

## Newsletter No 2

Welcome to our newest student, Kaya and her family.

We have a number of new entrants joining our school this year. Some of them are new families. Our roll is currently 135 with 5 new entrants due before the end of term. If you know you will be moving (ie. 1 June) please let the school know as it helps with our projected roll and class sizes.

We are extremely lucky at Ngaere School to have a very supportive PTA. This is a small but dedicated team of ladies who are committed to raising money to support our school.

Last year the PTA contributed to the BoT Sunshade project, paying outright for the shelter at the pool and helping with funds for the one over the paved area, donated towards the pool heating, and covered the initial costs of leasing our new TV screens and Chrome books.

This was thanks to the contributions from community fundraising including \$4280 profit from the paddock (included hay and potatoes), \$5267 from slinks, \$2410 from Bull calves, \$468 from the end of year raffle as well as Gala and pet day profits.

This year there will be another Twilight Gala. **Please note change of date to 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

If you are interested in having a stall (or know someone who is) please talk to Briar or come along to the next planning meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 7pm in the staffroom. All warmly welcome.



Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to the success of our school picnic on Friday. The weather was perfect, the venue was superb and the children were fantastic!

It was great to see so many parents and grandparents come along.

I bet you all had some tired children on Friday evening.

Congratulations to all our children for successfully walking around the lake.

### Our School Values

*Living and Learning with RESPECT*

**R**elationships - *respecting self and others*

**E**mpathy – *kindness, caring and looking after each other*

**S**ustainability – *protecting our environment for others to enjoy*

**P**erseverance – *always trying, and staying positive*

**E**xcellence – *strive for excellence always in all we do*

**C**uriosity – *know more, ask questions, enjoy discovering*

**T**hinking – *critical problem solving, innovative, creative*

### Dates for the Diary

**19 Feb**

PTA Meeting 7pm

**20 Feb**

Meet the Teacher interviews - early finish

**21 Feb**

BoT Meeting 7pm

**22 Feb**

Meet the Teacher interviews

**4 March**

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**5 March**

Swimming Sports Y 4-8  
Stratford Pool

**7 March**

Swimming Display Y 1-3  
Rawhitiroa Pool

**9 March**

Teacher Only Day

**14 March**

Turnbull Cup 6.15pm

**23 March**

PTA Twilight Gala  
(Change of date)

**30 March**

Good Friday

# School news

## Scholastic Books

Book orders due back at school 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Meet the Teacher

The 10 minute 'Meet the Teacher' interviews have been rescheduled for next Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If possible, we ask that your child is picked up from school by 1pm on Tuesday. Those remaining at school will be supervised in the Hall until they are able to be picked up. We apologise for the late notice but with the start of the year rush and short weeks, some things got pushed along a bit! All children have been allocated an interview time. If you are unable to attend, please let Jenny or the class teacher know. These short meetings are intended as a sharing of information as to what you expect for your child this year rather than a report on progress or achievement to date.

Parents of children in Years 1-3 will receive a progress report and interview as their child reaches an anniversary of their start date while parents of those in Years 4 -8 will receive a written progress report in July.

## Collaborative Friday

Junior Discovery time commences this Friday at 9.10am. If you are able to help please see Penny, Pauline or Kathryn. This is for children in Years 1-4.

Children in Years 5-8 will be having their own form of collaborative 'fun', working in small groups on a variety of projects including coding, art, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths), Genius hour and market day crafts. Parent helpers welcome.

We are after sewing machines and an iron / ironing board to help with our Friday activities. If you are able to donate one in good working order, please see Megan.

## Working Bee

With everybody's busy schedules it is proving difficult to coordinate a specific day for a working bee. There are, however a number of jobs around the school that need doing. If you are able to offer an hour or two after school or in the weekend, please ring Alistar 0276541256 or see Megan at school.

Jobs include waterblasting front and sides of school, hedge trimming, agapanthus to be cut back, hall kitchen requires a thorough clean, windows (inside and out), gardening.

## Swimming

School swimming sports will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March for those in Years 4-8 at the Stratford Pool beginning at 10.00am. Year 1-3 children will be showing their swimming skills at Rawhitiroa Pool on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children will be travelling to and from their respective venues by bus at a cost of \$3. This may be paid to the school office or added to your child's account.

**Fabulous @ 4** - 9-10.30am Wednesday in Mahana Room. A chance to help you and your child become familiar with school. Email Penny, [penny@ngaere.school.nz](mailto:penny@ngaere.school.nz) if you think this is for you!

*Congratulations to these girls on their awards and ribbons.*



**Reminder**  
This will be the last photocopied newsletter unless you specifically request one.

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[www.ngaere.school.nz](http://www.ngaere.school.nz)