



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 1 TERM 1 2020

Wednesday 5 February – Raapa 5 Huitānguru

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Term Dates

TERM 1 2020: Tues 4 Feb – Thu 9 April

Waitangi Day Holiday TOMORROW

Thursday 6 February

Easter weekend: 10-13 April

Anzac Day Holiday: Monday 27 April

TERM 2 2020: Tues 28 April – Fri 3 July

TERM 3 2020: Mon 20 July – Fri 25 Sept

TERM 4 2020: Mon 12 Oct – Fri 18 Dec

Festival Day: Sunday 25 October

Some dates for your diaries...

Thursday 6 February is Waitangi Day Holiday – no school.

Friday 7 February is a normal school day.

Thursday 13 February: Infomingle. An informal evening giving parents the chance to meet the teachers and other parents.

Friday 14 February: First Motec session for Year 7 & 8 students

Wednesday 19 February: Board of Trustees meeting – 5pm

ALL CLASSES WILL GO ON CAMP THIS YEAR!

Room 1: Quinney's Bush 5-6 March

Indigo Room: Marahau 23-26 March

Room 3: Marahau 24-26 March



Room 5 Seniors will visit Totaranui 30 Nov – 4 December

Welcome back to school to all our students, teachers and families; particularly to our new students and their families. We welcome teacher Esther Kiddle who joins us as extra support for Term One and Two in the junior school. We are also looking forward to having Kathy Stephens back with us teaching Room 3 on Fridays, along with music with other classes. **Nine new students have joined us so far this term!** Welcome **Norah, Andrew, Libby, Acacia and Zane** who join Room 5, **Leighton & Ella** join the Indigo Room, and **Rua, Leon and Sequoia** have joined us in Room 1. We hope you enjoy being a part of Ngatimoti School; it is great to have you here!

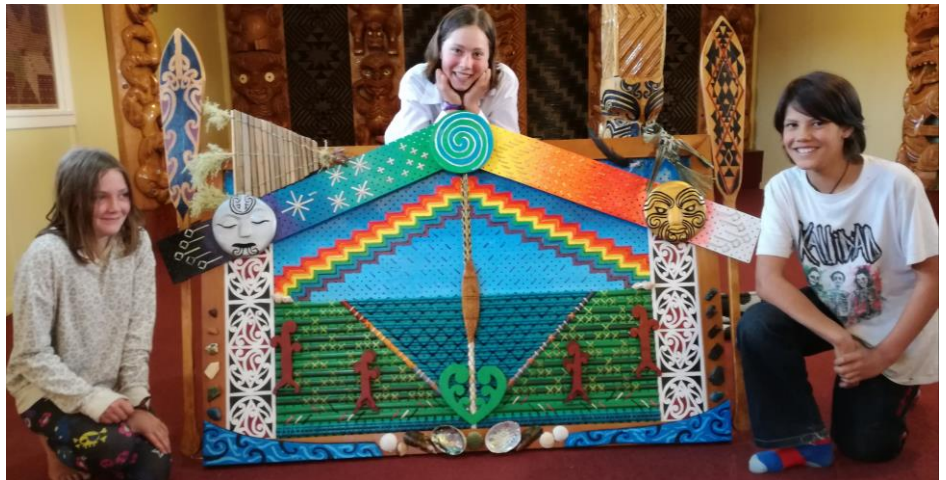
Our school whakatauki this year honours diversity and recognises that we all have a part to play in making Ngatimoti School the strong, insightful and empathetic place that we strive to be.

E koekoe te tūi

E ketekete te Kākā

E kükū te kererū.

(By appreciating all of our voices, our different songs, we make good music for the future.)



Last year a few Senior students from each of the 14 schools in the Motueka Kāhui Ako created this beautiful piece of art that symbolises our Motueka district. Here Willow, Sophie and Manaia are at the presentation to Te Awhina marae, where it will be displayed in the dining room.

The Rooms 3 and 4 classroom refurbishments are not quite complete. This week the walls in the breakout spaces are being covered in autex and the floors are being prepared for the carpet tiles. We are expecting that the Room 3 and 4 students will be moving in to these refurbished rooms by the beginning of March. As a result of these renovations we have a **skylight for sale** which is now surplus to requirements. Please ask Ali for more details if you are interested.

