

# NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 6 TERM 2 2019

Wednesday 5 June - Raapa 5 Pipiri

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## 2019 Term Dates

**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**

## Some dates for your diaries...

**Friday 7 June:** Rathgar House grand opening 9.30am. Cross Country 11.30am. Sausage Sizzle 12.30pm. El Gregoe's magic show - 1.30pm

**Tuesday 11 June:** Room 5 students will visit Bark Bay

**Wednesday 12 June:** Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm

**Thursday 13 June:** Room 3 students will visit Bark Bay

**Friday 14 June:** Rabbit Island Cross Country for qualifying students.  
Festival / Parent Group Meeting 3pm at school.

Many thanks for your support with the Teachers' Strike last week. We understand it can be difficult to get childcare during the week. Hopefully there will not be another strike!

YAY we have been given the 'big tick' from TDC and so we are finally able to use our lovely old Hall. Actually, it is no longer called the Hall. It is now to be known as Rathgar House. This more dignified name comes from the name of the farm our school land is on - Rathgar Farm.

This building was originally a farmhouse on what was once a farm called Rathgar Farm. Rathgar is a village close to Dublin in Ireland. An Irish widow called Margaret emigrated from Ireland to Nelson with her two sons. On the journey she fell in love and went on to have more children. Sadly, after settling in Nelson, her new husband died. She then met Mr McGaveston, the man she would spend the rest of her life with. They had eight children together and they farmed in various places around the Motueka Valley. This farm they named Rathgar Farm, after Margaret's home town. They built this as their house around 1909.

This building has been used as a school Hall and occasionally as a classroom in previous years. It belongs to the school community and is not maintained by the Ministry of Education. In 2018 the Board of Trustees decided to upgrade it. The whole building has been earthquake strengthened, insulated, re-piled and a new verandah and deck have been built.

The Ngatimoti School Student Council are really grateful to everyone who helped give this building a new life. Special thanks to the Board of Trustees and everyone who has worked on the Ngatimoti Festival for a number of years to help pay for the renovations. Thanks also to Mr. Ed Stevens who helped research the history of Rathgar Farm before it was a school and thanks to our local signwriter, Mr Peter Laufkotter who is making new signs for the building. The Student Council have enjoyed being a part of this learning journey, finding out local stories and helping with some of the design. They asked for suggestions for a new name. Mr Guthrie Beatson suggested Rathgar House because of the history.

*Written by 2019 Student Council; Max, Chico, Ara, Willow, Ada, Sophie, Madi M and Finnian.*

## Rathgar House - Grand Opening Ceremony Friday 7 June

To mark the official re-opening the Student Council have organised a short ceremony for Friday morning. This will be at 9:30 am and will be followed by a shared morning tea. If you are able to provide a small plate of morning tea nibbles, that will be appreciated. Also it would be great if everyone could please dress up in either green or orange. The Student Council will explain more about this colour choice on Friday!

**Cross Country** Unfortunately we had to postpone today's cross country race once again due to rain. We will run modified class races here on school grounds on Friday morning following the Rathgar House opening and before lunch. Our top runners will be selected to represent Ngatimoti School at the Rabbit Island Interschool's Cross Country race on Friday 14 June.

**El Gregoe's Magic Show** This Friday afternoon we are expecting El Gregoe the magician at school for his show about friendships, resiliency and fun. Parents are most welcome for a 1.30pm start.



*Well done to our resilient Rippa Rugby representatives who played at yesterday's competition: Denys, Chico, Mannix, Chris, Kiwa, Sayla, Kalahni, Isabella and Elvie. Thanks to Kirsten and Jud for transport and support, and Sasha and Johnny for the coaching!*

**Happy Birthday** Congratulations to Isabella who celebrates her 10th Birthday today. We hope you have lots of fun on your birthday, from all of us here at school.



**Te Reo** It has been great to have River coming in to each class to help with the teaching of te reo. Please let us know any feedback about these lessons.

