

Kia Ora Koutou,

What a success the FONS Dog Show was last Saturday. The feedback we have received from the wider community has been so positive, especially around the calm, relaxed atmosphere. A big thank you to the FONS team for their outstanding organisation and running of the day. Thanks also to Carly Low for her running of the events, these were a great success. Thanks also to you whanau, for coming out and supporting the day. All money raised goes back to the school to pay for the extra resources, experiences that support learning at our kura.

A big congratulations to Matt Burns who has won a prize for our school - a large set of balls for use across the school. He was one of 40 recipients of the award that recognises teachers who go above and beyond to promote sport in their community. Mr Burns was nominated by the junior rugby team he coached over the rugby season. We are very proud of you Mr Burns!

Sadly, our awesome caretaker Matua Jermaine is leaving us. Jermaine has been a real asset to our school over the last 18 months. He always goes above and beyond in everything he does and he has contributed so much to the culture and well being of our students, staff and school environment. We will miss him. It was Jermaine's last day today. A special assembly was held to thank and acknowledge all he has given to our kura. We are currently advertising the care-taker position.

Our Tai Pari students had a fabulous time snorkelling over at Whangaumu Bay on Thursday. Thanks to Whaea Rebecca and Experiencing Marine Reserves for making this happen.

Our Tsunami Drill was very successful. We were out of the school, up the hill and seated within 22 minutes! I was proud of how seriously the students took the drill, it was reflected in their behaviour and manners. I would also like to acknowledge our year seven and eight Tai Pari students who were amazing tuakana to our teina. Ka rawe Tai Pari!

Whaea Tess is busy working away putting together the 2024 School Yearbook. Ordering of these will be via KINDO. [Click here](#) to order.

As you know Ngunguru School is a bring your own device school (BYOD). Over the next few months deals from tech companies are often advertised for Chromebooks. Chromebooks are our preferred BYOD device. They can make a good Christmas gift. Some tech brands also offer payment plans or options to purchase refurbished Chromebooks which are considerably cheaper and work just as well. We do not have enough school devices for all students to have access to a device so do recommend the purchase of a Chromebook if possible. Please see either myself, Whaea Tess or Mr Burke if you would like more information on this.

Term four is traditionally a busy term and this one is shaping up to be no different. Please keep checking the school calendar on our school website to keep up-to-date on happenings. We are hoping to start swimming in the estuary around week seven (three weeks away) and would love some whanau volunteers to make this happen. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to assist.

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As we get closer to the end of the year we will put out dates and times for events like prize-giving, our art exhibition etc. Currently the teachers are very busy completing assessments for and writing student reports.

### **Athletics Day**

Next Wednesday our school athletics down at the sports center. The whole school will be attending. We would love to see whanau joining us there encouraging and support all our tamariki giving it a go. We will be walking down at 10.30am, starting at 11.00am. The juniors will finish by 1.00pm and the seniors will be finishing at 2.00pm.

Please ensure your child has a good sized, packed lunch, a large drink bottle and a hat for the day. We will have sunblock available. FONs will also be having a sausage sizzle, [click here](#) to place an order. Please note the cut off time for orders is 6am on Wednesday.

### **Use the pedestrian Crossing**

On another safety note, please make sure you are using the crossing morning and afternoon when you drop off and pick up your children. We all need to role model safe road crossing practices.

Please do not ask your child to cross the road to a vehicle in front of the school without using the crossing, this way everyone stays safe.

### **BOT Spot**

Our Governance manual is currently under review to ensure the board has an up to date effective governance framework. This will incorporate legislative requirements and good practice and we will share the completed manual with you on School Docs when it is ratified.

We are also saying farewell to our awesome Board secretary Stacie DeLacey. Thank you Stacie for all your mahi over the last year. Brenda Frear is our new secretary. Most of you will already know Brenda as she is our school Financial Officer. We look forward to her joining our team.

The policies we are reviewing this term are:

- Managing income and expenditure (board)
- Financial conflict of interest (board)
- School donations
- Expenditure

We invite feedback on these to ensure we have them right for our school. Please take the time to read and review and offer feedback where appropriate. See below for log in details.

Have a great weekend everyone! As always, my door is always open

Ngā Mihi Nui,  
Rosemary Murphy



**Ngunguru School**

### **Policy review instructions:**

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  - Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
  - Read the policy.
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  - 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.



## Moana Tahī: Proud Kaitiaki of the Chickens!

Moana Tahī has been having a fantastic time taking on the special role of kaitiaki for the School chickens! As dedicated guardians, they've been caring for the chickens and collecting eggs—over three dozen so far!

Beyond looking after the chickens, Moana Tahī has been cracking into some “egg-citing” learning. They've been using the eggs for “egg maths,” exploring counting, sorting, and problem-solving activities tied to their egg collection. It's been a hands-on way to connect their classroom learning with real-world experiences.

Well done, Moana Tahī! We're proud of your hard work and enthusiasm as you look after our feathered friends and put your maths skills to the test!



*We are seeking parent volunteers to start helping us with preparing the artwork for our end of year Art Show. This would include adding backing and frames to completed artworks, framing, painting display boards to freshen them up and generally helping with odd jobs where we need them. Please email [ebowden@ngunguru.school.nz](mailto:ebowden@ngunguru.school.nz)*



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The first is a big thank you to FONS for the bonus \$200 for class equipment. We bought headphones, volleyballs, rulers, frisbees, and a Bluetooth speaker.



The second is a thank you to Whaea Rebecca for organising the Experiencing Marine Reserves snorkelling days.



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