

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 6 TERM 1 2019

Wednesday 13 March - Raapa 13 Poututerangi

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2019 Term Dates

TERM 1: THURS 7 FEB - FRI 12 APRIL
Easter Sunday 21 April (in term break)

TERM 2: Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July

TERM 3: Mon 22 July - 27 September

TERM 4: Mon 14 October - Fri 20 Dec

FESTIVAL DAY IS SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER ☺

Reminders....

Touch Rugby Term 1 There are still a few touch fees outstanding. Please pay your \$15 to school as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. Thank you to those of you who have already paid. Check at the office if in doubt.

School Donations If you have one child at school we ask for a total of \$25, for two children \$40, and a maximum donation per family of \$50. Thank you to families who have paid already!

THIS FRIDAY... SAUSAGE SIZZLE - to continue raising funds for our Indigo Room students ski trip. Please bring along \$2 if you want to buy sausage and bread on Friday.

Also on **Friday 15 March** there will be stopping distance demonstrations in Greenhill Road, organised by Tasman District Council as part of our road safety learning. Greenhill Road will be closed to all traffic from lunchtime through until the end of the school day.

Parent Group AGM 1pm Friday 15 March Parents, please park at the Ngatimoti Community Rooms / Firestation at the other end of the school field. **Friday 15 March** is also sausage sizzle day.

Week 7 Thursday 21 March our teachers will attend Paid Union Meetings in the afternoon. More details below.

Week 8 Tuesday 26 March is the Inter-School Summer Sports for Year 7 & 8 students.

Wednesday 27 March Board of Trustees meeting 6pm

Parent/Student/Teacher meetings will be scheduled over this week for all students. More details next week.

Week 9 Friday 5 April Motueka High School Band will perform for us here at school.

Our Strategic Plan Last year the BOT surveyed all parents and from this our strategic goals for the next 3 years were developed. The full strategic plan can be seen on our school website. We have 5 goals, wellbeing, identity, creativity, literacy and numeracy. One significant theme that arose from the surveys was that parents want their children to be happy. This year, as a part of our curriculum plan we have an overarching theme of Happiness. Discussions around what makes us happy, what makes other people happy and how to look at life in a positive way will be regularly included in classroom discussions.

GOAL 1: Well Being. We want our students to be healthy and active contributors

1. Think in a considered way about their actions and decisions.
2. Be prepared to try new things, problem solve and take calculated risks.
3. Show kindness towards others.

GOAL 2: Identity. We want our students to understand where they fit in the world.

1. Value the environment and show a responsibility for our natural environment.
2. Practise tikanga Māori.

GOAL 3: Creativity. We want our students to learn there are many ways to achieve.

1. Be able to connect and respond on a personal level.
2. Have the courage and conviction to offer opinions.

GOAL 4: Literacy. We want our students to be inspired readers and writers.

1. Use reading, writing, speaking and listening to gain and use knowledge to understand and expand horizons.

GOAL 5: Numeracy. We want our students to be competent and confident mathematical learners.

1. To be able to use and apply maths facts and knowledge
2. Confidently speak using mathematical thinking

All experiences at school fall under these headings. For example, the waka trips are actually about being prepared to try new things (Well being), valuing the environment and practising tikanga Māori (Identity), achieving in many ways (Creativity), speaking and listening to understand and to expand their horizons (Literacy) and being able to apply maths facts and knowledge (Numeracy).



This week we welcome **Bella** to our school. Welcome to Room 1 Bella, we hope you and your family love it here at Ngatimoti School!

Happy Birthday to Sultan who turns 10 years old today. **Pyper** will also celebrate her birthday this weekend when she will turn 6 years old. Best wishes to both of you on your special days, from all of us here at school.



Our second group of students have enjoyed their waka ama experience today - thank you weather! And thank you to all the parents who came along to help for the day. We would love to hear some feedback from parents who have been on these waka ama trips. Talk to Ali or email principal@ngatimoti.school.nz if you have any comments and/or suggestions.

