

Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter – Wednesday 8 March 2017 – Rāapa 8 Poutū-te-rangi 2017

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1: Tues 7 Feb – Thurs 13 April
Term 2: 1 May – 7 July: Queen's Birthday Mon 5 June
Term 3: 24 July – 29 September
Term 4: 16 October – 20 December



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What's happening this week?

Friday 10 March – Indigo Room fundraising Sausage sizzle

Sunday 12 March – Weetbix Tryathlon – good luck! Your event kits should arrive at school in the next couple of days. Be at Tahuna to register at 7am on Sunday morning – check <https://tryathlon.co.nz/preparation/on-the-day/> for more details. Glenn will arrive before 7am to set up our gazebo etc. – helpers welcome!!

Reminders

- **Y7 & 8 MOTEC MONDAYS** Material donations are due now - \$60 per student for 2017. Thanks to those who have paid so far!
- **Please let us know in writing (email or text is fine) if your child is to stay in Motueka after Motec.** Thank you.
- You can text messages to 027 526 8842, phone the office 035268842 or email office@ngatimoti.school.nz
- **Triathlon Club** continues every Tuesday lunchtime with Glenn
- **Public Health Immunisation Consent Forms.** Thank you for returning these so promptly to school! There are only 2 Yr7 Boostrix forms outstanding – please return these this week. Thank you.

Some dates for your diary...

Wednesday 15 March: Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Friday 17 March – Interschool Swimming Sports

Tues/Wed 21/22 March – Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Wed 22 March – Sustainability Challenge at Rabbit Island

Friday 24 March – Whole School Triathlon

Wed 29 March – BoT Meeting 6pm

Friday 31 March – Parents Group AGM

Mon 3 April – 1.45pm TDC Stopping Demonstration on Greenhill Road – Y1-6 students will view from the school gate

Tues 4 April – TDC Stopping Demonstration – Grey St, Motueka – Y7 & 8 students will travel by bus to Motueka

Fri 7 April – Rooms 5 & 4 walk up to White Rock

Mahi tahi means working together

At our school, we believe mahi tahi means working together to help children achieve success. This includes making decisions together with teachers, parents, families and the children themselves, to ensure the best possible education outcomes. We want families to have an equal say in relation to what happens in school for the children, as children learn best when there is a clear and strong connection between what happens at home and what happens at school. This includes a match of language, culture, ideas and ways of doing things. We need to ensure that both parties have their own perspectives and say, and that everyone is treated with respect.

I see this as one of our strengths, largely because parents have been involved so that our goals and our curriculum are a reflection of what parents want for their children. We try to give many opportunities for you to be a part of your child's learning, and sometimes this is as simple as encouraging parents to phone or email with a question or a thought.

To give parents, students and teachers an opportunity to share their goals and aspirations for the year, we have scheduled meetings for next Wednesday 15 March, or the following Tuesday 21 March.

The time you have been given is not fixed in stone and because we really want to see all parents, we are more than happy to be flexible. It may be that you would prefer teachers to come to your place to meet. **Please let us know if you are unable to keep the scheduled time, and together we will make an alternative arrangement.**

We have scheduled you a meeting time, with your child, in your child's classroom, on

at _____



TOMATO SAUCE MAKERS WANTED We have grown some magnificent tomatoes here at school and we thought it would be a great idea to make some tomato sauce to accompany our Friday Sausage Sizzles. **If there are any parents willing to come in to school to help make this, please contact the school office or Lauren in the Indigo Room.**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY If you want to have a sausage on Friday for lunch please order tomorrow – you can bring your money in on Friday. A sausage & bread costs \$2 and funds will go towards our Indigo Room Ski Trip fundraising.



CONGRATULATIONS to Room 3 teacher **Amber** who celebrates her birthday today! **Sultan** and **Tui G** will also celebrate their special days in the coming week. Congratulations all of you, from everyone here at school!

*Freja shows one of our amazing school-grown tomatoes.
They will make delicious and healthy tomato sauce!*



Room 3 & Indigo Room students had a wonderful walk up to White Rock this morning, continuing their theme as explorers. Thank you for all your parent support today!

