

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

Kia ora whānau,

It has been a busy and vibrant start to the term, and it's wonderful to see our tamariki diving back into their learning with such enthusiasm.

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of attending the PTA AGM. It was incredible to hear about the work they have completed over the past year and their ongoing commitments to our school. Without their effort and energy, many of our key initiatives simply wouldn't be possible. If you've been looking for a way to get involved, I highly recommend reaching out at pta@ngaio.school.nz.

Our recent Cross Country was a highlight last week. A huge thank you to Dan Byrne for his organisation, and to all the parents who came along to support. A personal first for me was having live commentators; the mix of humour and hype brought a brilliant energy to the races and kept the children (and the crowd!) entertained and cheering throughout the morning.

I've received a few questions regarding the balance of our school trips, specifically why there seems to be a strong lean toward sports. Currently, many of the sporting opportunities that are available to our children are planned and funded by organisations such as Primary Sport Wellington. Because of this, many barriers to participation are removed. This is an issue that the leadership team is aware of, and we will be actively looking to see how we can provide a balanced and broad range of experiences outside of the classroom.

This term, to support our "I am a Scientist" theme, we have a fantastic lineup of non-sporting experiences, including:

- EPro8 Groups (Science & Engineering challenges)
- Sam Marsden Artist in Residence

- Perform Ed visit
- Guest Visit from an author, a small group trip to the 'Stuff' offices

As I shared on HERO last week, the Board has had to make the difficult decision to reduce our library hours. Consequently, we will be farewelling Bernice Williams at the end of this term. Bernice has been a cornerstone of Ngaio School for many years, supporting children both in the library and the classroom. She has worked tirelessly to make the library an inclusive, welcoming sanctuary for all. We thank her deeply for her dedication and wish her the very best.

Finally, please mark your calendars for our Working Bee on Sunday 24th May, from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Our primary focus is restoring McLeod Hall, but if we have enough hands on deck, we hope to tidy up parts of the Arb. Many hands make light work, and it's a great way to catch up with other families while improving our school environment.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil McIntosh

Schooldocs Policies

In term 2 we have been reviewing topics in the Safety On and Off School Grounds section in the School Docs below.

- All reviews are open to board members, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau).
- Anyone can review any policy/procedure that has a review button.

To start reviewing, click on a topic name below, then click the Start your review button. If a link is inactive, our school doesn't have the topic.

Note that if you'd like to provide feedback on a topic that's not listed below, you can still do so if it has a review button.

Term 2 review topics:

[School Swimming Pool](#)
[Education Outside the Classroom \(EOTC\)](#)
[EOTC EOTC Risk Assessment and Management](#)
[Governance Roles and Responsibilities](#)

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 or their house colour. Please bring a gold coin donation or donate through the MyKindo shop to support the Mental Health Foundation's efforts to create safe schools.

PTA NEWS

HEADS UP, HERE COME THE PIES!

With the wintry autumn weather kicking in, it's the perfect time to order tasty family size pies for your whānau!

The Pie Fundraiser launches Next Monday May 11. Orders can be made via MyKindo or online bank transfer from then up until June 7, with delivery at school on the afternoon of Thursday June 18. Pies for this fundraiser are \$14 each.



Pie Flavours	
Country Chicken	Apple
Cracked Pepper Steak	Apricot
Mediterranean Lamb	Caramel
Mince	Lemon Flan
Mince & Cheese	
Potato Top	
Steak & Cheese	
Steak & Kidney	
Steak & Onion	

Our thanks to Centa Bakery in Lower Hutt for their support. PTA fundraising supports a range of events and initiatives including graduation and the leavers' book, the clinic and the enviro club.

NGAIO SCHOOL NGAHURU AUTUMN FAIR 2027

We're excited to begin planning a community **Ngahuru Autumn Fair** to be held on **Sunday 21 March 2027**, and we would love your help to bring it to life.

This event will be a fantastic opportunity to bring whānau and the wider community together while raising funds for our school. To make it a success, we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our organising team. There are plenty of ways to be involved, whether you're keen to help lead a specific area or simply lend a hand where needed.

