

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 2 TERM 1 2018



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2018 TERM DATES

TERM 1: WED 7 FEBRUARY – FRI 13 APRIL

Easter Holidays; Fri 30 March, Mon 2 & Tues 3 April

TERM 2: Mon 30 April – Fri 6 July

Queen's Birthday holiday Mon 4 June

TERM 3: Mon 23 July – Fri 28 September

TERM 4: Mon 15 October – Thurs 20 December

Ngatimoti Festival Sunday 21 October

Labour day Monday 22 October



It is great to see all of our students with wide brimmed hats. Please also remind your children to apply sun block before school.

Library Books There are still a couple of outstanding library books from last year. Please return them, thank you.

Sports Tops Please return all school sports T-Shirts – particularly seniors – thank you.

!! TRIATHLON CLUB – TOMORROW LUNCHTIME !!
Bring your togs, bike & helmet and running legs if you want to have a go at Triathlon Club tomorrow during lunchtime with Glenn.



Room 3 Tower Madness Challenge: To make the tallest tower with 150 multi-link cubes.

Rule: must be free standing. **Winning tower by Alex A, Mannix & Joe - Over 1 metre tall at 1. 34m**



Happy Valentines Day! On this lovely day it is great to share that Mrs Roberts, our new Room 3 teacher **loves** the positivity and enthusiasm of her students. Well done Room 3!

150 – what does this mean to you? We have seen what Room 3 students can construct with 150 blocks. To Ada, it could mean 200 divided by 4, plus 100, or to Lauren it could mean 80 times 4, takeaway 170. This year we will be celebrating 150 years of Ngatimoti School. I would love to hear any ways you think we can celebrate this special event.

With the demise of National Standards, in which teachers were compelled to assess and report student progress and achievement under very broad headings, our teachers are **loving** the fact that we can bring back the focus to our curriculum, which is based on five key competencies. Thinking is one of these, and one that we are bringing to the fore this year. We do need to assess students, to enable teachers, kids and parents to know where they are at and what the next learning steps could be. We just don't need to be putting our students in boxes to label them below, at or above what I saw was a fairly blunt line in the sand!

Dylan Wilian, an internationally recognised leader in education, said "The purpose of school is to prepare students for a world we cannot envisage, so when they are stuck with something they have never seen before, they choose to **think**, instead of remember." I like this quote because not only does it help us all to learn that when we face challenges, we have choices, but it makes me think about our purpose as educators. This brings me to our Ngatimoti School vision statement.

Our vision is for all students to become R.I.V.E.R. students, confident and able to navigate in a changing world.

This is further enhanced by our motto, **Together We Excel**. If we can keep our focus on these ideals, I think our students will develop as happy, contributing and capable members of society. *Ali*



Many thanks to those who were able to participate in our Infomingle evening last week. Thanks for mixing, mingling and meeting new faces. It was a very pleasant evening, and I appreciate the time you gave so that your children could see that you are all a part of our school.

Health at school this term: Our health learning in all classes this term will include strategies to deal with worries and nerves. We will even link this to learning about athletes at the Commonwealth Games later in the term!

Swimming Pool All classes are swimming every day as part of our school curriculum this term while the weather stays warm. Thank you for supporting our school swimming pool once again this season. The pool has been very popular over the school holidays and will continue to be open for community key holders outside school hours during February and March. Key holders; if you no longer need your pool key please return it to the school office for your \$10 refund at any time.

Touch Junior team has been registered with games beginning next Tuesday 20 February at the Recreation Centre, Motueka. The team consists of the following players: Tui, Chase, Beau, Yuri, Max & Grace. Unfortunately there was not enough interest to form intermediate or senior teams this term. The junior draw will be sent out to parents as soon as we receive it. Payment of \$15 per player is now due to school by cash, cheque or direct credit to 03 1354 0359568 00. Thank you, and good luck the Ngatimoti Nippers, we look forward to hearing how you get along!

Camp 2018 is camp year! Room 1 students will stay overnight at Quinney's Bush on 1 March which is coming up soon! Parents please watch out for notices about this in your child's school bag and if you can help in any way please let us know. All other classes will go on camp in Term 4.



🎵 **Music Lessons with Glenn** 🎵
Glenn's music lessons begin again in Week 4 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays each week. Glenn teaches guitar, piano, drums, recorder, bass & ukulele. Lessons can be individual or group depending on the instrument. If you had lessons last year you don't have to do anything unless changes need to be made. New students please phone Glenn on 526 8723 or email blisteringtongues@yahoo.com Lessons can be during or after school time.

☺ *Room 5 Colour poems on display in the office* ☺

Love to Sing! - Singing lessons for 8yrs +
Learn vocal technique, build confidence in your voice, and have fun singing with professional singer / songwriter with over 30 years performance experience. Seeking expressions of interest for these lessons, which will take place during school hours. Individual lessons \$15 per student beginning Term 1 / Group Lessons (available from Term 2) \$10 per student. **All enquiries please contact Denise on 0272991373 / email yogasong@xtra.co.nz**

PARENTS GROUP NEWS: Each Friday parents sell cakes & frozen Juicies for \$1 each at **lunchtime**. Students should still bring a healthy lunch but could also bring \$2 to buy a cake & a Juicie if they wish. A parent duty roster will appear in newsletters (starting next week). Our lunch duty coordinator is Catherine (Beau, Louie & Chico's mum) and this Friday Catherine will provide the cakes to sell. Please check the duty roster for your name and 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. Thank you parents!
PARENTS GROUP AGM: We will hold our AGM next month where officers will be elected and plans made for the year. Watch this space for a date to be confirmed and come along and get involved!

BIKE TO GIVE AWAY - Would suit 8 year old - Call Vanessa 0272633550

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