

Kia Ora Whanau

What fabulous weather we are having!! Our students and staff are making the most of it and our wonderful outdoor environment. Garden to Table started this week with the students being active in the garden, watering, tidying up and sowing new veggie plants in our garden beds. A number of Tai Timu students have been working with Tahi Bees on our bee hives. Whaea Rebecca and the Earth Ed classes have been visiting the estuary studying the animal and plant species over there and ways to support and protect them and their habitat and to top it all off everyone has been enjoying swimming in the estuary. How lucky are we?

Last week Tai Pari was away on camp in the Bay of Islands. I had the pleasure of attending and it was awesome. The activities were great and the behaviour of the Tai Pari students was exceptional, I was so proud of them. They visited Rewa's Village in Kerikeri, completed the heritage trail in Kororareka (Russell) and visited Ruapekapeka. A big thank you to Mr Burns and Mrs Taylor for putting together and running such an amazing camp experience. A big shout out to the parents who came along and supported, it could not have happened without you giving up your time and attending.

This Friday is the zone swimming sports at Kaurihohore School. Good luck to all the students representing

Ngunguru School. Thanks to Mr Burns for organising this.

Up and Coming Events

- Friday 7th March Rōpu Water Sports Afternoon
- Monday the 10th and Tuesday the 11th Football in Schools programme.

Sunsmart

Just another reminder. As per our health and safety policy and guidelines we ask that all students wear clothes that cover their neck, shoulders, back and midriff. We are all aware of the long term damage that can be caused by sunburn in these areas so ask for your support with this. Students must also wear a hat (preferable a bucket hat to cover their necks).

Swimming

We are still swimming whenever the tide enables and would love your support with this. We are required to meet strict ratios of adults to children. To meet these ratios we require your help. If you are able to spare 30 to 40 minutes to assist with swimming please let your child's teacher know. We really want our tamariki to swim as much as possible but as previously said this can only happen with your help. If your child is not swimming please ensure you send a note to let the teacher know. Swimming is part of the Health and P.E Curriculum so unless a student has a medical reason, all students are required to take part in swimming.

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Bus

We have had a few times lately where we have kept the buses waiting as we have been looking for students who were marked on the bus roll but had been picked up early. If you do pick your child up early and they are down for the bus please let Steph know so we can cross them off the bus list. Doing this ensures that we are not holding the buses up needlessly. Thanks in advance for this.

Library Books

Please keep these coming back in. We have had a number returned which is awesome as it means we don't have to spend money on replacing books but can use it to buy new titles instead. Please keep checking wardrobes, bags, underbeds, on bookshelves etc for any you may still have at home.

Police vetting

Thanks to all those who have submitted a Police Vet form this year. Now is a good time

of year to get this sorted as it means that you do not have to worry about it for the rest of the year for school activities, trips, camps etc. It is also a good time to check that it has not expired, vetting lasts for three years. If you would like to be Police vetted please come into the office and get a form off Steph. As per our school's Police Vetting policy, all whanau members taking cars on trips and going on camps must be Police vetted. If you want to be part of these special events, please come in, grab and fill out a form, bring it back in and be vetted.

What a great couple of weeks it has been. Our students and staff continue to shine.

As always, my door is always open.

Ngā Mihi Nui,

Rosemary Murphy

Tai Timu had an amazing first week at Garden to Table. We explored the garden, found beeswax, had some chicken time and made a beautiful salad, hummus and flat bread to share.

We would love more volunteers each Thursday 11am - 12.30pm. Please let Richard or Emma know if you or someone in your whanau would like to help in the kitchen or garden.



BOT Spot

Our first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday night. It was a busy agenda with some key tasks being completed.

- The re-election of Chanelle Armstrong as presiding member. Thank you for putting your hand up for this again Chanelle and for leading us with vision and purpose
- We approved the 2025 budget
- We had a good study of the end of 2024 student achievement data in preparation for our March meeting as we will be using this to help us develop our 2025 Annual Plan
- We went through our updated and very thorough Governance Manual and Trustee Induction Pack. These will be very useful for the induction of school board members after the elections in September
- We started the process of getting ready for the September school board triennial elections

If you are interested in becoming a School Board Member in the future please start coming along to our meetings to see what it is all about. We look forward to seeing you. If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to come and chat to one of us. We are only too willing to share our experiences of being on the school board.

Our Board representatives are
Chanelle Armstrong - Presiding Member
Joel Higgin
Carly Low
Richard Price
Andy Piggott
Rosemary Murphy - Principal
Tess Capon - Staff Representative



Ngunguru School

In term 1 we are reviewing topics in the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section. You are invited to give feedback on our policies; they are not exclusively for the board.

Policy review instructions:

Visit the website: <https://ngunguru.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

- Enter the username (**ngunguru**) and password (**hooked**).
 - Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
 - Read the policy.
 - Click the Start your review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
 - Select the reviewer type.
 - Enter your name (optional).
 - Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".
- If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



FRIENDS OF NGUNGURU SCHOOL (FoNS)

HELP OUR TAMARIKI

We're a fun and dedicated group of parents and caregivers working together to support our tamariki and make our kura the best it can be. From fundraising for resources to running awesome events, we help provide the extras that make learning even better.

There's a way for everyone to be involved!

- ✓ Become a member - have your say and help plan
- ✓ Lend a hand at events - big or small, every bit helps
- ✓ Share your ideas - we love fresh thinking!
- ✓ Support fundraisers - buy tickets, donate, spread the word

Every bit of support makes a difference for our kids.

Keen to be part of it?
Get in touch today!

Louisa, 0211290530



spirit and raising funds for essential resources. From supporting our senior school to attend OPC, to subsidising concerts and purchasing learning materials, FoNS is committed to enhancing every aspect of our childrens school experience.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're thrilled to share a glimpse of the exciting events planned:

- Roopu Day & Tryathlon support in Term One
- School Disco and Matariki celebration in Term Two
- Annual Trivia Night in Term Three
- Car Show and Dog Show in Term Four

We also have a few other ideas up our sleeve which we will share with you all later in the year (watch this space).

However, to make these events a success, we need your support. Every parent's contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a significant difference. Whether it's volunteering your time, offering a service, or making a donation, your involvement is invaluable.

We invite you to join us in making a positive impact on our children's education and school community. Please reach out to us via email fons@ngunguru.school.nz or shoulder tap a FoNSy to explore how you can contribute.

Together, let's support our tamariki and our kura.

Kia ora Ngunguru School Community,

As we begin another exciting year of learning and growth at Ngunguru School, it's our pleasure to introduce Friends of Ngunguru School (FoNS), our dedicated Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) group. FoNS plays a vital role in enriching the educational experience of our children by organising events, fundraisers, and initiatives that directly support our kura.

As we gear up for another exciting year ahead, we are excited to invite you to attend the Friends of Ngunguru School (FoNS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March

4th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will take place in the staff room at Ngunguru School.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all parents and caregivers to come together and actively participate in shaping the future of our school community. Your input and engagement are invaluable as we plan for the year ahead and discuss important initiatives to support our kura.

In addition to epic kōrero, we'll be providing snacks to keep you fueled throughout the meeting.

Throughout the year, FoNS hosts a variety of events aimed at fostering community



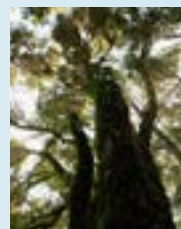
Friday 07 March 05:30 pm to 07:00 pm
Whangārei Community
Coastal Conversations Ngunguru
Our coastlines are changing. What does this mean for your community?
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Open Day

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 1st March, 9am - 3pm
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