



Ngatimoti School  
"Together We Excel"

2024

## Information Booklet for Parents and Students



Welcome to our wonderful school!

This booklet is designed to provide you with most of the information you need to familiarise yourself with our school; our visions and goals, and our daily routines. We hope you enjoy your time at Ngatimoti!

Please contact our Principal, Alison Turner,  
with any questions

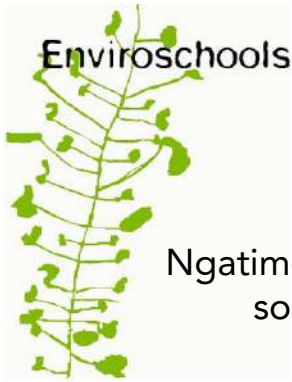
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# Ngatimoti School



Ngatimoti School is a place for all sorts of learning, including academic, social, environmental, creative, cultural and physical learning.

All times spent at school are considered to be learning times, including play times, sports days and school trips.

We break each day with movement and fitness activities and also with an interval for 15 minutes at 10.30 a.m. Morning tea can then be eaten after this playtime. Another playtime is from 12:30 pm until 1:10 pm, and lunch is eaten after this. Classes finish at 3pm.

Our school logo has many stories:

- The triangle shape is significant geographically, because Mt. Crusader is a focal point and looks over us, historically as the cairn at the front of the school links us to the past, and educationally as we believe that parents, students and teachers need to work together for the best outcomes for all.
- The river flowing through symbolises our RIVER values; a part of all that we do.
- The green at the base represents us as an enviro-school.
- The people are central because our school is about people. These people are not confined but are encouraged to grow and to 'think outside the triangle'.
- The people show diversity and inclusion, and their arms reaching up symbolise our high expectations.
- The people are linked, they work and grow together.

Our frieze is based on the concept of a kowhaiwhai, with the river flowing through as the lifeline and reinforcing the importance of our RIVER values. This frieze extends the thinking behind the logo to show our students actively participating in a range of learning opportunities.

Teachers are available to meet with parents between 8am and 9am or 3pm and 4.30pm. Please ring 03 526 8842 for an appointment.

We welcome parents into school. If you are willing and able, we would love to include you in our school life;

- Please read our regular Wednesday newsletters,
- Check our notice boards,
- or contact a class teacher directly.

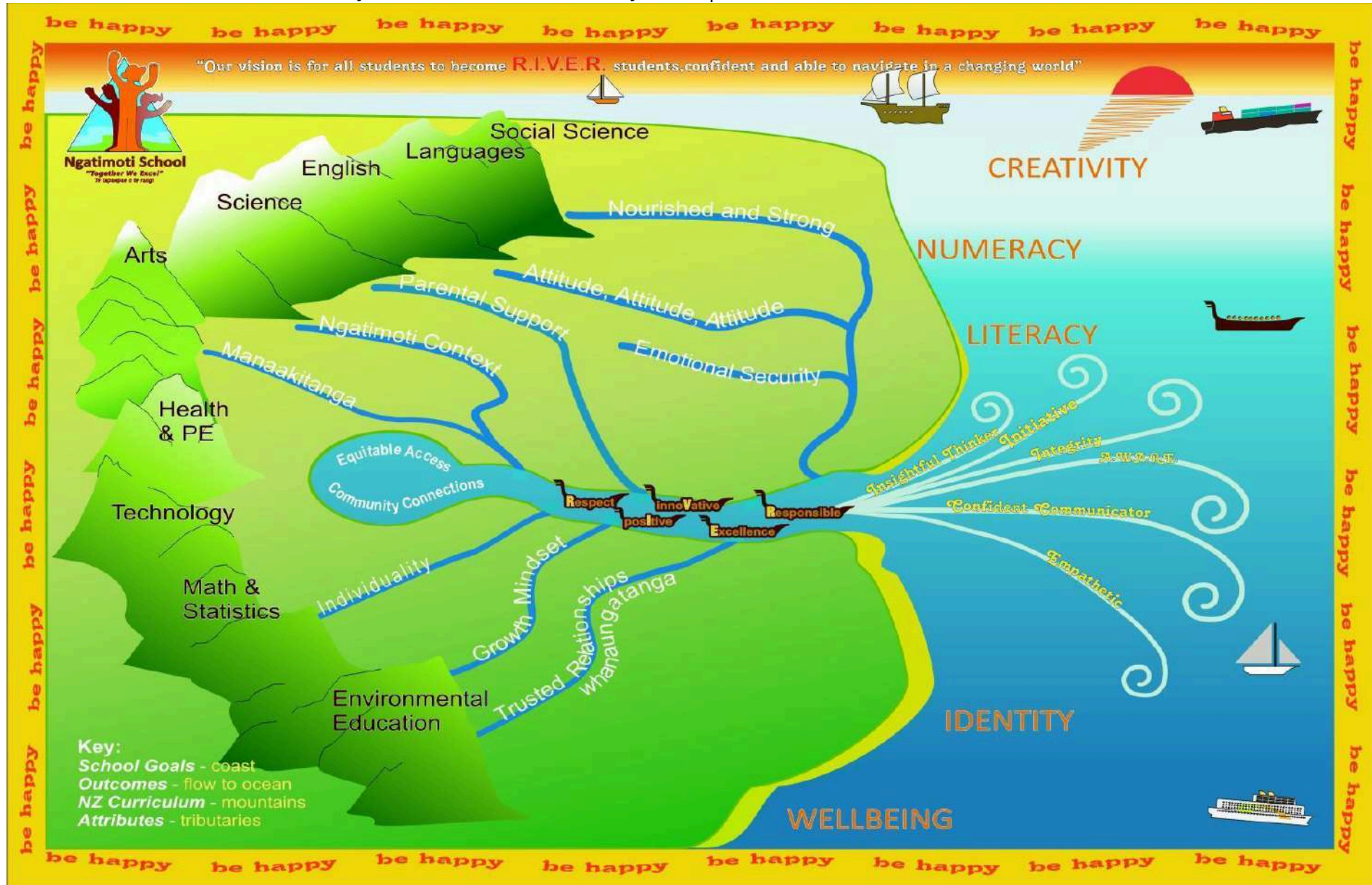
We hope you enjoy being a part of our great country school  
with a family spirit! Alison Turner, Principal.





