

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome to term two! We have had a settled, positive and learning focused start to the term.

Tai Pari had an interesting and informative visit to Mike Camm's property to learn about the Pateke on Tuesday as part of our Earth Ed programme. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A big thanks to all our whanau who went on the trip and took transport. A big thank you to Whaea Rebecca and Ben Evans for organising this. On Wednesday the whole school got to welcome four special feathered taonga to our school and to the coastal area. We had a wonderful session with the Tutukaka Landcare Kiwi Release team. We heard so many interesting facts about Kiwi and how to protect them - the most important being keeping our dogs on leads. We then had an up close view of all four Kiwi. It was a very special experience. Thank you Whaea Rebecca for organising this amazing experience.

On Monday Ms Bowden is taking two teams up to Kerikeri Primary School for the Lit Quiz. Our students always do well in this and we wish them the



best of luck. On Wednesday we have the Year Seven/ Eight Winter Games tournament. Moana is also on an EOTC adventure next Friday. What great things we have going on at Ngunguru School!

You may have heard about the new parent portal where you can access information about the new curriculum and what it means for your child's learning. There are ideas around how you can assist your child's learning at home, what assessment information means and questions to ask if you want to know more about your child's learning. Learning at Ngunguru School is all about the home and school partnership so please do take the time to visit the portal and look at all it has to offer.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>



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**School Board
 meeting dates**

May 27th

June 24th

July 29th

August 26th

September 16th

October 28th

November 25th

BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach)

Yesterday and today, the year three to eight teachers are involved in structured literacy professional development. They are beginning their BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) training. As a result of this we have seven teachers out of the school! The dates and organisation of these PD days we have no control over. The classes are being covered by relievers and current staff. Although I do not envisage any issues please be mindful and considerate of this. Please see me if you have any questions on this.

Teacher Only Day

On **Friday the 30th of May** we have a MOE (Ministry of Education) mandated teacher only day. This means the school will be closed for instruction. You will be required to make alternative arrangements for your children. The teachers and support staff will be involved in new learning here at school on that day.

Block One Upgrade

You will have noticed that Block One (Manaia and Tipa) is a bit of a building site at the moment. As part of the BOT's Five Year Property Plan we are upgrading the joinery, technology and look of these classrooms as well as Mr Burke's office upstairs. Some of this has been completed, the wiring for the new electric windows etc is in. We are currently waiting for the new joinery to arrive and then it will be completed. It is going to be great. Both Tipa and Manaia will have smart whiteboards which mean they function as a whiteboard as well as a digital interface, very modern and exciting!

Reports

At the end of this term you will receive your child's Mid Year report via HERO. Our teachers are preparing for these now. As you are aware, this year we have a new Maths and Statistics Curriculum - Year One to Year Eight and a new English Curriculum - Year One to Six. With these two new curriculums, assessment

has changed. We are now reporting on yearly progress not curriculum levels. This means the way we report progress in reports has changed. The Ministry of Education (MOE) has acknowledged this and is putting out information to whanau to explain that reports will be different as there will be gaps between previous years and the new 2025 English and Maths curriculums. We are receiving new updates on this from the MOE all the time and will keep you informed. We just wanted you to know and be prepared for the new reports when you receive these in week nine.

Notices From the Office

Please ensure your child knows what they are doing prior to coming to school in the morning. We are having a large number of students coming down to the office during the day saying they are not sure what they are doing after school. We do not mind ringing but coming to the office is an interruption during their learning time. This can be easily solved by covering this off clearly with them prior to the start of school. Thank you.

Attendance

Regular attendance is now expected to be 90% or above for all students. All attendance data is sent through to the Ministry of Education. The MOE's term one report for Ngunguru School shows a trend of Friday and Monday being the days that have the lowest attendance. Please remember everyday at school is a learning day. We do reading, Writing, maths and inquiry on a Monday and Friday, just like any other day. When your child is absent on a Monday or Friday they are missing key learning in these areas. Remember, every day matters when it comes to your child's learning.

Thanks everyone for such a great start to the term. How lucky am I?! As always, my door is always open.

