

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 7 TERM 1 2019

Wednesday 20 March - Raapa 20 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...

Payments to School Please check that you have paid your sports fees, Motec fees for Year 7 & 8 students, and 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!

Lost Property Please check outside the Indigo Room for any of your child's missing belongings.

Miniball Term 2 REGISTER NOW AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. No players have expressed their interest so far ☺

THIS WEEK... PAID UNION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

We will keep you updated with any news as we get it. In the meantime, this Thursday at school is business as usual. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Week 8 Monday 25 March Indigo Room trip to Motueka museum and Library. More details below.

Tuesday 26 March is the Inter-School Summer Sports for Year 7 & 8 students. *Please let Malcolm know if you are able to help out with transport on Tuesday.*

Wednesday 27 March Board of Trustees meeting 6pm

Parent/Student/Teacher meetings will be scheduled over this week.

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

Our RIVER values of respect, positivity, innovation, excellence and responsibility are the cornerstones to what we at Ngatimoti School believe make for a good learner as well as a great community member. In the wake of last week's tragedy, it seems especially important to come back to these values. Respect for diversity, even for seemingly small things such as children who prefer different clothes or a different food could be discussed at home and at school. This should develop into a growing understanding of respect for all people. Stepping in and having conversations about respecting others, and what is ok and what is not ok to be playing, saying or doing is an important part of parenting and of teaching. To quote L.R. Knost, *Our job is not to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. Our job is to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless.*

Hurīhia to aroaro ki te ra tukuna
to atarangi kia taka ki muri i a
koe.

Turn your face to the sun and the shadows
fall behind you.

Parent Student Teacher Interviews We are scheduling meetings with parents and students beginning this week. This is a great opportunity to check in on your child's progress and well-being at school and look at some of your child's wonderful work and creations. Your appointment day and time are written below. Meetings are held in your child's classroom. If you are unable to make your scheduled day/time please contact the office.

Name _____

Day and time _____


Board of Trustees News Tomorrow's Schools was the name given to the restructure of our schooling system in 1989. In April last year, the Minister of Education appointed an Independent Taskforce to lead the review of Tomorrow's Schools. That taskforce is now proposing a set of recommendations that are up for **public consultation**. It is important that parents/caregivers/our wider community are part of this conversation and have a read and a say on the proposed changes. Some of the recommendations may not sit favourably for our school. Here is a link to the eight key recommendations from the review: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Report-Summary-of-8-Key-Issues.pdf>. There is an online survey, which remains open until March 31 and can be completed at consultation.education.govt.nz/tsr/survey2019. Go on, have your say! *Andrea Goodman, Board Chair*

Happy Birthday to Malachi, Lauren and Ms. Reid who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.
Best wishes from everybody here at school.

Indigo Room students are visiting the library and museum in Motueka next Monday 25 March. We need some transport and parent helpers and your child will need their library card if they have one, shoes, a warm top or coat, water filled drink bottle, lunch and any medications they need. We aim to leave school around 11.45am and return for the buses at the end of the school day. Please contact Lauren or the office if you are able to help. Thank you.

Miniball Term 2 Sign up now at the school office. 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. Years 3-6 play Mondays and Years 7/8 play Fridays at the Motueka Rec. Centre. At least six players are needed to form a team so make a plan with your friends and let Amanda know in the office.

2019 Kiwi English, Maths, Science Competitions

 Registrations are now open for this year's annual Great Kiwi Competitions coordinated by CEM NZ and the University of Canterbury 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 can apply, and the cost to parents is \$9 per exam this year. Students can enter English, Maths and/or Science. For more information ask Amanda in the office or your child's class teacher.

NETBALL SEASON 2019 Thank you to those of you who have returned your forms to Lou for the upcoming netball season. There are more forms available from the office - **please return them by the end of this week.** Thank you! Netball queries? Call Lou 5268815 / 0210457798



Friday 22nd March

Colour your Day

On Friday 22nd March wear something colourful in your school, business and community. Observe 1 minute silence at 1:40pm and donate.

Money raised will support the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events of Friday 15th March.

TSB Bank Account: 15-3976-0091104-80
Reference: Our People Our City
(Christchurch Foundation)

#colouryourdaynz
24-7 YouthWork in collaboration with Christchurch City Council. Raising money for the Mayoral Fund called "Our People, Our City".

24-7 YouthWork
Christchurch City Council

Colour your Day this Friday - Parent Cake funds will be donated plus any other donations made to school.

PARENT GROUP NEWS. Elected Officers. Thank you to those who attended last week's Parent Group AGM. At this meeting, Annie Simpson (Benji and Alex's mum) was elected Chairperson - congratulations Annie! Brenda Fry (Madi's mum) was chosen to become Secretary. We very much appreciate the meticulous and professional efforts of Andrea, our retiring Treasurer. She has done a phenomenal job over several years for which we are grateful. There were no nominations for Treasurer so if there are any parents out there with particular skills in this area please speak to Annie or Andrea (Pipiri and Nikau's mum). **We need a Treasurer!** 😊

Donations from our 2018 Festival were also confirmed at Friday's meeting. As the 2018 Festival was super successful, an increase from last year's donation was possible as a result and it was agreed to donate \$45,000 to Ngatimoti School. In addition, parents group usually make small donations to community groups and this year we will donate \$500 to Motueka Riding for Disabled, \$500 to Motueka Swimming Pool fundraising, \$500 to Friends of Flora, and \$500 to Moutere Kai Collective.

Festival funds. Many parents ask what our school uses this very generous donation for, and Ali's report to Parent Group outlined the opportunities, resources and support provided for our children using past donations. These include purchasing the school minivan, solar heating for the pool, musical instruments, stationery and class photos; transport for special trips, river safe training, waka experiences, earthquake strengthening for the Hall, dance, drama, swimming and te reo lessons and subsidising school camp costs. Wow parents, you are awesome! All your hard work at Festival time benefits your children here at school.

Festival 2019 is to be held on Sunday 27 October (Labour Weekend) and we are already looking for some important roles to be filled. One of these is the parking management coordinator. Barry Burger has done a wonderful job of this for the last few years but it is now time for a change. The parking coordinator needs to be STMS qualified and school are willing to pay for this training if required. If you think you are the man or woman for the job, the best thing would be to have a chat with Barry to find out more. You can call him on 0223126992 or ask Amanda in the office for more details of what is involved. Thank you.

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! 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 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 and \$1 for a Juicie in a named purse with your child on Fridays.
(No sausage sizzle this week)