# Ngatimoti School Learning Map:

What do students bring with them on their learning journey, how can we help them to develop and what are the intended outcomes for Ngatimoti students? The waka carrying our RIVER values take us out into the world. The various boats or ships symbolise some of the many life experiences and futures that await.





## Ngatimoti School Vision 2024 - 2025

Navigating together, with purpose and pride.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

### Goals

### Initiatives

### Success statements

1:

**Learners can navigate a diverse and changing world.**

1i. Grow learners' confidence

1ii Develop lifelong learning capabilities

Learners will confidently navigate with the capabilities they require to take them forward to a bright future.

2:

**Learners connect positively with others, navigating as a member of a community.**

2i Grow inter-cultural understanding

2ii Extend friendship and relationship building skills

Learners will show pride in themselves and develop skills to work and play harmoniously together.

Our R.I.V.E.R. values: *Respect Innovation positiviTy Excellence Responsibility*



## Our "RIVER" Values

These are the key values we learn with at Ngatimoti School:

**R**espect – for ourselves, others, diversity, human rights, rules, the environment

**I**nnovative – creative, curious, inquiring, receptive

positi**V**e - outlook, confidence, perseverance

**E**xcellence – achieve to the best of our ability

**R**esponsible – accountable for our own learning and actions

## Terms and Holiday Dates 2024

The following dates have been approved by the Ministry of Education.

2024 Term 1: Wed 31 Jan – Fri 12 April  
Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April  
Tuesday 2 April is also a school holiday.

Thursday 25 April is ANZAC Day (within school holidays)

Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July  
King's Birthday Holiday Monday 3 June  
Matariki Friday 28 June

Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 Sept  
Term 4: Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 Dec

Our major fundraiser for the year, the hugely successful Ngatimoti Festival is scheduled for the Sunday of Labour Weekend, 27 October 2023.

Other Public Holidays for 2024 are as follows:

Nelson Anniversary – 29 January  
Waitangi Day – 6 February  
Good Friday – 29 March  
Easter Monday – 1 April  
Day after Easter Monday – 2 April  
ANZAC Day – Thursday 25 April  
King's Birthday – Monday 3 June  
Matariki – Friday 28 June  
Labour Day – Monday 28 October

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## Absences

Please let us know if your child is not at school. You can phone 03 526 8842, email [office@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz) or text 0275268842. You must also give a reason for absence. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that the attendance of pupils is regular, punctual, and will not interfere with the child's progress at school. To meet these obligations it is important that all absences are covered by a phone call, text or email to the school in the morning or if you know in advance of the day write a note to the teacher. Parents are also asked to inform teachers when their child will leave early from school to attend health appointments or for other reasons.

