

# Term 3 Week 10 Newsletter – Wednesday 27 September 2017 – Rāapa 27 Mahuru 2017

## TERM DATES 2017

Term 3: 24 July – 29 September

Term 4: 16 October – 20 December

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

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

**Wk 10:** BoT meeting Wed 27 September  
Pet day Thurs 28 September  
Friday 29 September: Tennis coaching

Enjoy your spring holidays!

Term 4 begins Monday 16 October.

**Sun Safety:** ALL STUDENTS need to bring a wide brimmed hat in Term 4.

**Festival is Sunday 22 October; Week 1, Term 4!** ☺



**Rā whanau! Madi, Hunter, Kaleb & Tawn** are lucky to be celebrating their birthdays during the holidays. We wish you lots of fun from everyone at school!

## What's happening in Term 4?

We will be getting out and about with all class teachers planning trips to consider how amazing our environment is. We will also be learning about different materials in science, chancing our luck in statistics and getting prepared for athletics days.

## Pet Day is tomorrow!

### Rules

1. All dogs need to be tied up along the back tree line. Lambs, goats, calves and ponies should be tied up on the bottom field.
2. Only bring your dog if it is safe around kids, other animals and other dogs.
3. Bring your own water container and food (if necessary) for your pet.
4. Any poo or mess is the responsibility of the person who entered the pet!
5. Remember to look after your pet and not let it get stressed out.
6. No dogs can come on the bus. If you have a smaller animal that will stay in its cage on the bus, you can check with your bus driver.
7. Pets need to be taken home by lunchtime please.
8. Please don't be upset if you do not have a pet to bring.

**Organisation of the day 9 a.m.** Your dog, calf, pony or lamb should be left tied up and **all students** need to be in class! Animals in cages (chickens, ducks, rabbits etc.) are to be left on display at the sandpit.

After some 'around the ring' events, there will be an obedience event for dogs, to show the dog that is best at "sit, stay, come". It is not compulsory to enter your dog in this event!

There will also be an obstacle course that is open to all pets and not just the dogs. Each pet can only do the obstacle course once.

The Student Council has this year decided not to have a best-dressed pet competition because they believe it is too mean for the animal.

Pets can then be taken home. We guess this will be at about 11 a.m. at the latest.

**Ngatimoti Festival** **NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL – 22 OCTOBER 2017** 24 days to go!  
Thank you to those parents who attended last week's planning meeting. There is still a lot to do and we need help!! Save us your surplus lemons & eggs etc., but save enough to bake your festival cake!!

At the moment, in preparation for festival day we need:

- ✚ **Silent Auction donations** (services, crafts, accommodation, activity vouchers, etc.) & **White Elephant donations** (quality second hand goods – no electrical items)
- ✚ **Put your name on the parent roster (in the school office) for the day if you have not yet done so. More volunteers are needed in the Café, on parking management, entry gates, on the lamb spit etc., etc.**
- ✚ We are looking forward to seeing all the scarecrows popping up around the valley over the holidays to advertise our festival day. There are prizes to be won and scarecrows will be judged in the week before festival. Make sure you add a sign: **NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 10am-4pm RAIN OR SHINE! Please help your kids construct a cool scarecrow!**

## Reminders & snippets

**Volleyball** This afternoon the Ngati Nets play the Ngati Ninjas at 5pm in the final round for this term. Next term's Volleyball will be played on **Tuesdays** after school at the Motueka High School Gym, beginning TUES 24 October. Term fees are \$20.

**Miniball** Well done to our Junior team who made the semi-finals this term. See the Kiwi Kids Newsletter for a review from the team.

**Koha:** \$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.

**Chromatic Scales** Glenn's piano and guitar students: **The competition will take place TOMORROW lunchtime!** Last chance to practice tonight to win chocolate and credibility!

**Indigo Room Ski Trip** We are all disappointed that the Indigo Ski Trip was not able to go ahead this week due to bad weather. Thanks to Lauren and all the parents who helped with the planning and fundraising for the trip. But wait! All is not lost; Indigo Room students will be treated to an alternative, but equally exciting, day out next term at Bridge Valley using funds raised! Indigo parents will be reimbursed the \$45 for the ski trip so please either call into the office or contact Amanda with your bank details.

**FAREWELL.** We are sorry to be saying farewell to Summer at the end of term, who is moving to Collingwood with her family soon. We wish you lots of fun at your new school Summer!



Henry and Pipiri get inspired with their scarecrow making today in the Indigo Room.

However you look at it, the Festival is a fantastic event for our community. For our school, it is the one big fundraiser where we hope **all** families will help out each year. We do need to rely on parents' generosity (particularly their time) and goodwill. Some parents offer to do over and above their fair share, and they do this for the general good of the school, your children and our community. Thank you!

