

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – WEEK 9 TERM 4 2020

Wednesday 9 December – Raapa 9 Hakihea

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Next Wednesday is our final assembly.

This is held at the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall and will begin at 11:30 a.m. We will be finished by 12:30pm at the latest, when buses will take students home directly from the Hall. The assembly is an opportunity to farewell our Year 8 leavers and to acknowledge a few students with Certificates of Excellence. Parents, whānau and friends are most welcome to come along.

SWIMMING POOL NEWS Lunchtime swims are optional at the moment. If your child brings their togs and towel to school they may swim at the discretion of the class teacher. Catherine is offering swimming lessons during January, more details over the page.

Swimming pool keys are now for sale from the office for families to use the pool outside of school hours. For school families this will cost \$40. For the general public the cost is \$70. There is an agreement to sign, please contact the office to arrange the purchase of a key.

What's Happening in Term 4?

9 Dec – BoT Meeting

14 Dec – End of year music recital for all Glenn's music students

Bring your friends and family to see the musical progress made throughout the year and enjoy the performance – 7pm sharp!

16 Dec – Last day of Term 4. Final assembly. School finishes 12.30pm

HATS!

Please check your child has their own named, wide-brimmed hat at school. Thank you! ☺

One week to go and our 2020 school year will be over. What a year it has been, and what a fantastic way for our Seniors to finish by enjoying a great camp at Totaranui last week. Well done to everyone involved and special thanks again to the parents who were able to support this camp. It is support from families that makes our school a special place, and it is through school and home working together that our students are most likely to be successful.



Oh the places they will go! Our Year 8 students are ready to head off into the big wide world of High School. Good luck Louie, Tasmyn, Ara, Isla, Cayla, Ada, Sophie, Riley, Zane, Tawn, Norah, Manaia, Pasqual, Arjay and Lexus!

This Friday morning we need your support! Please come along to the unveiling of the pouwhenua, a beautiful carved pole that has been commissioned by Ngati Tama and carved by Tim Wraight. The formalities begin at 5:15 a.m and will conclude with a hearty breakfast. We need as many students here as possible to support by singing, to learn some of the stories encapsulated within the pou, and to be the great ambassadors to our school that they are. You are welcome to take your children home after the celebrations and bring them back to school later.

ALSO on Friday morning from 9:15 am Roger Sanders, master storyteller, is coming to tell us a story of migration. He will use his puppets to tell "The Boys with Wings". Pre-schoolers welcome!



Tim Wraight; Master carver and hole digger!



SUMMER HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS with Catherine Chick at Ngatimoti School Pool. Monday 18th Jan - Saturday 23rd Jan inclusive. Block course of 6 x 25min lessons. \$40 per child for the course. Lessons will be between 9.30am and 1pm each day. Please contact me if you are interested either by phone 021761764 or email catherinechick@gmail.com



What an exceptionally great group of people who enjoyed the senior class camp last week

Thank you to our ATYA students this year for their exemplary work, leadership and representation of our school. Riley, Sophie, Sanne and Kalahni have risen to all of the challenges this responsibility brings! These learning experiences will be with you for life. This Sunday all ATYA students have at day at Onetahua Marae in Golden Bay, where the 2021 students, Eloise, Madi, Chico and Gabrielle will be welcomed.

A 'Top Team' event for all Year 7 and 8 students is being held at Lower Moutere School this Monday. Students will work with students from other schools to take on some challenges and have some fun. One of the objectives for this day is for Year 8s to meet others who they might recognise at High School next year.

Touch Rugby Report from Coach Errilyn: Having won all our games in the season we walked into the semi finals with heads lifted high and with our sights set on a big win but unfortunately this didn't happen this game. This keeps us humble and grateful for some good competition on the field! We were excited to see Bella step up in the semi finals! We have seen huge progress in all the girls this season and their confidence to not let the boys hog the ball!~ Congratulations to Josiah who got Player of the Day yesterday! Well done Ngatimoti Ninjas! *Many thanks Errilyn for coaching the team this season, and all the touch parents too!*

Congratulations to Zane who came first out of approximately 25 riders in the NZ Dirt Nationals in Taupo last week.

farewell

A number of our students are not returning to Ngatimoti School next year for a variety of reasons. We will miss you all! Ada, Sanne and Gabriel are moving to Wellington. Skyla is going to attend Lower Moutere School in the new year, Nina and Ruby are also moving house and will go to Riwaka School in 2021.

