

## Term 3 Week 1 Newsletter – Wednesday 26 July 2017 – Rāapa 26 Hōngongoi 2017

### TERM DATES 2017

Term 3: 24 July – 29 September

Term 4: 16 October – 20 December



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### **Term 3: Dates for your diary...**

- Wk 1: Book Fair – all week.** The book fair is open between 8.30-9.30am & 2.30-3.30pm each day this week in our brand new library! More details below.  
**This Friday afternoon** Volleyball with Allan Brodie for Y5-8 students
- Wk 2:** Friday sausage sizzle to raise funds for Indigo Room Ski trip
- Wk 3:** 8 August: Motueka High School Open Evening for Year 8 students and parents.  
9 August: Volleyball competition starts
- Wk 4:** International Languages Week.
- Wk 5:** Miniball competition starts this week (Int. Mondays, Seniors Fridays).  
22 August: Nelsomathix competition for selected Y7 & 8 students at Mot. High  
24 August: Junior Interschool's Winter Tournament  
25 August: Senior Winter Tournament
- Wk 6:** Speech competition for selected students at Upper Moutere School.  
Last sausage sizzle to raise ski trip funds
- Wk 7:** Student led conferences.  
5 September: Parents information evening with John Parsons
- Wk 8:** Māori Language Week, 15 September – Indigo Room Ski Trip, Y7 & 8 Ki o Rahi tournament
- Wk 9:** ERO visit. 22 September – Pet Day ☺



Congratulations to **Alexander A, Lili, Ashton, Mannix and Damien** who all celebrate their birthdays this week. Best wishes from everyone here at school!



### **Farewell**



Welcome and Happy Birthday also to **Skyla** who joins Room 1 this week. ☺

We are sorry to say farewell to **Ruby, Liam, Angus & Jethro** who have all left Ngatimoti School. Good luck!

### **Reminders & snippets**

**School Donations:** \$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.



*Our juniors stand proudly in front of their new classroom. The youngest (Skyla) and oldest (Ari) students in the school cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the new library and Room 1.*

**Yay! Our junior class has finally moved in to Room 1 and the refurbished library is now open.** It looks and feels just as we had hoped. Come and have a look sometime! Many thanks must go to the teachers and students for their patience, and thanks to the builders of Fitzgerald Construction. Special thanks to Mrs. Milnes for setting up the library and the Book Fair during the holidays, and to Ms. Reid for moving everything from Room 4 to Room 1 during the holidays! Winners of our "Catch them reading" photo competition will be announced this Friday.

**Book Fair** What an amazing response we have had so far to our book fair – we have sold more than \$700 worth of books so far and the fair continues for another 2 days. The fair is open in the library before and after school – thanks to Annie, Phoebe, Megan, Catherine, Marian and Davina who have all volunteered their time this week to help out. Payment is required on the day by cash, cheque or credit/debit card (no eftpos). We would love some parent help this Saturday from 1pm to help pack the fair down –. Thank you all!

**This term our learning begins with a topic based on the word 'Navigate.'** Classes will use this word in different ways, but essentially there will be a Social Sciences unit based on the diversity of our country, there will be some learning about directions (e.g. left, right, north, south, east, and west) and there will be discussions about making good choices. This links well to our school vision for all students to become R.I.V.E.R. students, confident and able to navigate in a changing world.



**Health questionnaire follow up:** In the survey last term a number of parents prioritized mental health as an area of our health curriculum. At school we have focused on friendships, belonging to groups, being fair, acknowledging our own strengths and needs and learning ways to be resilient. This term we are talking with students about making good choices – you can make a choice to be happy. There are good resources available for parents developed by the Canterbury's All Right? Project called Sparklers. If you would like some inspiration, take a look at the parents' pages. Visit [www.allright.org.nz/sparklers](http://www.allright.org.nz/sparklers)

**What can we learn from the past that will benefit the future?** At school, we regularly review and evaluate what we do, in order to make learning as successful as possible for all students. We try to look at our programmes and practices from many different perspectives, and so we welcome student and parent thoughts or feedback.

We also love to learn from you, and have appreciated learning a little about Steiner Education from a parent recently, as well as learning more about your child's background, as these ideas can be fed in to the class programmes. A good example of this came yesterday. A student, brimming with enthusiasm because her mum had talked to her about her ancestors, came in and shared that she had French connections! Another boy recognized his tribal affiliations in a piece of art, and could proudly tell his teacher. These pieces of learning contribute to a student's identity and their self-belief. Please feel free to communicate with class teachers by email, phone call or popping in before or after school for a chat.