Accidents Every endeavour is made to contact parents should a relatively serious accident occur. Medical treatment at a doctor's office is taken if there are any doubts or concerns over injuries and parents cannot be contacted.

Behaviour Ngatimoti is a PB4L school (Positive Behaviour for Learning). While values vary in any community, the school tries to take the middle ground in ensuring a good standard of behaviour, safety of the individual and concern for the wellbeing of others based on our school values of Respect and Responsible.

## Biking

We do not encourage children to bike to school until they are at least 10 years old. Parents/caregivers need to take responsibility to ensure their children are able to ride safely on the road. If your child does bike, we assume you have agreed to this, that you think he/she is safe, and that he/she will bike straight home after school.

## Board

Our Board consists of parent representatives, a staff representative and the Principal. They are responsible for all aspects of school governance. Day to day management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal.

Currently our Board of Trustees are:

Principal	Alison Turner
Staff Rep.	Rochelle Roberts
Parent Members	Andy McFarland (Presiding Member)
	Sophie Jackson
	Donald (Chops) Prouting
	Ciarán Bolger

There are usually 2 board meetings per term, currently held on a Wednesday at 6pm in the school staff room. Meetings are open to the public.

2025 is the next Board Election year.

Parents – you are most welcome to pop in to find out more about the role of board member and the possibility of co-option.



Buses We have two bus routes operating for Ngatimoti School students;

Baton Bus Route	Orinoco Bus Route
Via Alexander Bluff Bridge, Westbank road, Baton Bridge to school – leaves school at 8am and 3pm.	Ngatimoti to Paratiho Farms, Waiwhero Rd, then up to Orinoco – leaves school at 8.10am and 3pm.

Ngatimoti School Bus Rules, negotiated each year with senior students, include:

1. Wear your seatbelt.
2. Sit down.
  - Only the bus monitors or seniors may stand up; and only when necessary.
  - No lying down on the seat.
  - No swinging on the bars.
  - Keep your back on the back of the seat.
3. Keep everything inside the bus.
  - Don't put your head or any body parts out the window.
  - Don't even put an apple core out the window.
4. Respect the bus monitors; and also watch that the bus monitors are respecting others.
  - Do as you are told. Behave sensibly.
  - No smart mouthing or answering back.
5. Respect other people.
  - Don't annoy anyone.
  - If toys or gear causes a problem, bus monitors can tell you to put it in your bag. Keep the noise level down.
  - No deodorant or perfume is to be sprayed.
6. Eat according to the following guidelines:
  - No yoghurt or citrus fruit to be eaten on the bus.
  - No fish or eggs are to be eaten on the bus.
  - No sharing of food on the bus.
7. After school, children are to wait in line until the teacher/bus driver gives permission to board.
8. Do not distract the driver while the bus is moving.
9. You may talk quietly on the bus, to the person beside you.
10. If you have a concern, please tell the bus monitor or the Principal.
11. Be a R.I.V.E.R student: Respectful, Innovative, positive, Excellent & Responsible
12. If the bus monitor/bus driver reports a concern, this will be investigated and the following consequences may arise:
  - ☒ Parent/child meeting with Bus Controller
  - ☒ Parent/child meeting with Principal
  - ☒ You may be;
    - Stood down from travelling on the bus for a predetermined time.
    - Excluded from travelling on the bus.
    - Shifted to a new seat on the bus.

Safety rules are set by the bus company. They should be referred to from time to time to ensure students know their responsibilities.

The Ministry of Education requires that the Principal should be notified in writing of any change to travel arrangements so an accurate record of passengers is available each day; any changes to students' travel requirements need to be notified by the parent / caregiver and noted on the bus roll.

**Parents cannot rely on phone, text or answer phone messages as our school office is sometimes unattended.**

Nelson Coachlines Ltd is currently the provider for our regular school runs. It will provide the qualified drivers, set timetables and ensure the buses (Orinoco and Baton runs) are compliant at all times. The bus will be fully certificated, registered and insured at all times.

**Class Composition**

There are 4 classrooms at Ngatimoti School:

Room 1: Junior class for Year 1 & 2; taught by Heather Reid & Beth Spencer.

Room 3: For Year 3 & 4 students; Teacher Rochelle Roberts & Heather Reid.