Our year 8 students Zane, Louie, Tasmyn, Ara, Isla, Cayla, Ada, Sophie, Riley, Tawn, Norah, Manaia, Pasqual, Arjay and Lexus, we wish you all the best for your High School life and beyond!

Special thanks and farewell to the Kiddle family, including Esther who has been a fantastic part time and relieving teacher for us. Your environmental ethos, teaching skills and thoughtfulness have been most appreciated over the years. We will all miss you and wish you all the best.

Many thanks also to Andrea, who has served on the board of trustees for 5 years. You have brought professionalism, understanding and support to our team. Andrea now steps aside and we wish her all the best.

After 7 years in the job, Lou has decided to hang up her Enjo cloths! Lou, you are amazing, we will miss you here at school every day - good luck for your next venture, don't be a stranger, and we wish you a very Happy Birthday for today!

Happy Birthday Congratulations to Ada and Lacie who both celebrate their birthdays this week! Next week, Sophie and Norah will both celebrate becoming teenagers ☺ and during the holidays, Rua, Grace B, Arabella, Leah, Kalahni, Joe, Vincent, Libby, Louie, Jordan, Liam, Chico, Alex C, Benji, Maggie, Beau, Loke, Julius, Gabriel, Leighton, Connor and Ruby R will all celebrate! We hope you all enjoy your special days from all of us here at school.

CLEANER
WANTED

School Cleaner Wanted: 15 hours per week (3 hours per day) to start first week of February 2021. Apply to Ali principal@ngatimoti.school.nz before Friday 15 January or as soon as possible.

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. This term we also have Juicies for sale for \$1. 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 a Juicie on Friday, please send them with the correct cash in a named purse.

This Friday 11 Dec - Andrew McAllister & Jacqui Jenkins

THANK YOU PARENTS FOR THE DELICIOUS BAKING AND ALL YOUR HARD WORK THIS YEAR!

Picnic at the Reserve

After the final assembly next Wednesday 16 December, school families are welcome to come to the Reserve for a post-school picnic. This is an informal opportunity to have a pre-summer break catch up and play for children. Please BYO picnic (there will be juicies). Pool supervision by parents please. Call or text Annie 0210643232

Thanks to all the parents and families who have helped out at school this year, from those who have taken on a board role, helped at camp, taken kids on trips or volunteered in the class room, sports fields, music room or library.

Thanks to for everyone's contribution to another successful fundraising festival. Our kids are lucky to have the extra opportunities that the fundraising enables.

A special thanks and farewell for those parents and children who are finishing their Ngatimoti School time and our very best wishes to you. From Annie, Chairperson

SchoolPickUP

SchoolPickup.nz is an online store, selling a wide range of high-quality products. **50% of the profits go straight to Ngatimoti School.** We hope you have had a chance to view our new fundraising store. If you have made a purchase already, thank you so much. The proceeds we receive from each sale are appreciated. There is a 15% off coupon available <https://www.schoolpickup.nz/pages/ngatimoti-school>

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Dr Juan Liang, a researcher in Science Communication at Nelson Marlborough Institution of Technology (NMIT), and his research team are doing a study of public engagement with Predator Free 2050, a conservation campaign promoted by the New Zealand government. The research has been approved by the Human Ethics Committee (2020-B02) at NMIT. A survey is designed to collect data nationwide, which can be finished within 5 minutes. It is anonymous and asks about people opinion of and/or experience with Predator Free 2050. The survey is available via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LGKRT7J>



Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stay safe, be kind and enjoy your summer holidays.

*See you back at school to begin a busy and amazing 2021 on
Tuesday 9 February.*

