NGAIO SCHOOL
SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 - 2026

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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone managed to enjoy some restful family time over the school break. It is fantastic to see our tamariki back, even with Wellington's typical spring weather keeping us on our toes

We have a busy term ahead, filled with activities that bring our school community together. Our tamariki are already gearing up for Athletics Day, which we are hoping the sun comes out for. We also have school photos coming up, and we are especially looking forward to the Colour Run fundraiser kindly organized by our wonderful PTA.

If you have been around the school grounds lately, you will have noticed significant progress on our site. The removal of the old classrooms on the field is now well underway. I want to reassure everyone that all hazardous materials were safely handled and removed offsite during the holiday break to ensure our school remains completely safe for everyone. The very last of the classrooms was removed today, and the site team will soon begin reinstating underground services. The children have been thoroughly entertained watching the heavy machinery at work. We were particularly impressed with the drivers navigating those large vehicles through our carpark!

Looking ahead, our team has already begun planning for next year. We know that transitioning to new year levels is an important milestone, and we will be sharing information about our class placement process as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition for all of our learners.

Thank you for your continued support as we jump into this exciting final stretch of the school year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil McIntosh

SCHOOL DOCS - TERM 4 REVIEW OPEN

We invite you to visit the site at https://ngaio.schooldocs.co.nz (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "ngaio" and password "abbott". On the Dashboard, there are links to helpful information to help you navigate the site. You can also access SchoolDocs from our school website.

SchoolDocs is currently undertaking updates to the platform, which means the policy review process will be slightly different this term. To start reviewing, click on a policy name below, read the policy, and consider any feedback you have about the implementation or content of the policy. If you have feedback about how your school is implementing the policy, email your school directly. If you have suggestions about how the policy could be improved for all schools, send this to team@schooldocs.co.nz.

In term 4 we are reviewing policies in the **Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy** and **Privacy Policy** sections. The term 4 review will be open between 12 October and 13 November. The SchoolDocs team will use any feedback received to draft updates to this term's policies.

Term 4 policies	Review open 12 October–13 November
• **Curriculum and Ākonga Achievement Policy**	Board review
• **Reporting about Ākonga Progress and Achievement**	Board review
• **Learning Support**	
• **Māori Educational Achievement**	

- **Religious Instruction***/Religious Observances*

- **Health Curriculum** Board review

- **Privacy Policy** Board review

These are the policies specified on the review schedule. You can also review any policy that has a review button.

Reviewers who are not able to use the online review tool can use the **Policy review form** .