Room 4: Years 5 & 6 are taught by Lauren Milnes

Room 5: Malcolm Hepburn teaches Years 7 & 8.

**Communicating Concerns**

Students' learning needs are met by unified, consistent, parent/teacher relationships, through regular, reasoned and friendly communication. If you have any concerns about a member of staff, parents or guardians are encouraged to contact the Principal to clarify the situation.

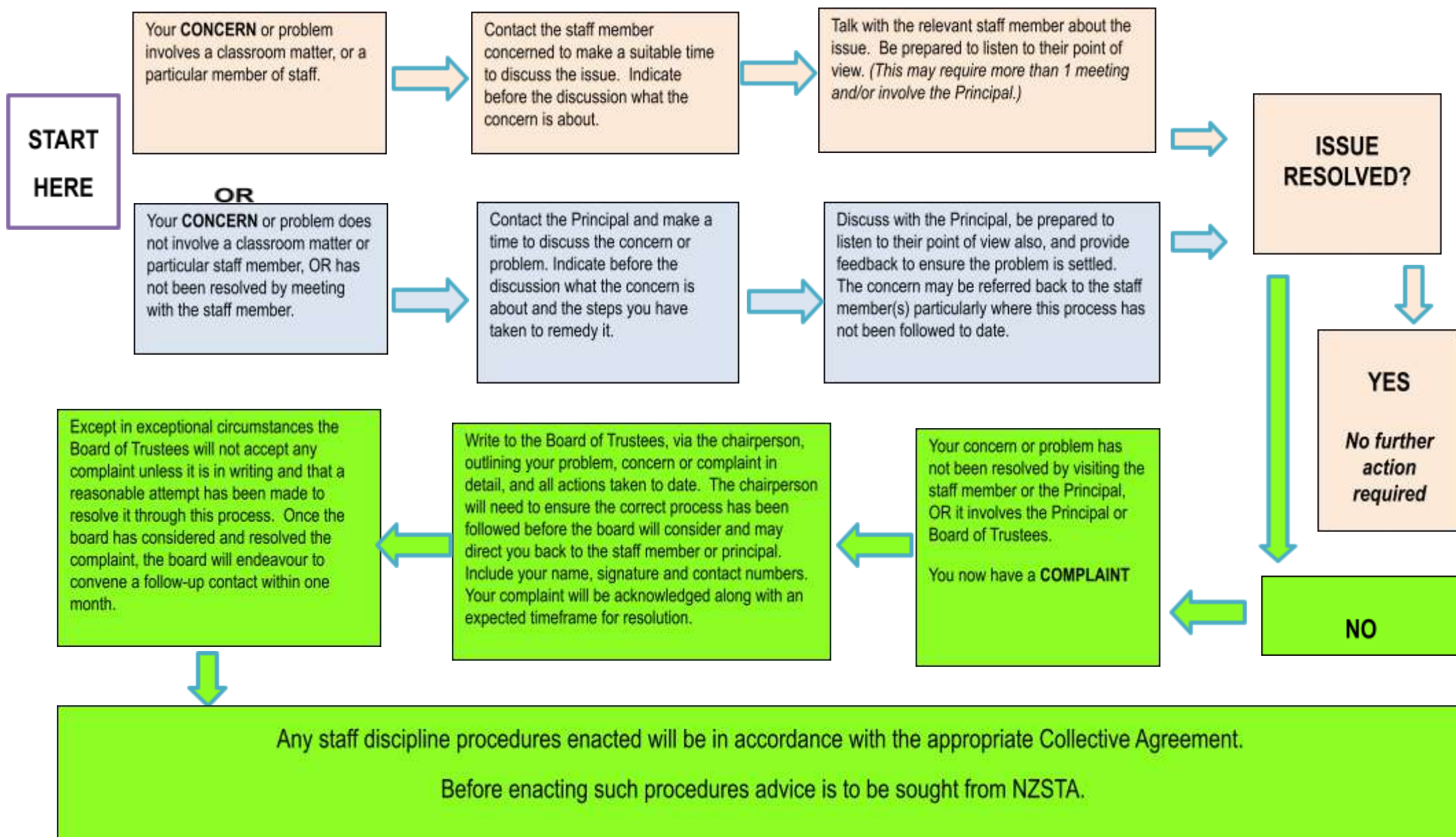
Parents are welcome to discuss the progress of their child with his/her teacher. Whenever children's work or behaviour is causing concern, such discussions are essential and undoubtedly of value to both home and school.

