NGAIO SCHOOL
SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3 - 2026

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we head further into the term, our focus behind the scenes is very much on preparing for next year. We are currently finalising the last appointments and overall school structures for next year. As you know, this is a complex piece of work, as we aim to create balanced and supportive spaces for all our tamariki. We aim to have this information out to you within the week, which will also include details regarding how we create our classes.

Next week, we will also be saying farewell to Sarah, our school counsellor. Sarah has done a wonderful job supporting a variety of our students throughout this year, and we wish her all the very best as she moves on to the next stage of gaining her qualification. This trial has proven to be very successful for our kura, and we will look to continue hosting a school counsellor in 2027 as well.

The demolition work on the field has gone well overall, although work is currently paused. We hope work will restart soon, with the reconnection of services and grass reseeding scheduled to follow soon. Looking ahead to next year, we will be turning our attention to how we can develop this new space. I've already heard lots of exciting ideas from the kids; including quite a few enthusiastic requests for a waterslides! I love their creative and ambitious thinking, and I am really excited to see what ideas we can come up with together next year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Phil McIntosh

Looking for a Venue for Your Next Event?

Did you know Ngaio School's McLeod Hall is available for hire?

Our hall is a great option for both adhoc or more regular events, whether its **children's birthday parties, family celebrations, community gatherings, sports activities, dance classes, workshops, meetings, and special events**. With plenty of space and convenient local access, it's an affordable venue right in our community.

If you, your whānau, workplace, sports club, or community group are looking for a venue, we'd love to hear from you.

For availability, rates (discounted for School families), and booking information, please contact k.robertson@ngaio.school.nz



Great Kiwi Competitions

Recently year 5 and 6 ākonga had the opportunity to participate in the Great Kiwi Competitions run by Canterbury University. The results are as follows:

ENGLISH	SCIENCE	MATHEMATICS
Excellence	Excellence	Excellence
Leo J Evan S	Oliver R Evan S	Evan S
Merit	Merit	Merit
Benjamin B Maya G Rani K Esme M Oliver M Melody P H Lorelei R Mumu L Emma R	Esme M Lorelei R	Henry A Blake B Raas G Leo J Archie L Mumu L Emma R

Ngaio School Out of Zone Enrolment for 2027 Applications Open

The Ngaio School Board of Trustees invites applications from parents of children who will become eligible for enrolment during 2027. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school and do not need to apply. The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provision of the Education Act 1989. The Board has determined that 12 out of zone places are available in our Year 1-6 classes for 2027.

Applications must be made on the form available from the Ngaio School office, Tel: 04 939 6455 or email info@ngaio.school.nz

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- priority will be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any student who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the school or a child of a member of the board of the school.
- priority will then be given to all other applicants.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone enrolment within this period is 12 noon, Friday 4th December 2026.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held under supervision on Monday 7th December 2026.
Parents/whānau will be informed as to the outcome of the ballot immediately following the ballot being held.

Applications are to be addressed to

- The Principal, Ngaio School, 45 Abbott Street, Ngaio, Wellington 6035
- Or by email to info@ngaio.school.nz

PTA NEWS

🎉 Tomorrow's the Big Day - Monty the Monstar Fun Run! 🎉



Get ready for a blast of fun! Don't forget to send your child with a white shirt (if you haven't already you can purchase from the office) and

enclosed shoes. We'll provide a pair of rainbow sunglasses to make the day extra colourful! 🌈🕶️
Important: There's still time for those last-minute donations! Donations close on 7 November at 11.59pm AEST, and prize ordering will be open for 7 days until 14 November. Login at myprofilepage.co.nz to order prizes or donate to one of the two causes.

See you tomorrow for an epic day! 🎉

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION



The PTA is hosting our annual School Volunteers Celebration where we celebrate our amazing community with drinks and nibbles.

If you have helped in any way this year at school, we want YOU to join this event. Whether you've helped with Road Patrol, been on a School Trip, coached or managed a sports team, cooked a sizzle or provided baking for a morning tea.

The event will take place on **Thursday 12 November, 7pm in the Staffroom**

Please RSVP by **Friday 6 November** HERE



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!

Join us for our **Ngaio School Gala** planning meeting on W**ednesday 4 November at 7.30pm in the staffroom**.

We are getting ready for the Gala on **Sunday 21 March 2027 from 11am-2pm**, with many of our key volunteer roles now filled. We are still looking for:

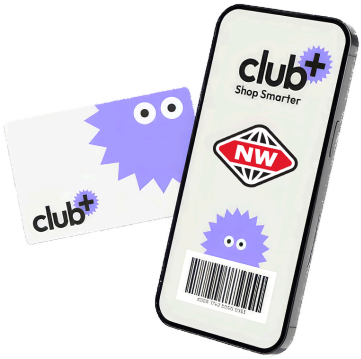
- **Entertainment Lead** – coordinate entertainment and performances
- **Stall Leaders & Stallholders** – cook and serve **hot chips and hot dogs** and other stalls
- **Sponsors & Local Businesses** – businesses who can donate **prizes, vouchers, services, equipment or financial sponsorship**.
- **Activity 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**

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	Scholastic Book Orders Due	
Friday 6 November	Kākāpō Hui Hosted by Rm 3 & 8	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 Poroporoaki	9am-10am
Tuesday 1 Dec	Regional Athletics - Newtown Park	9am-3pm
Friday 4 Dec	Kākāpō Hui Hosted by Rm 1, 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,

This is the final issue of Scholastic Book Club 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.