This week a key message at our whole school Monday Morning Meeting was about being positive, even when we feel disappointed! Positivity is a school value and it ties in well with our whakatauki for the year: Hurihia to aroaro ki te ra, tukana to atarangi kia taka ki muri ia a koe. (Turn your face to the sun and the shadows will fall behind you.) I am impressed with the patience and understanding that the second half of the school has shown towards their waka trip! Ali



Paid Union Meetings next Thursday 21 March Next week all primary teachers and principals across the country who are NZEI members are heading to meetings to vote on whether to accept or reject the latest collective agreement offers from the government. They will also be voting on whether to take strike action in the future. For us, the meeting is being held in Motueka on Thursday 21 March. **Although school will remain open for the afternoon, we would appreciate any parents who are able to collect their children to do so. Please let us know if your child will be leaving school at lunchtime.** Thank you for your continued support, for more information go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>

Te Reo with River We are always looking for ways to develop our te reo skills and this term we have River Seligman, a tutor for Te Ataarangi, coming to teach a series of lessons in each class. Lessons begin tomorrow!

Some writing by Room 5 students

Apprendre le francais avec Eugenie! On Tuesdays, Eugenie (Tenzin's Mum) has been teaching the seniors some French. We are learning some basic words and sentences e.g. how old are you? Hello and goodbye, stand up and sit down. We are learning how to count to fifteen. We also play some games asking how old we are and what our names are. We really enjoy our lessons with Eugenie: thank you! *By Tenzin and Ada*

Worth It Challenge Day Last week Pipiri, Hannah, Lexus, Louie, Kalahni and Nikau (School Enviro Leaders) went to Kaiteriteri for the 'Worth It Challenge Day'. As it was Sea Week all the challenges had a sea theme. For one challenge two of us got to go snorkelling off the end of Little Kaiteriteri with E.M.R (Experiencing Marine Reserves) while the rest of the team looked in rock pools studying the marine life and learning how to take care of it.

We tested out new computer software used for finding out where rubbish would go after dropping it in the sea. The Brooklyn School senior class hosted the event. Our team won six stainless steel drink bottles from New World for best teamwork. We all had a great day out. *By Hannah, Lexus, Louie and Pipiri*

Waka Ama Cultural Experience On Thursday 7 March and today, groups of students, teachers and parent helpers headed to Kaiteriteri on the bus for an amazing waka ama experience. Our focus for the day was to learn about voyaging and connecting with others. We learnt how to use the waka ama, including greeting others in the traditional Maori way whilst on our waka ama and walked up to the urupa on Kaka Point. Everybody had loads of fun! Through this we have become confident in unfamiliar situations, shown responsibility for the environment, learnt NZ history, followed Maori protocol and most importantly, been kind to everyone around us. Thank you to everyone who made this possible - we all had a great time! *By Sophie*

Miniball Term 2 REGISTER NOW AT THE OFFICE. Next term the touch season is finished and the Motueka Recreation Centre run the primary Miniball competition. Miniball is similar to basketball and played inside the Recreation Centre. The cost to students for the term is \$15, with transport being parent's responsibility. The competition is open to boys and girls from Year 3 upwards with Year 3 & 4 children playing in the junior grade on Mondays after school; Year 5 & 6 children playing as Intermediates, also on Mondays, and Year 7 & 8 students in the Senior grade on Fridays after school. We have to register teams with Sport Tasman before the end of this term. At least six players are needed to form a team so make a plan with your friends and let Amanda know in the office.

We are half way through the term and the Lost Property box outside the Indigo Room is full!

Parents - please come and check for any of your children's belongings! 😊



Enviro work in action: Last year there was some discussion amongst students about the safety of our roads, and arising from this Mrs Milnes ran an Enviro Group designing signs. As well as hearing from Mr Laufkotter, a professional sign designer, students all designed ideas for signs and sent them to TDC in the hope they would be displayed on some of the roads around Ngatimoti. This work has now paid off, and on Friday we will see the finished products. Here is just one example. Well done to all involved - let's hope this makes drivers a little more aware of what they might encounter on our roads.



2019 Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

Registrations are now open for this year's annual Great Kiwi Competitions coordinated by CEM NZ and the University of Canterbury. These are supervised online tests to take place here at school in the last 3 weeks of



Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. All year 5-10 students are eligible to apply, and the cost to parents will be \$9 per exam this year. Students can enter in one or more subject English, Maths and/or Science. For more information ask Amanda in the office or discuss with your child's class teacher.

PARENT GROUP AGM Friday 15 March at 1pm.