If any parent/guardian has a concern or a complaint we ask that the following flow chart be followed.

Concerns are written up and kept on file.

## Ngatimoti School Concerns & Complaints Procedure

This flowchart outlines the process for bringing a concern to the staff and board at our school. We believe in an open, transparent process conducted in good faith. We encourage you to follow each step to resolution.



## Dental Nurse

Children visit the Parklands Dental Clinic by appointment. Should dental problems occur contact the dental clinic by phoning 03 528 1160, choose option 7.

## Electronic Devices

We do not encourage students to bring any electronic devices to school. If they are needed at school, it is at the teacher's discretion. If cell phones are needed, they must be left in school bags during the day, switched off. All electronic devices are the responsibility of the owner. Cell phones are not to be used on the bus.

## Emergencies

All parents are asked to provide an alternative contact in case of emergency. It is in your child's interest that we know how to contact you or someone nominated by you at short notice. Please keep the school informed of any changes to daytime telephone numbers or emergency contacts.

## Emergency Procedures at Ngatimoti School

Our key responsibilities as a school include making sure that we provide a safe environment for your children and an important part of this is making sure that we know what to do in an emergency. Please keep the following sheet as a reference in case we do have to enact emergency procedures before, during or after school.

Type of Emergency	How you will know	What you need to do
Lock down	At School bells may ring and an internal intercom will be used. If possible an e-mail message, and text message will be sent.	If you arrive at school during a lockdown do not attempt to enter the site, keep well clear. If you hear about the lock down, please resist the urge to come to the school or try to make contact. Staff will be under instructions to keep doors locked and themselves and students safe.
Severe earthquake out of school time  (an earthquake that lasts for more than 1 minute or one in which it is difficult to stand).	You may feel it or hear about it on the news. If the school will be open we will send a message to say we will be open. This will mean buildings have been inspected and we are sure it is safe. This is because after severe incidents we may have no capacity to contact all parents and inform you that the school is closed. If you receive no message or a message that we are closed, do not send your student to school.	Check the school website, txt messages and your e-mails for information. If unsure, do not send students to school or bus stops. Make sure we have current e-mail and cell numbers for you.
Severe earthquake during school time (an earthquake that lasts for more than 1 minute or one in which it is difficult to stand).	We will care for students here until we have either contact from you about picking students up or from the Police about clearance for buses and usual transport and contact you via text, e-mail if school needs to close.	Check the school website, txt messages and your e-mails for information. Make sure we have current e-mail and cell numbers for you. Please check before you come to the school.
Fire that requires school closure.	We will care for students on site and contact you via text or e-mail if the school needs to close.	Check the school website, txt messages and e-mails for information. Make sure we have current contact details for you. Please check before you come to the school.
Any incident that prevents buses from running after school.	Students will be looked after at school until services resume or pick-ups are arranged. Notifications by text, email and phone call will be made.	Arrange pick-up for your child(ren)).



Please email, call or text the school office if your contact details need to be updated for emergency purposes: [office@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz)  
03 526 8842 or 027 526 8842

### Enrolments

Children enrolling at school for the first time must present some identification, such as birth certificate and/or residency/visa documentation. The Ministry of Education does not allow a child to be enrolled before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday but they must be enrolled by the time they are 6. We encourage all parents of New Entrant children to arrange pre-entry visits with the Junior Class to help with school assimilation. Please contact the Principal, Alison Turner or new entrant teacher, Mrs Beth Spencer or Ms Heather Reid, several weeks before the enrolment. We welcome all children from other cultures who may wish to bring their whanau/families with them to celebrate their entrance to school. Parents will be asked to complete enrolment forms, including a health form which should be returned to school as soon as possible.

### Environmental Education

We are proud to be an enviro-school, with Green-Gold status awarded to us in 2010, and reviewed positively in 2016. We try to have environmental awareness developed through a range of learning topics, as well as a part of our everyday consciousness. Our school enviro-code is AWARE:

**A**ppreciate the Maori ways

**W**ith respect

**A**tttractive – with art and plantings

**R**educe, reuse, recycle or repair

**E**ducate others to think positively about the future.

### Home Readers

At school, instructional reading books are used as part of the Reading Programme. These can be taken home by children to be read to and with parents. It is expected that they are returned the next day, as they may be needed for the class programme. Reading books do cost our school a lot of money, so please help to teach your children the importance of caring for them.

