

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

Kia ora whānau,

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding regarding our weather-related closure this past Tuesday. While we never like to interrupt the rhythm of the school week, the safety of our tamariki and whānau remains our priority. I hope you all stayed dry and tucked away safely during the worst of it.

We had a special start to the term with a visit from Major General (Rtd) Evan Williams. Having served 39 years in the NZ Army, he brought a wealth of knowledge and stories to our assembly. The children were captivated as he explained the significance of his medals and uniform, providing a poignant connection to the history and sacrifice of ANZAC Day. It was a powerful reminder of service and community for our students.

We have launched into this term's science-focused theme: "I am a Scientist." Each team is taking a unique approach to the curriculum, with a number of exciting events and learning opportunities planned.

Fingers crossed for blue skies as we look toward our school Cross Country next week! We have a practice scheduled for tomorrow to get those legs moving. A huge thank you to Dan Byrne for his work in organising this event. Please refer to the bottom of this newsletter for the race times and information so you can come along and cheer on the runners.

We are committed to keeping parents informed and connected to this school, particularly during this time of change. Later this term, we are planning a parent information session to discuss the new curriculum and how we are required to assess and report to parents. Keep an eye out for an upcoming HERO notification with specific dates and RSVP details.

Just a quick reminder that we have a Teacher-Only Day on Tuesday, June 2nd (the day following King's Birthday). Our staff will be joining forces with other schools across our regional cluster for professional development. We appreciate your support in allowing our educators this time together.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil McIntosh



A special Guest Speaker for ANZAC Day

We were fortunate to have Major General Evan Williams ONZM visit our school on Monday. Evan explained all the bling on his impressive uniform and brought in some of his army kit for children to try on. We found out about what the army does and the significance of ANZAC day.

The **Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** is a chance for Year 3 to 6 aged kids to take part in an exciting and muddy adventure designed especially for children! This obstacle course race is perfect for young adventurers who love a challenge, enjoy being active, and aren't afraid to get their hands (and everything else) dirty. Ngaio School ākonga are invited to join as a school group on **THURSDAY 7th MAY**.

Click here to register <https://eventplus.net/ccj26>

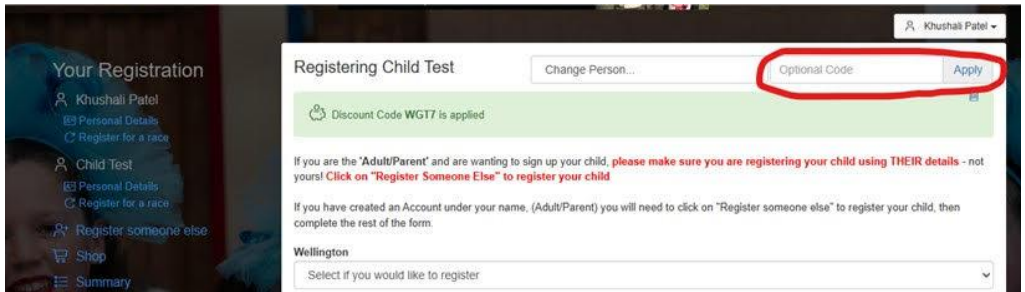
This date is sold out to the public, so you will need the code WGT7 in order to complete registration. Registrations close Thursday 30th April at 9:00am.

Please note this is not a school run event so you must be prepared to organise or car pool for your child's transport and supervision. You will also need to state that your bib will be collected by a parent on the day.

More information: Children take on either a 1.5km (Yrs 3/4) or 3km (Yrs 5/6) muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, water crossings and not to mention, mud mud and more mud!

SPECIAL CODE: WGT7

1. Please click on the link: [<https://eventplus.net/ccj26>]
2. Create an Account/Sign Up/Login
3. At the top of the page, there will be a box to enter a CODE.



The screenshot shows the 'Registering Child Test' page on the Eventplus website. On the left, there is a 'Your Registration' sidebar with options like 'Personal Details', 'Child Test', and 'Register someone else'. The main content area shows the 'Optional Code' field with the value 'WGT7' entered, and a green message stating 'Discount Code WGT7 is applied'. Below this, there are instructions for parents and a 'Wellington' location dropdown.

4. Once you have entered the CODE [**WGT7**], you can then select the **Thursday 7th May** entry and complete the rest of your form including payment.
5. You will then receive an email confirmation confirming your entry into [**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE – Wellington – Thursday 7th May 2026**].

