### NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 8 TERM 3 2019



# Wednesday 11 September - Raapa 11 Mahuru

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#### 2019 Term Dates

TERM 3: Mon 22 July - 27 September
TERM 4: Mon 14 October - Fri 20 Dec
FESTIVAL DAY IS SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

Today is Maxwell's last day here at Ngatimoti School. We hope you enjoy your new school Maxwell, from

everyone here at school.



Birthday congratulations to **Pipiri** who will celebrate his 13th Birthday next Monday. Have fun Pipiri from all of us here at school.

#### Some dates for your diaries...

9-13 September: Te wiki o te reo Māori

Wednesday 11 September: Epro8 Challenge for selected Y7/8 students

- good luck to Pipiri, Riley, Tenzin and Lauren tonight!

Thursday 12 September: Epro8 Challenge for selected Y5/6 students -

good luck tomorrow Mannix, Madi, Kalahni and Sanne!

Room 3 will visit Whenua Iti tomorrow for a fun day of activities - thank  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

you for all your offers of parent help and transport!

Parent Group/Festival Meeting - 3pm tomorrow

Friday 13 September: Assembly 2.20pm - parents welcome

Week 9: 14-20 September: Conservation Week

**18 September:** Year 8 Enrolment interviews here at school. These are 10 minute appointments for parents and students between 9am and 11.30am. Times will be sent out to parents this week.

Wed 25 September: Board of Trustees Meeting 5pm here at school. Fri 27 September: Pet Day! More details below. Last day of Term 3.

#### Nga mihi ki a koe mo tenei wiki o te reo Māori.

In 1987, te reo Māori became an official language of N.Z. and every year since then we celebrate the treasure that this language is.

<u>Health Survey</u> Please return the health survey to school by this **Friday 13 September** - thank you to the four families who have returned theirs already. You can request another copy from the office or complete and return the survey by email if you wish.

<u>Positive Puberty:</u> Room 5 are beginning this unit of work and a great deal of the content of this is about communication. If any Room 5 parents would like to know more about what is being taught, please contact Mr Hepburn.

<u>Measles</u> As you will be aware there is a measles outbreak currently affecting Auckland and likely to affect other parts of New Zealand. For more information you may wish to visit <a href="https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles">https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles</a>



Learning Tours: According to research, learning is enhanced when we talk about it. An opportunity for your children to talk to you about their learning will be during the final week of term, on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Further details next week.



## **NEWSPAPERS WANTED**

Please send any spare newspapers into the Indigo Room. Thank you

Pet Day Friday 27 September. Did you know that one of the planned events will be a "show us your special talent" category for pets. For example, some dogs might be able to roll over on command, or a budgie might be able to talk! Of course this category is not compulsory though. There are many opportunities for the judges to see all the beautiful pets and prizes will be awarded for all sorts of things!

Room One have been making native bird pom poms - there are Kakas, Kiwis, Keas and Kakapos! Orianna made a Kea with purple legs and green and brown plumage. Ka pai!

<u>ATYA (Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors) 2020</u> Interviews are being held today. Once again we have had some excellent applications for these roles. Our ATYA students this year (Hannah, Lexus, Louie and Piri) are proving to be great ambassadors so far, with an interest in extending their knowledge and their networks. We are very proud of what they are doing and wish the applicants for the 2020 roles all our best with the interviews today.

<u>Indigo Room trip to Bark Bay</u> Next week (most likely Wednesday 18th, to be confirmed) the Indigo Room will have a day at Bark Bay to do some environmental work with the Department of Conservation. We are looking to borrow gardening gloves and secateurs for our trip to do gorse weeding so if you have any you can loan us for the day please send them in to the Indigo Room (clearly named). Thank you!

<u>TOUCH RUGBY Term 4: REGISTER NOW!</u> We are now forming teams for next term's Touch Rugby competition at the Motueka Recreation Centre. Years 1 & 2 (Juniors) and Years 3 - 5 (Intermediates) playing on **Tuesdays** after school. Seniors (Years 6 - 8) will play on **Wednesdays** after school. The season starts in Week 2 of next term, 22/23 October. Transport is parent's responsibility and the cost to parents is \$15 per player for the term (payable to school). Please register your child's name at the office if you wish them to join the team.

<u>Netball</u> Ngatimoti Diamonds enjoyed a fun day last week finishing their season with two friendly games. Well done to Isla and Ada who were our players of the day. Prize giving will be held at school this Saturday 14 September at 2pm. Please remember to bring suitable footwear for some fun netball games with your children and a plate of finger food for a shared afternoon tea. Uniforms - Please hand these in on or before prize giving? And finally I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all parents for all their support this year, to Ali and all the teachers that gave up their time to come and support our games, to Amanda for all the extra admin she does for us, and finally to Ian who gives me tremendous support throughout the season. Enjoy your weekends back, Lou.

<u>Thank you LOU</u> for another awesome netball season of coaching and organising our teams here at Ngatimoti. You are amazing! From all our netball players, parents and staff.

## NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL - 27th OCTOBER 2019

## FESTIVAL MEETING TOMORROW: THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - 3pm AT SCHOOL

All welcome - come along and find out what's going on, make your suggestions and help us fill some gaps in preparation for our big day. Thank you to all those who are working hard behind the scenes to make this year's Festival fantastic yet again.

<u>Lemons and Lemonade makers wanted</u> We are looking for volunteers to make homemade lemonade for us to sell by the cup on festival day. Please bring in any surplus lemons you have and let us know if you can make some lemonade.