Some of the areas we'll be planning include:

Stalls and activities	Entertainment
Food and refreshments	Marketing and promotion
Sponsorship and fundraising	Logistics and health & safety

Our first planning meeting will be held on **13 May at 7:30pm** in the staffroom at Ngaio School. This will be a chance to share ideas, assign roles, and get things underway.

If you're interested in being part of the team, please **email** pta@ngaio.school.nz

Your support, ideas, and energy will make a real difference, and we'd love to have you involved.

REMINDER: NEW WORLD CLUBCARD SUPPORT

Don't forget to send your New World Clubcard number to Katy in the school office by email: k.robertson@ngaio.school.nz



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!**

THANKS FOR COMING TO THE PTA AGM

It was a really good night, and great to look back at everything the PTA has achieved in the past year, whilst also looking forward and welcoming new members.

Please consider joining the Friends of Ngaio School PTA Whatsapp group to stay connected to event planning and opportunities to step up as time allows.



Ngā mihi
Ngaio School PTA

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

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



*Dress to impress
and ready to
reign!*

Y-KIDS TEACHER ONLY DAY

Ngaio School

When: 2 June, 2026

Time: 7.30am-6pm

Theme: Royal Rumble: A Day in the Kingdom

Price: \$60

Hear ye! Young royals are invited to a day of crowns, castles, and courtly fun. Come dressed as a King, Queen, Knight, or any royal character and enjoy games, creativity, and magical adventures.



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Centre Manager: Rohan Swanepoel
P: 027 335 0183 | E: ngaio.asc@ycentral.nz



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 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

KELLY SPORTS

SHORTER DAYS BIGGER PLAYS!

STARTS WEEK 2

WEDNESDAY'S, 3:05PM - 4:05PM

Hockey
Netball
Handball
Football

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 :



**After School Drama Classes
at Ngaio Town Hall on
Wednesdays
FREE TRIAL LESSON**

Build Confidence • Make Friends • Have Fun

These action-packed sessions provide a safe, inclusive space for your child to be creative while learning fun stage and performance techniques

Find out more & view class options

jodyperformingarts.co.nz



Kindernest
German Playgroup



SATURDAY
9 MAY

KHANDALLAH
VILLAGE
MARKET

10AM - 2PM

KHAN. PRES.
CHURCH



Just in time for Mother's Day

**Freshly baked,
lovingly made, and
impossible to resist!**

German and Austrian style slices
and cakes for sale to support the
German speaking playgroup!



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



Thai Festival Wellington 2026



Sawasdee New Zealand "70 Years of Friendship"



Saturday, 16 May 2026
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Michael Fowler Centre

FREE ENTRY

- Thai Food & Drinks
- A Range of Exhibitions & Cultural Performances
- Traditional Thai Massage
- Muay Thai Workshop
- Meditation Class
- Fun Activities & A Lucky Draw



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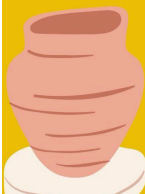


Inner City Art Studio After School Art Classes



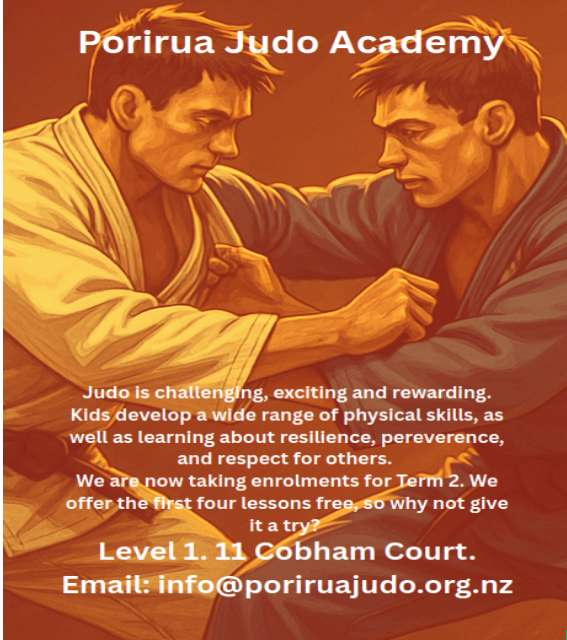
Ceramics, Sculpture, Textiles, Painting, Drawing.

