



## NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – WEEK 3 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 2 March: Mana Whaitake

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

**Our R.I.V.E.R. values form the backbone of our behaviour management system.** I wonder if your child knows them off by heart? (Respectful Innovative positive Excellent Responsible)

This week we have been talking about what **respectful** students look, sound and feel like. In the Senior Class, we discussed the concept of self-control as an important part of being respectful. In all classes, we have talked about respect for others, for property, for rules and respecting yourself.

As a part of our programme, we issue RIVER cards to students who may be noticed using the values. To be honest, most of our students are pretty awesome at using the RIVER values most of the time. The RIVER cards are a fun way to reinforce some positive behaviours, and consist of two parts. The child who is awarded one can take one part of the card home to show you (and you might decide to reward that at home!) and then places the other part in the takahe letterbox, where we do a lucky draw each week. On Monday, **Orrin, Grace B and Zeph** were all lucky winners!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Josiah** who celebrates his 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday this weekend! **Jack E** will also turn 8 years old on Monday and **Miss Kennedy** celebrates her birthday next Wednesday. Wishing you all a very happy birthday from everyone here at school 😊



*A raft building challenge to cross the river swiftly and safely. Great work team!*

**River Safety:** Yesterday Room 5 students enjoyed a great day at the river with Johnny and Charlie from Whenua Iti, learning skills about being safe in and around the river. Well done to all involved, for showing self control, and an awareness of others.

**Leadership opportunities:** Nominations for our school enviro-leaders and Student Council are now open! If your child would like to be considered as a leader in one of these groups, it is important that he/she approaches Ms Turner by **this Friday**. 😊

**Mana Whaitake 2021** A small group of students have been invited to represent our school at the Mana Whaitake event being held at Kaiteriteri next Tuesday. This event is designed around learning about the sea, as well as the specialness of the Kaiteriteri environment. Good luck to **Arabella, Allannah, Olivia, Johanan, Nikau, Chico, Ruby, Leighton, Kaisami, Alex C, Ella and Tui.**

**Touch Rugby** We have not had enough interest to form any touch teams this term - apologies to those players who were keen to form a team. **There is a one-day touch tournament run by Soultion Sports this Saturday 27 February at the Motueka High School playing fields for Year 4 – 6 students only. This is a fun tournament with spot prizes available for fair play and sportsmanship and there will be a sausage sizzle and bouncy castle. The event runs from 10am – 1pm. Mixed teams of boys and girls are required to register so for us to enter a team please let us know here at school if you are keen ASAP.**

**Motueka Inter-School Swimming Sports** is being held next Friday 5 March at the Motueka High School Pool. This is a competitive event, and teachers are considering who will represent us. Good luck to our swimmers!

**Our ATYA students enjoyed an amazing weekend of activities and interactions in the Abel Tasman National Park.** Thanks for representing us well, and thanks Mr Hepburn and Miss Kennedy for giving up your weekend to support this opportunity.

**Reading** – thanks parents for prioritising some time for reading each day with or to your children! If you would like to come and talk to a class teacher about reading material, please don't hesitate to ask!

**Board of Trustees News** If you are interested in joining the Board, come along to our next meeting on 17 March to see and hear what goes on!

A part of our board's responsibilities are policy reviews, and since we have joined SchoolDocs in 2020 it is easy for parents to access and review our policies and procedures too! This term's reviews are *Home Learning* and *Finance and Property Management*. Your feedback goes directly to our Principal and is subsequently reviewed by the board. If you are interested follow the instructions below:



1. Visit the website <https://ngatimoti.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (ngatimoti) and password (river).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name.
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

**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 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

**Motueka Junior Football Club 2021** season registrations are now open. Please follow the appropriate link on the front page of our club website. Age range from 4 to 60 yrs <http://www.motuekafootball.co.nz>



**All young people and adults are invited to a free presentation at Motueka Recreation Centre on Wednesday 10 March from 7pm – 8.30pm.**

Amped4Life is a non-profit organisation founded by Pat Buckley. Pat's presentation focuses on identifying drugs of use; current trends: warning signs & symptoms and an authentic message which drives home the fact that one bad choice can change your life. More information at [www.amped4life.net.nz](http://www.amped4life.net.nz)

**KAI FEST  
MOTUEKA**  
**GOODMAN FIELD**  
next to the Rec Centre on Old Ward Rd  
**11 AM - 6 PM**  
**SUNDAY 28 FEB 2021**

Motueka Kai Fest is a colourful fun day bringing community together in celebration of our region's outstanding produce

**CONNECTING COMMUNITY - BUILDING RESILIENCE**

New, big location with 2 entertainment stages  
kai (food) - local & international flavours - performances  
great local bands - games - workshops - cook off competition

Entry: Gold Coin Koha