

### NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December 2024

Kia Ora Koutou,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year! Gosh, this year has flown by. It is scary how fast they are going by.

Time flies when you are having fun and that is certainly the case for me, the rest of the staff and our students. We have had an amazing year and we have all achieved so much. It has been a great year of focused, relevant and engaging teaching and learning. There have been so many highlights this year and I know this will continue into 2025. I am incredibly proud of the staff at Ngunguru School. They are a group of dedicated, hardworking, caring professionals who give it their all. I am also incredibly proud of our students. What a kind, curious, fun-loving bunch they are. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow over the year. I want to acknowledge our year eights as they head off to the next stage of their learning journey. You have been excellent role models and tuakana to our teina. You have brought humour, inspiration and new perspectives to Ngunguru School, all which have helped make our kura so great. We will miss you but we are also excited to see where the next part of your journey takes you. Go well and remember this is your turangawaewae and you are welcome any time.

I am also extremely proud of our PTA - FONS and what they have achieved this year in raising funds for our school. The car show last Sunday topped off a great year for them. It was a huge success with 130 cars on show!! The logistics around organising a day like that are massive and FONS pulled it off superbly. A big thank you to Jess Johnston for her organisation of this!!

This year FONS have helped with fundraising for OPC, held their quiz night, dog show, numerous sausage sizzles and the car show, whew!! The money they raise goes straight back into resources and experiences for our tamariki. I know they are in need of more helpers, not necessary members, but helpers who are willing to commit a little bit of time at these events. Please put your name down and offer your time in 2025. Remember what they do benefits your own and all the students of Ngunguru School. A little bit of our own time is not too much to ask for what our children get in return.

We have appointed Rex Clements as our new caretaker. Rex is a coastie who much of you will already know. He brings with him a huge amount of experience with looking after properties so has already been put to work!

Today we had our prize giving for our inaugural Ngunguru School Student Fishing Competition! Wow, what a success this was! We had lots of winners who won some very cool prizes. Thanks to all our sponsors and a big shout out to our students Alfons Almquist and Ranger Graham and to Mr Burke for organising this. We can't wait to enter again next year!

What brilliant weather we have had for Moana Camp. A big thanks to Mr Burns, Mr Ford and Ms McWilliam for organising this. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all the parents and FONS who supported Moana over the last two days.

#### Classes 2025

In 2025 there will be change to the composition of our classes. This is due to the sizes of the year groups as they move through the school. Any decision made on class composition is based entirely on ensuring the needs of all our students are being met and that they have the best conditions possible to thrive. Much thought and consideration has been put into this. No solution is ever perfect when we have uneven year group sizes but we do our best to ensure we choose the best solution possible.

In 2025 the classes are:

NE/Year One - one class

Year Two - one class

Year Three and Four - two classes

Year Four and Five - two classes

Year Six - one class

Year Seven and Eight - two classes

Our akonga will find out their new class and their teacher on the last day of school. In the morning they will visit their new class and spend time with their new teacher.

Just a reminder that we do not do teacher requests.

#### Cohort Entry

From 2025 onwards Ngunguru School will be implementing Cohort Entry for our five year olds. Cohort entry is where children start school for the first time in groups on set dates, rather than on or after their fifth birthday. A recent Education Review Office found that cohort entry had a wide range of benefits for children, whānau, and schools. Schools found it contributed to successful learning, learner wellbeing, quality teaching, and supported their

administration processes. Cohort entry also helped with positive ECE-to-school transitions for new entrants. We believe it will have numerous benefits for our kura. The set dates for cohort entry in 2025 are as follows

#### 2025 start dates:

Term 1 – 7 February or 10 March.

Term 2 – 28 April or 26 May.

Term 3 – 14 July or 18 August.

Term 4 – 6 October or 10 November.

Children can start on one of 8 set dates throughout the year. Once your child turns 5 you can choose any of the dates below. They can't start before they turn 5 but must start by the time they turn 6. If you have any questions on cohort entry please do not hesitate to contact Whaea Anna, Matt Burns or myself.

#### The 2024 Ngunguru School Art Show

Next Thursday is our amazing art show and talent quest. We would love to see you there. The students have worked so hard on their art pieces and they really are something. We have our Ngunguru School Talent Show straight after the exhibition at 5.45pm. Bring a picnic and come and enjoy a free concert. You will be blown away by the talent. FONS will be running their usual delicious sausage sizzle.

#### Reports

End of Year reports are in their final stages. They will report on your child's progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics as well as other other curriculum areas. In this report, these areas will be The Arts and Technology as these were the basis of our inquiry learning in terms 3 three and four. Reports will be available to whanau on the last day of school this term.

#### BYOD

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.

