

## NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 8 TERM 3 2020

Wednesday 9 September – Raapa 9 Mahuru

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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

### Camps 2020 for Rooms 3, 4 and 5:

Camps for Rooms 3, 4 and 5 will go ahead even if we remain in Level 2. Dates are as follows:

**Room 3** Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 October (2 nights away)

**Room 4** Monday 12 to Thursday 15 October (3 nights away)

**Room 5** Mon 30 Nov – Friday 4 December (4 nights away)



This week we welcome **Olivia and Marius** to our school. Olivia celebrated her 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday last weekend and joins us as a Room 4 student. Best wishes for your birthday Olivia from everyone here at school. Marius joins Room 3. We hope you love it here at Ngatimoti School!

Welcome back also to Rowena Wood who returns for her placement as a trainee teacher for the next few weeks. ☺

### Dates for your diaries:

Week 8: 9 Sep - Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm  
10 Sep - Room 3 and ATYA students at Bark Bay  
11 Sep - Rabbit Island Cross Country postponed  
FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING 3pm

Week 9: Te Wiki o te reo Māori  
16 Sep: Epro8 Technology Challenge  
17 Sep: Year 8 Motueka High School Interviews

Week 10: 22 Sep: Interschool Speech Competition  
23 Sep: Year 5/6 Library Quiz (selected students)  
24 Sep: Learning Tours and international lunch

Below: *Rua* leads the way through the tyres and *Sequoia* scrambles under the net at Whenua Iti



One area of our learning this term is about ancestry, which includes thinking about a country that your ancestors might have come from. There has been quite a buzz about some of this learning, and to finish off we plan to have an international lunch on Thursday 24 September. It would be great if each family could provide some food that has a connection to another country. We don't intend this to become a stressful situation for anyone so please only contribute what you can. Everyone will be offered food, which will be served by adults.

**Learning Tours** On Thursday 24 September we ask families to come in to school to see and hear from their children about their learning this term. This might include reading any recent writing and looking through exercise books but really it is an opportunity for your children to talk about what they are learning and practising. It would be great if every child is able to be supported. Classes will be open from 11 a.m. through till 2:45 p.m. for you to visit.

**Whenua Iti** Thank you to all the Room 1 parents who came along to support our great day at Whenua Iti this week. The new Mini Adventurers obstacle course challenged our juniors both physically and mentally, as they had to be brave and busy all day! The students all demonstrated their awesome RIVER values of respect, positivity, innovation, excellence and responsibility and had so much fun doing it!



**Quinn** drew this awesome picture and wrote: *I liked the obstacle course at Whenua Iti. It was fun crawling under the net.*

**Te Wiki o te reo Māori:** Next week is Māori Language week and we will have a special focus on learning te reo Māori. Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions we are unable to have River here to teach through te ataraangi.



*Left: Rafael and Jack enjoy some birdwatching at Enviro last week.* Today was our final Environmental study session for the term. Ask your child what they have been learning all about.

**Positive Puberty:** Room 5 students will begin a unit of learning called positive puberty which we do every second year. This is a part of our Health and Physical Education section of the NZ Curriculum. If your child is in Room 5, they will have a separate notice about this.

**TOUCH RUGBY – Ask Amanda for a registration form if you wish to join a touch rugby team for next term.** We need to register by Wednesday 23 September through the Recreation Centre in Motueka. This is not a school run competition, we enter teams and transport is parent’s responsibility, although a parent is welcome to drive the school van if available. Juniors (Y1/2) and Intermediates (Y3-5) play on Tuesdays, Seniors (Y6-8) play on Wednesdays after school. Players will be given school sports shirts to wear for the duration of the competition. \$15 per player for the term – payable to school. Text/email or call the office now for a registration form.

**NETBALL:** Huge congratulations to Ngatimoti Diamonds, who have completed the season undefeated finishing at the top of the intermediate A Grade, as well as earning themselves a place in next week’s Top Team Finals. Congratulations also to last week’s players of the day who were Skyla, Mila, Sanne, Ada and Riley, well played all of you.

**Ngatimoti Stars** - You get to play your last game of the season on Saturday. Please meet at the courts at 8.15 am READY to warm up. There will be no skill session before the game this week, just warm up then straight into a game of two 10-minute halves. Last skill session at school this Friday.

**Ngatimoti Ferns** - You also get to play your last game of the season this Saturday. Please meet at the courts at 9.15 READY to warm up. To accommodate all teams you will have a shorter game of two 10-minute halves. Last skill session at school this Friday.

**Ngatimoti Sapphires** - Your season finished last week on what was a well-played game. Well done to you all.

**Ngatimoti Diamonds** - Please meet at the courts at 12.30pm READY to warm up for your final.

Please note, that as we are still in level 2 restrictions, parents may not be able to join us in the courts.