### Homework

Reading is encouraged each night at home. Please discuss any homework concerns with your child's class teacher.

### Keeping the School Informed

Ngatimoti staff will go to considerable lengths to develop your child's education and wellbeing, with our success depending upon the degree of cooperation between home and school. Please advise the school of physical or emotional upsets which could affect learning or your child's wellbeing.

### Library

The school library is kept up to date through regular purchases. Teachers encourage students to take home library books for further reading. Please help to teach your children to care for our books.

### Lost Property

It is important that all items of clothing and belongings are clearly named to assist with their return. Lost property is located in Room 5 and is available for both children and parents to check through. At the end of each term, lost property is sent to charity. The school is not insured for lost property or items brought to school by children and it is suggested that valuable items or special mementoes/toys be kept at home.

### Lunch / Baking Roster

The Parent Group operates a roster for the purchase of cakes on a Friday. Frozen Juicies are also for sale to students on Fridays for a dollar each. Kristin McFarland is our Parent Group Lunch Co-ordinator. She can be contacted on 027 470 8224. Parents are expected to assist by baking a cake, slice or biscuits and bringing them into school to serve to the children. This could happen just once or twice a year. Cakes and Juicies are sold for \$1 each to the children and funds raised go to school funds. We occasionally make an array of items, e.g. hot dogs, burgers, pizza etc. as class fundraisers. These are advertised in the weekly newsletter. The children look forward to Friday cake day and so your contribution is most appreciated.

### Lunches

We encourage simple healthy food for lunches such as a sandwich; a piece of fruit and perhaps one item that is sweet. We also encourage zero-waste and ask students to take any lunch waste home. This also helps you to see what has or has not been eaten. We prefer no glad wrap and a limit on wrapped treat foods (commercial muesli bars etc.)

### Newsletters

These are an important form of communication and are sent out on a regular basis (usually every week on a Wednesday) to inform parents/caregivers and the community of developments, events, and issues within the school and the wider community. We welcome any community notices which you may wish to have published, although space priority is given to school news. We also have an external noticeboard at the entrance to the School at Rathgar House. Newsletters are available on our school website or can be sent electronically on request. Please notify the school if you know of anyone in the community who wishes to be on the receiving list.

### Ngatimoti School Parents Group

The Ngatimoti School Parents Group is for all parents and helps to promote goodwill between home and school. They engender community involvement and organise fundraising events to improve school facilities and support staff. They also alert parents in ways in which they can become involved in the school.

Our major fundraiser, the now famous Ngatimoti Festival, is held annually on the Sunday of Labour Weekend at the end of October every year.

All families play a part in the organisation of this special day. Our Parent Group holds their Annual General Meeting around March each year – keep an eye on the school newsletters for meeting dates and activities.

## Parent Help

The school likes to encourage parents to participate in the life of the school.

You may be interested in:

- Parent help in classes
- Library book processing
- Providing art materials for school, i.e. cardboard, wool, lino, carpet,
- Attending open days, sports days, assemblies, meet the teacher evenings, Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Working Bees
- Coaching and Sporting activities

Requests for help will be made when needed throughout the year giving details of time, commitment and skills required.

## Parking

We have limited parking at school, and on Greenhill Road. Please park/double park on the school side of Greenhill Road, to ensure easy flow of traffic travelling up this narrow road. Please do not park along the private driveway which runs along the back of the school. You may also consider parking at the fire station/reserve.

## Phone calls

To prevent disruption to class teaching it would be helpful if phone contact is made to the teachers during the following times:

8.30 – 9am 12.30 – 1.20pm

3.15pm onwards.

A message can be left at the school office anytime.

Emails are a popular and reliable form of communication. The office can be reached at [office@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz) and messages forwarded to the appropriate staff member.

You can text absence messages to the school mobile phone on 027 526 8842.

## Rathgar House Hire

Rathgar House (previously our School Hall) is available for private hire, e.g. birthday parties, prize giving, exercise classes. For more information please call the school. There is an agreement form to sign with some terms and conditions to adhere to.

## Review

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. The site is now live and available to our school community.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team.

Our board of trustees and parents have the opportunity to view and comment on our policies. We will advise parents when policies are up for review through our school newsletters.