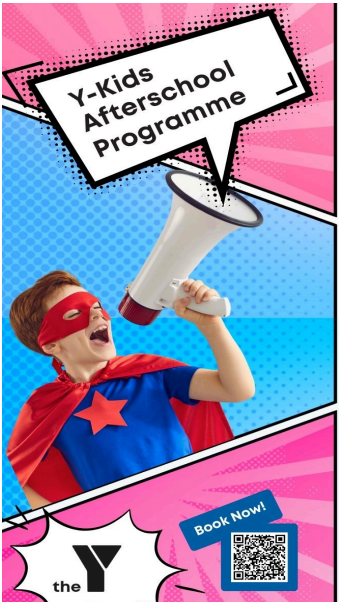
SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

1. Log in, or create a new account
2. Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
4. Add the child's first name and last initial
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
7. Make a payment via credit card
8. Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

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



Ngaio — Term 4, 2026

Mondays — Games Galore!
Mondays are packed with fun, creativity, and adventure as children kick off the week with a variety of exciting activities. From creative challenges and team games to puzzles, group activities, and hands-on fun, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether working individually or as part of a team, everyone gets the chance to explore, create, participate, and have fun in a positive and energetic environment.



Tuesdays — Outside Explorers
Whether we're heading to the field or the playground, today is all about getting outside, having fun, and enjoying the beautiful Spring weather! From sports games and scavenger hunts to fun challenges, imaginative play, or simply running around and burning off some energy, there's something for everyone. Kids can stretch their legs, get active, work together, and enjoy plenty of fresh air and outdoor fun!



Wednesdays — Creative Sparks
Each Wednesday, children enjoy a fun and enriching mix of arts, crafts, music, STEM activities, and storytelling. With a focus on creativity, curiosity, and cultural exploration, these sessions encourage children to share ideas, explore different traditions and stories, and engage in a variety of creative experiences in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.



Thursdays — Active Thursdays
Thursdays are all about movement, energy, and fun! Children take part in group games, team challenges, football, ball skills, and cross-country style activities designed to get everyone involved and active. It's a high-energy day filled with teamwork, friendly competition, and plenty of opportunities to run, play, and burn off some energy in a fun and supportive environment.



Fridays — Friday Adventures
Fridays are all about fun, adventure, and trying something new! Whether we're heading to the library, getting creative with arts and crafts, playing games, exploring new places, or taking on exciting challenges, there's always something to look forward to. With a little bit of everything, Friday Adventures gives kids the freedom to play, create, discover, and enjoy whatever the day brings!



active — Energetic games designed to support fundamental movement, teamwork and being on the move in a supportive environment.

CREATIVE — A range of activities which encourage self expression and to explore new mediums and techniques.

CREATE — Preparing our tamariki with diverse skills to navigate their way through their development and their experiences.

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

Age 5 to 13
3:00pm - 6:00pm

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!

We are currently seeking Wellington families interested in hosting a Demi Pair from January or February 2027.

A Demi Pair lives with a family and provides childcare assistance in exchange for accommodation and meals. Placements last four to six months, and families pay no placement or registration fees. The focus is on supporting children and their daily routines.

* All demi pairs have drivers license, childcare experience, police vetted.

Interested in hosting a Demi Pair?



Email: partnership@hostfamilies.co.nz
Learn more and register: https://www.hostfamilies.co.nz/demi-pair-programme





At Capital Gymnastics, our focus goes beyond teaching gymnastics skills. We're passionate about building lifelong friendships, fostering a sense of belonging, and helping every athlete reach their full potential.

Whether your child joins us for recreational classes, holiday programmes, or competitive gymnastics, they become part of the Capital Gymnastics family — a community that celebrates effort, supports one another, and inspires confidence both inside and outside

the gym.

To find out more or to enrol, please visit www.capitalgymsports.org.nz or email us at office@capitalgymnastics.nz



Wā Toi

Every Thursday at 3.30pm during school term

Make friends with other crafty kids at these free arts and crafts workshops for school-aged tamariki! Drawing, weaving, origami, mask-making, and much more – what will you create?

Recommended for children aged 5+ with their caregivers.

Nau mai rā tātou katoa
Everybody is welcome wcl.govt.nz

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Wā Toi Thursday, 29 October 2026, 3:30 – 4:30pm



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Location	Cummings Park (Ngaio) Library 1a Ottawa Road Ngaio 6035
Where	Cummings Park Library
Audience	Children
Event Type	Activities and Hobbies, Maker and Technology
Contact	Phone 479 2344
Link	www.wcl.govt.nz...