

Kia Ora Whanau

Busy kids are happy kids and gosh our kids are busy at school. They have been provided with a rich range of activities over the last couple of weeks.

Each class had scheduled sessions using the Epro8 equipment where they designed, developed, built and refined structures that met a certain purpose. This was a great experience for all of them and out of this two teams were picked - Year 5/6 and year 7/8 to represent our school at the Epro8 interschool challenge. Both teams are participating in this next week and we wish them all the best.

This week each class has had football coaching delivered by Northland Football. Our students did very well at the Zone swimming sports with some students then going on to represent our school at the WPSSSA swimming sports. Tuesday the year 5/6 Rippa Rugby teams represented the school in Whangarei at a fun tournament. Mr Burke was full of praise on how well the students represented our kura.

Last Friday was our water fun afternoon. Although we had to amend this it was still a fun experience with water activities happening on the field. A highlight had to be the wet sponge dodgeball!!! Thanks to Mr

Burns for organising this and thanks to all the whanau who came to support us.

Next week Tai Timu and Tai Waenganui are up at Lonsdale Park for their camp. Their teachers have been busy planning this experience for them and they are going to participate in a range of exciting and fun activities. Have a great time everyone. Thanks to the parents taking transport and accompanying them, it could not happen without you.

At the moment our teachers and support staff are busy identifying their goals for their Professional Growth Cycles (PGCs). We are all required to do this and it is a very interesting and rewarding exercise. We all identify goals around our teaching practice, identifying and implementing ways to meet the goals we have set. Lots of professional development and conversations come out of this!

Up and Coming Events

- Tai Timu/Tai Waenganui Camp Monday 17th March to Wednesday 19th March
- Epro8 Inter School Competition Year 7/8 18th March, year Six 20th March
- Rippa Rugby Year 3/4 Tuesday 25th March

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School Photos

Our school photo day is Wednesday the 26th of March. Please check your child's bags as today their individual photo forms were sent home.

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.

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.

What a fantastic term we are having!
As always, my door is always open.
Ngā Mihi Nui,
Rosemary Murphy



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.

BOT spot

On the 24th of February the School Board are busy with Te Tiriti o Waitangi training. We are really looking forward to this professional development.

We will be working on how as a Board we are bringing Te Tiriti to life at Ngunguru School. We will then look at how to embed this into our strategic plan. Very exciting times ahead so watch this space.

GARDEN TO TABLE



GROW,
HARVEST,
PREPARE,
SHARE

IS BACK!

Our Garden to Table program is up and running again, and Tai Timu Tahī and Tai Timu Rua are back in the swing of things! Students have been busy growing, planting, chopping, cooking, cleaning, setting tables, washing lettuce, feeding the chickens, frying bread, kneading dough, and of course, enjoying and sharing delicious, fresh, and healthy kai together.

This program offers such rich and valuable learning experiences, and the students absolutely love getting their hands dirty and getting stuck in!

We're always looking for volunteers and ways our community can support us. If you'd like to help - whether by donating, sharing knowledge, guiding, or assisting in any way - we'd love to hear from you!

Personally, I believe this is one of the most important things we can teach our tamariki. It connects beautifully to the curriculum while giving students hands-on opportunities to learn about healthy eating and a more sustainable future.
Ngā mihi nui, Richard.



We had three students (Heath, Sia and Elodie) represent Ngunguru School at the Whangārei Swimming Champs on Wednesday and did very well.

Elodie got 7th in the Backstroke, Heath got 7th in the Breaststroke, and Sia got 5th in the Freestyle.



Seaweek.

Seaweek Writing

Personal descriptions of being at the beach using emotive and descriptive words to evoke feelings to make it real for the reader.

The blinding sun bounces on the pearly sand and smooth water, surfers and swimmers bounding into the spraying waves. A sharp, salty tang pricks my nose, along with the smell of washed up seaweed and coconut sunscreen. Seagulls constantly screech dramatically, but the waves drown out their cries when you get close to the sea. Surfers whoop when they get a wave, and children splash and laugh in the salty sea. Wind blows from the west, making my hair whip my face and send sand billowing into my eyes. The sun stops me from getting cold, shining and blaring over the beach.

The sun stays hot and the gentle breeze continues to blow over the water. It's the perfect beach day, really. Being basically midday, it's too hot to not swim. Diving into the waves, the cold rush leaves me gasping. When I come up for air, the sun warms my face. A wave crashes behind me, salt spraying onto the beach. The water isn't cold once you're in, but it still tingles my face when I dive under a crashing wave. This is why I love the beach.

