

TERM DATES 2013

Term 2: Monday 6 May – Friday 12 July
 Queen's Birthday Holiday Monday 3 June
Term 3 Monday 29 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4: Monday 14 October – Friday 20 Dec
Ngatimoti Festival Day Sunday 27 October
Labour Day Holiday Monday 28 October



Term 2 Week 4 Newsletter

Wednesday 29 May 2013

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<p>SCHOOL PHOTOS: Unfortunately these did not happen on Monday due to the miserable weather. We will let you know when we will try again. In the meantime please let Amanda know if you would like a family group photo taken. Thanks to Parents Group Festival donation we will provide each child with a free class photo.</p> <p>Friday 31 May – Tackle 7's Rugby Tournament We are looking forward to this event on Friday. Parent transport will be required so please let us know if you are available to help. Thanks</p>													

Thank you and farewell to Craig Hampton who has been helping out in Room 2 as part of his teacher training. We hope you enjoyed your time here at Ngatimoti and wish you luck with your future career!

Room 1 Master Chef Last week Room 1 were provided morning tea and lunch from their fellow classmates. The class was split into 5 groups, each having a day to plan and prepare their menu for the rest of the class. Each group had a budget of \$65. The targets were to go under budget, have minimal waste, make it a healthy and nutritious meal and work as a team. Some groups excelled in some areas and struggled in others but overall the process was a huge success with plenty of new learning going on. It was quite clear to all involved though, that each person could be fed a healthy and substantial diet for a day at school for well under \$3 per person. The whole task proved much harder than the students had anticipated, although everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Joe, Ella, Madison, Jasmin and Payton who got voted by each of their groups, to spend the leftover money to create one last masterpiece for next Friday.

School X-Country Last Friday we had our School X Country. Conditions were good for running, calm and cool. It was fantastic to see so many students choosing to challenge themselves by running the long course and succeeding; great effort all of you!

The winners for the day were:

Short Course	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1 st	Cayla	Jacob	Caleb

Medium Course	Year 4	Year 5
1 st	Hunter	Jonty



Kim, Payton, Rowena and Taylor enjoying the finish.

Many thanks to Ed Stevens for the use of his paddock and hay bales for our course last week. Community support such as this is always appreciated.

Long Course	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1 st	Ethan	Josh	Fraser	Hannah	Piers



Motueka Districts X Country Race at Rabbit Island Yesterday Ngatimoti had 18 students representing the school at this event. Great conditions provided the perfect opportunity for our students to show what they were capable of doing – and they certainly didn't disappoint. Every student ran exceptionally well but special mention must go to **Hannah & Archie** who both won their age groups! Huge congratulations to both of you. As well as being an individual event, there is also the teams section where the top 3 runners from each school have their final places combined for an overall team score. Silver was very popular for Ngatimoti with our Year 5 Boys, Year 7 Girls and the Year 8 Boys, all coming second. Thank you to the parents for providing both transport and support, it was great to see so many of you there!



Maori Culture Club

We had a great first session on Monday after school at Te Awhina Marae. If anybody else would like to join, it is not too late! Let Amanda or Ali know. Our next session is Monday 10 June.

Life Education

Learning is best when shared. Ask your children what they saw, heard, played or discussed in the Life Ed truck today. The Life Ed truck is a part of our health curriculum and we are paying for this service thanks to money raised from last year's awesome festival.

National Standards: Reporting to Parents Because of the requirements of National Standards, our student reports are as follows:

1. Year 1, 2 and 3 students have a report after each 6 months to report on **progress** and after each 12 months to report on **achievement**. To manage this, we have grouped these students according to where their birthdays fall, and the written report will come home at the end of the term nearest their birthday.
2. For all Year 4 – 8 students, there are 2 reports; one halfway through the year and one at the end of the year. The first report is about **progress** towards the National Standard. The second report is about the actual **achievement** of the National Standard.
3. The National Standards are for reading, writing and maths **across** the curriculum. With National Standards, your child has to prove that he/she can use the skill and apply it throughout the school day. For example, to meet the reading standard your child needs to be able to read at the level expected during reading time **and** read at this same level to follow instructions at maths time to locate information and follow through with the task. Also, at topic time your child needs to show that he/she can read information and use it to make decisions, ask and answer questions or manipulate information e.g. Make a table of the ideas. In effect this means that your child must not only read, but must also be able to use this ability to respond consistently and independently to meet the standard. Meeting the National Standard is therefore quite complex.

Be assured that your child can not and has not gone backwards! If your child has been a good solid reader, then he/she will not lose this skill. This skill needs to now be proven across the curriculum. The ability to work in a group, follow teacher instructions, think creatively and critically and respond to tasks throughout the day has become more important, as teachers need to make judgements throughout the day and not just at reading time. Crucially, it is important to know that there is a different standard each year for your child to meet. If your child was at the National Standard last year, he/she might not be this year and that could be because the standard is more difficult. Each year the expectation is raised. This also means that if your child was below standard in Maths, and is again below standard in Maths this year, this child has progressed! It sounds crazy, but it is logical! It is likely that this is because the standard is more difficult. I think that having this new system of reporting makes our face to face contact with parents and caregivers even more important. Having a good relationship with your child's teacher, clearly understanding where your child is at and working together to support your child's learning will help your child to do his/her best. If you would like to read a copy of the National Standards, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. Remember we all want Ngatimoti students to progress, achieve and be confident. Please feel welcome to make a meeting time with a class teacher if you would like to talk more about ways to help.

NETBALL Our Diamonds and Stars won their matches last week and our Future Ferns played an awesome game too! Player of the Day for the Future Ferns was **Aleesha**, for the Diamonds **Jasmin** and for the Stars, **Leigh**. Well done all of you! *There are no games this weekend thanks to Queen's Birthday.*

TERM TWO PARENT CAKE ROSTER

31 May – Ali Comins, Lauren Turner, Chell Cusack

7 June – Louise Raymond, Vicky Robertson, Evelyn Durrant

28 June – Meeka Gibbins, Julie Ann Allely, Rachel Gorrill

14 June – Heidi King-Turner, Julie Edwards, Jennifer Beatson

5 July – Tracey Harrison, Vanessa Hatton

21 June – Georgie Garland, Keren Smith, Tina Francis

12 July – Elaine Haycock, Nicola Heckler, Liz Rajnai

