

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last week, our school grounds were a sea of pink as we stood together for Pink Shirt Day. It was great to see so many children and staff dress up and support this kaupapa. This movement is about more than just a colour though; it is a commitment to creating a kura and community where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

We celebrated in our house groups with a Jump Jam session outside. Seeing the older students supporting the younger ones and hearing the enthusiasm for such an important cause was a real highlight of my week. Thank you for supporting your tamariki in participating and for reinforcing the message that kindness is our superpower.

I am delighted to introduce Sarah, who has joined us as a student counsellor. We understand that navigating the "ups and downs" of childhood can sometimes require a little extra guidance. In the first few weeks, Sarah will spend time in the classrooms and out on the playground to get to know our kura and children.

Once she has found her feet, she will begin working with individuals and small groups. If you feel your child would benefit from this support, or if a teacher identifies a need, a referral can be made by emailing Jo Purcell at jpurcell@ngaio.school.nz. Please rest assured that we will always seek consent from parents before Sarah begins any direct work with a child. We are excited about this partnership and the positive impact it will have on the wellbeing of our students.

As mentioned in previous updates, we are navigating several changes within the wider education sector. To ensure you feel informed and supported, we are holding two identical, bite-sized information sessions on Wednesday 27th May in the staffroom:

- **Morning session:** 8:00am
- **Evening session:** 5:30pm

We will provide an overview of recent changes in education and hold space for any questions you might have. To make this as accessible as possible, **childcare is available for both slots**. Please email me at **principal@ngaio.school.nz** if you'd like supervision for your child during these times.

We are now beginning to ramp up towards a consultation period for our new strategic plan. This is an important process where we look to our staff, students, and whānau to help shape the future of Ngaio School. Essentially, we are asking you to help define the goals and initiatives you'd like to see over the next three years.

We have split this journey into three phases, the first of which is **Maumahara**.

Maumahara is about remembering. We will be focusing on recalling the specific events, themes, and values that have defined Ngaio School across generations.

We acknowledge that we aren't starting from scratch. By honoring those who came before us, we create a deeper sense of belonging for our current community. Over the next few weeks, I will be working closely with groups of students to begin capturing these stories and values. We hope to share our work soon.

Ngā mihi,

Phil McIntosh

News from the Board

Kia ora e te whānau o te kura o Ngaio

The Board met on Thursday of week 3 for its first of two full Board meetings this term.

This meeting's main highlight was Phil's presentation on starting our strategic planning process. Every school is carrying out strategic planning this year, and needs to have a new strategic plan ready by the start of next year. The initial stage of this kaupapa focuses on gathering input from our community to understand their perspectives and aspirations for Ngaio School, which will be used to shape the school's direction for the next 3 years. Phil explained his proposed approach 'ka mua, ka muri' - 'look back to look forward' which over three phases, Maumahara, Te Rā and Hiwa-i-te-rangi, will look back, look within, then look forward to arrive at our strategic goals. We look forward to the launch of this process as part of our upcoming Matariki celebrations and to hearing from our community on their aspirations for Ngaio School.

We covered off our regular items - including the Principals report ([link](#)), Finances, Property, Health and Safety and Policy.

At this meeting key discussion points included:

- Recent weather events and school closures
- Staffing levels across the school and increased support staff which there continues to be a high demand for
- The Ministry's planned demolition of Rooms 13 and 14 later this term. These rooms are very old and surplus to our needs. We will keep you updated on how this space will be used.
- Agreement, to develop further maintenance plans for property that aren't covered by the 5 or 10 year Ministry funded property plans this includes property such as the playgrounds and pool to help us stay ahead of our funding needs.
- Confirming that the school's fundraising focus remains on the playground matting to repay the school's reserves that were used to cover the difference between what was fundraised and the cost of the matting.

- The upcoming working bee for McLeod Hall on 24 May. This is to make this an inviting space for our school to use and also for potential hirage opportunities to community groups. We hope to see as many parent helpers as possible at the working bee.
- 2025 financial audit has been completed and returned to the board. Ngaio School is in a stable financial position, having managed its budget carefully and earning a completely clean, independent audit report.

In this update, we'd like to thank Bernice Williams for her service to Ngaio School. After our review of the library hours and roles, Bernice made the decision to finish her time at Ngaio School. Bernice has provided outstanding support to the library and our students through her dedication, commitment, and advocacy for literacy. Her presence and contributions will be greatly missed.

