



Te Aro School

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Community Notices – 17 October 2025

Thorndon School Book Fair

**SATURDAY 18TH OCT
& SUNDAY 19TH OCT
10.00AM - 4.00PM**

PRE-LOVED BOOK SALE

NODDY HOUSE - THORNDON SCHOOL
ACCESS TO THE NODDY HOUSE IS FROM
27 HOBSON CRESCENT, THORNDON

THORNDON SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

**Sat 18th and Sun 19th Oct
10am-4pm**

**Thorndon School- Noddy House
27 Hobson Crescent
Thorndon**

Discover treasures at the Thorndon School Book Fair!
If you love books, bargains, and a good community cause, this one's for you.

Nothing over \$5!

Children's stories, young adult reads, cookbooks, sports, craft, travel, biographies - there's something for every reader.

Every book you buy helps raise funds to support Thorndon School

Northland's First
LEGO SHOW

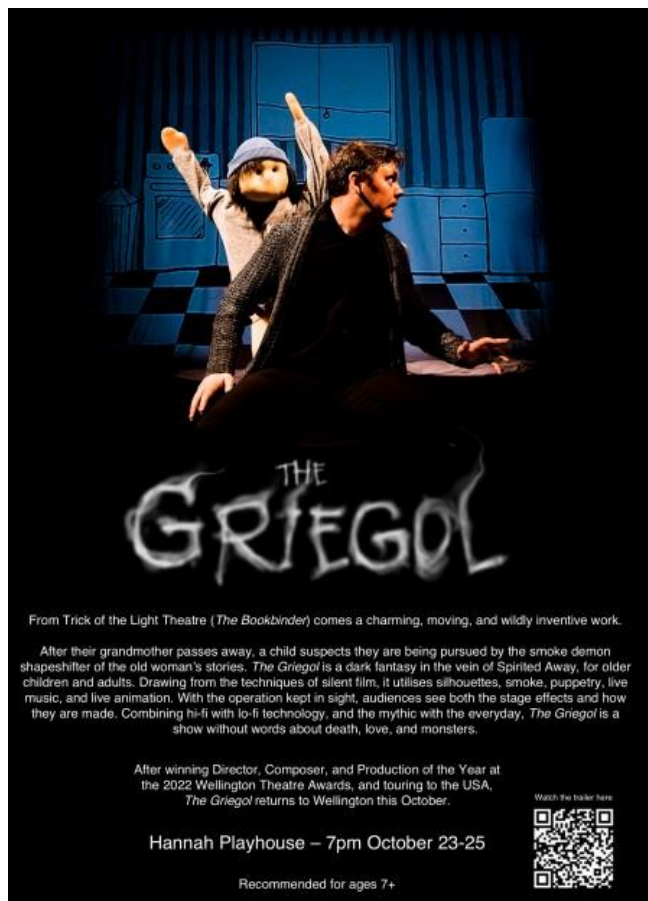
Sunday 9 November
Gold Coin Entry
WIN LEGO!

Northland Memorial Community Centre
10:15-11:30 Set up
11:30-2pm LEGO viewing

Prizes – by age group:
audience favourite and best original build
Live LEGO builds games and competitions

Judged by Local Lego Legends
Ryan & Danny

Email now to book a table
info@northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz



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SAT 1 NOV

11 AM - 2 PM

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Karori



Will Calder & Lucy Clements

Neighbourhood
WE LIVE HERE AND WE SELL HERE.



Aro Valley Preschool

A caring learning community

**ARO VALLEY
PRESCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

**ARO VALLEY
T-SHIRTS**
available to
pre-order!

ADULT SIZES \$35

XSM, SM, MED, LGE, XL, XXL, XXXL

YOUTH SIZES \$30

8, 10, 12, 14, 16

CHILD SIZES \$25

2, 4, 6

T-shirt Colours available



White



Pink



Charity
Pink



Sage



Carolina
Blue



Gold



Red



Bright
Royal



Black

Bright Royal
and Black
have white
printing

Email info@arovalleypreschool.nz to order – **ORDERS** and **PAYMENT** required by

NOV 19th please. Bank details will be emailed out when orders
are placed.

