

Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter – Wednesday 15 March 2017 – Rāapa 15 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?

Wednesday 15 March: Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Friday 17 March – Interschool Swimming Sports

Reminders

- **LOST PROPERTY:** The lost property box is full and we are only half way through the term! Please check at the entrance to the Indigo Room if you have lost any items of clothing. Thank you.
- **Y7 & 8 MOTE C** Material donations are due now - \$60 per student for 2017. Thanks to those who have paid so far!
- **Triathlon Club** continues on Tuesdays with Glenn in preparation for our school triathlon next Friday.

NETBALL SEASON IS COMING – WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS NEXT WEEK!

Some dates for your diary...

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

Wed 22 March – Sustainability Challenge at Rabbit Island

Friday 24 March – Whole School Triathlon
Sausage Sizzle for lunch

Wed 29 March – BoT Meeting 6pm

Friday 31 March – Parents Group AGM
Kath Bee performance at school

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

Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings: It is pleasing to see that many parents have already contacted school to rearrange appointment times if necessary. We now assume that everyone is happy with the times set and look forward to meeting with you. If you would like time to talk with a teacher without your child present, a follow up meeting might be made or there may be a few minutes available for your child to pop out to play if necessary. Otherwise, we do expect children to be an integral part of the meeting. If you feel you need to meet with Ms Turner, you are most welcome, although you will need to make an appointment. We do like to work with you to ensure school can offer the best for your child!

Swimming: Our scheduled class swimming will finish this Friday. Room 4 students have already stopped their class swimming as it is too cold. Depending on the weather and the pool temperature, the pool will be open for lunchtime swims next week. On Friday 24 March, we will have a school Triathlon. This will be designed so all students can participate. It may be that some do it as a member of a team, and others do it individually. More details next week!

Inter-School Swimming Sports: This Friday is the Motueka Swimming Sports Championships, held at the Motueka High School Pool. Thanks to the parents who have offered transport and support. Best of luck to our representatives!

Kiwi Competitions Thanks to the students who have shown an interest in 'having a go' at one of these new exams. It is not too late to register, so if you are in either the Indigo Room or Room 5 and you are keen to see how you well you are doing in English, Maths or Science, compared with other high achieving students in NZ, please register your name with Amanda, and the \$5 per exam. Registrations need to be in by the end of this term, with the exams scheduled for Term 2.

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.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to teacher **Ms Reid**, who celebrates her birthday this weekend! **Lauren W** and **Mila H** will celebrate on Monday, and **Ashleigh** will celebrate on Wednesday next week. Congratulations all of you, from everyone here at school.



Congratulations to the Gane family for discussing last week's quote by Einstein and having their response plucked out of the hat for a prize!

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new".

Liam and Ruby's responses were:

- You'll learn far more from mistakes
- With new learning come challenges
- If you don't ever make a mistake you will never learn anything new because you will always have the answer right so you will not challenge yourself! Great thinking! Thanks everyone for participating.

Welcome! This week we welcome **Levi** to our school. Welcome to Room 4 Levi, we hope you love your time here at Ngatimoti School.

Farewell! We are sorry to have said farewell to **Dana** and **Chloe** this term and wish them well at their new schools.

Our students explore the site of the first European settlers to land in Motueka in 1842

Isla demonstrates her newly acquired golf skills



Golf: Today the Year 5 to 8 students had a wonderful opportunity to learn the basics of golf. Thanks Mr Hepburn for organizing this, and to Blair, NZ PGA professional, in association with Nelson & Motueka Golf club.

What happens at Ngatimoti School for maths teaching and learning? We strongly believe in learning basic facts, but we also believe that there needs to be some logical understanding of these basic facts. Although we come to rely only on our memory for knowing our times tables, when we are learning to memorise them, we should also be able to *show* how they work.

Each term at Ngatimoti, all students from all classes, do our Ngatimoti Basic Facts test. Results are kept by teachers, but they are also used by teachers and students to determine 'next steps' for learning. These tests were devised straight from the expectations of the Numeracy Project. *If you have not seen a basic facts test, you should come in to see one, so you are aware of the expectations.*

Each term as well, all students from Year 3 to Year 8 do the IKAN (Individual Knowledge Assessment of Number) test. This comes directly from the Numeracy Project and is a powerpoint of quickfire questions. *You could look it up and try it at home yourself!*

These two assessments form the basis of teaching and learning of basic facts. **Importantly,** they do not dominate the whole maths programme!

One of the things that you might notice about maths at school these days is the amount of talk, collaboration of ideas and explanation by students required. This is fundamental to the way we teach maths now, but it does take a lot longer than students all coming up with an answer individually and having it marked as right or wrong.

In the Junior Classes, a lot of work is done using materials to understand the basic facts, and the facts are also presented as problems to be solved. Further up the school, there is a clear expectation that students memorise, know and use the appropriate basic facts and then use them to solve problems. The Senior Class students do not spend class time rote learning basic facts. They are expected to know them, and to be regularly practising them at home.

Our maths results across all levels of the school have been reasonably high. Over the past few years, we have noticed a trend that girls' results are below that of the boys. Teachers have been working to raise girls' achievement with positive results. This year we have changed our target group to focus more on the Year 5 and 6 students. As with all learning, the more we can all work together (teachers, parents and students) the stronger the learning will be. Students need the right mind set and attitude; parents need to help by working with their children to remember the appropriate basic facts and teachers need to be teaching the relevance of the basic facts. If you would like to see the maths we do at school, or to know more about our maths programmes, please do not hesitate to ask!

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 juicie 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 6 Fri 17 March	Week 7 Fri 24 March	Week 8 Fri 31 March	Week 9 Fri 7 April	Week 10 Good Friday
Jennifer/Warwick Gali/Darryl	Keren Kirsten	Lucy/Sam M Sam Green	Camille 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 - and we need a new Secretary too!

FOUND ON ROSEDALE SADDLE

Tinted sliding window from Ute canopy.

Call Vanessa 0272633550

ANIMAL COMMUNICATION COURSE

Upcoming 2 day (weekend) workshop with Faye Rogers. Facilitated locally. Anyone interested please call or text Yvette 0276015008 (numbers limited)

Jessie & Jade's Babysitting Service We are two ex-Ngatimoti students, keen to do some babysitting around the valley. We are both 14 years old and love to entertain all aged children. We are very responsible and respectful girls, wanting to earn some extra money. We are negotiable people and easy to sort times and rates with. We are able to cook if needed. Please contact us if you are interested Jade: 0274528346 Jessie: 0274132420 or email rileyjessie12@gmail.com

Games, Marimba Performance & Family Picnic

Sunday 19 March - 3pm-7pm at Ngatimoti Community Rooms/Fire Station

Come and join us this Sunday 19 March for a family picnic and BBQ.

There will be a range of different games set up, such as ultimate Frisbee, soccer, KUBB & Petanque. Feel free to bring your own games too!

A tug-of-war between the East & West Bank is planned - be prepared to get wet! At 5pm the Motueka Valley Marimba band will perform. After that there is time to socialize during the picnic. Bring your own picnic food, chairs, and blankets. The BBQ will be available. This event will be cancelled if wet. Watch the Motueka Valley Community Facebook page for updates. Organised by the MVA.



Country Kids offers a deal for all who are under 3 If you book six hours a week, we'll give you 6 for free! This only lasts the first two terms, so get in while you can. Our children love to play and learn; come visit and make a plan! Conditions apply. Contact Nickie on 03 543 2819 for details and enrolment.