



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 4 TERM 2 2020

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Term Dates

TERM 2 2020: Wed 15 April – Fri 3 July
Queen’s Birthday Holiday **MON 1 JUNE**
TERM 3 2020: Mon 20 July – Fri 25 Sept
TERM 4 2020: Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec
Festival Day: Sunday 25 October

Some dates for your diaries...

Week 6 - 18 May: Life Education
20 May: Board of Trustees meeting
21 May, 28 May, 18 June: Provisional dates for the postponed Reading Together programme. To be confirmed
11-12 June: Year 8 Leadership course at Whenua Iti



Many of you have had your Birthdays while school has been closed, and we hope you have enjoyed your celebrations with your families Ella P, Max Bl, Sanne, Stella, Chase, Tasmyn, Pasqual and Jack B! This week, Eloise is celebrating her 11th Birthday and we send you Happy Birthday wishes for tomorrow from everyone at school.

The last ten days at school have been very positive, with around 10 or 12 students present most days. They have worked and played together, but apart, happily, bringing back a lot of fun and joy to school. Our plans for Covid 19 have worked very well under Level 3. We have high expectations for physical distancing and hand hygiene, and excellent teacher support at school. We have organised the school into two bubbles, with two teachers per bubble. With only around 6 students per bubble, this has been an interesting time!

As well as working with students at school, teachers have been preparing and supervising ‘distance learning’, which has largely been a very positive endeavour. We have so many parents who have embraced the ideas offered by teachers, many parents who have gone above and beyond and parents who have also understood what works best for their children and family, and run with that. Teachers have learned from parents and from students, which has been awesome. All in all, there has been a lot of learning, albeit often quite different, going on!

Although we do not yet know what will happen next week with Alert Levels, I expect in the near future we can have a few more children back at school. If you would like to talk to a teacher about bringing your child in, even for a day or two, please feel free to make contact. Of course, any child with even mild symptoms of a cold or a flu must stay home.

Epidemiologists and entomologists – I don’t know about you but I have been enjoying some scientific learning, as well as some new spelling words this week! These two career options give us challenges in more ways than one, and some younger children can now even pronounce these words and break them into syllables!



*Vincent is an entomologist.
Here he is labelling the parts of a weta.*

Challenges for today – can you pronounce epidemiologist and entomologist? Can you spell them? (Hint – break them into syllables first!) Ali ☺

Just to reiterate, the signs of Covid 19 are one or more of the following:

- a cough
- a high temperature (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath.
- sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell
- a cough

These symptoms do not necessarily mean you have COVID-19. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu. Shortness of breath is a sign of possible pneumonia and requires immediate medical attention. Symptoms take up to 14 days to show after a person has been infected. A person can pass on the virus to others before they know they have it - from up to two days before symptoms develop. If you have these symptoms, please telephone Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) or your doctor immediately.



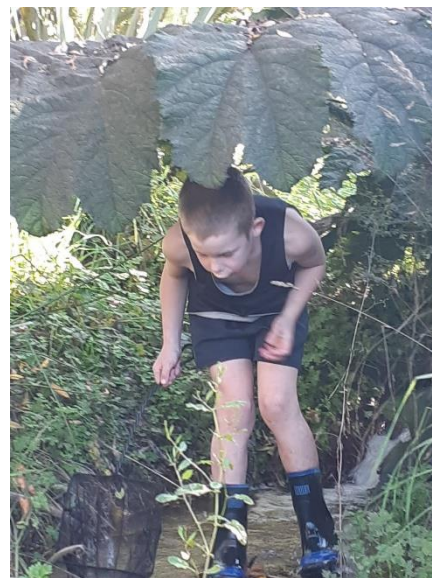
Netball Thank you to all those who have registered to play netball this year. At this stage Motueka Netball plan to run a slightly shortened season as soon as we are allowed. I have registered teams, but as we move more into the digital world, each player/guardian needs to fill out an electronic individual registration form. Thank you to those who have already done this. **Years 3 to 8** - Please could you go onto the Motueka

Netball website at www.sporty.co.nz/motuekanetball You will need to click on player registration and then on club/school list. Find Ngatimoti School and click on the part that says registration form. This should open up the form for you to fill in and submit. For year 7 or 8 players who wish to umpire this year please also tick the official/umpire box.

Years 1 & 2 - I will sort something out once we are all back at school and things are a little bit more normal.

Fees - I am not sure at this stage whether or not these will change due to the shortened season, so if you have not paid yet, hold off doing so till I have more information. If you have paid and it changes, I will sort that out also.

There is still room on the teams, if you would like to play but haven't registered, we would love to have you play so please get in touch. If you have any questions at all, please contact Lou Betts on 5268815 or louandian@xtra.co.nz



Max and Abby search for invertebrates at the stream with Mrs. Milnes. You can keep up with all the other happenings in Room 4 – previously known as the Indigo Room – at <https://room4-ngatimoti.blogspot.com/>

Orrin, Kuri, Leah, Leon, Jack, Liam and Vincent have been enjoying creating a fitness trail around the concrete track. Why not try this at home for those of you not at school at the moment? Send us your photos! Kuri star jumps, with Leah following, and Liam skis smoothly along the track!

