

Term 4 Week 9 Newsletter – Wednesday 13 December 2017 – Rāapa 13 December 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...

Wk9: 13 December Music Recital 7pm
14 December: Room 5 snorkeling in the Abel Tasman (hopefully!)

Wk 10: 20 December: Last day of Term 4. Buses leave the Memorial Hall at midday.



Rā whanau! Best wishes to **Ada** and **Sophie** who both celebrate their birthdays this week. We wish you lots of fun from everyone at school! And to all students who celebrate your birthdays in the summer holidays – you lucky things! **Denys, Arabella, Kalahni, Elvie, Tasmin, Jasmine, Louie, Liam, Abi, Harry, Chico, Alex, Beau, Julius and Gabriel** – we wish you all the very best for your special days too!

Reminders & snippets

Sun Smart: It is great to see all of our students with wide brimmed hats on these sunny days. Please also remind your children to smother on sun block before they come to school!

Triathlon Club Last triathlon club tomorrow for the year. Bring your togs and bike to take part. Contact Glenn if you want to enter the Weetbix Tryathlon so he can send you a link to get the discount and be put on the Ngatimoti team.

Assemblies There will be an assembly next **Tuesday 19 December at 2:15pm** because classes have some plays to present.. Our end of year prize giving will be held in the Ngatimoti **Memorial Hall at 11.30am on Wednesday 20 December next week. School buses will run students home at lunchtime straight after final assembly at Ngatimoti Hall. All welcome!**

Library Books Please return all school library books this week. Thank you!

Sports Tops Please return all sports tops to school this week – thank you.



GLENN'S MUSIC RECITAL - TONIGHT - 7pm SHARP IN THE INDIGO ROOM

Students who have had lessons with Glenn this year will perform this evening. See you all there!



It is hard to believe the year is coming to an end! It has certainly been a busy year again, and we have lots of data to show what a successful year of learning it has been. A positive year is a result of many things, but mostly it comes down to attitudes! Teachers, parents and students have used a positive attitude to build good relationships and work on common goals this year. Thanks to the teachers for all your dedication, thanks to the parents for your openness and helpfulness and special thanks to the students, for doing what you can to make yourself a happy and successful learner!

With the government announcement that National Standards have not done what they set out to do (raise achievement?!), we are pleased to think that next year we can keep working closely with parents and students, but take the focus away from the National Standard. This does not mean that our expectations will slip – we will always want what we see as the best for your children. At Ngatimoti School, we believe children become confident and able to navigate in a changing world when they have good core skills in reading, writing and maths, but they also need to have strong skills in what is known in the NZ curriculum as the key competencies. These are relating to others, participating and contributing, thinking, managing self and using language, symbols and texts. By focusing more on the key competencies, we broaden what we expect of success.

What is success? This will be a key question in our planning for next year.

Thanks again for everything this year; the help with school activities, the support out there in the community and the parenting you do to set your child up for each new school day!

Farewell to our fabulous Year 8 students who we know have the skills to succeed at High School and beyond. You have been a great group and will be missed, so stay in touch. Farewell also to **Debs** – we will miss you enormously and wish you all the best of luck at your new school in Blenheim!

And to students who are moving on to different schools; **Freja and Jordan** – good luck at your new schools, we know you will do really well!! Have a great holiday everyone, look after yourselves and each other, and we will see you again on Wednesday 7 February 2018!



Room 3 have been making beeswax lunch wraps today; Nikau, Kaya & Elvie proudly show off theirs. Thanks to Emma for sourcing the material, Andrea for your help this morning, to Shaman's Garden for their sponsorship, and of course to Debs who has inspired our Room 3 students with her talent, patience and creativity these past few years!

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150th Centenary In 2018 Ngatimoti School will celebrate its 150th birthday! We are planning a reunion and celebration to align with Festival weekend so mark your calendars for the weekend of 20 October. If you have any ideas about how we might add to the celebrations and what we might include please let us know!

SWIMMING POOL Come and buy your season key for the pool between 8.30am and 3pm any school day - we have limited numbers of keys available so please encourage your family and friends to come and buy one as soon as possible. Thanks to the solar heating made possible from previous festival profits, the pool is nice and warm and is now open for class swims and pool key sales. The cost of a pool key is \$40, with \$10 refunded on the return of your key at the end of the season. **Please check whether you still have a pool key from last year and return it before you purchase another.** There is a pool agreement to be signed before you buy; which has all the details about opening times and rules and regulations. Please pick one up from the office.

Touch Rugby: REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW FOR NEXT TERM'S TOUCH SEASON BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY. The registration deadline is the first week of Term 1. Games will kick off on the 20th & 21st of February 2018. This means that Junior and intermediate teams will start on Tuesday 20th of February and senior teams will start on Wednesday 21st of February.

ROOM 1 TECHNOLOGY

Our junior students have been designing and making letterboxes using recycled materials and their own imagination! **Kaisami** has chosen a variety of materials to build a weatherproof, functional letterbox. **Chase** experiments with a tower using cardboard and plastic items. Thanks to Ian for helping out with his power tools!

Room 1 Picnic next Tuesday

Next Tuesday 19 December our juniors will be travelling to a mystery destination for a picnic. They will leave school at 9.30am and return for an afternoon swim before assembly at 2.15pm when all classes will present their end of year performances.



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.

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. Please send your child with their money in a named purse.

THIS WEEK KEREN AND MARIAN ARE ON FRIDAY CAKE DUTY - THANK YOU!