We'd also like to recognise 'support staff week' and acknowledge our own support staff as the behind the scenes engine room that more often or not take on the most difficult of jobs. And we'd like to shout out to all the staff and parents that made year 6 camp such a hit in week 9 of last term. Our own board member Kirsty Donvaband attended camp as a parent helper and raved about the experience.

The Board would like to wish you well for the rest of term 2, and if you ever want to connect or chat, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us, our emails are bot followed by our first name @ngaio.school.nz eg. botemma@ngaio.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Your Board

Emma Andrews, Joe Winton, Sarah Deans, Kirsten Fraser, Kirsty Donvaband, Mike Mercer, Dan Bryne and Phil McIntosh

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

On Friday, May 16, 2026, Ngaio School turned pink to celebrate kindness, diversity, and standing up against bullying. Thank you to all of those who donated. We raised just over \$200 through the MyKindo shop and gold coins to support the Mental Health Foundation's efforts to create safe schools.



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Thank you for parking safely.



Unfortunately our gates on the staff carpark are not working until we can repair them. Please **do not use the staff carpark** especially around drop off and pick up times for the safety of our tamariki.

Year 6 Writing Club

As a challenge for the Year 6 Writing Club, students were tasked with writing a paragraph about exploring an interesting environment. There was one catch... they could not use the letter 'E'.

'E' is the most common letter in the English language, so you can imagine how hard this was (just look at how many 'E's' are in this very blurb!). This challenge was designed to push students to delve into the depths of their vocabulary, and in some cases go in search of synonyms for words containing an 'E'.

Below are some examples.

As I walk through this dry land, I'm admiring stunning cacti and luscious lands. Sand swirls, burning my skin, scratching and scraping. If it wasn't as painful, I could laugh. How could such things subsist in such tough conditions? I look for sanctuary among this chaos, finding it in a small grotto, I sprint towards it, blocking my pupils from this onslaught of sand. At last I am out of harm's way, and finally I drift unconscious.

- Emma R

I sprint across sand as my lungs start to burn. A horrifying slim and tall mammal is on my tail. Its narrow scrag spins rapidly. *Its run...* I think, whilst my orbs start to fail- "Go away!" shouts a human, holding out his hand. Shaking his hand, I cautiously say, "Thanks?" I squint my optics and my skin folds.

"I'm Kai, and you?"

"Lily." I grin. Kai and I walk on sand, back to a cabin.

- Tilly R

Donations to cover the cost of Easyswim swimming lessons

Our swimming pool is a valuable asset that continues to cost a substantial amount of money to keep running for the benefit of our school community. Although the impact on our budget is substantial, we believe in the importance of learning to swim at a young age and would like to be able to keep the pool going long term if possible.

Swimming lessons are an additional cost, run by Easyswim Swim School. We have been informed by Easyswim that the cost for swimming instruction in 2026 is \$52.90.

We have loaded the swimming payment onto your MyKindo account for convenience, however you will note this amount is \$55.30 to cover the 3.95% Kindo fee and appreciate you donating this extra amount if you can. Alternatively, you are welcome to pay \$52.90 by internet banking, or by Eftpos in the school office.

If you are making your payment by internet banking into the school bank account, please remember to use your **CHILD's name** and the reference **Swimming** when making payment into the school account 12-3140-0210759-00. The code to use is 0209.

Tough Guy/Girl Challenge at Camp Wainui

We had a fantastic day at the Tough Guy/Girl event at Camp Wainui. With plenty of fresh mud and beautiful sunshine, the conditions made for an exciting and memorable experience for everyone involved.

Our students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, showing the Rocket value of resilience as they pushed through obstacles and tough moments along the course. It was especially pleasing to see so many students encouraging and supporting their mates along the way.



The event was extremely well organised, with hundreds of students from schools across the region taking part. A highlight of the day was hearing that all of our students were keen to return again next year!

A massive thank you to Matthew Fowler for stepping up as our team coordinator and parent liaison at the event. Cheers Matt!

Absences and Address Updates

Please remember if your child is sick or going to be late on the day the best way to report this to the office is through your Hero app. If your child is going to be away longer due to sickness or a planned absence you need to email the school to explain the reason at absences@ngaio.school.nz and if it's a holiday during term time include principal@ngaio.school.nz. If you have moved house or changed phone number or email please remember to let us know at the office info@ngaio.school.nz so we can keep your details updated on Hero and Enrol.

PTA NEWS

IT'S PIE TIME!

These tasty, warming family pies from Centa Bakery are perfect for an easy winter dinner and are **available to be ordered now** on MyKindo up until June 7, with delivery at school on the afternoon of Thursday June 18.