Aro Valley Tea Towels (white only) **\$15** and Tote Bags (off-white only) **\$25** – also
available NOW



We are raising money to upgrade the perimeter fence and for new resources!

Aro Valley Preschool

A caring learning community



Do you have a child aged 2 years – 5 years?

Aro Valley Preschool is a small, not-for-profit
community early learning centre.

We have qualified teachers, small group sizes and quality ratios.

Enquire now through our website for places in 2026

<https://www.arovalleypreschool.nz/>

NEUROSCIENCE FOR PARENTS

- Small groups - DON'T MISS OUT
- Half-day seminar
- Practical, take home strategies
- Interactive and personalised

NOVEMBER 12TH

@ MARANUI CLUB LOUNGE, LYALL BAY

- 9-12pm - Primary Aged Children
- 1-4pm : Adolescents
- Limited numbers - 10 per group
- \$115 per person / per half day session

FURTHER INFO

kathryn@engagetraining.co.nz



Making Friends



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Free Dads' Parenting Course – Lower Hutt & Wellington

An 8-week course designed to support dads to build stronger relationships with their children.

- **Who it's for:** Fathers, stepdads, and father figures
- **Duration:** 8 weeks
- **Starts:** Weds Oct 15th, Naenae / Thurs Oct 16th, Wellington
- **Time:** 6:30-8:30pm
- **Cost:** Free
- **Venues:**
Naenae - St David's Anglican Church, 3 Seddon St
Wellington - Level 1, 132 Tory St, Te Aro



After School and Saturday Computer Classes

Our term time classes are smaller just 3 to 6 children. Classes are focused on what you want to learn. Class runs from 3:30 to 5:30 pm class fee \$180 for 4 sessions (doors open from 3:15). Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 pm. class fee \$260 for 4 sessions.

- Learn to Code; Scratch or Python
- Learn to Code & Create 3D Games.
- Minecraft
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Typing
- Build Your Own Computer

Information & bookings: grandtraining.co.nz or call 04 499-2211

A realistic plan to reuse, renew and restore Gordon Wilson Flats

You may know it as the neglected flats on The Terrace that Victoria University - Te Herenga Waka (VUW) - says it intends to demolish, but the Gordon Wilson Flats (GWF) have both history with Te Aro School and exciting options for renewal.

Gordon Wilson was a pupil of Te Aro School, then called the Terrace School, in the early years of the 20th century, becoming a government architect who designed the building which now bears his name.

With VUW stating that it could start demolition later this year, the Architectural Centre has put up an alternative plan that will deliver modern accommodation faster, with less disruption to neighbours, as well as better carbon and environmental outcomes.

VUW estimates demolition alone of GWF will take 35 weeks. This means hundreds of extra truck movements on the surrounding roads as rubble is taken to landfill, with neighbours and others having to put up with the resulting noise and traffic disruptions.

VUW has said it will replace the 11-story building with a new one, but has yet to release designs, time frames and costs including the loss of embodied carbon, the environmental impact and volumes of waste to landfill.

The Architectural Centre's plan would replace the building's façade and reuse its main concrete core to deliver modern housing and save carbon, time, waste-to-landfill and impact on the city.

The Centre's plan to renew GWF includes engineered wood, glass winter gardens (conservatories) and solar panels to provide 100 high quality warm, dry apartments to house up to 350 people with space on the site for many more. Alongside these are shared study rooms, communal lounges, and social spaces. A rooftop terrace will create a unique outdoor amenity for relaxation and play with sweeping views across the city.

This would deliver on VUW's own key priority for 'ecological thinking that contributes to a sustainable, resilient, and better world'. It would also put the University firmly in step with the global movement to retain and adapt existing buildings, by strengthening and renewing them.

Architect Rob Tse, who worked on the design, says, "Renewing these flats makes sense from so many angles; more affordable, faster, better for the environment with much less impact on neighbours too."

"This design would use over 90% less carbon and we cannot see how the demolition of GWF plus a brand-new building to accommodate 500 students on this site would be more cost effective than the strengthening and refurbishment of the existing building/s."