UPDATE FROM RAEWYN WATSON

Kia ora Ngaio staff and community

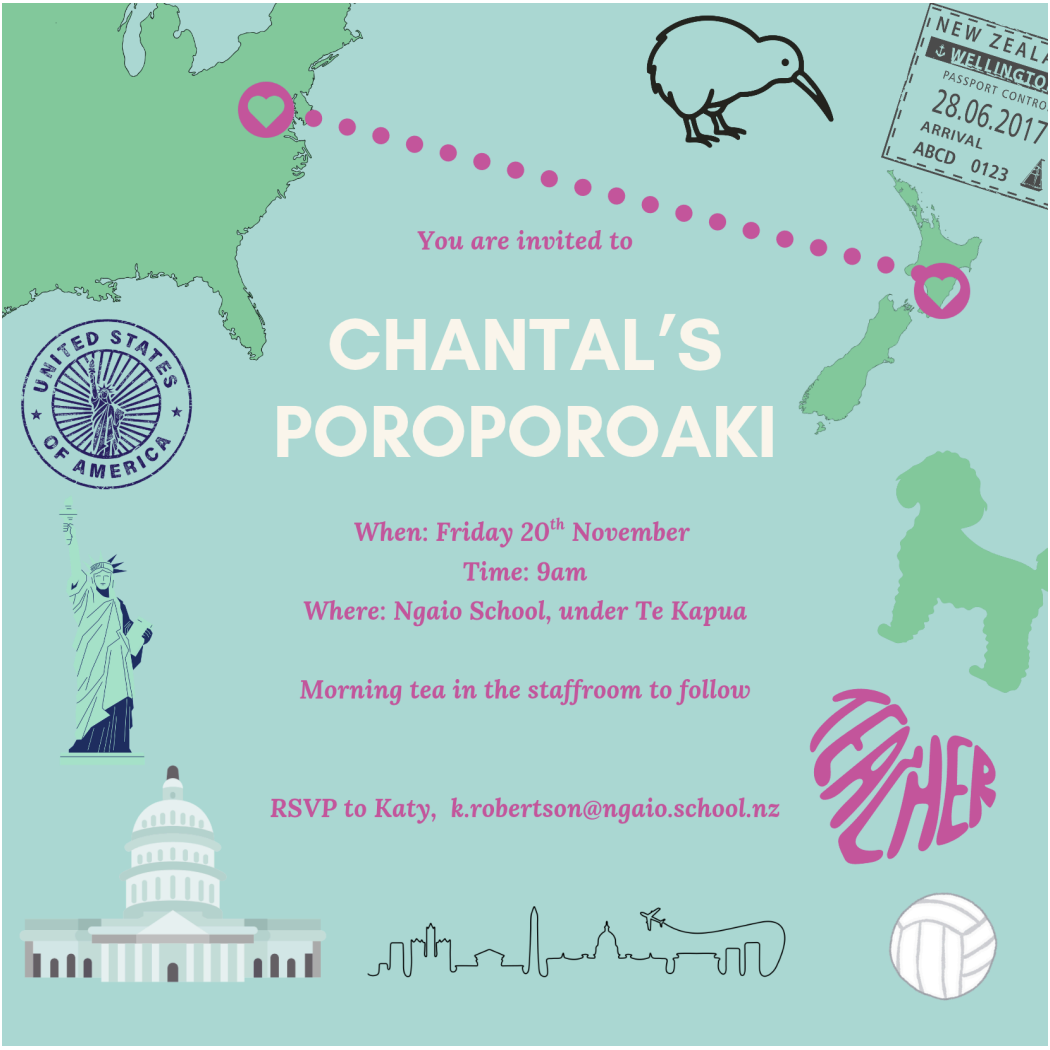
Thank you again for my amazing and generous leaving gift. I thought I'd let you know my travel voucher has now been fully redeemed with another trip to Melbourne planned for November. I already enjoyed a trip to Melbourne back in July to celebrate my granddaughter's 3rd birthday. Spending time with family is very special and your gift has meant I've been able to see more of them this year.

I still miss Ngaio School, but life is incredibly busy with sewing, creative projects, general farm life including a lot of gardening and preserving, a few trips away, and catching up with friends, so time is flying by!

All the very best to you all.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson



You are invited to

CHANTAL'S POROPOROAKI

When: Friday 20th November
Time: 9am
Where: Ngaio School, under Te Kapua

Morning tea in the staffroom to follow

RSVP to Katy, k.robertson@ngaio.school.nz

TEACHER

PTA NEWS

Thanks to the bakers for last term's staff appreciation morning tea: Andrea O, Heather P, Daphna O, Nicola W, Emma A, Kelly E, Kathi and Amber & Poppy. Big thanks to Diane F for organising it all!!

🎉 **We're Halfway There! Let's Make the Monty the Monstar Fun Run a Huge Success!** 🎉



The excitement is building, and we're already halfway towards our fundraising goal!

By setting up your child's fundraising page today, they'll have the chance to:

⭐ Go into the draw to enjoy a special morning tea with the Principal

⭐ Be part of an unforgettable moment as a student gets the opportunity to **Slime a Teacher!**

Every donation, big or small, helps us raise valuable funds for our school and creates an amazing experience for our tamariki.
Haven't created your child's fundraising page yet? It only takes two minutes and every family who gets involved helps bring us closer to our goal.

👉 Watch this quick video to get started: How to Create a Profile

Don't leave it until later. Set up your page today, share it with family and friends, and help make this our biggest and most successful Fun Run yet! Thank you for your support. Together, we can make a real difference!

If you can volunteer on the day, please fill out this form: https://forms.gle/oSfuH6wTnpTBpbEU9

Get your kids Colour Run ready with a fun white outfit for the big day! Order here (before 5pm Thurs 22 October): https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=colour_run

What better way to enjoy the event than with a Sausage Sizzle Lunch! Order here (before 8pm Friday 23 October): https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login?shop=Ngaio%20School&service=sizzle



NGAIO SCHOOL HATS

Summer is on its way and sunhats are compulsory in Term 4.