3 Easy Ways to Order

MyKindo: If you have MyKindo, click here to order: <https://bit.ly/42Lhaat>

Whānau without MyKindo: Order here: <https://bit.ly/4nDgnCb>

[Note that it will ask for contact details for order confirmation]

Online Banking: Ngaio School PTA Account 12-3140-0318313-00

PARTICULARS: Your name and phone number. **REFERENCE:** PIES

EMAIL order details to pta@ngaio.school.nz

The meat pies contain a real meat and vegetable filling. They are a minimum weight of 600gm and are freeze-thaw stable and can be frozen and reheated later without losing their quality. The Family Dessert Pies can be eaten hot or cold. They can also be frozen and are delivered pre-baked and chilled.

Pick from these yummy flavours:



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

Pies for this fundraiser are \$14 each.

PTA fundraising supports a range of events and initiatives including graduation and the leavers' book, the clinic and the enviro club.

NGAIO SCHOOL GALA on Sunday 21 March 2027

We're excited to share that after the first planning meeting there's loads of enthusiasm and a fantastic group of lead organisers have come on board as we start bringing this much-loved community event to life.

We're still looking for more people to help in key roles, including:

- Communications/Marketing
- Money Room Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Second-hand/White Elephant Stall Lead
- Cafe/Baking sale



Keen to run a food stall or game?

Ideas already suggested include nachos, paella, fried rice, sushi, spiders, mini golf, an Easter egg hunt, jaffa races, and the chocolate game, candy floss, bouncy castle

This event is all about bringing our community together, and you can be an important part of it — whether that's helping organise, running a stall, or simply sharing ideas.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please contact us at pta@ngaio.school.nz



SAVE THE DATE FOR MINIONS & MONSTERS

A Special PTA screening of this fun school holiday flick will be held at **3pm, Sunday 5 July** at the Penthouse Cinema & Cafe. More details to come soon.

WE'RE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A SECRETARY AND A TREASURER TO JOIN OUR FRIENDLY PTA COMMITTEE!

These are two of the most important roles in keeping our school community thriving — and they're more manageable than you might think. The Secretary keeps us organised and connected, while the Treasurer ensures our fundraising efforts are tracked and put to great use. Both roles come with a genuinely warm and welcoming team behind them, and the satisfaction of knowing you're making a real difference for

our tamariki. If you're interested, or just want to find out more before committing, we'd love to hear from you at pta@ngaio.school.nz

FRIENDS WILL BE FRIENDS



Joining the Friends of Ngaio School PTA Whatsapp group is the best way to be able to be part of PTA school activities as time allows. If you're unable to be part of the PTA committee, you can still play a meaningful part in our school community by joining here: <https://bit.ly/4tMrV7t>

Ngā mihi
Ngaio School PTA

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Sunday 24 May	Working Bee McLeods Hall	2pm-5pm
Wednesday 27 May	Overview of Education Changes Staffroom	8am & 5.30pm
Wednesday 27 May	Whanau Ropu Hui Staffroom	6.30pm
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 3 June	Ngaio News Team visit Stuff Offices	9am-12.30pm
Tuesday 9 June	Inter Zone Cross Country Macalister Park	9am-3pm
Wednesday 10 June	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Thursday 11 June	Board Meeting Staffroom	7pm-9pm
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	
Tuesday 30 June	Day at Raroa for Year 6	8.50am-1.30pm
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
Monday 20 July	Start of Term 3	9am
Thursday 23 July	Matariki Breakfast	7.20am-8.35am
Monday 3 August	Yr 6 Raroa New Parent Information Evening	6pm-7pm
Tuesday 4 August	Yr 6 Raroa Open Morning	9am-10.30am
Thursday 6 August	Board Meeting Staff Room	7pm-9pm
Wednesday 19 August	New Parents Information Afternoon	1.45pm-2.45pm
Wednesday 2 - 4 September	Bookfair	
Wednesday 9 September	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Wednesday 9 September	Yr 5-6 Futsal Festival Akau Tangi	9am-3pm
Thursday 10 September	Board Meeting Staffroom	7pm-9pm
Thursday 17 September	Sausage Sizzle	12pm-1pm
Saturday 19 September	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Newlands College	
Wednesday 23 September	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Friday 25 September	End of Term 3	3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



*Dress to impress
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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

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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,



SHORTER DAYS BIGGER PLAYS!



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

try new games and burn off that extra energy in a positive structured environment!

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

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Below is my website for more information about the classes and my performing arts :



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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

Hatha Yoga Classes



- Time:** 6.00pm - 7.00pm Monday
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)
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