Paul Harvey, President of the Architectural Centre, is keen to explore with VUW an alternative plan to its outmoded plan to demolish GWF.

"There is a much better way - and that is to make use of the core building: reuse, renew and restore," says Paul Harvey.

For more information, contact: Lis Cowey
lis.cowey@architecture.org.nz 027 555 1913

Notes:

Life cycle analysis (LCA) commissioned from the Capana Group

<https://www.capanagroup.com/> shows that partial retention of the building and refurbishment with a mass timber seismic structure would result in a 92% reduction in upfront carbon emissions, compared to full demolition and a new concrete building. The full life-cycle analysis estimates an 88% reduction in carbon over the extended lifetime of the building by refurbishing rather than demolishing and building a new one. For more information see the carbon report attached.

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Sports – Term 4



TŪ MĀTAU ORA
KĪ-O-RAHI

FRIDAY
AFTER-SCHOOL OCTOBER 31 - DEC 5
WAKEFIELD PARK, ISLAND BAY WGTN

MIXED GRADE
YEARS 5-8 AND 7-8
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www.tumatauora.org
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AFTER SCHOOL
HOCKEY CLUB

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

TERM 4: SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 3 & 4 - 6

Location:	Dates:	Yrs 1-3:	Yrs 4-6:
Upper Hutt	15 Oct - 19 Nov	4 PM - 4:45 PM	4:45 PM - 5:30 PM
Lower Hutt	16 Oct - 20 Nov	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM
Porirua	15 Oct - 19 Nov	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM
NHS	13 Oct - 24 Nov*	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM
Kelburn/Karori	16 Oct - 20 Nov	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

*there will be no session on Monday the 27th as it is Labour Weekend

Any Questions? Just email Kelly at kelly@wellingtonhockey.org.nz



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✓ SOFTBALL
✓ HARDBALL
✓ GIRLS ONLY

This Summer
PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET!

COLLEGIANS JUNIOR CRICKET
2025-2026 SUMMER SEASON

Grades & Registrations
wellingtoncollegians.co.nz/grades-registration

✉ wjcc.membership@gmail.com

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WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



WELLINGTON
HARRIER ATHLETIC CLUB

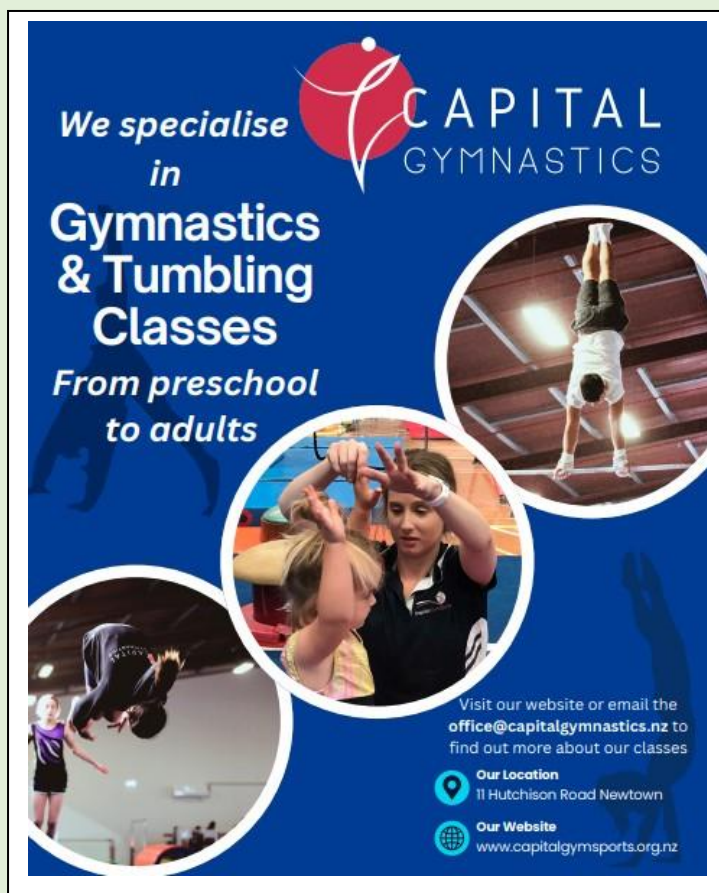


At our club days, athletes practice all events, Including long jump, hurdles, high jump, sprints, middle distance and throws. There's also a children's interclub competition which is held on Sundays, for those that are keen! Our children's club day caters for all abilities. New members are welcome! You can register through: <http://www.whac.org.nz>

For more information please contact: Julie Richards; juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk tel: 0212959026

Our season open day is **Saturday 11 October**
at Newtown Park and starts at 9.30am.
Come and join the fun!

