

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

Kia ora whānau,

First, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Open Afternoon. I do want to acknowledge that we had a communication gap leading up to this event. We know how busy family schedules are, and when times change without enough notice, it makes it very difficult for you to plan and attend. We are currently looking at how we can tighten up our systems to ensure any future updates are sent out much earlier. Thank you for your patience as we look to improve in this area.

Our teachers (*kaiako*) recently had a fantastic day collaborating with our wider cluster of primary schools, Te Remu o Tarikākā, for our Professional Development Expo hosted at Amesbury School. It was an inspiring day filled with expert workshops and presentations. We know we are stronger when we work together. To get a feel for the collaborative energy driving our schools, you can watch our launch video here: [Te Remu o Tarikākā - Better Together](#).

We have two bittersweet staff updates to share. As many of you know, our wonderful librarian, Bernice, is leaving us at the end of this term. Bernice has fostered a deep love of reading in so many of our tamariki, and she will be deeply missed. A number of parents have asked if they can contribute to a farewell gift for her. If you would like to donate, please feel free to email Katy in the office and she can send you the school account details.

Looking a bit further ahead, Chantal will be leaving Ngaio School in November to move overseas. Chantal has been an invaluable member of our teaching team for eight years, and her impact on our school community cannot be overstated. While we are incredibly sad to lose her, we are so excited for her as she embarks on her next adventure.

Ngā mihi,

Phil McIntosh


Update from the Board

Kia ora e te whānau o te kura o Ngaio

The Board met on Thursday of week 8 for its second of two full Board meetings this term.

In this meeting we heard from the Y about their out of school care and holiday programme, we discussed the next steps in our strategic planning consultation process, kicked off a discussion about potentially adopting staggered or mid-term Board election cycles, and confirmed our approach for decision making of school closures in emergency situations.

We covered off our regular items including the Principals report

 Public PRINCIPAL'S REPORT June 2026.pdf and Board Assurances, Finances, Property, Health and Safety and Policy.

At this meeting some of our key decisions included:

- Agreeing term dates for 2027 - Term 1 2027 will start on Wednesday 3 February, and the last day of Term 4 will be on Wednesday 15 December.
- Agreeing to progress grant applications for Autex acoustic wall covering for McLeod Hall.
- Agreeing to commence consultation on cohort entry in 2027 - cohort entry is when children start school at specific times in the year rather than on their 5th birthday. More information will be provided as we start the consultation process.

In this update, we'd like to acknowledge Louisa and Hayden for their organisation of the recent working bee. It was great to get our community together and stuck into both McLeod Hall and the Arb - McLeod Hall is now well prepared for further improvements and the Arb is tidied up to make it a safer place for our tamariki to play. Thank you to all the parents, siblings and whānau who volunteered their afternoon to support our school.

The Board wish you well for the last weeks 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 Byrne and Phil McIntosh

Cohort Entry Consultation

As part of looking forward, we are currently looking into how we welcome our very newest learners to Ngaio School. We are considering a shift from continuous entry (where children start on or just after their 5th birthday) to Cohort Entry (where new entrants start together in small groups at specific points during the term). We believe this can offer children a more settled, supportive start to their schooling journey. We would love to hear the perspectives of both our current and prospective parents on this by following the [link](#)

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Help keep children safe by parking correctly. You put children at risk when you park illegally.

Do not park:

- on broken yellow lines
- on the footpath
- on or near a school crossing
- in the school driveway
- in a bus stop or the school bus bay
- in a 'No parking' zone
- in an area reserved for disabled people.

You could be fined up to **\$750** for a parking offence.

To find out more about parking, call **04 499 4444** or email roadsafety@wcc.govt.nz

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.



THANKS FOR THE PIES

Thanks so much for your support for the pie fundraiser, It's gone really really well with more than 200 pies sold! Pie delivery is this Thursday afternoon to your kid's class.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDERS - LAST DAY TODAY



Today is the last day to order your kid's sausages and popsicles for the Sausage Sizzle Next Thursday.

Head to MyKindo now to order.



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

ILLUMINATION'S
minions & monsters

3pm, Sunday 5th July
Penthouse Cinema & Cafe

Tickets \$20
includes goody bag

Spot Prizes!