JANUARY SWIMMING LESSONS

I will be running a block course of 5 swimming lessons from 22nd-26th Jan 2018. Lessons will run for approx. 30 min and will cost \$25 per child for the week. Please call/text 021761764 or email catherinechick@gmail.com by the end of term if you are interested. I will then be in touch to discuss child's swimming ability and confirm lesson time. If you are interested in lessons but the dates do not suit please also be in touch. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Holiday Programme
Carolyn's Riding School

My Pony for the day

**Thursday, 21st of December
Monday, 15th of January**

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

To enquire or book contact Carolyn:
Phone 022 60 83 878 or e-mail carolin@erbs.co.nz
Carolyn's Riding School, 1071 Matahika Valley Hwy, Ngatimoti

Summer Holiday Program
Carolyn's Riding School

3 Day Horse Camps

January 10th-12th & January 16th-18th

Spend loads of time with ponies and horses, make new friends, have fun, gain knowledge and new skills. You can bring your own pony or have one of ours to call it your own for the time you are here.

3 full days with lessons, games, hacking out and much more.

Arrival 10 am on the first day, finish at 3 pm on the last day.

All meals included.

\$ 340 per rider

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Sheep for sale Great for keeping the grass down, breeding, or eating! (just don't tell the kids!) \$100 each. Phone Phoebe on (03) 5224929, or call or text 0212116730

Experienced Horse Rider Wanted

Mrs Milnes is looking for someone to exercise her 2 Appaloosa horses over the next few months. All gear will be supplied, with great riding trails behind their paddock on the Westbank Road. Experienced riders only please. Contact Lauren at school or laurenmilnes@gmail.com

LOST WATCH Mrs Milnes has lost her STORM watch, likely either at school or the peninsula bridge. It has a silver metal strap and a blue face with no hands. It is very special and has been owned by Lauren for 25 years! Please let her know if you find it. Thank you.

ROOM 5 KIWIKIDS NEWSLETTER - WEEK 9 TERM 4 - WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017

Farewell to Our Year 8 Students

We farewell our Year 8 students next week so we asked them to record some of their memories from their time here at Ngatimoti School. In brackets is the length of time spent at Ngatimoti School. By Samantha and Tasmin



Lili, Nina, Naomi, Ashleigh, Ari, Tom, Wolfgang, Jamie, Ollie & Teije – ready for High School!

Ari (8 years)

Year 1 and 2 camp-my first camp
Indigo room opening year 3
Totaranui camp year 7
River swim year 7

Jamie-(5years)

Totaranui camp as a year 7
Festival
Basketball
Band performances
Whenua Iti

Naomi-(8 years)

Totaranui camp- biscuits
Wilderness Canoes
Whenua Iti
Band with Glenn
Friends- Nina and Lili

Nina-(1 year)

Whenua Iti
Festival
Friends-Naomi and Lili
Staying in at lunch time
Band

Teije-(4 years)

Totaranui camp 2016
Festival
Basketball
Cross- country
Band performance

Wolfgang-(8 years)

Totaranui Camp
Ki-o-Rahi Tournament
Wilderness Canoes
White Rock
River swims

Ashleigh (8 years)

Wilderness Canoes 2016 Motueka River
Totaranui camp 2016
Hall class year 1
Quinney's Bush Camp
River swims

Lili-(7 years)

Totaranui camp 2016
Flood while living in Orinoco and having to catch the little bus
Mr Grooby's farewell
Making heaps of friends
Whenua Iti leadership course

Ollie- (3 years)

Winning the speech competition
Winning the cross country
Totaranui camp and getting hit on the head by a sinker
Playing basketball at the Rec Centre
Rock quest and performing

Tom - (2 years)

Totaranui Camp 2016
Cross-country
Athletics
White rock
Ngatimoti festival

Extremely Hilarious, Funny Jokes

By Tui & Ari

I bought a wooden whistle, it wooden whistle so I bought a steel whistle, it steel wooden whistle then I bought a lead whistle but it steel wooden lead me whistle!

Velcro-what a rip off!

Venison for dinner - oh deer.

Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.

Ki-o-Rahi

On Wednesday the 6th of December, Room 5 competed in a Ki-O-Rahi tournament held at Waimea Intermediate. We were playing against other year 7 & 8 teams from the Nelson Region. It was a long hot day with many injuries as most of us had grazes from the hard dry ground. We were very happy to have our Ngatimoti School gazebo, sunhats, sunblock and lots of water, as it was a scorcher of a day! Our two teams did well: Ngatimoti 1 came 4th and Ngatimoti 2 came 2nd. Thanks to all the parents (Camille, Karen and Emma) who provided transport and very generously bought ice blocks for us all – thank you! It was good fun being part of a big tournament, playing and meeting lots of other year 7 & 8 students.

By Ashleigh, Isis and Mikayla



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Words: Xmas, Happy, Secret, Santa, tree, Reindeer

By Wolfgang and Ashton

Secret Santa

This December as a treat leading up to Christmas, Room 5 have been organizing a 'Secret Santa'. We randomly picked someone's name out of a box, who we would give a gift to at the end of school. You could also be creative and give them a present which you have made.

Room 5's Christmas tree

Last week Ashleigh and her Dad brought in a huge pine tree for our class. We spent about half an hour decorating it. It look's amazing! Under our tree we have our Secret Santa gifts that we will open at the end of the year.

Merry Christmas everyone!

By Caleb and Jamie



More Extremely Hilarious, Funny Jokes

By Tui & Ari

I before e except when your foreign neighbour Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty weightlifters. Weird!

Dammit I'm mad is dammit I'm mad spelt backwards.

Why is English so much fun? Because all the faith he had had had had no effect on the outcome. That sentence makes perfect sense.