TOMORROW is Waitangi Day. This is a great day to appreciate the unique biculturalism of NZ and so all NZ state schools are closed to enable families to enjoy NZ together! Ngatimoti School is open again for all students on Friday.

First Aid Training: Because this term all Year 1 to 6 students have class camps to look forward to, we have booked First Aid training for these students this **Friday 7 February**. The 'Clued Up Camper' programme is designed to raise awareness about the prevention of injuries, as well as to teach simple first aid techniques that might be useful on a camp.

Happy Birthday! Best wishes to **Rua** who has recently turned 5 and joins us in Room 1 this year.

Congratulations also to **Leighton** who celebrated her 9th Birthday this week, and to **Ruby R** who will be 11 years old this weekend. Best wishes all of you from everyone here at school.

Infomingle: Thursday 13 February. Starting at 5pm next Thursday, we will hold our popular 'Infomingle'; a fun evening giving parents, students and teachers a chance to mingle and receive information for the year's learning from class teachers. Our board of trustees will provide sausages for the BBQ and you are welcome to bring your own food along too. The swimming pool will be open. We hope this evening is a great chance to connect our school community - see you there!

Swimming Pool 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 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.

Class Swimming Please send your child with their togs and towels every day. Catherine Chick will be supporting Room 1 and 3 class programmes with group lessons in the afternoons. She suggests that goggles are useful so if you have any, please check they are in your child's swimming bag, and they are named!

Our learning theme this year is 'Connections' and learning will include eco-systems, local stories, local industries and class camps for everyone. If you have a local industry that you would like to share, or you would like to be involved in school in any way, please pop in and make yourself known to Ali! ☺

TOUCH RUGBY Register **BEFORE NEXT WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY** at the school office if you would like your child to be included in a touch rugby team for this term. Games are played at the Motueka Recreation Centre at a cost of \$15 per player for the term (payable to School). Juniors (Years 1 & 2) and Intermediates (Years 3-5) play on Tuesdays after school and Seniors (Years 7 & 8) play on Wednesdays. Transport is parent's responsibility. EMAIL, TEXT 027 526 8842 OR CALL Amanda in the office to register your child - parent permission must be given.

Year 7 & 8 student referees wanted. It is best that they have played touch before so they have a basic understanding of the rules. If they would like to become a ref for this term, they will need to be at the ref-training afternoon at Motueka Recreation Centre on **Monday 17 February at 3:30.**

Coronavirus: This seems to be a very real threat and so the advice from the Ministry of Education is as always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school. Please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Any student who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus is encouraged to stay away from school voluntarily. Please contact Ali if you think this might be the case for your child.

Parents Group Friday Cake Roster

Every week on Fridays, we have a parent roster where parents take their turn to provide cakes to sell to student for a dollar each. Frozen Juicies are also for sale to students for \$1 each. Our parent lunch coordinator is Catherine Chick (Louie, Chico, Beau & Rua'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. The roster for Term One will appear in next week's newsletter.

This Friday 7 February, Catherine will provide cakes.

Next Friday 14 February, Annie (Benji & Alex and Kathryn (Kaisami & Grace) will bake. Thank you!

If you wish your child to buy a cake and Juicie, please send \$2 in a named purse along with their healthy lunch on Fridays. (No IOUs and students are not permitted to buy cakes for their friends in case of allergies etc.)



HARVEST 2020 We are starting to put together a team for harvest 2020. From 25 Feb until end of March. A wide range of roles.

Garden staff, tractor drivers, machine operators, quality control. **HOPPY NEW YEAR!!** Please contact Christopher for more information, 0275382747 or thornhops@gmail.com

4-bedroom house for rent

Two kilometres from Ngatimoti school, \$495/week. Please send an email address for application form. Immediately available.

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28-29 March 2020 All-in-Academy Netball

Development Programme

Motueka • Te Taihū o Te Waka a Maui

- Open to all Y8-Y10 male & female netball players
- Four sport-specific sessions to support your season
- 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm Sat 28 & Sun 29 March



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