Save the date! Ngaio School's annual **Cross Country** day is coming up on **TUESDAY 28th April (Week 2, Term 2)**.

We encourage all tamariki and whānau to represent their school house by wearing house colours. Ask your child's teacher if you do not know which house/colour this is. Read on for the schedule and details of how you can help!

<https://forms.gle/bcxZeASksQn9XfRr5>

Start times for school cross country races.

9:30am - Year 3 girls

9:40am - Year 3 boys

9:50am - Year 0-1 girls

10:00am - Year 0-1 boys

10:10am - Year 2 girls

10:20am - Year 2 boys

10:30am - break and transition to Year 4-6 races

10:45am - Year 4 girls

11:00am - Year 4 boys

11:15am - Year 5 girls

11:30am - Year 5 boys

11:45am - Year 6 girls

12:00pm - Year 6 boys

12:15pm - pack up!

We would love it if you can help. Please review the available jobs below and sign up. Thank you! The more helpers we have, the easier they are!

Track marshal for Kākāpo classes (9:30-10:30am approx)

Track marshal for Tūi races (10:30-12.30pm approx)

Stand at assigned spot by the course and supervise runners. Provide encouragement! We are flexible - so you will not miss your child's race!

Morning set up/End of event pack up

Help set up/put away the bunting, school flags and finish line.

Tail end sweeper

Run/walk at the back of each race in Y0-6. Ensure no child is left behind. Encouraging and supporting our tamariki at the back of each race group. The pace is very moderate (a brisk walk) and the distance between 800m and 1.2km. You will not have to run every race!

Guide/pace runner

Run at the front of each race and keep pace with fastest students in Y0-3. Best if you are a keen runner! The pace is fast but the distance only around 800 metres. You will not have to run every race!

Timing station set up and operation

Set up electronic timing board and start the clock for each race. Training provided.

Warm up leader

Get each race group pumped up and ready to run. Leading some dynamic stretches such as star jumps, lunges, jogging on the spot, etc.

Race recorder

Write down the finish placings after each race, you will need to ask each child for their name and write down their finishing position/finish time on the list. Training provided.

Click on the link if you would like to volunteer for any of these roles

<https://forms.gle/bcxZeASksQn9XfRr5>

If you have any questions, please contact me via email:

d.byrne@ngaio.school.nz

Thank you for your support of Ngaio School sport! E mihi ana.

Dan Byrne

Celebrate **Pink Shirt Day: Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu (Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!)**

On Friday, May 16, 2026, Ngaio School is turning **pink** to celebrate kindness, diversity, and standing up against bullying. Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt and bring a gold coin donation or donate through the MyKindo shop to support the Mental Health Foundation's efforts to create safe schools.

Registration are now open until midday on Wednesday 6th May for the Great Kiwi Competitions

University of Canterbury are delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions to all Year 5 & 6 students.

The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand curriculum. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year group across New Zealand.

The cost for a student to participate is \$10.35 per competition entered.

Students can enter in one or more subjects.

The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week in Term 3.

Please click on the link below preferably using a computer, laptop or ipad as we have experienced issues with using a smart phone in the past.

<https://forms.gle/1nfoeZ2Nr2zK5ifX8>

PTA NEWS

PTA AGM Thursday April 30, 7:30pm in the Staffroom

You're warmly welcomed to the PTA Annual General Meeting.

This is also when we elect new PTA officers and there are a number of positions available including secretary and new committee members.

There are lots of great ways to become involved that can fit around your availability and which make a tangible difference to our school community so please come along and see what it's all about.

It's also a great way to meet other parents :)

See you there!



Please also join the friends of Ngaio School PTA at this QR code ->

It's an easy way to keep in contact for those who aren't able to become PTA members but still want to be able to help in practical ways (eg. baking) as the need comes up.

THANK YOU!

Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered for the Rocket Carnival
Including the following Superstars:

Bakers & Bake stall crew

Aime W *Jo S* *Jen T*

Haley J *Vanessa R* *Thomas R*

Cathy N *Nicola W* *Diane F*

Tara H *Andrea O* *Alana H*

Sara P *Marie F* *Hannah B*



Phillip pa T *Fleur M* *Hong W*

Sarah D *Krista P*

Lolly packers & Lolly stall crew

Sophie M

Susan M

Anna K

Tara H

*Gwen and
Emeline M*

Pepi L

Arlo K

*Tilly and Thea
A*

Thea S

Owen S

Zia M

Emma R

Cerys P

Julia R

Liz G

Sausage Sizzlers

Mike L

Craig B

Emma A

Julia R

Simon F

Chris

Henry O

Nicola W

Katie B

Carter F

Oliver R

...and finally **please join us in thanking these wonderful bakers** who supplied scrumptious goodies for the recent staff appreciation morning tea:

Jo M

Heather P

Nicola W

Diane F

Katie B

Fleur M

Tara H

Daphna O

Andrea O

WE WANT YOUR NEW WORLD CLUB CARD DETAILS!

Don't forget to send your New World Clubcard number to the school office.

By registering your card, every time you shop at Khandallah New World,

1% of your total purchase is returned to us in points.

These points are used to buy groceries for sausage sizzles and other fundraising events.



This is an easy and impactful way to support our fundraising efforts at no extra cost to you.

A big thank you to Khandallah New World for this fantastic contribution to our community!

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Tuesday 28 April-Wednesday 6 May	Pedal Ready Year 6	Daily Sessions
Tuesday 28 April	Ngaio Cross Country Day	9am-12.30pm
Friday 1 May	Kakapo Hui	9.10am-10am
Friday 1 May	Tui Hui	10.10am-11am
Wednesday 6 May	Author Visit Des Hunt visits Tui	9.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday 6 May	PTA AGM Staffroom	7.30pm
Wednesday 6 May	Great Kiwi Competition Registration Closes	12pm
Thursday 7 May	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge	9-3pm
Thursday 7 May	Board Meeting - Staffroom	7pm-9pm
Monday 11 May	Whakatau	9.15am-10am
Tuesday 12 May	Junior Cross Country Amesbury School	9am-3pm
Friday 15 May	Pink Shirt Day & House Event	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
Friday 29 May	Kakapo Hui	9.10am-10am
Friday 29 May	Tui Hui	10.10am-11am
Monday 1 June	Kings Birthday	School Closed
Tuesday 2 June	Teachers Only Day	School Closed
Tuesday 9 June	Inter Zone Cross Country Macalister Park	9am-3pm
Wednesday 10 June	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Friday 12 June	Kakapo Hui	9.10am-10am
Friday 12 June	Tui Hui	10.10am-11am
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
Thursday 25 June	PTA Sausage Sizzle	Lunchtime
Friday 26 June	Reports go home	
Wednesday 1 July	3 Way Conferences	3.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 1 July	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Thursday 2 July	3 Way Conferences	3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 3 July	End of Term 2	3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 upcoming Open Day on **Sunday 3 May, 2.00pm–4.00pm**. 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.

SHORTER DAYS BIGGER PLAYS TERM 2 2026

As the days grow shorter and winter starts to set in our after-school sports programmes are here to keep the afternoon bright, active and full of fun!! Join us to sharpen your skills, try new games and burn off that extra energy in a positive structured environment!

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a



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- Handball
- Nerball
- Football

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fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs in the future!

For term 2 the sports we are focussing on are:

Football, Handball, Netball and Hockey (2 weeks of each).

Classes start on Wednesday 29 April 2026 (Week 2) and run for 8 weeks, 3.05pm-4.05pm

Go to www.kellysports.co.nz

My name is Jody and I am an actor, I recently starred in Mamma Mia the Musical last year at the St James in Wellington 😊

I'm thrilled to be able to offer afterschool drama classes for your students - the classes will be held at the Ngaio Town hall, next to the library on Wednesday after school

Below is my website for more information about the classes and my performing arts school: Jodyperformingarts.co.nz



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

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WINTER HOCKEY 2026

Karori Junior Hockey Club

Term 2 & 3

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Come join our hockey family!

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Registrations close 6 April 2026



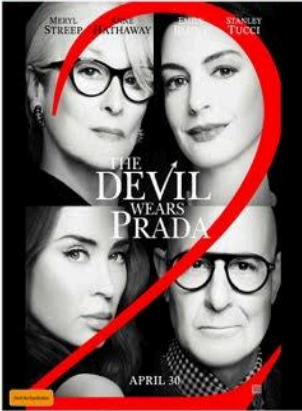
Who are we:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by a group of Year 12 from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter clothes and deliver them to schools in the greater Wellington region. Specifically targeting families who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.

What you can do:

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

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