Ngaio School hats are available from the office for $20 each. They come in two sizes; Medium (50-54cm) and Large (up to 58cm) and in heaps of colours. Purchases can be made by cash or Eftpos in the school office or via MyKindo: myKindo - School Hats

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** – coordinate entertainment and performances
- **Stall Leaders & Stallholders** – 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**

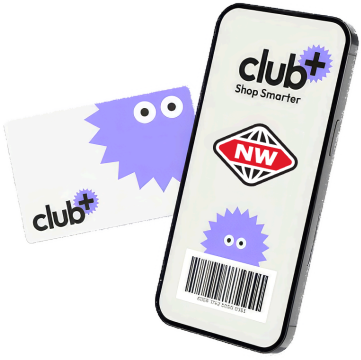
- **Candy Floss Sponsor** – a local business who could sponsor or provide candy floss.
- **Entertainment & Community Groups** – if you have a connection with a group or organisation that could provide entertainment or an activity, we would love to hear from you.
- **Volunteers** – if you would like to lead a stall, help on the day or get involved with Gala planning, we would love to have you on board.

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! 🎉

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 and send it to the school.



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** 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 nui
Ngaio School PTA

KEY DATES

LINK: **School Community Calendar**

Wednesday 21 October	Ngaio Athletics Day - Nairnville Park	9am-3pm
Thursday 22nd October	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Friday 23rd October	Kākāpō Hui Rm 5 Hosted by Kea	9.10am-10am
Friday 23rd October	Tūī Hui Rm 24 Hosted by Rm21	10.10-11am
Monday 26 October	Labour Day - School Closed	
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
Monday 2 November	Mihi Whakatau	9am-10am
Friday 6 November	Kākāpō Hui Rm 8 Hosted by Rm3	9.10am-10am

Friday 6 November	Tūī Hui Rm 24 Hosted by Rm12	10.10-11am
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 Nov	School photos with Photolife	8.30am-2pm
Friday 20 Nov	Chantal's Poroaki	9am-10am
Tuesday 1 Dec	Regional Athletics - Newtown Park	9am-3pm
Friday 4 Dec	Kākāpō Hui Room 1 Hosted by Rm 6 & 7	9.10am-10am
Friday 4 Dec	Tūī End of Year Celebration	10.10am-11am
Wednesday 9 Dec	PTA Staff Appreciation Morning Tea	11am
Thursday 10 Dec	Kākāpō Celebration Hui	9.10am-10.10am
Monday 14 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Day	TBC
Tuesday 15 Dec	Meet the Teacher	11.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday 16 Dec	End of Term 4	3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Hi families,

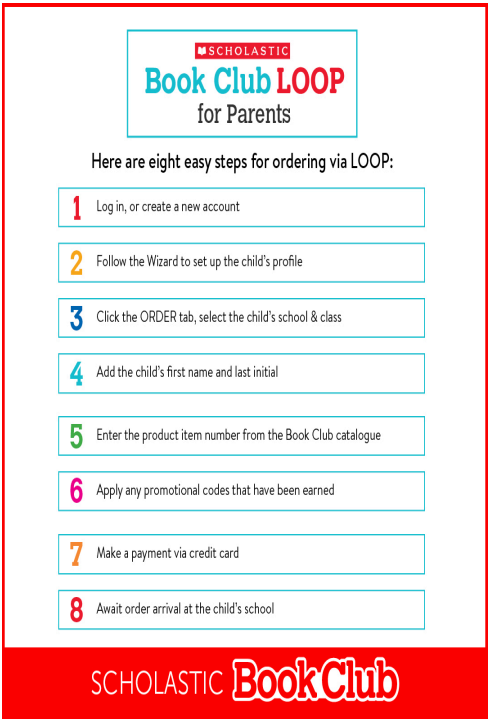
Your latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue has come home with your child today or yesterday. This is the final issue for the year, so it's a great time to start thinking about Christmas!

You can order items as gifts by selecting the gift option when ordering. We'll hold your order in the office for you to collect when it arrives, so your child won't see it.

This issue also has some special offers and exciting new books for all ages.

Please have your orders in via Loop by **Friday, November 6th**.

Happy reading!





