target, we believe it's important to set high standards for our community's children and encourage swimmers to take on the challenge. Swimming 1000 metres is equivalent to 70 lengths of our smaller school pools and would be suitable for current Easyswim swimmers in Hammerheads level and above. We also welcome children from the wider community to come along and give it a go. If you are unsure whether your swimmer is eligible to participate, please reach out to our Customer Services Team.

Our next 1KM Swim Challenge is scheduled to take place on: .

Tuesday April 14th at Tawa School

Session times: 3.30, 4.15, 5.00, 5:45pm

Swimmers must book in advance, but there is no cost to participate. Those who successfully complete the 70 lengths will also receive one of our cool new 1KM ribbons.

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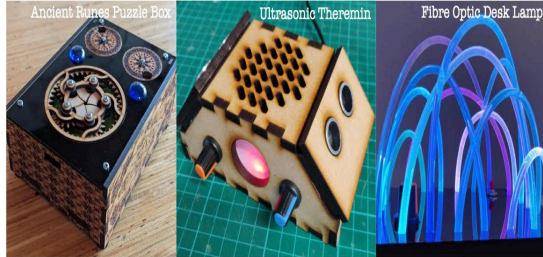
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SESSION 1 - 6.30PM - 7.15 PM

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SESSION 2 - 7.15PM - 8 PM

- Teen fitness squad
- Swim sets and technique
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THE CIRCUS HUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Looking for something fun for your kids to do during the school holidays?

Our school holiday programme is for children aged 5+, whether they have circus experience or not.

The programme always includes a variety of circus lessons, lots of games and activities to get creative.

HOW TO BOOK

- Contact us on info@circus.org.nz
- Book online at www.circus.org.nz

Bookings are essential - please book a spot before 5pm the previous day



- ✓ Learn exciting circus skills like aerials, tumbling, juggling & more...
- ✓ Build confidence and coordination
- ✓ Make new friends and have a blast!
- ✓ Expert instruction from experienced circus trainers
- ✓ A fun, inclusive environment for all skill levels

What parents need to know

Next Available Date

- April (Easter) School Holidays

Times

- running time - 9am-3pm
- a snack
- drop off from - 8:30am
- pick up by - 3:30pm

Cost

- Daily cost \$76 per child

What to Wear

- Comfortable stretchy clothes
- No shoes, bare feet

What to Bring

- packed lunch
- a snack
- water bottle (plastic)

Where to find us:

- Te Whaea complex
- 11 Hutchison Road
- Newmarket, Wellington

