



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 5 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 Students return to school on Monday 18 May

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

18-19 June: Life Education Truck here at school

Ngatimoti School is ready for students! On Monday 18 May we welcome all students back to school.

I know many students will be excited about getting back to see friends and do their regular learning, while others may be anxious or detached from their learning. If you would like to phone for a chat about how we could perhaps manage your child transitioning back into school, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am open to a range of possibilities! Ali.

Our Ngatimoti Plan is to play it safe at Alert Level 2 by:

1. Reinforcing hand hygiene, washing and sanitising regularly.
2. Encouraging people to sneeze or cough into their elbow.
3. Keeping an element of physical distancing, where possible. This will include no assemblies for the first 2 weeks, and cautious choices with class sports and games.
4. Water fountains will not be available. Please bring a water bottle each.
5. If anyone is sick, they are expected to stay at home.

For all the pet lovers out there, and to reinforce some important messages with a bit of light heartedness, [This video is too good not to share](#) - 'Moist Breath Zone: NZ guidelines for children going back to school after Covid-19 quarantine' by Lake Brunner School Principal, Shirley Serban.

FAREWELL! Denys has left Room 5 recently and we wish him well at his new school. Good luck Denys!

WELCOME! We are excited to welcome Ardy to Room 1 next week. Welcome to our school Ardy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Happy Birthday to Ziah who celebrates his 7th Birthday this weekend. Have a fun day Ziah, from everyone at school



Too tempting to leave alone!
Vincent, Leah, Liam, Manu and Kuri enjoying autumn at school.



Library books and school property Many thanks to Davina and Sasha who have volunteered hours of their time this week to complete our Library stocktake. This was a big job and we have discovered there are more than 200 overdue books to be returned. Please check your home for school library books, or any school property (e.g. sports shirts), and bring them back to school next week. Thankyou!

So what have we been doing at school over the past 2 weeks? The students who have been able to attend have kept us all smiling with their stories and their writing, their maths and their problem solving, and their outdoors skills. We have had individual challenges like fitness trails and bike riding skills, and class challenges like helping to move in to Room 4 or bug hunting at the stream. Students have worked on their google classroom activities as well as other art or creative tasks, and have also kept up connections with others by writing letters, making cards or being on zoom. All in all, it has been a happy time for this small group of students!

We are now all wrapping up learning about bugs and will finish this off this coming week with everybody back at school and able to share ideas. Our next unit of learning is based around Māori legends.

Headlice We would like to encourage you to check your child's hair for headlice before they return to school and treat if necessary. This way we will be more likely to break the life cycle and eliminate these kind of bugs from our school community!



Fun on the bike track!

Vincent, Orrin and Max have enjoyed the opportunity to practise their cycling skills in the last couple of weeks.



Netball Thank you to all those who have registered to play netball this year. **Teams have been registered by Lou but 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 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. 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.

If you would like to play but have not yet registered, we would love you to join a team so please get in touch. If you have any questions at all, please contact Lou Betts on 5268815 or louandian@xtra.co.nz

Parent Group News Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer cakes for sale until further notice. We will continue to sell packets of Fruit Noodles for 50c each on Friday lunchtimes. Please send your child in with a 50c coin next Friday 22 May if they wish to buy a packet after their lunch. Remember to send your child with a healthy lunch and own water bottle every day.

Parent Group will arrange a meeting as soon as they are able, to discuss this year's Festival.

