

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

Kia ora koutou,

It is hard to believe we are already cruising through another busy term. I hope you and your families are staying warm as the winter chill begins to settle in.

First and foremost, I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who came out for our recent working bee. I was blown away by the incredible community support. Together, we completely transformed the Colway Street entrance, pulled literally thousands of stubborn staples from the hall walls (a tedious task, but worth it!), and cleared a massive amount of dead branches and debris from the arboretum.

A special shout-out must go to Hayden and Louisa for organising the day. Our environment looks so much better for it. We will look at holding our next working bee in the Spring, so keep an eye out for details later in the year.

Loose Parts Play at Ngaio School

If you have walked past the playground during lunchtime last week, you might have heard an extra burst of laughter and chatter. We recently ran our first Loose Parts Play session in some time, and it was great to see.

One of our wonderful staff members, Becky Winton, has kindly provided some insight into why this approach is so valuable for our tamariki.

Loose parts add rich, open-ended opportunity to the environments in which children play and can take any form, provided they do not have a predetermined purpose for use. At Ngaio School, we are incredibly fortunate to have a curated set of 'junk' - think palettes, milk crates, pool noodles, fabric and pipes which can be pulled out for play. Through a child's eyes these materials open up a world of opportunity for creative, imaginative and active child-led play.

Children need environments they can manipulate and where they can invent, construct, evaluate and modify their own constructions and ideas through play (Resources for playing – providing loose parts to support children’s play: A toolkit, Play Wales 2017).

The opportunities for rich socio-emotional learning are vast: in play, children are intrinsically motivated to practise collaboration, negotiation, persistence and problem-solving. In one of our sessions you will see resources gathered, structures and vehicles created, and worlds imagined. Early concepts of physics and mechanics are explored, and there is huge potential for rich development of language. The best part of it all is that all of this learning is happening whilst the children are having fun - the joyful shrieks and laughter that come from the playground during our sessions are testament to this!

We ran our first session for some time last week and it was a real joy to be a part of. We hope to make our lunchtime junk-play programme a regular feature of school-life - watch this space!

We are incredibly grateful to have staff like Becky who possess the knowledge and capability to lead this.

Maumahara: Looking back

This is a concept where we explore our history and heritage to understand how our past shapes who we are today. It’s an important part of our strategic plan process to acknowledge where we have come from. We have a wonderful group of Year 6 students (Leo, Henry and Joanne) who are helping shape this up!

Ngaio school first opened in 1908 in the Anglican Church room, near the Ngaio railway station. There were 25 students and their teacher, Miss Page. When the space was needed for a wedding, the children were given a holiday



Ngaio School (initially known as Crofton School), which opened around 1908.

By the next year, the school had outgrown the church room. By 1912, the school had 54 students and moved into the Methodist Church hall while a new school on Chelmsford street was built. By 1915, the roll had grown to 126 students.



Old Ngaio School on Heke Street. 1920s

The 1920's saw the polio epidemic. Similar to the COVID epidemic, schools across the country were closed. The school continued to grow, with the roll close to 300 by the end of 1928, a new school on Abbot Street was completed, soon to be known as 'the big school'. The school was now on two sites.

Ngā mihi,

Phil McIntosh



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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.

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.

Please check your Mykindo account for any other outstanding payments.

Scholastic Book Club orders will close this **Friday night the 5th of June**.

Please have your orders in via the Loop before then.

LAST DAY FOR PIE ORDERS THIS SUNDAY

Pie orders are flying in with delivery at school on the afternoon of Thursday June 18.

The family 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 & chilled.

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

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.

VOLUNTEER SUPERHEROS NEEDED

Pie Distribution Volunteers - Thursday June 18

Are you able to help get all those tasty pies to their new homes?

We're looking for volunteers on Thursday June 18 from 1-3:30pm at school to help organise and distribute. Please get in touch if you're able to help here: pta@ngaio.school.nz



Sausage Sizzle - Thursday June 25

Meat & Vegetarian sausages - \$2.50 each
and Lemonade Popsicles - \$2.00 each.

Make your purchases on myKindo

Orders in by 5pm on Thursday 18 June

As always, we cannot make these Sizzles happen without some Chief Sizzlers and their crew - **Volunteers needed:** 6 deliverers & 2 Chefs!

Please email the 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.

NEW WORLD CLUB CARD IS CHANGING

New World is soon to change its loyalty scheme to Club+.



You'll need to join Club+ then re-register your Club+ card details with the school to stay involved with the Club+ in Schools programme which gives 1% of your purchase to Ngaio School when you shop at Khandallah New World. A permission form will need to be completed to confirm your Club+ card number, your child's graduating year and consent for your Club+ account details to be used for the programme. The permission form will be available soon.

Ngā mihi
Ngaio School PTA

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Thursday 4 June	PTA Meeting - Online	7.30pm
Tuesday 9 June	Inter Zone Cross Country Macalister Park	9am-3pm
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
Thursday 30 July	PTA Meeting - Staffroom	7.30pm
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	Y4-6 Swimming Sports Keith Spry Pool	10.30am-1pm
Thursday 6 August	Board Meeting Staff Room	7pm-9pm
Wednesday 19 August	New Parents Information Afternoon	1.45pm-2.45pm
Friday 21 August	Staff Only Day - School Closed	All Day
Thursday 27 August	PTA Meeting - Online	7.30pm
Monday 31 August- Wednesday-2 September	Bookfair	
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
Thursday 24 September	Performing Arts Showcase Raroa Yr 6	11am-12.30pm
Friday 25 September	End of Term 3	3pm