



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – WEEK 4 TERM 1 2021

Wednesday 3 March – Raapa 3 Poutū-te-rangi

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TERM DATES 2021

Term One: 9 Feb – 16 April

Good Friday holiday – 2 April,

Easter Mon– 5 April, Easter Tues– 6 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.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Mon 8 March: Year 5 & 6 Beach Safety day

Revised swim sports for Year 7/8 students

Fri 12 March: Provisional date for rescheduled Mana

Whaitake at Kaiteriteri for selected students

Wed 17 March: Board of Trustees meeting 5.30pm

Thurs 18 March: House Triathlon

Thu 18 March: Parent Group AGM 3pm

Fri 19 March: Y7/8 Science Roadshow at Motueka High

Fri 26 March: Room 1 plan to visit Bark Bay

Fri 1 April: Room 5 visit Bark Bay

CONGRATULATIONS to **Grace W** who celebrates her 10th Birthday on Tuesday next week! We hope you have a lovely day, from everyone here at school!

On Monday, **Otene, Cora, Stella, Nikau and Chico** were all lucky draw RIVER card winners. Well done all of you for modelling our RIVER values!

As Covid raises its head again, we want to reassure you that we are maintaining high standards of cleanliness at Ngatimoti School, and following directives from the Ministry of Education.

Our plan if we need to go in to lockdown again is that Room 4 and 5 students (Mr Hepburn and Miss Kennedy's classes) should have access to a laptop or Chrome book. To help with any potential lockdown planning, please could you let Amanda at the office know about your internet connectivity and if you would need a school device. There will be some digital tasks available for students in Room 3; however, our priority for our junior classes is not to need to use a device. Furthermore, if you have any thoughts, concerns or suggestions about what schoolwork might look like under Covid, please feel free to contact Ali.

Unfortunately Covid has meant that the Mana Whaitake Environmental Challenge day that was scheduled for Tuesday this week did not go ahead. The postponement date is now Friday 12 March.

The Motueka Inter-School swimming sports were cancelled, however a small group of schools plan to meet at Lower Moutere School for a modified swimming sports morning this coming Monday 8 March. This will be for a number of Year 7 and 8 students. The Year 5 and 6 class are away to Kaiteriteri with Whenua Iti on Monday for a Beach Safety Day.

Leadership opportunities: Thank you to all those who applied for leadership positions in the Student Council and as Enviroleaders. For 2021 our Student Councillors are **Nikau, Libby, Kalahni, Acacia, Chris, Leighton, Jack C, Julius, Haze, Grace B and Zeph**. Our Enviroleaders for the year are **Jack B, Joe, Kyrin, Phoebe, Sayla, Olivia, Beau, Ella P (R4), Alex C and Kaisami**, in addition to our **Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors Madi M, Eloise, Chico and Gabrielle**. Congratulations all of you!



Bus News By now many of you will have heard about our bus accident yesterday, when the 'big bus' ran out of road, just up from Pokororo. It seems the relief driver was a little too far to the left and the back wheel caught in the soft soil on the side of the road. Slowly the whole bus was pulled into the ditch. Whilst nobody was hurt, this has been a lesson to us all. Students must stay seated and keep their arms inside the bus. Although in this case it doesn't sound like the driver was distracted, we can see how easily an accident can happen. Huge thanks to Claire, who was first on the scene, and who calmly helped to unload the 7 students. Thanks also to Brent for your tractor and support, and to Kathryn for the traffic management. As a staff we are reviewing communication in light of this incident. Many thanks to everyone for your care and understanding!

Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories in the National Curriculum In 2019 the Prime Minister and Minister of Education announced that Aotearoa New Zealand's histories will be taught in all schools and kura from 2022 onwards. We would like to hear your views on the draft curriculum content. More information and an online survey are available at www.education.govt.nz/aotearoanzhistories

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! If you have not yet done so, parents are invited to take a look at our SchoolDocs website and send some feedback on the school's policies and procedures. 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:



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.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Come, dance your socks off to the wonderful

ZAMBUKO MARIMBA

Motueka Valley Band



**SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH 5-8PM,
SHEDWOOD HALL, TAPAWERA**

ENTRY: \$10 (or koha) and/or partners bring a plate

PROCEEDS TO THE ZIMBABWE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE & NETWORK

(<https://www.zwrcn.org.zw> \$ to be sent March 8th)

TAPAWERA BENEFIT GIG

Supported by Zambuko Marimba & Shedwood Hall



Sport Tasman are here for the next few Fridays to coach some basketball skills ©

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 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)



THURSDAY 18 MARCH

3pm in RATHGAR HOUSE

ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

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 60yrs <http://www.motuekafootball.co.nz/>