



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 5 TERM 1 2020

Wednesday 4 March – Raapa 4 Poutūterangi

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Term Dates

TERM 1 2020: Tues 4 Feb – Thu 9 April

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 – Wed 16 Dec

Festival Day: Sunday 25 October

Reminders Please check if you still need to pay **Motec Materials donations** (\$60) for Year 7 & 8 students, **Junior camp fees** (\$5), **Room 3 camp fees** (\$5), or **Indigo room camp fees** (\$35). Ask at the office if in doubt. Thank you for all your payments so far!

Some dates for your diaries...

Thur 5 Mar: Mana Whaitake: Kaiteriteri trip for selected students

Fri 6 Mar: Interschool's Swimming Competition at Motueka High School for selected students.

Wed 11 Mar: Rm 1 & Indigo Rm students visit Mill Creek Orchard

Fri 13 Mar: Whole school Triathlon 1.30pm

Fri 13 March at 3pm: Parents Group AGM – all parents welcome!

CAMP DATES

Indigo Room: Marahau 23-26 March

Room 3: Marahau 24-26 March

Room 5 Seniors will visit Totaranui 30 Nov – 4 December

HEADLICE Please be vigilant and check your child's hair again tonight. If nits are detected and treated, do remember to treat your child's hair repeatedly to break the lifecycle of the headlice. Regular thorough hair brushing is also helpful. Thank you for your support.



STUDENT COUNCIL 2020 Announcing our Student Councillors for 2020; **Pasqual, Norah, Nikau, Kaisami, Stella, Sayla, Ruby, Manaia, Ada, Aisling & Eloise**. This week our Student Council are focussing on the word *integrity*.

Room 1 Camp Our junior students are off to camp at Quinney's Bush tomorrow! Parents; please remember to send in booster seats for your child's journey to camp. Thank you all for your offers of help, food and transport; we hope you have lots of fun! ☺

No doubt you have all heard about the Coronavirus (COVID 19). To manage the risk of this virus, we have a four stage plan that includes actions that we will take if there is significant risk at worldwide level, (stage 1), in NZ (stage 2), around Nelson (stage 3) or within our school community (stage 4). Our actions so far have been centred on increasing cleaning routines and monitoring the information coming to us from the Ministries of Health and Education. All NZ schools are still in the *Keep it Out* phase of a pandemic plan. The **preventative measures** the Ministry of Health is encouraging schools to practice are those of good hygiene, which include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet, for at least 20 seconds. Singing Happy Birthday twice, slowly, should take about 20 seconds!
 - Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
 - Putting used tissues in the bin
 - Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell
- Other things you can do to help take responsibility for the prevention of this virus spreading are:
- Keep informed by reading any email updates that are sent
 - Keep us informed if you believe you or your family have been exposed to increased risk and follow self-quarantine procedures as suggested by the Ministry of Health.
 - Keep your children home if they are unwell

Please make sure we have all of your up-to-date contact details and emergency contacts

Room 3 has moved in to Room 3! Yippee! We are all looking forward to getting everyone and everything in to their rightful places. Once we have Room 3 established properly, we will move the Indigo class in to Room 4. This will be a few weeks away yet.

Happy Birthday! Congratulations to **Zane** who is 12 years old today! **Grace W** is looking forward to her 9th birthday on Monday next week. Best wishes to both of you, from everyone here at school.

Buses This year the Ministry of Education has made some changes to bus routes. Our 'little bus' (the Orinoco run) has caused us a few issues and so I have designed a seating plan to hopefully make this trip a happier and safer one for everyone. The 'big bus' (the Baton run) has a larger number of children to collect at the early stages of the morning run, than in the later stages. Because of this, we are planning to trial running this bus in the opposite direction in the mornings. **From this Friday morning, the bus will head to the Alexander Bluff Bridge first**, then along the West Bank, over the Baton Bridge and back to school. Please bear with this whilst we try to work this out! We will do a two-week trial and then decide if this will continue, or not. We welcome your feedback after the trial.

This is the last week for Catherine to be helping with swimming lessons for Rooms 1 and 3. Huge thanks Catherine for your skills and your patience! Swimming will continue for another week or two, depending on the weather and the numbers of children bringing togs.

Next Friday 13 March is our school fun triathlon day, (a short run, a gentle bike ride and a quick swim). It would be great if students could arrange to have their bike at school for this. It would be especially great if parents are happy for their child to let others use a bike, as we know not every child will be able to bring their own bike. We encourage all students to participate. We will start the first event at 1:30 pm. Parents and whanau are most welcome to come along. Our Parent Group AGM will be held after school following the triathlon.

TOUCH RUGBY Good luck to our Senior touch players today. This afternoon's game will be played at 4.30pm vs Riwaka Warriors.

Motueka Districts Swimming Sports -THIS Friday 6 March Good luck to our swimmers at the interschools swimming competition at Motueka High School this Friday. This is an all-day event; please make sure your child has a hat, sunscreen, warm layers, water to drink and food for the day. There is a stall available at the High School selling sausages and Juicies for \$2 each -send cash with your child if you wish but send them with a healthy lunch too. Good luck to all our swimmers!

MUSIC LESSONS WITH GLENN



Glenn is here at school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout term time to teach piano, guitar, drums, bass guitar, recorder & ukulele. Lessons are usually held during school time, but there are also options for after school lessons. New students, contact Glenn 03 526 8723, email blisteringtongues@yahoo.com or see him at school.

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 this term is as below.

Friday 6 March: Tracey (Denys) and Errilyn (Malachi & Josiah)

Friday 13 March: James (Ara) and Catherine (Louie, Chico, Beau, Rua)

Friday 20 March: Alistair (Liam & Jack) and Damara (Kiwa)

Friday 27 March: Sam (Bella) and Rebecca (Quinn)

Friday 3 April: Georgie (Cayla) and Tobias (Manu)

THANKS TO NZ APPLE PRODUCTS, WE WILL ALSO OFFER FRIDAY FRUIT NOODLES FOR 50c A PACKET TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PARENT GROUP ALONG WITH FRIDAY CAKES AND JUICIES ☺

NO TIME TO BAKE A CAKE?

Never fear – SUPER RUBY IS HERE!

Ruby will bake your cake AND deliver it to school so you don't have to worry.

Chocolate cake with icing is always a winner or call 021 2311 371 for more options.

**Gluten Free available
\$15/cake**



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