

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 4 TERM 3 2020

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Term Dates

TERM 3 2020: Mon 20 July – Fri 25 Sept

TERM 4 2020: Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec

Festival Day: Sunday 25 October

Labour Day Holiday: Mon 26 October

Camp Dates

At this stage we are planning camps for Rooms 3 and 4 in the first week of Term 4. Parents who intend to stay overnight will need to be Police Vet checked. Please talk with your class teacher to plan this.

Room 4: 12 – 15 October at Marahau

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Room 5: 30 Nov – 4 Dec at Totaranui

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS! Congratulations to Isla who has celebrated her 13th Birthday yesterday. Sayla will be 11 years old this Friday. Best wishes both of you, from everyone here at school.



Dates for your diaries:

Week 4: Math Week

12 Aug: Board of Trustees meet at 5.30pm

14 Aug: Southern Dash cancelled



Week 5: Conservation Week

18 Aug: Motec Technology Challenge

Environmental Education sessions will run each Wednesday from 19 August for four weeks.

20 Aug: Winter Sports Tournament - Rm 4 students

21 Aug: Winter Sports Tournament - Rm 5 students

Week 6: 28 Aug: Rabbit Island Cross Country

Week 7: 1 Sep: Hot Shots Tennis Coaching for all classes

Week 8: 8 Sep: Tennis coaching, final session

Week 9: 16 Sep: Epro8 Technology Challenge

16 Sep: Board of Trustees meeting

Week 10: 23 Sep: Year 5/6 Library Quiz (selected students)

Student Led Conferences are also planned for week 10.

WELCOME! This week we welcome **Rafael** to Room 1. We hope you love your time here at Ngatimoti School! ☺

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

The shift in alert levels announced by the Prime Minister last night was the last thing any of us wanted to hear, but here at Ngatimoti School it will be business fairly much as usual. Alert Level 2 applies for us all from midday today.

- At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school and early learning. There will be appropriate precautions in place.
- If your children are unwell, please do not send them to school.
- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette are important.
- Soap and water is great for regularly washing hands.
- For schools, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).
- Please use the QR code poster on the office door for the NZ COVID Tracer App.
- Masks are not required at schools at Alert levels 2 and 3.



WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY We had perfect weather for our school Cross Country run this afternoon. Well done everyone who participated and thank you parents for your support and encouragement!



Our Ngatimoti School vision is for all students to become **R.I.V.E.R.** students, confident and able to navigate in a changing world. Last week's learning with the Life Ed truck fitted this beautifully, with a range of lessons about making choices. Ask your child to tell you more about this.



An open invitation to parents and caregivers: If you ever want to discuss your child's school life with a class teacher, please feel free to phone the office to make an appointment. We believe in the power of the triangle – with teachers, parents and children each having a side! Together we can work most things out ☺

Health and Safety: Yesterday we had a lockdown drill at school. A lockdown might be necessary for a range of events, including swarms of bees, smoke from forest fires or chemical spills. If we are in a police lockdown, we will not unlock doors for parents to enter. If you know we are in lockdown, please stay away!

NETBALL: Congratulations to Ngatimoti Diamonds who have finished the first round of the season undefeated and at the top of the A grade.

Their win on Saturday also won them the Presidents Trophy! Huge thanks to Ali and our awesome teachers that gave up their own time to come and support the team in what was a truly nail biting game. Well done also to last week's players of the day who were, **Ella Q, Izzy, Kiwa and Riley.**

Saturday 15th August:

Ngatimoti Stars - Please meet at the courts at 8.40 READY to warm up.

Ngatimoti Ferns - Please meet at the courts at 8.30 READY to warm up.

Ngatimoti Sapphires - please meet at 1.30 to warm up. Sapphires, you are also on court duty following their game.

Ngatimoti Diamonds - Please meet at 11.30am ready to warm up



Room One students have been experimenting with shape and colour to create this beautiful art work.



FESTIVAL: Yay, our Festival planning for the 19th Ngatimoti Festival is underway! The Ngatimoti

Festival is a huge event held each Labour Weekend. Over the years this has really put Ngatimoti on the map, and it has become known as one of the best festivals around. It is a festival that many of us look forward to as we can showcase our beautiful school at the same time as providing lots of fun and fortune! This is our only school fundraiser and as such we ask that all parents help out. Thanks to those who have already offered to help before, during or after the day. Although we would probably like it to be a day of fun for us, it is really a weekend of work. We are the hosts and so we are here to provide a great festival for our visitors. In doing this, not only do we make lots of money but by working alongside others, we get to know people in our community. The last few years the school has benefitted by knowing our community better and through the money raised. In 2019 we were given a \$38,000 donation, in 2018 \$45,000 and in 2017 \$40,000. This money goes towards a range of things, including free stationery for all students each year, free trips and shows, refurbishment of Rathgar House, musical instruments, buying the school van, solar heating the pool, swimming lessons & te reo lessons.

FLYERS: We distribute 5000 flyers around the region in early October to advertise our Festival. We are looking for one local business to advertise on these flyers. Ad size 8 x 2cm for a donation of \$100 towards Festival funds. Contact Amanda in the office for more details. There is only ONE space available ☺

TREASURE TROVE: Donations of second hand books, good quality toys, bric-a-brac, and furniture (by agreement with Errilyn) can be delivered Friday mornings to Errilyn at Playgroup or call 0274697263. Please DO NOT donate any clothes, shoes, damaged or electrical items.

PARENT ROSTER: There is a parent roster in the office for you to add your name wherever you would like to volunteer on the day. Many parents are already busy behind the scenes – call into the office or contact Amanda to put your hand up for a job, before she calls you! ☺

PARENT GROUP NEWS: 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. Dried Fruit Noodles are also for sale to students for 50c a packet.

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 1pm to help serve if you are able to. If not, no problem, send in some cakes or contact Catherine. Thanks parents! If you wish your child to buy a piece of cake and/or a pack of fruit noodles on Friday, please send them with the correct cash

in a named purse. The roster for this term is below:

Fri 14 Aug: River (Flint, Manaia) & Johan (Loke, Viggo)	
Fri 21 Aug: Kate (Orrin, Kuri) & Tamara (Leon)	Fri 11 Sept: Nic (Alex A) & Rachael (Zane)
Fri 28 Aug: Helena (Joe) & Esther (Ada, Sanne, Gabriel)	Fri 18 Sept: Bill (Tasmyn) & Warwick (Isla)
Fri 4 Sept: Tao (Madi K) & Catherine (Sequoia, Acacia)	Fri 25 Sept: Shane (Yuri, Ella, Ziah) & Claire (Connor, Libby)