What are you doing on Festival day? If you have not yet put your name on the parent roster for the day we will contact you soon to fill our gaps! Generally we ask for parents to work a shift of either 10am - 1pm or 1pm - 4pm (although as you experienced festival parents know this is not set in stone!) We are short of help in many areas at this stage so please also let us know if you have family and friends who

Festival Plant Stall Please send in your empty cardboard boxes for our customers to take their plants home on Festival day. There are still some surplus seeds available for sale and we could use a few more pots please. Please contact Marian (Tui & Pedro's Mum) at marianchick@gmail.com or txt/call 021 2400 416 with any plant stall queries.

are willing to help out, for example to help with **parking** and traffic management, greet visitors at the **entry gates**, sizzle and serve sausages on a **BBQ** or one of our food stalls, or help in the **kids zone**. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.

<u>SCARECROWS</u> The perfect holiday project for you and the kids! We love all the original and creative scarecrows that appear at the side of the road at this time of year. Please make a sign to go with your scarecrow declaring NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER (pointing in the general direction of School!) If you live off a main road please let us know and we will make sure we include you in our competition - there are prizes to be won!

<u>ANIMALS WANTED</u> One of the cutest attractions on Festival day is our animal tent, of course, and we are on the search for any friendly animals you may be able to bring along for the day, for example, rabbits, piglets, chickens, goats, lambs. No dogs please, and no animals are permitted to be sold on the day. If you have any animals suitable please contact Hobbit on 0212996488. We will also require cages for the animals too if anyone has any you could lend us for the weekend. Thanks!

<u>White Elephant / Second Hand Sale</u> Thank you for your donations - keep them coming! They can now go straight to Room 4 for sorting. Please no electrical or broken items - good quality second hand clothes, books and bric-a-brac would be fantastic!

<u>Silent Auction</u> If you have any ideas we are still accepting donations for this year's silent auction. We can auction many services, crafts, accommodation, activity vouchers and lots more. If you can help please contact Catherine 021761764, Megan 0272345616 or Kristin 0274708224

<u>Firewood Wanted</u> We are looking for donations of dry, hard wood for the spit, e.g. dead standing wattle, gum or manuka. Please contact the office if you can help here - thank you.



Do you have a Cockatoo or a Macaw? We have this bag of Harrison's Bird food, which is too coarse for our parrot. If anyone out there can use it, please contact Lisa (Pasqual's mum) on 027 616 2820

#### **Accommodation Wanted**

Animal friendly accommodation needed for school father and daughter. Please call / text Hobbit on 021 299 6488.

Thank you!

Parents Group Friday Cake Roster 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! 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. THANKS!

### Week 8 - 13 Sept: Rita (Madi) and Hobbit (Willow)

Week 9 - 20 Sept: Bex (Stella) and Suntah (Kalahni & Haze)

Week 10 - 27 Sep: Neisha (Pyper) & Brenda (Madi)

<u>Health Questionnaire</u> Here is a reminder of the questions in our health survey. Please help us to assess your opinions by returning your completed questionnaire to school before the end of the week. You can do this via email to <a href="mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz">office@ngatimoti.school.nz</a> if you wish. Thank you.

- 1. What areas of Health Education do you believe are essential that we cover in our programmes?
- 2. We have procedures in place regarding sun smart (e.g. brimmed hats to be worn in Terms 1 and 4), lunch eating (e.g. all students are to sit down in the designated eating area and are supervised by two staff) and road safety (e.g. because of the road conditions, we do not encourage any students under the age of at least 10 to bike to school) Would you like to see anything about these procedures changed, or do you have questions about them?
- 3. We encourage water to be the only drink needed at school during the day. Do you have any comment about this?
- 4. Muesli bars and chippies are often brought to school. Besides the environmental impact of the wrappings, do you have any comment about these food items?
- 5. A number of outside agencies are involved in our health programme at school. These may include the police education officer and public health nurse. Are there any other people you would like to see involved in the health programme?
- 6. Sexuality education is one aspect of the health curriculum, starting in Year 1 with the unit *I am growing* where children learn the names for body parts and about caring for yourself, and continuing up to the senior classes where students learn about the changes at puberty. What do you think your child should be learning at school in "sexuality education"?
- 7. Our school vision is for all students to be R.I.V.E.R. students, confident and able to navigate in a changing world. As one aspect of this, we have a strategic goal of 'Well Being'. We aim to encourage healthy and active contributors. This includes being physically active, taking personal responsibility and developing good relationships with others. It also includes developing resiliency. Is there anything more specific that you would like to see included to enhance well-being?
- 8. What role do you think that the school should or could play when dealing with:
  - head lice
  - personal hygiene
  - wearing shoes
  - wearing appropriate clothing to school (especially girls)
  - ensuring children have enough sleep at home?
- 9. Do you see the value in programmes such as Riversafe for the seniors or Life Education (with Harold!) for the whole school? These are expensive, but we cover the costs through Festival fundraising. Do you think your child learns from these programmes?

Although you will be so busy making super scarecrows over the coming holidays, here are some other options for you and some Term 4 activities too!





**Violin Lessons** Suzuki method violin lessons available for complete beginners aged 3yrs+. Lessons in Nelson, Motueka and online by webcam. Keep progressing between lessons by watching pre-recorded video lessons on the website. Try for one week free and come and meet me in person. Katie Dey <a href="https://www.katiesuzukimusic.com/localviolin/">https://www.katiesuzukimusic.com/localviolin/</a>