Hannah Evans

I lay down in the hot sand, the cool waves lap at my feet. A seagull flies overhead, momentarily blotting out the late afternoon sun. The sunscreen is slimy and sticky, but it chills my arms and legs. A beach ball hits the ground next to me and I instinctively cover my face. A crab scuttles over my toes, tickling them. The odour of salt, ice cream, and sunscreen hangs in the air. I breathe in deeply and the ocean mist fills my lungs. A small boat drifts past, about 20 metres away. The minimal wake dampens my legs. There is a soft 'shhhh' as sand drifts out of the way of an umbrella being driven into the sand. My eyes are thankful for the refuge it provides from the glaring sun. The sand settles and I slowly drift off to sleep.

Brody Sherman





*Wear it proud,
kōrero loud,
and fundraise for
mental health!*

themulletmatters.co.nz

March Mullet Matters - Kia ora!

Nearly every second kid at Ngunguru School has a Mullet, The worlds most popular haircut! 🤔

In March we are taking part in the fundraising event MULLET MATTERS. This is an event which happens in March where cool kids can raise money for charities which give people information and guidance for issues relating to mental health and well-being, which is a excellent and worth while cause.

If you would like to get involved and make a donation , please do. **Via [this link](#).**

If you would like to get a Mullet and take part, Haere Mai. Thank you so much for your support.



The touch of clouds on top of my mountains tickles.

The touch of a thousand human feet thumping through their cities angers me greatly.

The smell of smoke and fire rips through my nostrils.

But I smell the fresh scent of the forests and streams.

The fiery taste of lava rolls off the tongue and the mountains.

The taste of fresh seafood is fresh and refined.

The sound of thunder rolls crackling into my ears.

The rushing sound of the Amazon river crashes and drops.

The deep booming of avalanches thunders down the Swiss Alps.

The sight of sharks chasing their prey inspires my stomach.

I see the future where you are gone and I thrive.

Heed this warning: you need me, but I do NOT need you. When you're long gone, I will live on.

By Nate.

Warning To People 'People Need Nature, Nature Doesn't Need People'

I feel the toxic oils drifting in the sea.
I feel branches dropping to the floor,
dying.

The smell of smoke drifting into the sea
makes me sick.

I smell concrete being poured onto my
bare skin.

The taste of poison running through the
sea.

I taste rubbish being dumped in me.

I hear people scrunching up paper and
throwing it in the bush.

The sound of trees getting cut down
makes me cry.

I see people littering without a care.

I see people polluting and ot caring.

By Devon

Year 7/8 Bay of Islands Camp

What a camp and what a crew! Our journey began at Te Ahurea, where expert guides shared the rich history and culture of the area. The experience set the scene for an exciting camp filled with learning and adventure.

At the Bay of Islands campgrounds, the days were packed with river swims, talent shows, and games galore. Laughter and excitement filled the air as everyone made the most of the beautiful surroundings.

A highlight of the trip was the boat ride across to Russell, where our students took in the stunning views of the Bay of Islands. In Russell, a history-themed scavenger hunt had students racing through the town, solving clues, and uncovering stories of the past. The adventure continued the final day at Ruapekapeka, a significant site from the NZ Wars, where we explored the technology and history of this important battleground.

A massive thank you to our parent helpers and Tutukaka Passenger Services for ensuring safe travel and unwavering support. Everyone returned home exhausted but happy, filled with unforgettable memories and a deeper understanding of Aotearoa's history. What a trip!



Centre for Assessment & Monitoring

2025 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

Entries close 5th May

Online competition for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students

[Click here to enter and pay](#)



Kiwi Science Competition

Kiwi Maths Competition

Kiwi English Competition

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students based on NZ curriculum.

The competition will run during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

Register Now!

www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/



FoNS 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



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



Pre-season Kickaround for Junior Footballers!



Starts Tuesday 11th March 4-5pm - runs for 4 weeks
📍 Ngunguru Sports Complex 🏆 Open to all footballers
👍 No teams - just turn up & Play!
★ Fun, Fitness, and Football!!!

Te Manawa Tahi will be onsite at Ngunguru School on Thursday 3rd April from 9:00am until 10:30am in the Multi Purpose Room.



If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahi sign or flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.