#### 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

Last night we held our final BOT meeting for the year. Looking back over the year, we were really pleased with



what we have achieved and very excited for next year. We accepted the resignation of our presiding member Amber Fayerberg. Amber has been an exceptional school trustee. She has poured her heart and soul into the role to ensure our kura is the very best it can be and that it delivers great outcomes for all our students. We thank her so much for all her hard work during her time on the Board. Chanelle Armstrong is our new presiding member. The Board thanks you all for your support this year and is looking forward to working with you in 2025 where we will continue to work on implementing our strategic plan, creating better outcomes for your tamariki. 2025 is election year for Boards of Trustees across the motu. We will be looking for new members so over the summer break please give some thought to becoming a member in 2025. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to reach out to any of us for a chat. It is a very rewarding role and is not as time consuming as you may think. It is a real chance to make a difference within your school.

#### Community Patrol

Our community patrol often drives past and checks on our kura in the evenings and the weekends for which we are very grateful! They are another set of ears and eyes caring for Ngunguru School. If you would like to know more about who they are and what they do, please pop into the office and we can give you their contact details.

Please keep checking our school calendar for upcoming events as term four is always extremely busy. You can find the calendar on our school website [www.ngunguru.school.nz](http://www.ngunguru.school.nz)

Have a great Christmas and holiday season everyone, may it be festive and bright! Thank you all for your support this year. I am the luckiest principal in Aotearoa to be tumuaki of this amazing kura.

Ngā Mihi Nui,

Rosemary Murphy

What a great set-up you had for your day with an amazing line up of cars, the weather was good and stacks of happy people.  
Well done all, enjoy these few pics,  
Pete Romer - Classic and Sports Car Club, Northland



# CALENDAR ART

RAISING FUNDS AND KIDS SELF ESTEEM THROUGH ART SINCE 1991

Orders will be sent home early next week

## Whats on Kindo?

**Parent tickets**  
**Graduation dinner**  
TICKETS NEED TO BE PURCHASED TODAY  
[click here](#)

**Tai Pari Street Art Trip**  
OPTIONAL - PERMISSION AND PAYMENT DUE TODAY  
[click here](#)

**Ngunguru School**

**2024**

**YEAR BOOK**  
**\$16**  
**LIMITED STOCKS**  
**ORDER NOW**  
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# NGUNGURU SCHOOL FISHING CONTEST 2024

**FREE ENTRY**

The Ngunguru School fishing competition saw over 40 keen anglers take to the water over a two week period. There were some sensational catches during this time and it was great to hear that a large number of fish were measured and released back into the ocean. Well done to all those competing and a special mention to our Year 8 students Alfons and Ranger who made significant contributions towards the organisation of the event.

**Results**

**Snapper**

- 1st - Jed James
- 2nd - Alfons Almquist
- 3rd - Sylvie Houlding

**Kingfish**

- 1st - Max Herbert
- 2nd - August Harrison

**Kahawai**

- 1st - Jay Whittaker

2nd - Dusty James

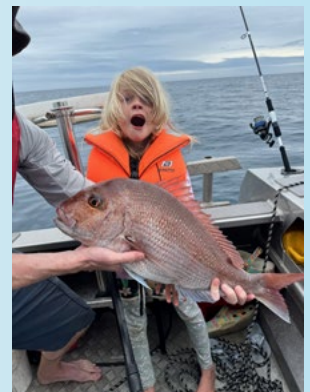
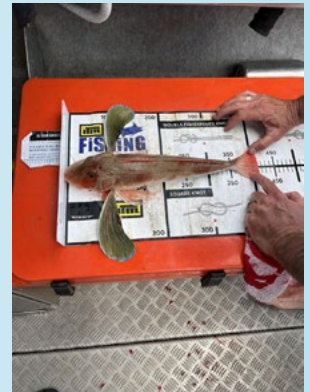
3rd - Jed James

**Trevally**

- 1st - Thea Coe
- 2nd - Taj Coe
- 3rd - Max Herbert

**Baitfish**

- 1st - Taj Coe
- 2nd - Dusty James
- 3rd - Jed James



**TAUPO BAY & TUTUKAKA**  
**KIDS HOLIDAY SURF PROGRAMME**  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024/25**

**FREE for 11-18 yr olds**

- Beginner & intermediate
- Build water confidence
- Develop surfing skills
- Equipment provided

**NZ SURF** Academy  
 Limited Spaces | Email to book  
[surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz)

**Break-Away**  
 School Holiday Programmes  
 Family & community services  
 Group & individual bookings






# Ngunguru School Prizegiving

Celebrating Value Awards, Junior Trophies,  
Senior trophies and farewelling our Year 8  
Students

MON 16 DECEMBER 2024

*New in 2025:*

Students from each class will be celebrated for  
each of our school W.A.K.A values:  
Whanaungatanga, Ako, Kaitiakitanga and Atawhai

9:30 -10:30 (School Value awards and Junior Trophies)

11:15-12:15 (Senior Trophies)

*Whānau, please come and celebrate with us.*



The Coastal Kitchen Coffee van will be available for you to purchase  
drinks during morning tea.