**Room 3 and Room 5 Bark Bay Trips NEXT WEEK ROOM 5 STUDENTS WILL GO TO BARK BAY ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE, ROOM 3 STUDENTS WILL VISIT ON THURSDAY 13 JUNE.** Students will need to be at school ready to go at 8am. If you need another copy of the information that was sent home last week please ask at the office.

**Gymnastics Competition - Year 4 - 8 students** All our students in Year 4 and above are practising hard for their upcoming Gymnastics Festival at Motueka Recreation Centre. Year 4-6 students will compete in the B Grade competition on Thursday 20 June. Selected Year 7 & 8 students will compete on Friday 21 June. Some parent supervision and transport will be required - please return your permission slips to class or the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Netball** Hope you all had a fabulous weekend off! Times for this Saturday are as follows:

**Ngatimoti Stars** - Please meet at the courts at 9.45am READY to start. Please could parents help to remove hoops and equipment after the game? Thanks!

**Ngatimoti Ferns** - Please meet at the courts at 8.30am READY to warm up.

**Ngatimoti Diamonds** - Please meet at the courts at 11.30am READY to warm up.

**Junior umpires** - Nola will be in again on Friday lunchtime to continue with your umpire training.

### **TERM 3 MINIBALL COMPETITION - REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

This term we did not enter any miniball teams from our school, however our students have been having some training this term from Robyn at Sport Tasman and we hope this may generate more interest to form teams for next term's competition. Year 3/4 children play in the Junior grade on Mondays. Year 5/6 children play in the Intermediate grade also on Mondays. Year 7 and 8 children play in the Senior grade on Fridays. Transport is parents' responsibility and the cost is \$15 per player for the term, payable to school. All teams must be accompanied by an adult or teacher at each game. There is no set boy: girl ratio. Players can only play in one team. Parents, please notify the school office to register your child.



24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June

**Motueka Matariki Festival**

A huge week of celebrations, education, music, sports and much more...

For the 'calendar of events' go to <https://www.facebook.com/pg/OurTownMotueka/events>

Māori games at Decks Reserve  
Ki-o-Rahi  
Glow in the dark  
Friday Night Food Stalls  
Matariki doco at Parklands School

Star Stories on the Sea  
Performances outside Museum  
Iwi Stories at Te Awahina Marae  
Star Gazing with Nelson Astronomical Society  
Matiu Te Huki, live music, at Huiia Club Rooms

Rātā Foundation



### **Sausage Sizzle THIS FRIDAY**

**\$3 for a delicious sausage and bread to raise funds for Room 5.**  
**You can order tomorrow and bring your money on Friday**



**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! 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.

**Week 6: Friday 7 June - Kristin (Maggie) and Nic (Kiwa)**

**Week 7: Friday 14 June Helena (Joe) and River (Manaia)**

**Week 8: Friday 21 June Andrew (Mila) and Tanya (Maxwell)**

**Week 9: Friday 28 June Rebecca (Jaxon) and Nicola (Alexander)**

**Week 10: Friday 5 July Bex (Arabella & Orianna) and Mike (Hannah)**

**Friday Fruit Noodles for sale- 50c**  
Cakes will still be for sale for a dollar each - thanks parents!

**WANTED TO RENT 1 / 2 bed cottage for school family. Please text/call Tanya 021 791 778**

**Pine Cones & Pumpkins** Tui, Pedro & Freddie are selling pinecones for \$5 a bag. Also available are spray free pumpkins. Small (2kg +) \$3.00 Medium (3kg +) \$4.50 Large (4kg +) \$6.00 XL (5kg +) \$7.50  
**Both can be delivered to school. Txt Marian 021 2400 416 to order.**

**PARENTS; ALL WELCOME TO OUR FIRST FESTIVAL ORGANISING MEETING OF 2019.**  
**FRIDAY 14 JUNE, 3pm AT RATHGAR HOUSE. COME ALONG AND GET INVOLVED!**