Term Two every Tuesday 3.45pm - 5.45pm
Ages 9 - 13, Term cost \$432 Incl all materials
Starting May 5th - June 30th finish



Limited Bookings online
www.innercityartstudio.com

Porirua Judo Academy



Judo is challenging, exciting and rewarding. Kids develop a wide range of physical skills, as well as learning about resilience, perseverance, and respect for others.

We are now taking enrolments for Term 2. We offer the first four lessons free, so why not give it a try?

Level 1. 11 Cobham Court.
Email: info@porirujudo.org.nz

Ngaio Playcentre

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 9.00am to 12.30pm

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Child Directed Curriculum

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LIGHT HOUSE PETONE
52 BEACH STREET
SUNDAY 17TH MAY 5.00PM
ARRIVE AT 4.30PM | TICKETS \$25

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RSVP to projects@rcwn.org.nz or text Zai 021 733 659



eZlunch.

Order lunch

Be in to win



5 x \$50 Kindo Credits to be won every week for 4 weeks.

Terms and Conditions apply.



THE WINTER PROJECT

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!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A **FREE** SESSION BY INDUSTRY EXPERT JOHN PARSONS ON HOW TO **KEEP ĀKONGA AT YOUR KURA SAFE ONLINE**. SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER USING THE LINKS PROVIDED BELOW

ONLINE CHILD PROTECTION

FOR WHANAU, PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

DELIVERED BY
JOHN PARSONS

WHERE TIAKIWAI CONFERENCE CENTRE, NATIONAL LIBRARY
AITKEN ST, THORNDON
(BEST ACCESS TO THE THEATRE IS OFF AITKEN STREET)

WHEN 5.30 TO 6.30PM
MONDAY 11 JUNE

COST FREE



This session is about empowering whanau, parents and caregivers.

In today's digital world, young people face an increasing range of risks in their online activities. Equip yourself with the tools to reduce these risks and confidently address issues when they arise. Join us to learn how to reduce risks and maximise the benefits for your children.

Some of the things John will cover include:

- Online sexual predators
- Pornography and extremism
- Cyber bullying
- Mobile phones
- Sextortion
- The importance of sleep

John Parsons is a highly regarded Internet Safety and Risk Assessment consultant and has worked extensively in the education sector in Aotearoa. John is a published author and social commentator who works throughout Aotearoa.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



This event has been funded by
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INNER CITY ART STUDIO



8 weeks
Mondays May 4th - 22nd June
Thursdays 7th - 25th June
Cost \$580 incl materials and firing



7 weeks
Mondays May 11th - 22nd June
Thursdays 14th May - 25th June
Cost \$507.5 incl materials and firing



6 weeks
Mondays May 4th - 8th June
Thursdays 7th May - 11th June
Cost \$435 incl materials and firing



4 weeks
Mondays May 4th - 25th May
Thursdays 7th May - 28th May
Cost \$290 incl materials and firing



3 weeks
Mondays May 4th - 18th May
Thursdays 7th May - 21st May
Cost \$217.5 incl materials and firing



All classes 6.15pm - 8.15 pm

AUTUMN ADULTS POTTERY/ CERAMIC HAND BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Bookings and information
www.Innercityartstudio.com

BREATHING ROOM

Hatha Yoga Classes



- Time:** 6.00pm - 7.00pm Monday
STARTING MONDAY 29th APRIL
9.15am - 10.15am Wednesday
STARTING WEDNESDAY 6th MAY
- Location:** **Khandallah Town Hall**
11 Ganges Rd, Khandallah
- What to bring:** Yoga Mat, Drink bottle, Towel
- What is provided:** Additional props (Bolsters, blocks, straps, eye pillows & spare yoga mats)
- What to expect:** We will be practicing a Hatha yoga sequence which focuses on balancing the breath, body, and mind as we move between poses.
- Each pose is generally held for 30 seconds to one minute. The intention is to find a level of comfort that allows for long, deep, and steady breathing throughout the practice.
- Cost:** **\$15**
(50% donated to Women's Refuge safe nights)
Call or Txt: Stephanie
- CONTACT:** **021 27 47 834**