

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 7 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...

4-5 June: Whaia Tania will be here at school to support our learning of Māori Legends.

11-12 June: Year 8 Leadership course at Whenua Iti

18-19 June: Life Education Truck here at school

24 June: Board of Trustees meeting



Happy Birthday to **Madi K**, who will be 7 years old this Friday!

Have a great day Madi, from everyone here at School!



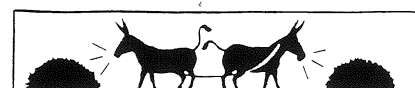
Farewell! We are sorry to have to say goodbye to four of our students this week. **Finnian & Aisling** are moving to the west coast and **Max and Abby** are moving to Nelson.

Good Luck and have fun at your new schools, we will miss you!

Changes to the way teachers report to you This term we are trialling a new way of reporting, which marries the written report with the old-style parent interview. Instead, we are allowing more time to discuss your child's progress, and in particular the key competencies which are the cornerstone of the NZ curriculum and the 'key' to most learning. We have already started with some meetings and plan to see everyone by the end of term.

Have you seen this diagram? It can be used in many different contexts, and this could include teachers and parents. Ultimately we all want the same (the best) for our students!

Another change happening at school this term is around our play and lunch eating times. To ensure students have the maximum amount of playtime, we have started to do a 'play then eat' regime. This means that at interval, everyone goes straight out to play at 10:30 am. When the bell goes at 10:45 a.m., classes sit together to have a snack. For some classes this means that slower eaters can finish snacking whilst the class teacher reads to them. At lunch time, everyone goes out to play at 12:30 p.m. When the bell rings at 1:10 pm, everyone is expected to sit in their class group to eat. At 1:20 p.m. teachers can read to their class while slower eaters continue eating. So far, this system seems to be working well.



It's not Rocket Science! Well actually...

This week Room 5 made bottles into rockets for science. We experimented with different amounts of water in the rockets to see which one went higher. *By Jack B*

Please return any school books you have at home! Special thanks to Davina and Sasha for getting the school library up and running again.

MoTec will resume this Friday for our Year 7 and 8 students. Remember to wear covered shoes and to bring lunch that does not require heating each Friday!





Enviro News By Sophie, Room 5.

Last Friday 22 May, our Ngatimoti ATYA students did a stream evaluation with Brooke Turner, Education Coordinator at Project Janszoon.



ATYA Stream Evaluation Results:

It is evident that our stream is very healthy and has passed the ATYA Stream Evaluation!

Right: Sophie helps to analyse the health of our stream along with our other ATYA representatives Riley, Kalahni & Sanne.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Bug Biodiversity	☺			
Water Clarity	☺			
Water Temperature	☺			
Water Colour	☺			
Water Smell		☺		
Algae	☺			
Stream Cover		☺		
Erosion		☺		

Netball Thank you to all those who have registered to play netball this year, however, we could still do with a few more players, so if you think you might like to give netball a go, we would love to have you.

At this stage, it is looking like the start date for netball at the Motueka courts will be **Saturday June 27th**.

Coaching - If there are any parents out there that would like to coach one of our teams this year, please talk to Lou. It is a set programme, with all skill sessions laid out in an easy to follow resource book. There will be plenty of support for you.

Year 7&8 have started training this week, and will continue to do so on a Tuesday after school till 4.30. As for the rest of you, watch this space.

PARENT GROUP NEWS: Following our AGM held prior to lockdown in March, our Parent Group are pleased to be in a position to make various donations to the community from our hugely successful 2019 Festival. Our school will receive a \$38,000 donation as the main recipient of Festival profits! ☺ We really appreciate the massive effort each parent goes to in making our festival happen each year, and we want to ensure that your children will benefit from this while they are at school here at Ngatimoti. A further \$2,200 is to be donated to several local charities and organisations - watch this space for further details once these are finalised.

Ngatimoti Festival 2020 - Sunday 25 October. We are beginning to make a few plans for this year's Festival. In these uncertain times, we will not yet be able to make some decisions, however if you have previously been involved we would love you to have a think about what role you would be keen to play in this year's organisation prior to, and on Festival day. Annie (Benji & Alex's mum) is our Parent Group Chairperson and Festival Craftstall Coordinator and you can contact her on 021 064 3232 if you have any suggestions. A meeting will be planned in the coming weeks and the bulk of Festival organisation will happen in Term 3.

Friday Cake Sales: We are unable to sell home baked cakes on Friday lunchtimes at the moment. *Fruit Noodles* are available to buy for 50c a packet. Please continue to send your child with their usual healthy lunch and their own, named water bottle every day.

Next Mon 2 June is a holiday! Enjoy your Queen's Birthday weekend; back to school on Tuesday!