

Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter – Wednesday 3 May 2017 – Rāapa 3 Haratua 2017

TERM DATES 2017

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?

Today all classes have enjoyed some **Māori storytelling** from Whaea Tania Corbett, as well as some **golf coaching** too – what a varied education we get here at Ngatimoti!

Health Survey. You will find attached to this newsletter a health survey for all parents to complete and return to school by this Friday please. Thank you for your input.

Assembly. This week we will have a whole school assembly on Friday at 2.15pm in the Indigo Room. All parents are very welcome.

Some dates for your diary...

10 May – BOT Meeting

12 May – Sausage sizzle for Indigo Rm Ski trip fundraising

15-17 May – Life Education Truck at school

17 May – School Photos

31 May – Interschool's Cross Country competition



Reminders

- **Pool Keys** – Return your key for your \$10 refund
- **School Donations** – For 2017 rates have been set at \$25 for one student at school, \$40 for 2 students, with a maximum donation of \$50 per family at school. Thank you to those who have already paid – you can pay online to 03 1354 0359568 00 or by cash/cheque at the office.
- **Scholastic Book Club brochures** Issue 3 out now. Please bring your orders and payments to the office.
- **Quiz Night at Rabbit Hill Café – 19 May** Please register your names or teams to the office - \$10 per person to raise funds for the school music department. 7pm start.

Happy Birthday to **Hannah R** who celebrated her birthday this week. Congratulations from everyone here at school!

Welcome! Happy 5th Birthday and welcome to Room 4, **Chase** and **Stella!** We hope you are settling in nicely here at school ☺



It's great to be back! We seem to have had a lot of happy and eager students back at school this term, and I know the staff are all enjoying being back. It is nice to have Debbie Godsiff back in Room 3 again, and we look forward to seeing Amber Beech at school in a relieving teacher capacity at times. *Ali.*

P.E Review: We regularly review our programmes and our school systems. To do this effectively we appreciate parent and student feedback about what works well and what could be tweaked, or discarded altogether.

Currently we are reviewing Physical Education programmes, which include swimming, fitness and sport. Do you have any comments about what we do or what we offer at Ngatimoti? If you are happy with what we do, or if you have any suggestions, please let Ali know.

For the rest of this year, we are lucky enough to have secured Haidee from the Rec Centre to teach ball skills to our students. For the first half of the term Haidee will work with Indigo and Room 5 students on miniball skills. Later in the term it will be Room 3 and 4's turn!

Building update: The Room 1 and 2 project is shaping up well. We are expecting the veranda roof on early next week, and the builders are starting to put the timber on the deck today.

Weedbusters Working Bee The Motueka Valley Weedbusters group are planning on helping to tidy up at the stream on Saturday 27 May, 10 a.m. – 12 midday. They would love any extra hands!



Welcome back from Debs & Room 3! Spoons are very useful learning tools! Science, maths & fun all mixed up.



Whaea Tania tells some local Maori tales with Room 5. Did you know that Motueka was once named Te Maatu?

BOTTLE ROCKET SCIENCE It's not rocket science...oh wait, yes it is!



On Tuesday as part of our Science topic, Room 5 made rockets out of recycled soda bottles, water, corks, pumps and stands. First we stuck the pump needle in the cork then filled the bottles up a third with water. Next we pumped air into the bottle and the pressure from the water and the air caused the cork to pop off and the 'rocket' to fly high. Samantha, Tui, Tasmin and Ruby's rockets went the highest (up), while some went the furthest (going flat along the ground). We all had a blast and had fun learning about bottle rockets! **By Nina & Lili**

Nelson Duathlon 2017 On 23 April, Ollie W ran the Nelson Duathlon and did really well with a time of 53 minutes and won his age category and came second overall. He had a great time with 10km of mountain biking and a 4km run. Hopefully if anybody else is keen to do the second and third competitions see Glenn and he will give you the details. **By Ari & Ollie**

NETBALL

Years 1&2: Due to lack of numbers, the Year 1 & 2 programme will be postponed. If any parents of Year 1 & 2 students are interested in registering their child for this, please let Lou know and if there is enough interest this may happen later in the term.

Years 3&4: Your season kicks off with a festival day at the Motueka netball courts on Saturday 13 May, skill sessions at school will start shortly after that. More details next week.

Years 5&6: Your season also starts off with a festival day on May 13. Training will continue on a Monday after school.

Years 7&8: Your season starts this **Saturday May 6**. Please meet at the Motueka netball courts at **11.30am READY to warm up for a 12noon game**. Please remember to have your nails cut short, long hair tied back (with a blue or black hair tie), white socks, black knickers and don't forget your water bottle.

Junior Umpires: All year 7&8's wishing to umpire this year; there is a meeting for you to attend on Saturday morning at 9.30am. Please be aware that you will be committing yourselves to being at the courts each week at this time.

Star Helper workshop: is being offered to all year 7&8's at Motueka netball courts on Tuesday May 16 from 4-6pm

Fundraising: Our turn for fundraising this year is **Saturday 20 May**. It would be very much appreciated if all parents of year 3 players and above could help out with some home baking and a stint on the stall on this day.

