

# Term 4 Week 5 Newsletter – Wednesday 15 November 2017 – Rāapa 15 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2017

## TERM DATES 2017

Term 4: 16 October – 20 December

**TERM 1 2018: WED 7 FEB – FRI 13 APRIL**

**Easter Holidays; Mon 2 & Tues 3 April**

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### **Term 4: Dates for your diary...**

- Wk 5:** Swim lessons for Room 1 & 3 students at the Aquatic Centre  
17 November: High School Orientation day - Year 8 students  
17 November: Indigo Room trip to Bridge Valley
- Wk 6:** 21 November Athletics Day for 8-10 year olds  
22 November Athletics day for 11-13 year olds
- Wk 7:** 30 November: Rooms 1 & 3 visit Flora Hut
- Wk 8:** 6 December: BoT meeting  
8 December: Junior Sports day with Dovedale School
- Wk9:** 13 December Music Recital 7pm

### **Reminders & snippets**

**Sun Smart:** Students should bring a wide brimmed hat every day, rather than a cap.

**Triathlon Club THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES.** Come prepared to get wet tomorrow if you are in the club! Bring your bike too if possible. You do not have to enter the Weetbix Triathlon to take part.

**Athletics next week** A separate notice will be sent home today regarding next week's interschool's athletics competitions. Students will travel by bus.

**Welcome** A big warm welcome to **Kiwa** who joins us in Room 3 this week. We hope you love it here at Ngatimoti School Kiwa!

**Swimming Pool** The pool will be open very soon...watch this space!



**Rā whanau!** Best wishes to **Jamie** who will celebrate his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday next week! We wish you lots of fun from everyone at school!



**Indigo Room trip to Bridge Valley** The weather forecast is looking great for this Friday's Indigo Room trip. Thanks to those parents who are able to come along and help transport our students – you should all have the information you need for this action packed day. Parent drivers; please check at the office that your details are up to date on or before Friday morning. Thank you! Have fun!!

**The end of the year** is looming, and this gives us an opportunity to reflect on what has worked well and some of the things we would like to tweak, change, abandon or keep for next year! Please let Ali know if you have any ideas to share. Also, as a part of this end of year reflection, and thinking about how we could market Ngatimoti School to potential new families, it would be appreciated if you could answer the following:

**If you could describe our school in one sentence, what would you say?**

It would be great to have some answers to this question, as your answer could help to shape how we focus our energies in the next year or two. Please either email or pop something in writing for Ali.

**Debbie Godsiff** has been a great member of our teaching team for at least 5 years and has won a position at Rapaura School in Blenheim, beginning in 2018. We wish Debs all the best and thank her for her work, her loyalty and positive attitude to learning at Ngatimoti School! Debs will be leaving at the end of the year, and a new teacher will start at Ngatimoti in February next year. This position is currently being advertised and we will let you know who the new teacher will be as soon as we can!



*Julius making his limbs long in the pool*

**Swimming:** The students in Rooms 1 and 3 seem to be enjoying the lessons at the Richmond Aquatic Centre, thanks to some KiwiSport funding and Festival profits. Huge thanks to the parents who have already been able to, or who have offered to help at the pool. These sorts of opportunities would not be possible without you!



*Happy swimmers; Chase, Otene & Skyla*

**FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER – Motueka High School Orientation Day for Year 8 students** Students should arrive at the High School on Friday morning and make their way to the school library before 9am. **Buses will still run on this day – contact the High School on 03 528 9050 for timing details. Students need to bring; comfortable clothes, pens and paper, a packed lunch, a drink and a sunhat. They will not be able to leave the school grounds during the day. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend an information meeting at 7pm on Thursday in the Motueka High School library.** Information will be presented on how Orientation Day works, what happens at High School, what to expect as a parent and answer any questions you will have. You will be able to meet the Senior Leadership team, some of the Guidance team, the IT teacher and Year 9 Deans.