LINK: <https://ngatimoti.schooldocs.co.nz/>

LOGIN: ngatimoti

PASSWORD: river



# Three-Year Review Schedule

	2022	2023	2024
TERM 1	<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT (board)</b> Risk Management Health and Safety Induction Visitors <b>EMERGENCY, DISASTER, AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT (board)</b> School Closure Emergency Management <i>(see subtopics)</i> Disaster Management Crisis Management	<b>LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY (board)</b> <i>Review main board-level policy</i> Student Attendance Enrolment Privacy (board) Official Information Requests (board) Uniform / Dress Code Boarding House/Hostel Policies *	Te Tiriti o Waitangi (board) Board Responsibility (board) Parent Involvement Communicating with Parents Community Conduct Expectations School / Special Character * (board) <b>DOCUMENTATION AND SELF REVIEW POLICY (board)</b> <i>Review main board-level policy</i> School Planning and Reporting Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement
	<b>HEALTHCARE</b> Medicines Managing Injuries and Illness Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness (board) Infectious Diseases <b>BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT (board)</b> Bullying Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property	<b>EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (board)</b> EOTC Planning and Review EOTC Risk Management EOTC Coordinator EOTC External Providers EOTC Staff Competence EOTC Event Categories EOTC Communicating with Parents	<b>EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY POLICY (board)</b> <i>Review main board-level policy</i> Appointment Procedure (board) Teacher Relief Cover Safety Checking Classroom Release Time (primary) Timetable (secondary) Media Professional Development Staff Conduct Staff Leave
	Child Protection (board) Abuse Recognition and Reporting Supporting Student Wellbeing Food and Nutrition Sun Protection (board) Staff Wellbeing and Safety Harassment (board)	Inclusive Education (board) Māori Educational Success (board) <b>LEARNING SUPPORT</b> Learning Support Coordination Identify Learning Support Gifted Learners	Performance Management Principal Professional Growth Cycle (board) Teacher Professional Growth Cycle Concerns and Complaints (board) Protected Disclosure (board)
	<b>HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE POLICY (board)</b> <i>Review main board-level policy</i> Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances (board) Digital Technology and Cybersafety School Bus Transport * School Swimming Pool / Swimming Off Site * (board)	<b>CURRICULUM AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT POLICY (board)</b> <i>Review main board-level policy</i> Student Achievement Information (primary) Student Assessment and Achievement (secondary) Home Learning Distance Learning Religious Instruction / Religious Education (board) Religious Observances * (board) Health Education (board)	<b>FINANCE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT POLICY (board)</b> <i>Review main board-level policy</i> Managing Income and Expenditure (board) Financial Conflict of Interest (board) School Donations Expenditure Asset Management and Protection (board) Property Maintenance Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft (board)

## REVIEWS BY YEAR

Year	Policy	Terms
2022	Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy	Terms 1-4
2023	Legislation and Administration Policy	Term 1
	Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy	Terms 2-4
2024	Governance and Management	Term 1
	Documentation and Self-Review Policy	Term 1
	Employer Responsibility Policy	Terms 2-3
	Finance and Property Management Policy	Term 4

## WHO SHOULD REVIEW

Reviews are open to the whole school community: board, staff, and parents/caregivers/whānau. Shaded rows indicate the topics boards should focus on.

## HOW TO REVIEW

Topics being reviewed have a specific review button. Click on the button to access the review tool and submit your feedback. \* Some topics/sections are optional, such as School Bus Transport. If you don't have an optional topic, you don't need to review it.



## School Hours

School is open from 8.30am until 3.30pm each day. If a child needs to be present earlier or later, please make special arrangements with the Principal.

*Morning session:* 9am – 10.30am then 10.45am – 12.30pm

*Afternoon session:* 1.20pm – 3pm

Buses leave just after 3pm.

We encourage families to use the school grounds after school hours, as we believe this is a great community resource. Of course, there is the expectation that all property is treated with respect, safely and sensibly.

## School Staff 2024 Principal Alison Turner

Teachers Malcolm Hepburn – Room 5  
Lauren Milnes – Room 4 (Deputy Principal)  
Rochelle Roberts – Room 3 and Reading Recovery teacher  
Heather Reid - Room 1 & Room 3  
Beth Spencer - Room 1

School Secretary Amanda Cole

Teacher Aides Anna Gimson  
Jade Hogan  
Glenn Bathgate – music lessons (private Tuesdays & Wednesdays)

Librarian Davina Clarke

Caretaker Ian Stephens

Cleaner Andrea Blackburn

Board PM: Andy McFarland 027 527 8301

Parent Group Chair: Annie Simpson 021 064 3232

## Sports/Physical Education

The Ministry of Education recommends sports and physical education is undertaken regularly and students wear shorts and suitable footwear or bare feet for these activities. We have sports uniforms available for use at inter-school sports days. We request that they are washed separately and returned to school as soon after the event as possible.