Gymnastics



**We specialise
in
Gymnastics
& Tumbling
Classes**

**From preschool
to adults**

Visit our website or email the
office@capitalgymnastics.nz to
find out more about our classes

Our Location
11 Hutchison Road Newtown

Our Website
www.capitalgymnsports.org.nz

The poster features the Capital Gymnastics logo at the top, which includes a stylized red and white figure. Below the logo, the text 'We specialise in Gymnastics & Tumbling Classes' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, 'From preschool to adults' is written in a smaller, italicized font. The poster includes three circular inset images: a person performing a handstand, a person in a tumbling pose, and a person being assisted by a coach. At the bottom, contact information is provided, including a website URL and an email address. Location and website details are also listed with corresponding icons.



As a first choice sport, gymnastics covers all the bases! It's fun and the fundamentals of the sport provide multiple opportunities for children to develop balance, coordination, flexibility, agility, strength and spatial awareness.

Our low coach-to-gymnast ratio and thoughtfully sized classes ensure each child receives personalized attention and ample opportunity to develop their skills in a safe and stimulating environment.



Building Confidence, Learning & Achievement Through Gym!

From cartwheels, flips, and tumbling, to tramp tricks and parkour — Bigair Gyms classes are all about fun, strength & fitness, and learning & achievement. At Bigair Gym, kids gain more than just gym skills, they build resilience & determination, confidence & assertiveness, and pride & achievement.

Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

Crashmat Kids Sessions (walking-4 years) — Great for little ones to become familiar with the gym.

Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years) — Build coordination and confidence, while learning to follow instructions, listen to feedback, and work in a group led by a coach— provides amazing prep prior to starting school!

Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years) — Learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling.

Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced) — Take your skills to the next level!

Free Running (5+ years) — Parkour + flips = epic agility and body control.

Trampoline (5+ years) — Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.

Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years) — Strength, flexibility, performance - Cheer style!

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Bigair Gym - Helping kids grow, achieve, learn, and thrive.

Booking online for Term 4 is quick and easy at www.bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gym Wellington: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

Dance, Drama, Music, Language and Art Lessons



L.O.D Dance offers a variety of dance classes to students of all ages – pre-schoolers to adults. Contact us now for more info on how we can help nurture your child's Love of Dance! www.loddance.co.nz

Wonderplay Drama have spaces available for 5-8 year olds in New Wonders (3.45pm Thurs, Island Bay), 9-13 year olds in Star Players (4.30pm Thurs, Island Bay) and 9-14 year olds in Advanced Drama (4pm Wed, Toi Poneke, Abel Smith St).

Email debs@wonderplay.co.nz

Sunshine Drama offers creative drama and singing classes in a supportive, fun and actionpacked learning environment.

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Classes for students aged 4-16 yrs.

Visit sunshinedrama.com or contact Jenae 0274 380533 sunshinedrama.nz@gmail.com.

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5-18 year olds
Newtown
Karori
Lower Hutt

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Two-week trials available.

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9-10 YRS	11-12 YRS	13-14 YRS
TUESDAYS 14 OCT - 9 DEC 3:30 - 5:10pm	TUESDAYS 14 OCT - 9 DEC 10:00 - 12:00pm	THURSDAYS 18 OCT - 11 DEC 4:30 - 5:30pm
YOUNG ARTISTS	HOME SCHOOL	TWEEN ARTISTS

BOOK NOW TO UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S INNER CREATIVE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St Hilda's Church
Wednesday 4:45 pm
7-12 years
All welcome

Contact Carolyn @ ibchildrenschoir@gmail.com