**ICE CREAMS FOR SALE THIS FRIDAY** Because most of our students are heading out on various trips this Friday we have decided to sell ice cream cones at morning tea for a dollar each instead of cakes this Friday. Bring along \$1 if you want to have an ice cream before you go swimming if you are in Rooms 1 or 3, or if you are a Year 7 student.





Sayla and Chico in a play about being 'Captain Bumble'. The message in this play is that we need to look after the cooks who provide us with good hearty food!

**Phoebe's Guess Who?**

He is a male. He has a sword. He is short. He is fluffy. He is good at fighting and dancing. He has an accent.

Can you guess who this character is?

The answer is somewhere in this newsletter ☺

**Junior Touch** Our Junior team are having a ball this term playing touch rugby. Player of the Day this week was awarded to Tui who is seen here celebrating in the background as Liam touches down successfully. Well done team and thank you Marian for the photos. There are still a few outstanding fees for this term's touch competition – mostly from the senior team. Please pay your \$15 soon so that Amanda can sleep at night again – ask if you are unsure if you have paid or not! ☺ Thank you. The bank account for direct credit is 03 1354 0359568 00.



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Week 6 Friday 24 November	Lisa T & Tanya C (parents of Julius, Sultan, Jordan, Jamie)
Week 7 Friday 1 December	Jennifer B & Camille N (parents of Isla, Lili, Tasmin, Riley)
Week 8 Friday 8 December	Bex D & Davina C (parents of Arabella & Rupert)
Week 9 Friday 15 December	Keren S & Marian C (parents of Tui & Tui ☺)

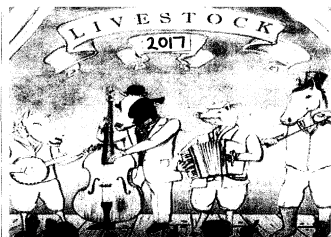


Thank you to the parents who attended last Friday's meeting to round up this year's Festival. Suggestions are welcome at the office.

**PARENTS GROUP NEWS & CAKE ROSTER PLEASE CHECK THE ROSTER 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.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**



Sunday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-7pm  
Lodestone, Rocksalt, Dropzone, Silent by Device, Kath Bee, The Fartbombs, Riptide, Ian Simpson, Eric Keepa, The Ruck, Ryan Johansen, Braeburn Ninja Conspiracy...  
- Moutere Inn - Free



**Competition & Equestrian Schedules available at the school office or enter online at <http://motuekashow.co.nz/>**

Guess Who? Puss In Boots

The Tapawera Awa Ora Group Invites you to  
**MOTUEKA RIVER CATCHMENT HUI**  
**GATHERING OF THE RIVER PEOPLE**  
Monday 27th November 2017  
6.30-8.00 pm  
At Ngatimoti Hall

There are many groups and individuals working to improve the wellbeing of the Motueka Awa and its Tributaries.  
The Tapawera Awa Ora group has been planting natives.  
We are aware that many others are working as well on our awa.  
We would love to hear what you are doing and see how we can all work together.  
Tree planting, QE11, community nursery, wetlands, farmer actions, weed control, water quality, fish surveys, weed, willow and wilding pine control.

**A hui to share your stories of the awa.**  
Tell others what you have done.  
Learn what others have done.  
Be more effective by working together in the future?  
Light supper provided  
Please RSVP to [annette.litherland@landcare.org.nz](mailto:annette.litherland@landcare.org.nz)

**WANTED TO RENT 3 bed house for school family Please contact Karen on 027 295 9556**

# Room 5 Kiwi Kids Newsletter

## Week 5 Term 4: Wednesday 15 Nov 2017

**Interview with Lili about Fiji** All info taken from Savusavu & Kioia

### What is the food like?

The fruits and vegetables from supermarkets look like they've been there for a week. Coconuts, pawpaws, mangoes and bananas are everywhere.

### What are the roads like?

The Fijian roads are dangerous.

### What's the schooling like?

The curriculum:

English

Maths

Heath

Social studies

Fijian

Politics/ history

### Did you meet anyone famous?

I met the president and the prime minister of Tavalu

### What do they celebrate there?

Kioia day, Diwali, Fiji day and other normal celebrations.

### How long does it take to get from island to island?

It takes one hour from Nadi to Savusavu via plane. 15-30 minutes from Natuvu to Kioia.

### What the difference in schooling and housing quality?

The schools are old. Their desks are wooden but don't lift up (a picture is below)

They also use chalkboards. They have **devotion** (bible study) every morning.

There is also an assembly where they sing several national anthems and raise the flag every morning.

They have a canteen that sells lollies and where you can order your food.

The houses are not flash. Most houses have two different families living inside them. In one Kioia house is four walls, roof and floor, mosquito nets etc.



## EVER WANTED TO ENJOY SKATEBOARDING WITHOUT THE RISK?



Well now you can! Tech decks or fingerboards are a safe way of skateboarding without the risk of injury. In order to ride a fingerboard you must use your middle and index finger to do tricks and steer.

Tech Decks (a popular fingerboard company) sell skate parks and fingerboards for about \$10. Some of these are rare and give you good cash return. Say you buy one for \$10 and it is rare, you might sell it for \$30! This means you made \$20 profit!

I think that Tech Decks are a toy with a very bright future because as long as skateboarding remains cool so will fingerboards.

By Ollie



### **Climbing White Rock**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Room 5 left school at 9.30am to haul our backpacks up Greenhill Road as we set off on our walk to White Rock. We dropped in to pick up Ed Stevens, so he could walk with us too! Chatter and laughter filled the air, until we got to the beginning of the dreaded climb!

At the beginning we all walked up in single file, until the fitter ones trekked on ahead.

Wolf, Inca, Jazz, Ollie and I stayed together, stopping a few times on the way.

When we got to the very top we were all drenched in sweat and collapsed on the hard white rock munching on our well-deserved lunch, waiting for the rest of the class to get to the top.

Once everyone was at the top, people pulled out their cameras to take some pictures of the wonderful view, some of us tried to see if we could see our house.

On the way back we ran down the steep hill pushing and laughing as we slipped on the grassy track. At the end of the track we sprinted down the grassy paddock falling and slipping over.

White rock was super fun thanks Lou, Ed and Mr. Hepburn!

By Tasmin & Ari



### **My Blouse Was Ruined**

The light grey steam filled the air; the screech of the metal track pierced the air as the old rusting train pulled to a halt. An old man with a brown leather case, trimmed moustache and a thick black cigar between his chapped lips slowly rose from the newly made bench to buy today's newspaper.

I followed the old gentleman, tucking my silver pistol in my deep tweed suit pocket. The smell of smoke wafted through the air as I walked past three young men chatting and smoking a pack of *Chesterfield* cigarettes, I smiled at them letting my black polished *Oxford heels* guide my way toward the ticket office.

"That will be one shilling" said the silver haired lady, I nodded and dropped the silver coin on the counter. The inked stamp printed on the thin crisp paper. I smiled a thin but grateful smile tucking the beige ticket in my tweed suit. I looked over to see the old man still waiting for his morning paper. I wandered over to the oak bench resting my back against the hard wooden surface waiting for my train to arrive. The rustle of a newspaper made me jump as I looked to the left and saw the old man with a cigar in his mouth reading today's disasters. I heard a click of a magazine going into a gun... pain shot through my veins as I took my last breath, thick red blood oozed from my pulsing veins staining my white blouse. A dizzy sensation took over my body as I drifted off into the sleep of death!

By Ari

### **Why???**



Why am I writing when I don't know what to write about?

As I sat at my desk thinking about what to write, I watched everyone else quickly scribbling down notes and ideas about what they could write about.

Sometimes I wonder about what it would be like to not have a brain? Many people in my class claim to not have a brain but their actions tell me something else is the case!

The thing is if they didn't have a brain they wouldn't be jotting down ideas and stories right now.

Maybe when they say they don't have a brain or when they point out their stupid mistakes they might just want attention or something else?

So back to thinking about what to write; now there is no need because, I have written a story of some sort.

I really should learn how to take my pen off the page or this story will go on and on forever and ever.

By Samantha