Any questions please contact Lou on 5268815 or 021 0457798.



MINIBALL TERM 2 Junior & Intermediate games are played Mondays. Seniors play Fridays at the Motueka Recreation Centre. The cost to parents per student is \$15 for the term. Thank you to those of you who have paid so far. **The season will be**

kicking off on the week of May 15th/ May 19th (week 3), not May 8th / 12th as originally suggested due to prior booking and referee commitments. 8 weeks of competition will still take place as usual (games will be played through until the last week of term). A draw will be sent out at the start of next week when all teams have been finalised by the Recreation Centre. Our Ngatimoti teams are as follows:

NGATIMOTI NUGGETS - INTERMEDIATE – MONDAYS	NGATIMOTI BULLS - SENIORS - FRIDAYS
LOUIE, CHICO, NIKAU, PIPIRI, CHRIS, LIAM, OLI V, JACOB	CALEB, HARRY, TEIJE, COLE, JAMIE, JASMINE, OLLIE W

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.

TERM 2 PARENT CAKE ROSTER									
Week 1 T2 5 May Yvette A Tanya C	Week 2 12 May Davina C Wendy M	Week 3 19 May Vanessa H Bex I	Week 4 26 May Karen H Kristy P	Week 5 2 June Ursula V Marian C	Week 6 9 June Leonie M Freesia R	Week 7 16 June Carolyn L Hobbit	Week 8 23 June Esther K Di W	Week 9 30 June Megan W Anna R	Week 10 7 July Lee S Nic H

The 2017 General Election will be New Zealand's biggest and most important event this year involving around 2,300 voting places, 18,000 staff and millions of voters.

You could be a part of making it all happen.

We're hiring people with different backgrounds and skills for a variety of roles in offices and voting places. You don't need to have election experience because we provide training and support.

We're looking for people who can:

- show a strong customer focus
- follow set processes
- work under pressure
- work with a diverse group of people
- be politically neutral
- pay attention to detail

We need people to work throughout the country before, on and after election day - **Saturday 23 September.**

Our team will reflect New Zealand's diversity so that voters, their friends and whānau see themselves reflected in the election.

This is a great opportunity to be involved in something really important for your community, while gaining new skills and experiences, and getting paid.

For more information:

- Visit elections.org.nz
- Call **0800 36 76 56**

Election staff needed for Ngatimoti School and Pokororo Hall polling stations

Ngatimoti School Health Survey 2017

All schools are required to consult with parents to establish local priorities for our health education programmes. This survey will help to ensure that parents' views are reflected in planning health units.



Family Name:

Children's Names:

What areas of Health Education do you believe are essential that we cover in our programmes?

We have procedures in place regarding sun smart (e.g. brimmed hats to be worn in Terms 1 and 4), lunch eating (e.g. all students are to sit down in the designated eating area and are supervised by two staff) and road safety (e.g. because of the road conditions, we do not encourage any students under the age of at least 10 to bike to school) **Would you like to see anything about these procedures changed, or do you have questions about them?**

We have a very low key "Fruit Time" whereby we expect students to eat a small piece of fruit at interval. **Do you have any comment about this?**

We encourage water to be the only drink needed at school during the day. **Do you have any comment about this?**

Muesli bars and chippies are often brought to school. Besides the environmental impact of the wrappings, **do you have any comment about these food items?**

A number of outside agencies are involved in our health programme at school. These may include the police education officer and public health nurse. **Are there any other people you would like to see involved in the health programme?**

Sexuality education is one aspect of the health curriculum, starting in Year 1 with the unit *I am growing* where children learn the names for body parts and about caring for yourself, and continuing up to the senior classes where students learn about the changes at puberty. **What do you think your child should be learning at school in "sexuality education"?**

If school programmes in health education are to meet local needs and be reinforced at home, the support of parents and the community is essential. **How can parents become involved and support the school health programme?**

Our school vision is for all students to be R.I.V.E.R. students, confident and able to navigate in a changing world. As one aspect of this, we have a strategic goal of 'Well Being'. We aim to encourage healthy and active contributors. This includes being physically active, taking personal responsibility and developing good relationships with others. It also includes developing resiliency. Is there anything more specific that you would like to see included to enhance well being?

What do you believe are some possible consequences for children watching inappropriate TV programmes or playing inappropriate video games? Does it matter to you what other children are allowed to watch or play? Is there a role you think school should play?

What role do you think that the school should or could play when dealing with:

- headlice
- personal hygiene
- wearing shoes
- wearing appropriate clothing to school (especially girls)
- ensuring children have enough sleep at home?

Do you see the value in programmes such as Riversafe for the seniors or Life Education (with Harold!) for the whole school? These are expensive, but we cover the costs through Festival fundraising. Do you think your child learns from these programmes?

Please make any other suggestions or comments relevant to health programmes at school if you wish.

Thank you for taking part in this survey.

Please return it to school by **this Friday 5 May** to any class teacher, or to the office.