NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – WEEK 2 TERM 1 2021



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TERM DATES 2021

Term One: 9 Feb – 16 April
Term Two: 3 May – 9 July
Term Three: 26 July – 1 October
Term Four: 18 October – 20 December
Ngatimoti Festival Sunday 24 October 2021.

Good Friday - 2 April, Easter Mon- 5 April, Easter Tues- 6 April

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 23 Feb: Year 7 & 8 Riversafe training

Fri 5 March: Interschools Swim Sports at Motueka High

Mon 8 March: Year 5 & 6 Beach Safety day

Wed 17 March: Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm

Thurs 18 March: House Triathlon

Thu 18 March: Parent Group AGM 3pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO **LEON** who celebrates his 6th Birthday tomorrow! Have a fun day Leon from all of us at school [☺]

Many thanks to those who were able to support us with the Infomingle. It was great to see lots of parents chatting to others, listening to info in classes and generally helping out! If you have any questions or thoughts to follow up with, please make contact with the class teacher.

Until midnight tonight, we are under Level 2 Covid restrictions. Level 2 for us is not much different from Level 1, though we are reminding students about the importance of hand hygiene, sneeze etiquette etc. Just a reminder to you as parents and caregivers to keep students home if they are unwell and to keep us in touch. Please sign the visitors book and/or scan the QR code in the office or at the entranceway noticeboard if you enter the school grounds to enable easy contact tracing if necessary. A further announcement from the government is expected this afternoon.

<u>Welcome back</u> to Piers Comins, who will be with us as a teacher aide three afternoons a week this year. Welcome also to **Allanah** who joins Room 5 and we forgot to mention last week! ☺

<u>Announcing our 2021 House Leaders/Sports leaders</u>: Red House leaders are Nikau and Johanan, Green House leaders are Kiwa and Olivia, Blue House leaders are Jack B and Joe, Yellow House leaders are Chris and Sayla.

We are having House fitness each Monday morning and will have a fun House triathlon on 18 March. House groups give another way to encourage interactions between students from different age groups.

<u>Reading, reading.</u> Reading is complex, but we can all learn to read. Reading is one of the most fundamental skills taught in school, and I am sure all parents want their children to be able to read! You can support your child at home by reading to them, or with them. You might like to share the reading of a story - let your child just read a few of the words, or do a page each. Whatever you do, focus on being positive! Sometimes it might be that you just let

your child read alone for 15 minutes or so! Whatever you do, factor in even just a short amount of reading time each day. ☺

Tee Ball What a great session our students had last week with the Teeball coaches from Te Tau Ihu Baseball Association. The Country Schools games begin tonight, 4 pm till 5 pm, at the Moutere Sports Centre. All students, including Year 7 and 8s, are most welcome. Teams will be organised this afternoon, and there will be plenty of coaches there. The \$20 for the term should not be a barrier. There will be no collection of fees tonight! Let us know if you need support with this. This is a great opportunity for our kids to play sport in a fun way with coaching provided.

<u>ATYA (Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors)</u> have a Summer Retreat this wekend at Marahau. The programme begins with a session learning about geckos and skinks with a DOC ranger, then a walk to see the nightlife around Tinline. On Saturday the group venture to Awaroa, do some bird watching, learn some history and some photography skills, and walk to Bark Bay. Our Ngatimoti students will host the group there, sharing some of their learning. This is going to be a great weekend!



<u>HEALTH ALERT</u> We have had a case of school sores (impetigo) reported at our school. Please check your child for signs of infection. This is a common skin infection, however it is contagious, uncomfortable and your child should be seen by a medical professional if school sores are suspected. More details from the Ministry of Health <u>here</u>.

<u>Board of Trustees News</u> Our board meets for the first time this year tonight at 5.30pm. If anybody is interested in joining the Board of Trustees, please contact a Board member to discuss, or you can look at our school website for some information. Our current Chairperson is Sophie Jackson (Zeph's mum) 021 022 06977



Touch Rugby at Motueka

All students should bring the following items to school each day: **Healthy waste-free lunch, water bottle, wide-brimmed hat, and swimming togs and towel for every day class swimming**. Lunchtime swimming is optional and at the class teacher's discretion. Please name your child's belongings, there is a lost property box just inside Rm 5 if you are missing anything.

Recreation Centre Registration forms are due back at the school office before 24 February. Registration forms are available from Amanda in the office to join a team to enter the touch rugby competition organised by Sport Tasman. Juniors and Intermediates (Y1-6) play on Tuesdays after school, Seniors play on Wednesdays. There is also the option for seniors to attend a referee course. Player fees are \$15 for the term and transport to Motueka is parent's responsibility. Competition start date to be confirmed.

<u>Year 7 & 8 News:</u> Motec Mondays this year in Motueka. The cost to parents for these sessions is \$60 for the year. Thanks to those who have already paid, you can pay online to 03 1354 0359568 00 or cash at the office. **Immunisation Consent Forms** Please return these before the end of this week even if you are not consenting.

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 (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 along with their healthy lunch.

Friday 19 February: Marian (Freddie, Pedro & Tui) and Annie (Alex & Benji)

Friday 26 February: Craig (Kaisami & Grace) and Lisa (Julius & Sultan)

Friday 5 March: Errilyn (Malachi, Josiah, Alyssa) and Rebecca (Quinn & Tara)

Friday 12 March: John (Nikau) and Marlene (Olivia & Marius) Friday 19 March: Tobias (Manu) and Tomas (Kuri & Orrin)

Friday 26 March: Bex (Arabella, Orianna, Milena) and Shannon (Lacie & Ardy)

Friday 2 April: Easter Friday Holiday

Friday 9 April: Kirsten (Chris) and Catherine (Acacia & Sequoia)

Friday 16 April: Sophie (Zeph) and Kate (Ella P)

PARENT GROUP AGM THURSDAY 18 MARCH 3pm RATHGAR HOUSE

All welcome, come along, meet other parents and make some plans for the year ahead. Questions?
Ask Annie, PG Chairperson and mum of Alex & Benji - 0210643232



French classes for children starting on Mon 22 Feb

4 to 8 years old: 3.45pm
 8 to 12 years old: 4.15pm
 at the Mapua school library (or possibly at Riverside community if there's enough interest) Contact me on messenger or call/text
 0221037402 to enrol for term 1 classes - Eugénie





Teen Brain

Waimea College - Nelson
Thurs 18 March 2021 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz

Early bird ticket prices available Get in quick!



