

Term 2 Week 5 Newsletter – Wednesday 31 May 2017 – Rāapa 31 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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Dates for your diary...

5 June – Queens Birthday holiday

6 June – Y5 & 6 Ripa Rugby tournament (a notice has been sent home)

20 June – Puss in Boots performance from NZ Playhouse here at school

21 June – Year 5 & 6 Book Quiz

21 June – BOT meeting

22 June – Year 4-6 Gymnastics at Motueka Recreation Centre

27-30 June – Road/bike safety training with Community Police Officer Gerry Tonkin

5 July – BoT Meeting

7 July – last day Term 2

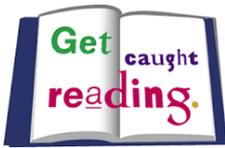


Congratulations to **Freja** who has celebrated her 9th birthday this week. **Isabella** will celebrate her 8th birthday on Monday. Best wishes from everyone here at school!

We have 30 Ngatimoti students representing us at Rabbit Island Interschool's Cross Country event today.

We are looking forward to hearing how they got along. Thank you to those parents who have helped out with transport again!

Building update: The deck has been oiled and the path has been formed so now we are just waiting for the Tasman District Council to sign off the Public Use Certification before we can move in. Ms. Reid is planning a special celebration for her class to celebrate the big move. We will be having a fabulous Book Week in the first week of next term to mark the opening of the new library space. More details about these celebrations in the next week or two!



“Catch them reading” Photo Competition To celebrate our new Library opening and Book Fair to begin Term 3 we are now launching a great new photo competition. Take interesting, cute, exciting photos of someone reading – they can be anywhere, for example with a pet or snuggled in a corner with a toy, in a treehouse etc. Bring your photo to school or email to laurenemilnes@gmail.com by the end of this term. **With your photo you must include:** A caption, your name, age and room number at school. The best photos from each class will be displayed in the new Library and there are loads of cool prizes to be won.

Health Survey follow-ups: One of the questions in our recent Health survey raised the point about enough sleep for children. Although there was comment that this is really the domain of parents, it seems worthwhile to share that the recommended guideline for children aged 5 to 13 years is for 9-11 hours of uninterrupted good quality sleep, with consistent bed and wake-up times. If you would like more information about good sleep tips, try www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/food-and-physical-activity/sleeping/helping-children-sleep-better

Our Student Council had the first of four team-building sessions with Tiegan from the Rec Centre last week. It was great to see the interactions between this group of leaders! The next session is scheduled for tomorrow, depending on the weather.

Environmental Education is an important element of our Ngatimoti curriculum. Students are in mixed groups (“House colours”) and this term they have the opportunity to work with each teacher at a different activity each session. Our teacher in charge of Enviro-Time is Debs Godsiff. If any parents would like to get involved, please contact Debs at school.

FRIENDLY FRIDAY Thank you to the parents and students who supported our Friendly Friday as part of a nationwide Bully Free week promotion, by wearing pink! I am happy to say that the tone in our playground seems to be largely positive. If you are ever concerned about your child's relationships with others at school, and you feel you would like some support with dealing with this, please contact a teacher or me. Two great sayings to discuss with your children to promote positive behaviour are: “To reply to a nasty comment with another nasty comment is like trying to wash yourself clean with mud.” And “Don't let others spoil your day – we can all make a choice to be happy.”



Before and after the Tackle 7s action: Nina, Lili, Samantha, Ashton, Jamie, Caleb, Tom, Ashleigh, Jasmine and Wolfgang. Well done on 2nd place Ngatimoti!

Tackle 7s Rugby Tournament On Monday some keen Year 7 & 8 students went to Rugby Park, Motueka to play in the regional Tackle 7s Rugby Tournament. Jasmine, Wolfgang, Jamie, Nina, Ashton, Caleb, Lili, Tom, Ashleigh and I were playing in the social grade against 3 other teams. Our first game resulted in an injury to Jasmine as she collided with Ashton. She was then sent home with a massive lump on her forehead! We won 3 games leading up to the final against Motueka South School. The final score was 5, 3 to them. Thank you to Mr Hepburn for organizing the day and thank you to all of the parents who provided transport! By Samantha



Whenua Iti Year 8 Leadership Course

The Whenua-Iiti course is designed to teach kids about leadership and to allow them to step out of their comfort zone. When the Year 8s went to Whenua-Iiti they were taught about what a good leader could be and the attributes of being a good leader. For example, an attribute of a good leader means to be confident, committed, respectful, positive and sometimes strict or bossy if needed. This is a priority because things might get a bit out of hand! Also another attribute of a good leader is to listen to other people's ideas and not to do all the work themselves. Most of the Year 8 students said that the highlight of the 4 day course was the trapeze and high ropes because it was nice to try new things that we wouldn't normally do and get out of our comfort zone!
By Naomi

WEEDBUSTERS Thank you to our local Motueka Valley Weedbusters Group (pictured below), and Mr. Hepburn, who spent hours tidying up at our school stream last Sunday. This was really appreciated, especially because there is always so much to do and some tasks, such as trimming back the big flax bushes, are quite difficult.

Our Year 8 students and Whenua-Iiti instructor; part of the Year 8 Leadership programme involved the planting of 200 trees last week at Thorn's wetlands. Nice work team!!



NETBALL Well done to last week's players of the day; **Nina, Sophie and Madi**. There are no netball games this weekend (Queens Birthday), and no training on Monday. Thank you to all those that have paid their subs for the season, these have now been passed onto the netball association, there are however still a couple outstanding, please pay ASAP; either to Lou directly or into account number 11 7426 0018373 00.

MINIBALL TERM 2 Good luck to our senior team; the Ngatimoti Bulls, who play Mahana Reds Seniors at 4.30pm this Friday 2 June. Next Monday is Queen's Birthday holiday so there are no Intermediate games. **Year 5 & 6 students** – if any of you wish to join the intermediate mini ball team, we could do with some extra players – let Amanda know in the office.

Reminders & snippets

- **Parent help and transport required** – 22 June for the Y4-6 Gymnastics competition at the Rec Centre Motueka. This is an all-day event.
- **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 cash/cheque at the office.
- **NGATIMOTI SCHOOL WILL BE 150 YEARS OLD IN 2018!** We are just beginning to think about planning the celebrations and will be inviting members of the community, young and old, to join us. Any ideas? Want to be a part of it? Let us know!

Creative Quencher After School Art Programme For all ages 6-12+. Classes run in the school hall by Lee Sycamore (Gemimah's mum). Art lessons will run after school for four consecutive weeks, beginning next Thursday 8 June. The cost is \$40 per child for 4 weeks. Lee will teach a Realist Painting skills programme in this first run of lessons:

Week 1: Sketching and art history of the renaissance and contemporary artist with surreal styles.

Week 2: Sketching, preparing a cartoon for painting.

Week 3: The painting. Colour mixing application.

Week 4: Finishing paintings, critique and exhibition. Families welcome for students to exhibit their finished work.

Please note; this is not a school run programme. Registration is essential. Please call/text Lee on 021 078 7366

PARENTS GROUP NEWS & CAKE ROSTER Each Friday we like to provide cakes 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 \$1 to buy a cake if they wish. Our lunch duty coordinator is Catherine (Beau, Louie & Chico's mum). 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 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 TBC

ELECTRIC GUITAR FOR SALE: Vox, 3/4 size including built in amplifier and drum machine - \$250 See Ian/Lou at school or call 5268815