Ngā Mihi Nui,
Rosemary Murphy



BOT spot

This is a busy time for the BoT. We are busy reviewing and adapting the school's strategic plan as well as preparing for the BoT elections next term. The mahi we are working on with the strategic plan is exciting and rewarding as we look at what next for Ngunguru School. Working on the strategic direction of the school, implementing property upgrades and working with the wider school community are some of the most rewarding opportunities we get as members of the BoT. The role of a BoT member is a varied and stimulating experience. BoT elections are in September and we are looking for new members. Please see any of the current board members if you would like to know more about the role

Chanelle Armstrong - Presiding Member

Joel Higgin

Carly Low

Richard Price

Andy Piggott

Tess Capon - Staff Representative

Rosemary Murphy - Principal



In term 2 we are reviewing topics in the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section.

- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

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.

Pateke Duck Field Trip



On the 6th of May 2025 Ngunguru schools' amazing intermediate were lucky enough to go to the local legend Mike Camms farm where the pateke ducks live.

I'm pretty sure the pāteke ducks are more endangered than the kiwi so it would be pretty cool to see one. I've seen them a lot before but it's still cool to see one of NZ's most endangered animals. Once we got there we walked up and down this path until we got to a lake. We could see a black swan in the middle of the lake. It was all alone, like there were no other swans. The

teachers told us that we were going to be split into four groups.

Each group would go to a different activity. In my group the first activity we did was with Mr Burns. He had a line in the middle of a field, we had to slowly walk along the line and name all the trees we could see. Our next rotation was with Cam McInnes who is a pro rat, possum, stoat, and weasel trapper. We had to walk back up the hill and down to a river. Once we got there we got these tubes and checked the clarity of the water. It was really good! After that we grabbed some nets and tried to catch some small fish and maybe even eels.

After that we walked back to the lake to have lunch. We quickly had lunch, played a game of football, and moved onto our next activity. Our next one was



with Mike Camm himself. He took us to the side of the lake and pointed out all the pāteke. That was really cool! After that we got half an hour to quickly create a hut, which was cool at first but it ended dramatically with people destroying other peoples huts. That was the last rotation so after that we walked back to the cars and drove back to school. Overall it was a cool school trip that taught me a lot of stuff about not only pāteke ducks but also mother nature.

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED

By Dylan.



Kiwi Visit

It was Wednesday the 7th of May, the day the Kiwi were coming to visit.

There were four kiwi that we were going to see and we got to name two! Their names are Chester and Kiki.

We sat patiently in the multipurpose room waiting to see them. Everyone could hardly contain their excitement as we sat and listened to Todd from Kiwi coast address us. He talked about the work he did to help save the Kiwi and the many dangers that Kiwi face everyday. Then he looked over, signalling to turn off the lights since Kiwi are a nocturnal species. The light had turned off, we were told to

stay completely silent as high pitched noises could disturb the Kiwi. We then all got in an oval kind of shape so that we could see better. Cameron McInnes from Tutukaka Landcare opened the door to where the Kiwi were and at this point we were about to explode with excitement.

They walked out, carrying the Kiwi like babies while holding their legs so that they couldn't hurt anyone. We made sure not to touch or scare the Kiwi by only looking at them even though when someone holding a Kiwi walked past they would be less than a metre away from us. Some people got feathers by grabbing them if they fell out, after each Kiwi had been seen they put them away. We were sad to see them go because



they were adorable and very special but we all understood how important it was for them to be released. Ngunguru school is incredibly lucky to have seen real Kiwi birds up close so we give a huge thanks for the opportunity.

By Ella Haenga.





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Save disappointment, order your ice blocks and hot dogs in advance for the rest of term 2. Cut off for orders is 9am each Friday.



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Was an awesome first week of netball for Ngunguru! The Stars won their game, Serpents also had one win on grading day, and the Dolphins, Nets and Stingrays had lots of fun on court! Thanks to all the Coaches and supporters.



FoNS merchandise

If you would like to support the school by purchasing items such as the 'House Tees'



Visit the [website](#) to order - Afterpay available

Ngunguru School Run Club

Wednesday Mornings
6:30 AM

Children must be accompanied by an adult

All Welcome

Ngunguru School is going to be starting up a Run Club every Wednesday morning. All are welcome. The idea is to promote health and well-being through exercise and also get some training in for Cross Country in term 3. We will meet at Ngunguru School before 6.30am ready to set off at 6.30am and returning before 7am. Plenty of time to head home and get ready for the school day ahead. Hope to see many there!



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