Over the past few years, the Festival profits have meant that parents are not being asked for money to contribute towards things such as

- Stationery for your children (exercise books, pens, pencils etc.)
- A class photo for your children
- Shows such as El Gregoe, Kath Bee and Rapunzel
- Sports shirts
- Musical instruments
- Employing specialists, such as Matua Maihi last year for Te Reo, and John Parsons for internet safety education
- Teacher Aides in classes to support learning
- Trips to places such as the Nelson museum
- Whenua Iiti River Safety and leadership courses
- We have also subsidised students to participate in many events such as the Weetbix Tryathlon, Kiwi Exams and Vertical Limits climbing

Over the years profits have also gone to bigger items, such as the kitchen in the Hall, the swimming pool fence and the green round climbing frame on the bottom field. More recently, the BOT have installed a solar water system to heat the swimming pool, and ... breaking news... we have bought a minivan! In the past few years we have contributed something towards the wider community too, such as the local defibrillators, a contribution to the Motueka swimming pool and the Motueka Weedbusters.

Although the Festival is predominantly a fundraising event, it is also an opportunity for the adults in our community to participate, meet others, and show what it means to be a member of a community working together. In anticipation of another great Festival, I thank you for your support.

**Social Netball;** our two teams are now registered and paid for. If you could all send your email address to [louandian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:louandian@xtra.co.nz) I can then keep you informed, also the cost for the term is \$20, this can be paid into account number 11 7426 0018373 00 I have decided to run some practice sessions through the holidays on a Sunday afternoon from 3 till 4pm for anyone that is interested, starting this Sunday 1 Oct, weather permitting, here at school. Games start on Wednesday Oct 18.

**PARENTS GROUP NEWS & CAKE ROSTER PLEASE CHECK THE ROSTER BELOW FOR YOUR DUTY DAY AND LET CATHERINE KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SUPPLY CAKES ON YOUR ROSTERED DAY. Each Friday we provide cakes for \$1 each.**

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. Please send your child with their money in a named purse. Thank you for your support

TERM 3	
Week 10 – 29 Sept	John R & Lou B (parents of Isabella & Harry)
Week 1 Term 4 Friday 20 October	Catherine (Louie, Chico & Beau's mum)
Watch this space in Week 1 next term for Term 4 duty roster	

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Children's Haircuts at the School – THIS FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September** Neisha, of La Niche Hair will be here to offer children's haircuts at Play Group, for \$10 a cut this Friday. Contact Neisha to make an appointment if you have not yet done so: **035268342 or 02108207573 to book your child's pre-holiday cuts; feel free to text if easier!**



Mannix and Caleb are pictured; 2 groups went out planting at the wetlands last week in Enviro time. Great work everyone!



**Science Fair** Tui, Isis, Lili & Naomi are presenting their Science Fair projects today at the Trafalgar Centre, amongst students from many Nelson and Motueka Schools. Thanks Tui for helping out too! There were many fantastic science fair projects at Ngatimoti again this year, but the projects these girls did had the wow factor!

**Spring Holiday Programme**

*My Pony for the day*

**Monday 2nd, Tuesday 10th,  
Wednesday 11th of October**

9 am – 3 pm / 6 hours    \$ 80.00 per child / per day

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# KIWIKIDS NEWSLETTER BY ROOM 3

Week 10, Term 3, 2017

## In the Tree Tops By Gabriel

*Gabriel used his imagination to write this story in response to an article he read in his reading group.*

I visualised when I was reading that a monkey was swinging from vine to vine. It made a squeaky voice. Oh e ah a. I couldn't reach it because it was up so high. I only touched it for about 10 seconds straight before it went back in its tree. It was exciting doing it. The next day I went to the zoo and saw all kinds of animals like lions and tigers. My sister was on a play date and that's why I went to the zoo. I like going to the zoo.



The next day was Christmas eve and I was really excited. I couldn't wait to see what Father Christmas had brought me. He brought exactly what I asked for. I wanted a plant in a pot. It was cool. Normally I spend my money on devices like iPads and TVs and cool stuff like that. But I learnt in class today that trees help us live and plus I like fruit. At school today everyone was teasing me about the plant I got for Christmas. The teacher said if anyone teased me they would be in big trouble. Well that pretty much took care of the problem. Today at school we learnt about art. We have never done art before because we were busy. On the screen in the homeroom we saw monkeys in the treetops. It was even 3D. We had to wear these 3D glasses.

The next day we went on a trip to the jungle to find some monkeys. I even got to touch one. Monkeys feel like dogs. People had suggestions like where did monkeys get their fur? And were monkeys invented at the same time as people? Most of the questions were yes. Some people didn't bother raising their hand. Some people just wanted to get out of there and go home. But I didn't. I wanted to feel the monkeys one more time. The monkeys were cool.

After we left the jungle we went to the monkey circus. We got candyfloss and everyone liked it. Once when we had finished the monkey circus we started to head home. After the monkey circus, the people who thought the trip was reckless changed their minds. It was the best trip ever they said.

## Miniball Final

*Chris and Mannix summarise the big game at the Rec Centre on Monday.*

In the first half Motueka South scored all of the hoops. In the second half Chris dribbled down and scored. The crowd went wild!

After that, the Ngati Juniors were scoring like mad. At the end the score was 14-28 to Motueka South but we still played well.