**Team Photos** - I plan to do these at lunchtime on **Tuesday 15 September**, as well as collect in uniforms.

**Prize giving** - We will have our prize giving here at school on **Saturday 19 September from 2 pm**. More informati on on that next week.

**JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN DAY**  
**Saturday 19th September 3.00 - 4.00pm**  
**(pp Sunday) at Upper Moutere Tennis Club.**  
**FREE for all Ngatimoti School Students!**  
Games, hitting on the ball machine, FREE coaching and spot prizes. Go in the draw to win a NEW racquet! All ages and abilities welcome. See you there!  
To register for coaching for the new season - [tennisvanessa1@gmail.com](mailto:tennisvanessa1@gmail.com) 022 4600 320

**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:

<b>Fri 11 Sept: Nic (Alex A) &amp; Kyna (Phoebe, Ari)</b>
Fri 18 Sept: Bill (Tasmyn) & Warwick (Isla) Fri 25 Sept: Shane (Yuri, Ella, Ziah) & Claire (Connor, Libby)



**NBS Academic Quiz:** Good luck to our team of quizzers at tonight’s prestigious academic quiz in Nelson. Go **Isla, Louie, Ada, Sophie, Riley and Norah!**





# FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING THIS FRIDAY 11 SEPT

3pm AT SCHOOL ALL WELCOME!



**PLANT STALL** If you have any **small/medium boxes** suitable for our plants to be taken home in on Festival day, please take them to the Indigo Room. We also need **clean 6-cell pots for planting** - please leave these behind the school tunnel house. **Volunteers are also needed** to take a bread tray (or two or three) of plants home to look after until the festival. If you have a tunnel house or a spot inside your house that has good light please let me know. Contact Marian on 021 2400 416 or email [marianchick@gmail.com](mailto:marianchick@gmail.com) if you are keen to help.



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.



Our amazing auction team of Catherine, Kristin and Lisa are busy collecting donations for our Silent Auction from businesses and individuals. In today's business climate, we do not expect many businesses to be in a position to donate, however you may know of some businesses or individuals who are able to contribute to our auction. We are looking for services, pieces of art, good quality furniture items or vouchers for purchases or services. If you are able to help or have any suggestions, please contact Catherine on 021 761 764 or Kristin on 027 470 8224



**Animal Tent** We are on the search for any friendly animals you may be able to bring along for festival day, for example, rabbits, piglets, chickens, goats, lambs. No dogs please, and no animals are permitted to be sold on the day. If you have anything suitable please bear us in mind. **We are short of a team leader for the animal tent this year** - this involves helping to coordinate the animals, set up the marquee and fencing/gates to separate the animals. We will

also be looking for hay bales for this tent and small animal cages to borrow for the weekend. As a part of the animal tent, we run the infamous Cow Pat Bingo. If you are interested in leading this area please let us know.



**Lemons and Lemonade makers wanted** We are looking for volunteers to make homemade lemonade for us to sell by the cup on festival day. Please bring in any surplus lemons you have and let us know if you can make some lemonade syrup. On Festival day, we can also sell your surplus produce (e.g. lemons, eggs) on our plant stall. Thank you!

**FESTIVAL CAFÉ** Our café is based in Rathgar House on Festival day. We are still looking for volunteers to help us in this area and all parents are asked to donate a cake or some savoury baking for sale on the day. All donations towards our café are gratefully received. There is a cake competition on the Saturday (day before Festival) for all you competitive bakers out there!

**What are you doing on Festival day?** If you have not yet put your name on the parent roster for the day we will contact you soon to fill our gaps! We are particularly short staffed in the following areas: **BBQ and spit roast, Café, Kid Zone, Entry gates. Contact the office to volunteer your services on the day - we need you! Thank you.**



**SCARECROWS** The perfect holiday project for you and the kids! We love all the original and creative scarecrows that appear at the side of the road at this time of year. Please make a sign to go with your scarecrow declaring NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER (pointing in the general direction of School!) If you live off a main road please let us know and we will make sure we include you in our competition - there are prizes to be won!

Whilst we keep calm and carry on organising this year's Festival, you will be aware that if we do not return to Level 1 covid restrictions we cannot go ahead. This is the only reason we can foresee to cause the cancellation this year.

**Sunday 25 October 2020  
Labour Weekend  
10am - 4pm Rain or Shine!**



Marian is doing a great job keeping the Festival Facebook page alive and kicking - check it out, support our local businesses and sponsors and share the festival love!

We have the woodchoppers booked, the fire service are on stand by to deliver their awesome demos and recruitment drive, Blast bouncy castles are bringing their bouncy fun and jeeps, the pipe band and morris dancers are coming, Glenn is busy coordinating the live music stage, Dr. Dig is set for his digger action on the day, we have wonderful wool spinning, weaving and sheep shearing in place and we may even have pony rides organised!! Fingers crossed!

See you at the meeting on Friday! Queries email [ngatimotifestival@gmail.com](mailto:ngatimotifestival@gmail.com) or [office@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz)