

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

Kia ora whānau,

I hope you have all had a wonderful fortnight. It has been fantastic seeing the energy around the school lately, especially with the incredible support for our school Mathathon. A huge thank you to all the tamariki and whānau who got behind this fundraiser. A special shout-out must go to Michelle Pontifex for her efforts in organising the event.

Mark your calendars for St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival at Newlands College on Saturday 19 September. This wonderful festival brings all our local schools together, and Ngaio is proud to be co-hosting alongside Cashmere Avenue School this year. Keep an eye out for a separate HERO post going out soon with all the details.

A massive thank you to everyone who has already shared their thoughts for our upcoming strategic plan. If you haven't had your say yet, there is still time to help shape the future direction of Ngaio School. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey here: [LINK](#)

Looking ahead, we have a busy few weeks coming up. First off, we will be running our much-anticipated Book Week, which starts next week. More information can be found later in this newsletter.

Our tamariki have been loving our Art Attack project, where our older and younger buddies have teamed up across the school to create artwork. We would love to invite whānau into the classrooms to share in their creativity, so please join us for an Art Attack walk-through on Thursday 10 September at 2:15pm at our Open Afternoon.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil McIntosh

Please remember that tomorrow/Friday is **Daffodil Day.**

Please feel free to wear bright colours (yellow if you have it) on Friday.

Remember, to bring a coin if you can so we can decorate a heart shape outside Room 1/2 during the morning. No coins? You can also donate on the MyKindo app.



Bookweek NEXT WEEK 31 August - 4 September

The Bookfair is located in the side room of Hayden's class (head to Te Kapua and head left into the year 4 and 5 space).

The Bookfair is open on the following days for you to purchase books and novelty stationery. There is a Bake Sale on Wednesday afternoon. Join us for Storytime in the Library on Thursday night. Don't forget your costume on Friday if you wish to participate in Book Character Dress Up Day!

Thank you to our team of parent volunteers for making this all possible.

Monday 31 August Book Fair Open 2.45 – 3.30pm	Tuesday 1 September Book Fair Open 8.30 – 9.15am 2.45 – 3.30pm	Wednesday 2 September Book Fair Open 8.30 – 9.15am 2.45 – 3.30pm Bake Sale from 3pm	Thursday 3 September Storytime and Milo in the Library 5.45 - 6.15pm Please bring your own mug.	Friday 4 September Book Character Dress Up Day and Sausage Sizzle
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Ngaio school has a limited number of spaces for those parents /caregivers wishing to attend **Internet Health and Wellbeing Presentation** with **John Parsons**.

Details are as follows: -

VENUE - Cochran Hall (Cashmere Avenue School)

DATE - Thursday 3rd September

START TIME - 6:30pm

COST - \$5 per Adult Please click on the link to register your interest in attending here

<https://forms.gle/q1WSY4miUaoa>

PTA NEWS

It's nearly time for the Ngaio School Book Fair.

It's an exciting celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging and affordable books for kids to discover!

Monday 31st August
2.45pm – 3.30pm

**Tuesday 1st
September**
8.30am – 9.15am
2.45pm – 3.30pm

**Wednesday 2nd
September**
8.30am – 9.15am
2.45pm – 3.30pm

Breakout Room next to Room 20



VOLUNTEER CALL-OUT

This event is a great opportunity to play a fun, active part in our school community and to meet other parents.

The Great Ngaio School Book Fair runs from **Monday August 31 to Wednesday September 2** and we're looking for parent volunteers who can help when available in the following areas:



- *Baking*
- *Bake sellers*
- *Milo servers*
- *Popsicle delivery*

Click Here to Volunteer now: <https://bit.ly/NgaioBookFairVolunteers>



REMEMBER TO ORDER SAUSAGES AND POPSICLES FOR YOUR KIDS

The last day to order these will be **This Friday August 28 at 8pm.**



You can order now on MyKindo

at this link:  https://bit.ly/Ngaio_Book_Fair_Sizzle



NGAIO SCHOOL GALA 2027 – BE PART OF IT!

Planning for our **Ngaio School Gala on Sunday 21 March 2027 from 11am-2pm** is well underway, with many of our key volunteer roles now filled. We are still looking for:

- **Entertainment Lead** – someone to coordinate entertainment and performances for the day.
- **Stall Leaders & Stallholders** – someone to cook and serve **hot chips and hot dogs** and other stalls
- **Sponsors & Local Businesses** – businesses who can donate **prizes, vouchers, services, equipment or financial sponsorship**.
- **Activity Sponsors** – support for fun activities such as **obstacle courses, jousting and other children's activities, petting farm animals**
- **Candy Floss Sponsor** – a local business who could sponsor or provide candy floss.
- **Entertainment & Community Groups** – if you have a connection with a group or organisation that could provide entertainment or an activity, we would love to hear from you.
- **Volunteers** – if you would like to lead a stall, help on the day or get involved with Gala planning, we would love to have you on board.
- **Minutes** - Here are the minutes from our previous meeting:

Link: 20260805 Gala meeting agenda and minutes

Can you help? Have a business connection, a great idea or a skill you could contribute? Please contact the PTA at pta@ngaio.school.nz.

Every volunteer, donation and connection helps us make the Gala a fantastic day for our tamariki and whānau! 🎉

Quiz Night – Thank You!



Points	PP	R1	R2	R3	R4	List	R5	R6	Total
1 The Naughty Step	8	8	18	8	6	9	20	9	86
2 Bright Ideas	9	10	18	7	14	10	10	7	85
2 The Paddy O'Malley's	6	20	9	18	6	8	9	9	83
4 To be sure	9	18	8	16	8	10	5	9	81
5 We are Daja Voodoo	8	18	8	7	18	10	7	7	81
5 The Quizzly Bears	5	18	7	7	20	10	6	8	81
7 Weekend Warriors	6	18	8	6	14	8	7	9	76
8 Fries and Vibes	6	16	8	7	7	7	14	8	73
9 The Dark Horses	5	18	8	12	6	6	9	5	69
10 Not Fast Just Furious	6	18	6	12	8	6	5	6	67
11 Everyone else is sick	6	9	18	9	7	0	7	10	66
11 Space Cadets	6	5	8	16	16	3	7	5	66
13 Half a Dozen	8	16	6	10	8	1	6	5	60
14 The Daaa's	6	12	5	3	12	2	8	6	54

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night! It was a fantastic and fun evening, and we are thrilled to have raised an estimated \$3,000+. The funds will support upcoming PTA events, with the remaining funds going towards our playground matting project.

A very special thank you to Katie B for organising the event and to Diana A, our absolute Queen of Prizes, for all her hard work behind the scenes. Thank you also to Adam S for designing the poster and promoting the event and to all the children who helped sell raffle tickets: Leo A, Olivia D, Isabelle, Maddie H, Hannah W, Edith, Mumu, Leo J, Emma, Frankie, Lucy, Anna, Olivia M, Tilo.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to our generous sponsors and prize donors:

Arclee, Shiny, Khandallah New World, Laser Plex, Maguire Map Making, On Point Body Piercing, Zealandia, Revolution Bikes, Beth Debrowski, and Jojo Earrings.

Also 1841 Restaurant and Bar for hosting the event and providing first place prize.

Your generosity helped make the evening such a success, and we really appreciate your support of our school community.

Raffle Winners

 **1st Prize: Kelly Sports – Phil Proctor**

 **2nd Prize: Beck O'Shaughnessy**

Spot Prize Winners

- **George Starr**
- **Jenny Laurenson**
- **Fiona MacDonald**

Thank you again to everyone who came along, bought raffle tickets, donated prizes, helped organise the evening, or simply supported the event. **We couldn't have done it without you!**

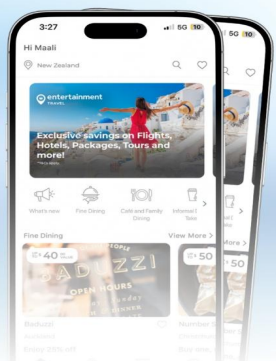
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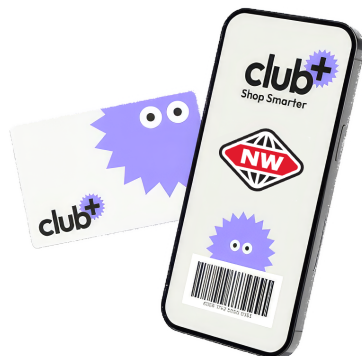
Please share this link with your family and friends—every membership sold makes a difference!

SUPPORT NGAIO SCHOOL WITH NEW WORLD CLUB+

The red New World Club card scheme has ended. To continue supporting Ngaio School, please complete a new registration form.

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 Club+ card** 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.

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

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

LET'S 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> or on the QR code.

Ngā mihi
Ngaio School PTA

Wellington Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon 2027

Entries are now open for the Wellington Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon!

The Wellington Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be held on **Sunday 28 February 2027** at **Kilbirnie Park, Wellington**.

The TRYathlon is all about giving it a go, having fun, and building confidence. It is a fantastic event for children of all abilities and a rewarding experience for the whole family.

Who can take part?

- **TRYathlon:** Children aged **7-15 years** on event day.
- Participants can compete **individually** or as part of a **team of two**.
- **Splash & Dash:** Children must be **6 years old** on event day to participate.

Join the Ngaio School Group

When registering, search for **Ngaio School** and join our school group. The more participants linked to our school, the greater our chance of winning some fantastic prizes!

Direct registration link:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2027/139640/wellington-weet-bix-kids-tryathlon-2027/register?team=1050803>

For more information or to register, visit: www.tryathlon.co.nz

Need Financial Assistance?

The **Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation** offers support for families who may need help with entry fees or essential equipment. For more information and eligibility criteria, visit: www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation

Questions?

For school-related enquiries, please contact: **Kelsey O'Brien** 

Kelsey.a.gabriel@gmail.com

For event-related enquiries, contact the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team:

 angela@smcevents.co.nz

 0800 WEET BIX (0800 9338 249)

We look forward to seeing lots of Ngaio School tamariki out there giving it a TRY!   

KEY DATES

LINK: [School Community Calendar](#)

Thursday 27 August	PTA Meeting - Online	7.30pm
Friday 28 August	Kākāpō Hui	9.10am-10am
Friday 28 August	Daffodil Day Appeal	9am-3pm
Monday 31 August-	Bookfair Open Beside Room 20	2.45pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 1 September	Bookfair Open Beside Room 20	8.30am-9.15am 2.45pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 2 September	Bookfair Open Beside Room 20 and Bake Sale from 3pm	8.30am-9.15am 2.45pm-3.30pm
Thursday 3 September	Storytime in the Library BYO a mug for Milo	5.45pm - 6.15pm
Thursday 3 September	Yr4-6 Northern Zone Swimming - Tawa	10am-3pm
Thursday 3 September	Yr 5-6 Rippa Rugby Tournament - Nairnville Park	10am-3pm
Thursday 3 September	John Parson's Presentation- Cochran Hall	6.30pm
Friday 4 September	Book Character Dress Up Day	9am-3pm
Friday 4 September	Sausage Sizzle	12pm-1pm
Monday 7 September	Yr 4-6 Futsal Festival Akau Tangi	9am-3pm
Tuesday 8 September	Yr 5-6 Spelling Bee	9am-10am
Tuesday 8 September	Board Meeting - Staffroom	7pm-9pm
Wednesday 9 September	Yr 4-6 Futsal Festival Akau Tangi	9am-3pm
Thursday 10 September	Open Afternoon	2.15pm
Friday 11 September	Wellington Free Ambulance - Onesie Day	9am-3pm
Friday 11 September	Kākāpō Hui	9.10-10am
Friday 11 September	Tūtī Hui	10.10-11am
Tuesday 15 September	Year 6 Inter Zone Swimming - Kilbirnie Pool	
Saturday 19 September	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Newlands College	8am-3pm
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
Friday 30 October	Sausage Sizzle	12pm-1pm
Friday 30 October	Colour Run Fundraiser	1pm-3pm
Monday 2 November	Northern Zone Athletics - Newtown Park	9am-3pm
Wednesday 11 November	New Parents Information Afternoon	1.45-2.45pm
Thursday 12 November	Volunteer Celebration Evening	7pm-9pm
Tuesday 17 November	Inter Zone Athletics - Newtown Park	9am-3pm
Thursday 19 November	School photos with Photolife	8.30am-2pm
Tuesday 1 December	Regional Athletics - Newtown Park	9am-3pm
Thursday 3 December	Board Meeting - Staffroom	7pm-9pm
Wednesday 9 December	PTA Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Monday 14 December	Year 6 Graduation Day	
Wednesday 16 December	End of Term 4	3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Term 3 2026

**Move It Monday
Games Galore!**

Kick off the week with a high-energy day packed with running, jumping, dancing, sports, relay races, and exciting group games! Learners will build teamwork, confidence, coordination, and friendships while staying active and having loads of fun together.



**Tuesdays
Quiz & Gameshow Day!**

Get ready for buzzers, brain teasers, trivia challenges, and gameshow-style excitement! Learners will test their knowledge, solve puzzles, learn fun facts, and work together in friendly competitions filled with laughter and learning.



**Wednesdays
Fear Factor**

Get ready to push your limits and laugh your way through chaos as we embark on our very own Fear Factor challenge! Join us for an afternoon of crazy challenges - some gross, some fun and some scary - all designed to test how fearless you are. So, are you brave enough to take on the challenge? There's only one way to find out!



**Thursdays
Arts, Crafts & STEM Fun!**

A colourful day of imagination, creativity, LEGO building, STEM challenges, arts, crafts, and hands-on projects! Learners will design, build, experiment, and create unique masterpieces while exploring their artistic and problem-solving skills.



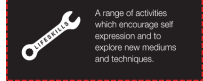
**Fridays
Feel Good Friday**

End the week with a fun-filled day focused on confidence, friendship, wellbeing, and positivity! Learners will enjoy exciting team activities, movement games, creative challenges, music, dancing, pamper-style fun, and feel-good experiences designed to boost smiles and celebrate being themselves.



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For more information contact:
Centre Manager: Rohan Swanepoel | Phone: 027 335 0183 | Email: ngaio.asc@ycentral.nz
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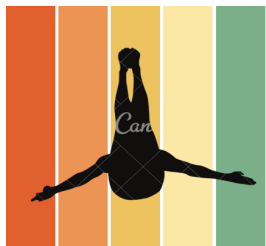
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leithousemusic@gmail.com

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- ☐ Make lifelong friends
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- ☐ Learn skills that will shape their future

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☐ Wadestown Brownies ages 7 - 9.5 years (meets Wednesdays)

☐ we are taking expressions of interest for Kelburn Brownies which is reopening in Term 4 for girls aged 7 – 9 years

☐ we are taking expressions of interest for Northland Brownies which is reopening in Term 1 2026 for girls ages 7 – 9 years

☐ Northland Guides ages 9 - 12.5 years (meets Thursdays)

☐ Kelburn Guides ages 9 - 12.5 years (meets Thursdays) - **OPEN NIGHT THURSDAY 24 JULY**

☐ Onslow Rangers ages 12 - 17 years (meets Mondays)

Get in touch today to arrange a visit either by txting 027 292 2007 or email michelle@splashbathroomdesign.co.nz

This is more than just an activity—it's a place where your child will shine. Sign up today!

Community activities and personal/self-confidence skills which builds girls confidence & life skills with fun, adventure and friendship!

Please let me know if your daughter is interested in attending:

☐ Txt 027 292 2007

☐ michelle@splashbathroomdesign.co.nz





Summer tennis is coming – register now! Anyone interested in playing tennis or receiving some tennis coaching this summer can contact the **Ngaio Tennis Club** on email at: ngaiojnrtennis@gmail.com (or visit the website www.ngaiotennis.co.nz) to find out more info)



EVERYONE OUT NATURE SCHOOL Paparangi & Seton Nossiter Park

OPEN DAY

Curious about what Nature School is really like? Join us for an Open Morning!

Explore the site, meet our kaiako, and get a feel for the learning, play and adventures that happen at Nature School.

Tuesday 1 September, 10–11.45am
Paparangi Scouts, 100 Mark Avenue

A great opportunity for whānau considering Nature School for Term 4 or early 2027.

👉 Spaces are limited!

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