Come along to our Parent Group AGM this FRIDAY, 1pm at school! Afterwards some of us are staying for the kids (and anyone else) to have an after school swim. If you cannot make it to the meeting but you can for school pick-ups, come along and say hi then. Please send apologies/absences to annievsimpson@gmail.com who is at present secretary. You can view our 2018 AGM minutes [here](#) and there is a link to the draft agenda [here](#). **NB. Due to the road safety demonstrations, please park at the community rooms/reserve at the far end of the school field.**

Parents Group Friday Cake Roster

Our major fundraiser is our annual Festival held on the Sunday of Labour Weekend every year. In addition, every week on Fridays we have a parent roster where parents take their turn to provide cakes to sell for all students. Our parent lunch coordinator is Catherine Chick (Louie, Chico & Beau's mum) - contact 021 761 764 if you need to rearrange your cake duty day. Our baking profits raise approximately \$500 per term for our students and we know they all love their Friday cakes and Juicies! Thanks Catherine for another year of roster organising! Here is this term's baking roster - where you see your name please provide around 24 cup cakes, muffins or slices and come along at lunchtime to help serve if you are able to. If not, no problem, send in some cakes or contact Catherine to rearrange or swap your duty. Thanks awesome parents!

- WK 6 - FRI 15 MARCH: Brenda (Madi K) & Georgie (Cayla)**
- WK 7 - FRI 22 MARCH: Lucy (Sophie & Ruby) & Michaela (Jacob)**
- WK 8 - FRI 29 MARCH: Freesia (Ruby & Nina) & Kristy (Damien)**
- WK 9 - FRI 5 APRIL: Esther (Ada, Sanne, Gabriel) & John (Isabella)**
- WK 10 - FRI 12 APRIL: Kyna (Phoebe) & Victoria (Arjay & Jordan)**

Send \$1 for cake in a named purse with your child on Fridays. This week IS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY too and Juicies will be for sale so bring an extra \$2 for a sausage and \$1 for a frozen juicie if you wish!

QUIZ NIGHT at Dunbar Estates THIS Friday 15 March - 7pm

Friday is quiz night, hosted by Glenn. Call 03 526 8598 to book a team or just show up and join a team on the night.

Propagation workshop Saturday 30th March 10 am to 12 noon, Ngatimoti Community Rooms.

Meg has 25 years' experience in the industry and is a local flower and garden judge. People can bring any cutting material from plants they want to propagate, and thin gloves if they wish. Meg supplies pots/containers and seed/cutting mix. Tickets \$40. Proceeds to charity. Contact Ali at alibrownweaving@gmail.com or ph. 03 526 8786

NETBALL SEASON 2019

The new futureFERN Netball programme has been designed by Netball New Zealand to meet the needs of young players from years 1 through to 8, modifying the game so that the game grows with the players.

Years 1&2

Skill sessions for this age group will be run one lunch time per week throughout term two, focusing on FUNdamental movement skills with the introduction of basic netball skills. The cost for the term will be \$25.

Years 3&4

Focusing on 'learning' the basics of Netball, designed to be fast and fun maximising participation. Players will have one skill session at School per week (time to be decided), followed by another skill session and modified small-sided game on a Saturday at the Motueka Netball courts. Cost for the season is \$35.

Years 5&6

Stepping up to the next level with the focus still being on 'learning' the basics of Netball. Skill sessions will be held once a week after school followed by a modified game at the Motueka Netball courts on a Saturday. Cost for the season is \$50

Years 7&8

Stepping up to 7 aside, full netball rules apply at this age. There will be a training session once a week after school on a Friday, and a competition game on a Saturday. Cost for the season is \$80

Parent help

If you are able to help with any of the following, coaching, fundraising or on the sideline (scoring, timer, first aid) it would be very much appreciated. .

All levels of Netball are open to both Boys and Girls, and will start at the beginning of term two. If interested please fill out the form below (one form for each child please) **and return to School with payment by Friday March 22nd.**

Please pay fees into the Ngatimoti Netball account. **03 1354 0468895 00** (Please note this is a different account number from last year, and it is not the school account), or you can send in cash with your form.

Please remember that netball is a team sport and a certain amount of commitment is required.

For any other information, please don't hesitate to call Lou on 5268815 txt 0210457798 or email louandian@xtra.co.nz

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D.O.B. ----- SCHOOL YEAR-----

CAREGIVERS PHONE NUMBERS

HOME----- MOBILE----- EMAIL-----

I AM ABLE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE WITH-----

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND TREATMENT IF RELEVANT-----