NEW MINI WATER POLO LEAGUE



Easyswim's Splash Attack is a fun, non-contact water polo programme which involves learning and developing game sense and skills. Splash Attack is a junior version of water polo specifically designed for primary school age kids. Splash Attack will get your child active and more confident in the water while having fun, making new friends and learning to be part of a team. Passing and catching skills will be developed which are foundation skills for many ball sports. Easyswim is pleased to be working closely with Habour City Water Polo to provide this league.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the game times, start and finish dates?
Game times will depend on the number of teams entered in each session; however, we anticipate the first games starting from 4:00 pm and finish not later than 6.00pm. Our new league will be piloted at Rewa Rewa School Pool over four weeks, with games taking place on **Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th of November**. Following the pilot, our goal is to launch a full eight-week league in Term 1, 2027. Games start every half hour and involve 5 minutes of warm up and coaching follow by two 10 minute halves.

How many players are needed in a team?
Five players are on the field at any one time. We recommend registering a squad of up to eight players to allow for substitutions and cover player absences throughout the season.

How are teams formed?
Teams will be made up of students from the same school wherever possible. If a school does not have enough players to form a full team, students from multiple schools may be combined to create a team and ensure everyone can participate.

My school does not have enough people for a team, but my child still wants to play. What can they do?
Please let us know if your child would be interested in participating. We are planning to create mixed teams where needed to ensure that every child can be involved.

Is the League Graded?
Not currently. As this is a new league, there will be no grading of teams. Grading may be introduced in future seasons as player numbers increase.

Who will referee these games?
Harbour City Water Polo will provide trained and experienced referees for all league games, helping to ensure a safe, fair, and enjoyable experience for all players.

Will there be coaching and rules education?
Yes. Before each game, the referee will provide 5 to 10 minutes of skills coaching and rules education. These sessions will build on previous weeks, helping players develop their skills and understanding of the game throughout the season.

What is the environment like?
We are aiming to build a fun junior level game environment. Everyone is encouraged to have a go and have a good time. Although we will be keeping score and have healthy competition, we will expect to players and parents to participate in good spirits.

How do I register?
Register through Easyswim on our website, or email sa@easyswim.co.nz for more information.

Are genders split?
No, teams are mixed girls and boys.

Can my school nominate a parent to manage one or more teams?
Yes, absolutely. We are happy to work directly with parents where needed. Parents can help manage team communications, coordinate players, and act as the main point of contact for their team(s).

What is the cost & how do I pay
$35 per child, for the month, or a team fee of $280 for up to eight players School teams pay through their school, while mixed team players can pay through Easyswim. Pool entry is included in the $35 fee. Please note if you are an Easyswim customer unfortunately you cannot use make up tokens as payment. Not there are no refunds or catch ups for children missing games.

What is the progression pathway after this league?
Easyswim is working in partnership with Harbour City Water Polo to provide a development pathway for players. Participants can progress from Splash Attack/Mini Polo into Harbour City Water Polo junior teams and other age-group competition opportunities as their skills and confidence develop.

To Book:
Call 234 7946, email sa@easyswim.co.nz, or speak with your school's sports coordinator. We're happy to help with any questions about the league, registration, or team placement.

Summer swimwear that gives back to Ngaio School!

We're excited to partner with Kaleido Coast, a new swimwear brand founded by a kiwi mum, to raise funds for swimming and water safety at Ngaio School!



Kaleido Coast creates bright, colourful swimwear for kids and teens aged 4–14, designed right here in New Zealand.

For every swimwear item purchased using our school code, $10 comes straight back to Ngaio School to support swimming, water safety and aquatic education.

Plus, every item purchased using our code gives Ngaio School an entry into the draw to win an additional $1,000 for our school!

This is a completely optional fundraiser. If you're thinking about buying new togs for the kids this summer, it's a lovely opportunity to support a New Zealand business and our school at the same time.

How to participate:

1. Visit www.kaleidocoast.com
2. Choose your favourite swimwear.
3. Enter **NGAIOSCHOOL** at checkout.

That's it! Your order is delivered directly to your door, and our school receives $10 for every item purchased. Fundraiser runs 12 October - 29 November. Thank you to everyone who chooses to get involved!

Thank a teacher and help a Kiwi kid

Create a thank you card for a teacher who's made a difference!

For each card, we'll donate $2 to The Salvation Army, up to $50,000, to support Kiwi kids who need a hand with school essentials and supplies.

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The Salvation Army
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Conditions apply. Runs 5 October – 1 November 2026. Maximum donation of $50,000. Visit www.warehousestationery.co.nz/c/thank-a-teacher for full terms.

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