## 5 TURTLE FACTS

*by Gemmimah*

**Fact 1:** Red-eared sliders spend more of their time on land than any other turtle.

**Fact 2:** Turtles in the wild dig a hole as big as a bucket,

**Fact 3:** The most common breed of pet turtle you could get is the red eared slider.

**Fact 4:** Red eared sliders can grow up to roughly about twenty centimetres.

**Fact 5:** In the wild a turtle has their babies by going out onto the beach digging a hole, lay their eggs and burying them in the sand.

## TERM 3 ENVIRO

### STREAM by Chico

We have been catching little critters. Some are rough and some are smooth. They live in fresh stream water. There is a lot of erosion. We have had a lot of visitors.

### ENVIRO HERB SPIRAL GARDEN

*By Nikau and Alexander A*

Alexander A, and I have been making two herb spiral gardens as well as our enviro group. We made two herb spiral gardens. One for medicine, and one for culinary plants. We all carried a few rocks to the school, and made two herb spiral gardens. We used plants like...

Catnip, Aloe Vera and a lot more herbs and culinary plants. Alexander A thinks they look very beautiful. We needed to guess where to put the plants that do and don't go in shade or sun.

### WETLANDS

*By Ruby R and Madi*

We are setting traps to catch rats, possums, weasels, ferrets, stoats and wild cats. We have also been doing a five minute bird count. Last Friday we did some planting with AI Check. At the start of Enviro we checked the water quality. We wanted to check to see if the current was strong so we got a piece of line and a tennis ball and we put the line in the stream and floated the tennis ball down it. The current was good.

### RUBBISH

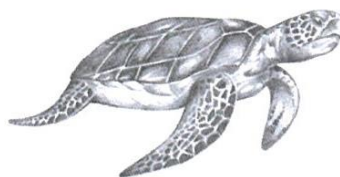
*By Jack*

Rubbish is not a natural resource. We make it. It is really, really bad. There is more rubbish in the world than people. Many species of animals are getting killed like sea turtles and more. We people can do the earth a favour by recycling many bits of rubbish like me and my class friends do. We have found more bits of rubbish in animals like plastic bags. Rubbish is bad. People can recycle the rubbish to make toys. Plastic bottles can be made into polar fleeces like my jersey. I hate rubbish. Do you?

### BEEES

*By Denys and Hone*

Honey bees must gather nectar from more than two million flowers to make half a kilo of honey. One bee has to fly 90,000 miles or three times around the globe. The average bee will make less than a teaspoon of honey. A honey bee visits about 100 flowers.



## How Uenuku became a Rainbow

*A retell by Sanne*

A long, long, time ago, Uenuku gazed at the lake, sparkling like a diamond in the golden sunlight. He squinted and could just make out two beautiful figures bathing in the lake. He saw that one girl was so dazzling, that even the sun itself looked bewildered to see such an enchanting young girl.

Uenuku immediately fell in love. He asked the young girl for her name. She said that she was Hine, the mist girl. Uenuku asked the mist girl if she would marry him. At first the mist girl refused, but Uenuku kept on begging. Finally, the mist girl said yes. But she said that even though she couldn't be with him.

Whenever night's velvety blanket covered the bright rays of daylight, she would have to leave him when sunrise came, and when the birds started to sing their morning song. But Uenuku said that as long as she was with him, he wouldn't mind.

So the mist girl went to live with Uenuku. But even though Uenuku was happy by night, he was lonely by day. One day Uenuku thought up a cunning plan. He stuck mats to all the windows and to the door. He stuffed moss and mats between the windows and doors, so that when the door was shut, the place looked black as tar.

Soon afterwards, Hine woke up. She heard her sister calling her, but tricky Uenuku said that her sister must have made a mistake. Now the mist girl was incredibly confused because her sister had never made a mistake like that. So she tried to go back to sleep, but she heard the birds singing about daytime and sunrise and the dew drying. Then she knew it. It must be morning.

She rushed outside, forgetting her cloak. The world gasped at her beauty. She was so slim and slender, that most people thought she was the Goddess of Beauty. She leapt like a jaguar onto the roof of Uenuku's whare. She started to sing a beautiful song, filled with mysteries and love for Uenuku. Strangely a cloud of mist came and surrounded her like bees might to nectar. When she stopped singing the song, the cloud drifted away.

Now, Uenuku was incredibly sad to see his lovely mist girl go. Uenuku searched the world for Hine the mist girl, but he never found her. Finally in a country far away, he died. The gods took pity on him and turned him into a rainbow. Now, whenever rain stops falling or light shines through a raindrop, Uenuku the rainbow man appears.



## Learn Te Reo Maori

*By Sultan and Waka*

*Homai te ki.*  
Pass me the keys.

*Kei te pai*  
Good

*He aha tēnei?*  
What is this?

*Kei hea nga papa mā?*  
Where is the whiteboard?

*Kei hea nga huarakau?*  
Where is the fruit?

*Kei whea te whare paku?*  
Where is the toilet?

## JOKES

*By Isabella*



**How do all the oceans say hello to each other?**  
They wave.

**Knock, knock.**  
Who's there?  
**Cows go.**  
Cows go who?  
**No cows go moo!**

**What do you call bears with no teeth?**  
Gummy bears.