Last week all classes spent the day learning in a different environment. The Motueka museum has a fabulous exhibition on at the moment about local early Maori settlement "Mai I Hawaiki Te Ahi Ka Roa" which tied in very well with our theme for the term about Early Explorers. I felt incredibly proud when a member of the public approached me and commented on the depth of questioning, the engagement and the behaviour of our students. Well done to everyone who took part, and many thanks to the parents who were able to support us on this day.

Some writing from our two junior classes about explorers ...

I went to the museum. My mummy helped the group. I liked the touchstones. *Summer*

I went to the museum and learned about peace feathers. They felt rough. They were beautiful and they had a beautiful pattern. They were fun to see and touch. *Zenaydah*

How did Captain Cook make beer? He put rimu leaves and manuka in it. *Louise*

Edmund Hillary came from NZ. He travelled to Mount Everest. He loved engineering and exploring. He walked with hiking sticks and special clothing. *Sayla*

MOTUEKA INTERSCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS COMPETITION – FRIDAY 17 MARCH If your child has been selected to represent Ngatimoti School at next Friday's swimming sports at Motueka High School, a separate notice will be sent home. This is a big, exciting day of swimming competition in a pool much larger than ours! **We will require parent help, supervision and transport for approximately 20 students on the day so please consider whether you are available to help by returning your notice to school asap.** We would like to take selected 8-10 year old students down to the High School pool for a practice after school one day next week so if you are able to help with this please also let us know. It would be great for them to get a practice in the larger pool before competition day. Thank you for your support!



This year the University of Canterbury is delighted to launch the great Kiwi English, Maths and Science Competitions for primary, intermediate and secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the NZ curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 2 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and medals will be awarded to top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$8.50 per competition entered, however school will pay \$3.50 of this, bringing the cost to parents down to \$5 each – thanks to Festival funds. These competitions will replace the ICAS (Austalian) tests we have previously offered to year 7 & 8 students. These NZ Competitions provide an opportunity for Year 5/6 and Y7/8 to participate. Talk to your child's class teacher or Ali if you are interested in entering your child in any of these competitions.

A safety query Are you happy for your child to be riding a bike without covered shoes? We do not want to become the fun police but we have noticed a number of children zooming around on the tennis courts or the loop track on a bike, but with no suitable footwear. This does concern us, but if you allow your child to come to school with a bike and without shoes, then we cannot expect shoes to be worn. At this stage we are leaving it up to individual families to talk about this with their children and decide. ☺



Rupert enjoyed helping to make sauerkraut last week! A big thank you to Jean, Andrea and Kirsten who made it all happen – wow, our sausage sizzles are going to get tastier and tastier!

Quote the Week

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." Albert Einstein. What do you think this might mean? If you and your child would like to write an answer together, send it in either by email or on paper and we will put any ideas in to a prize draw for a treat!(To be drawn next Wednesday morning!)

PARENTS GROUP NEWS & CAKE ROSTER

Each Friday we like to provide cakes and frozen Juicies for sale for \$1 each to students. For this to happen we rely on our parents group - i.e. all parents – to bake a cake, muffins or slices and bring them in to serve on Friday lunchtime. Students should still bring a healthy lunch but could also bring \$2 to buy a cake and a juice if they wish. Our lunch duty coordinator is Catherine (Beau, Louie & Chico's mum) and you will see this term's roster below. If you are unable to do your duty please either swap with another parent or call Catherine on 526 8891 so that we can make an alternative plan. Our parents group Chairperson is Rita (Ari & Madi's mum) and she can be reached on 526 8337 if you wish to ask anything regarding the parents group. Please send your child with their money in a named purse if possible.

Week 5 Fri 10 March	Week 6 Fri 17 March	Week 7 Fri 24 March	Week 8 Fri 31 March	Week 9 Fri 7 April	Week 10 Good Friday
Bex/Stacey Emma/Alastair	Jennifer/Warwick Gali/Darryl	Keren/Marios Sky/James	Lucy/Sam M Sam Green	Camille N Emma/Jamie	Holidays

Our Parents Group AGM will be held on Friday 31 March at 1.30pm at School. All parents are encouraged to join us – we are going to plan a fun social evening for parents in Term 2 – any ideas!?