Our school sports programme is based on the Motueka Schools sports days. These are generally for Year 4 to 8 students. Younger students do play sports at school, and we do seek opportunities for them to be involved, however this involvement is not as predictable as the sport offered at Year 4-8 levels. Sports such as Rippa Rugby are generally taught at school later in Term 1 to Year 1-6 students. When available, tennis coaching is also offered during school time.

In Term 1, inter-school sport is competitive swimming, which is for 8 year old students and over, who are selected by our staff. Later in Term 1 is the summer sports day for all Year 7 & 8 students (usually ultimate Frisbee/touch/volleyball), and a whole school triathlon.

In Term 2 we have cross country. The inter-school competition is for students who are selected to represent us. Later in Term 2 is gymnastics time.

In Term 3 we have winter sports. All year 4-8 students are expected to participate in netball, soccer, hockey or rugby at the inter-school day.

In Term 4 we have athletics.

### Sports Clubs after School

Netball We are most fortunate to have dedicated parents who have coached and managed school netball teams. Netball is on offer to all students using the futureFERN Netball programme set up by Netball New Zealand to meet the needs of young players, modifying the game so that the game grows with the players.

Years 1&2 - Skill sessions for this age will be run at school, focusing on fundamental movement skills, with the introduction of basic netball skills.

Years 3&4 - Focusing on learning the basics of netball, players will have a weekly skill session at school, followed by a skill session and a modified small sided game at the Motueka netball courts.

Years 5&6 - Stepping up to the next level with the focus still being on learning the basics of netball. Players will have a weekly skill session at school followed by a modified game at the Motueka netball courts on a Saturday.

Years 7&8 - Full netball rules apply for this age group. Players attend a weekly training session at school followed by a competition game on a Saturday at the Motueka netball courts.

Netball season runs throughout terms 2 and 3 and is coordinated by Rochelle Roberts [rochelle@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:rochelle@ngatimoti.school.nz)

Rugby & Football We do not have school teams. Many students play for Huia, Rangers and Motueka clubs. Watch out for details of registration days in school newsletters, on the noticeboard and local media.

Motueka Recreation Centre offers sports each term. This is organised by Sport Tasman and they invoice school per team. The cost to parents is \$15 per player for the term.

We try to organise school teams for the following. Check our Wednesday newsletters for details:

Term 1: Touch Rugby for all age groups

Terms 2 & 3: Mini-ball for all age groups

Term 4: Touch Rugby

Other sports such as judo, dance classes, circus, gymnastics, horse riding etc are also offered around the region. From time to time we may advertise these in our school newsletter, but generally parents are advised to source these opportunities themselves.

Parent coaches are always welcome to help out at school. If you have a specific sporting talent or interest and are able to offer some time please contact the school office.

### Stationery

School will provide basic stationery for all students again in 2024. This is possible thanks to previously successful festival profits.

Sunsmart All students are expected to wear a brimmed hat in terms 1 and 4 at all times outside. A cap is not suitable. Parents should ensure that children have sunblock applied at home. There is some sunblock in the classrooms as an extra.

### Swimming Pool

Our school pool is a highly valued resource and we use it regularly throughout the warmer months (Dec-April). School swimming is part of our curriculum. Keys can be purchased for use of the pool outside of school hours at a cost of \$40 for parents with children enrolled at Ngatimoti School, with \$10 being refunded on return of the key to school at the end of the season. A procedural contract must be signed for safety reasons on purchase of a key. Guests accompanying a key holder are encouraged to make a donation in the koha box attached to the pool gate for the use of the pool as the maintenance costs are substantial to the school.

### Technology

This is provided for Year 7 & 8 children weekly at the Motec Centre adjacent to Parklands School in Motueka throughout the year. Students travel to Motueka and back to School on the bus.

The Technology Training teachers advise children at the beginning of the year of their requirements and when the session is timetabled. A fee is charged for take home materials. In 2024 this is \$70 per student and Motec day is Friday.

If there is any information you think other parents might benefit from, please let us know so we can include it in this booklet. Thank you!

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