Tickets via MyKindo



Or pay with online banking
Account: 12-3140-0318318-00
PARTICULARS: Your name
REFERENCE: minions
EMAIL details to pta@ngaio.school.nz



MINIONS & MONSTERS - SPECIAL NGAIO SCHOOL SCREENING



Thanks to Domino's Khandallah, we've got 20 spot prizes of Domino's pizza vouchers!

Funds raised for the School Community Fund help support student celebrations, volunteer recognition, support staff appreciation gifts, and other initiatives that strengthen our school community.

SUPPORT NGAIO SCHOOL WITH YOUR NEW WORLD CLUBCARD+



These funds help us purchase supplies for events such as:

- Sausage sizzles
- Rocket Carnival food stalls
- Year 6 leavers' celebrations
- Other PTA events throughout the year

Register your **New World Clubcard+** with **Ngaio School PTA** and **1% of your spending at New World Khandallah will be donated to Ngaio School at no extra cost to you.**

Due to changes to the programme, all current registrations will end on **28 July 2026**. To continue supporting Ngaio School, please complete a new registration form (please note that if you do not feel comfortable sharing your child's graduation date then you do not need to).

Submission form here: <https://bit.ly/4eq4hrJ>

Don't forget to encourage grandparents, whānau, neighbours, and friends to sign up too!

🎉 NGAIO SCHOOL GALA UPDATE! 🎉

We are excited to announce that we now have a **White Elephant Lead** and a **Drinks Lead**. Yah!

We're still looking for enthusiastic people to lead some of our other stalls, including:

- 🎨 Face Painting
 - 💅 Nail Painting (we already have lots of nail polish in storage!)
 - 🌮 Nachos
 - 🍲 Paella
 - 🍭 Lolly Stall
 - 🍛 Fried Rice
- ...and more!

Leading a stall is a great way to contribute to the success of our Gala and help create a fantastic event for our school community.

If you're interested, please email pta@ngaio.school.nz with the subject line "Gala".

Thank you for helping make the Ngaio School Gala a wonderful community event! ❤️

WANTED: YOU

The Ngaio School Parent Teacher Association aims to build links between kāinga and kura. One way you can play a meaningful part in helping our school thrive is by joining.

Get in touch for a chat here: pta@ngaio.school.nz

Your PTA is in need of a new Treasurer and Secretary for 2026.

These are important and engaging roles at the heart of our school community, and are a great way to meet other school parents.



If you want to be able to help out with events and fundraisers but aren't able to commit to the PTA...

Join the Friends of Ngaio School WhatsApp group here:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/L94fSLTBI1aE9A5WS1OERO?mode=qi_c

...by emailing pta@ngaio.school.nz

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extraordinary prizes

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- Enjoy thousands of local offers on dining, travel, and experiences—like Wellington Zoo, Best Ugly Bagels, Empire Cinema, Holey Moley, and more.
- Support local businesses and our school—with **\$15 donated back to the PTA for every purchase**
- Funds go towards the clinic, enviro club, leavers function the playground matting plus much more.

[Click here to purchase your Entertainment Membership now!](#)

Quick, easy, and works on your phone!

Please share this link with your family and friends—every membership sold makes a difference!

SAVE THE DATE



Date : Sunday 23 August 2026

Time: 7-9pm

More details to come

Ngā mihi

Ngaio School PTA

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Thursday 25 June	PTA Sausage Sizzle	Lunchtime
Tuesday 30 June	Day at Raroa for Year 6	8.50am-1.30pm
Tuesday 30 June	Regional Cross Country - Harcourt Park	10am-1.30pm
Wednesday 1 July	3 Way Conferences	3.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 2nd July	Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Thursday 2 July	3 Way Conferences	3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 3 July	End of Term 2	3pm
Sunday 5 July	PTA Movie Fundraiser Penthouse Cinema	3pm-5pm
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
Friday 31 July	Reports published on Hero	
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
Sunday 23 August	PTA Quiz Night Fundraiser 1841 J'ville	7pm-9pm
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
Monday 12 October	Start of Term 4	9am
Wednesday 14 October	Ngaio Athletics Day - Nairnville Park	9am-3pm
Thursday 22nd October	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Thursday 29 October	Board Meeting - Staffroom	7pm-9pm
Monday 2 November	Northern Zone Athletics - Newtown Park	9am-3pm
Wednesday 11 November	New Parents Information Afternoon	1.45-2.45pm
Tuesday 17 November	Inter Zone Athletics - Newtown Park	9am-3pm
Thursday 19 November	School Photos with Photolife	9am-2pm