**Kaleidoscopes** Does anyone have any kaleidoscopes they would be willing to lend Debs for a few days to inspire Room 3's science learning? Being precious things- they would be kept in a safe place and only used under supervision. Please contact Debs for pick up or send to school. Thank you!

**ENVIRO NEWS & REQUESTS** This term we will continue with our enviro groups every second Friday afternoon beginning next week. We thank you for being mindful that we are an enviro school and would like to remind students and parents to please try to reduce the amount of packaging, particularly cling-wrap, in lunchboxes. Also all rubbish should be taken home for disposal or recycling.

**WANTED FOR ENVIRO PROJECTS:**

- ~ Herb plants e.g. sage, oregano, basil, parsley and other bee attracting herbs.
- ~ A parent or two to take a small group of students every second Friday afternoon for scarecrow making as part of Enviro and in preparation for the festival. For more information please contact Debs, thank you.



**NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL – 22 OCTOBER 2017** It is 87 days until Festival Day! **What we really need organised this week is somebody to do the plant stall. This is quite a big job and needs to be started now. If there are no volunteers we will not run one this year.** Lou is already busy organising craft stall bookings, Rita is onto the coordination of food stalls, Glenn is beginning to book this year's musical attractions and there are a number of

parents already thinking about their roles on the day. We will be starting to search for volunteers in all areas, and donations for silent auction, lucky dip, prizes and White Elephant soon. Give us a call if you have any questions or want to help in a particular area. All parents will have a job to do; the festival is a reflection of our awesome school and wider community. Thank you in advance!

**Music lessons and After School Band opportunity** Glenn continues music lessons at school and reminds his students to please get back into your awesome routines of practice if you are learning an instrument. Glenn is also keen to form an after school band and is asking for expressions of interest to join on Tuesdays or Thursdays after school. If you are Year 5 and above (Indigo or Room 5 students) and would be interested, please let Glenn know.

**Room 3 writing *Rahi and the Patupaiarehe* By Gemmimah**

*Once upon a time there was a husband and wife. One day a wizard saw her and wanted her to be his wife. So he took her and hid her in the forest. Just then Rahi saw her so he built her a giant kite and went to find her. But the wizard saw Rahi and put a spell on the Sun. Rahi's kite started burning. One of the moa eggs fell and landed in a giant nest and a giant Eagle looked up to see where it came from. It saw Rahi. Rahi was falling fast and the sand gave him a soft landing. Meanwhile, Ti Ara was in a volcano and to make things worse, it was an active volcano. The Eagle gave him a ride. He had an idea. He saved Ti Ara by blocking the gaps on the sides of the volcano.*

**NETBALL** Well done to **Arabella, Riley & Jasmine** who were awarded players of the day last week.

**Saturday 29 July Ngatimoti Stars:** please meet in the stadium at 9.30 READY to start. The Stars are also on court duty this week.

**Ngatimoti Ferns:** please meet at the courts at 9am READY to warm up for a 9.30am game.

**Ngatimoti Diamonds:** please meet at the courts at 10.30am for an 11am game.

**Junior umpires: Naomi & Lili,** you are both umpiring games at 9.30am this week so please arrive with your whistle by 9am. **Please let your coaches know if you are unable to make a game or training.** Your coaches are **(Stars) Esther 0210366890, (Ferns) Lou 0210457798 and (Diamonds) Bex 0277744044.**

**MINIBALL** The cost to players will be \$10

for term 3. Games begin in WEEK 5, in the week beginning 21 August, running through to the end of September. Junior &

<b>JUNIOR (Y3-4)</b>	Nikau, Chico, Chris, Mannix & Denys - <b>need 1 more please</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE (Y5-6)</b>	Pipiri, Louie, Hunter, Kaleb – <b>need 2 more players</b>
<b>SENIORS (Y7-8)</b>	Caleb, Ashton, Teije, Jasmine, Jamie, Ollie, Wolfgang & Tom

Intermediate games are played at the Recreation Centre, Motueka after school on Mondays; seniors play Fridays. There has still not been enough interest to make an intermediate team; we need at least 2 more players from the Indigo Room please. **DEADLINE TOMORROW!**

**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.

<b>TERM 3</b>
<b>Week 1 – Fri 28 July</b> Jud C & Dior S
<b>Week 2 – Fri 4 Aug</b> Kyna T & Andrea G

**Rental wanted for school family of 4 from the end of August. Anything considered; would love to keep the kids at Ngatimoti School. Please phone or text Vanessa 0272633550**