



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – WEEK 9 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.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 8 April: Room 3 visit Bark Bay

Monday 12 April: Room 3 visit Motueka Library

Wednesday 14 April: Room 5 visit Bark Bay

3 May: Term two begins

7 May: Last day to register for UC Kiwi Exams for Y5 - 8

12 May: Board of Trustees meeting

20 May: School photos

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tara is looking forward to her 6th birthday this weekend, and Glenn celebrates his special day too!
Best wishes from everyone here at School!

Our swimming pool is now closed

If you have a pool key, please return it to the office for your \$10 refund ASAP. Thank you!



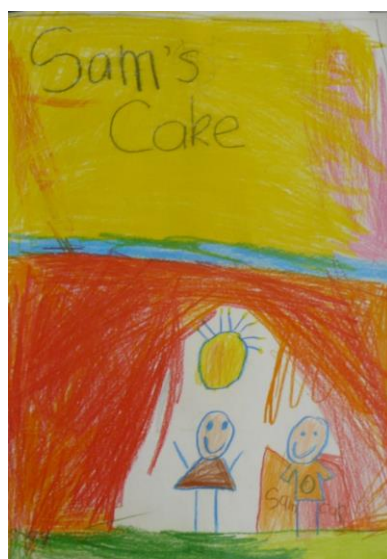
Increasing reading levels is a school-wide goal for us at Ngatimoti School this year.

Reading is fundamental to all areas of learning, and you will understand that children who are able to read well at primary school level have a head start on further learning.

In the junior part of our school, we have invested heavily in teacher training to learn about the science of reading, and in appropriate teaching material. Teachers of all classes teach the skills of reading, however we have some concerns that for many students, more time is needed practising these skills.

For this, **we need help from home.** Please dedicate time most days to listen to your child reading. Of course, reading at home shouldn't become stressful for anyone! Sometimes it might be that you read the story and maybe your child just reads the last word of each sentence. Maybe you take turns reading page by page. Giving time and positivity to reading at home really does make a significant difference.

If you would like to come to school to see a reading lesson in action, or if you would like to talk about how to help your child practise their reading, please make an appointment with the class teacher. We are more than happy to make time to talk with you.



As a part of our reading achievement target, we are looking at reorganising the non-fiction section of our school library. This should make it easier for students to find non-fiction books to read. On **Tuesday 27 April**, in the second week of the holidays, teachers will be spending the day sorting and re-classifying books. If any parents are willing and able to help for an hour or two, that would be most appreciated. Please let us know. 😊

Because of these proposed changes to the library, we will close the school library for the last week of term. Please return all books this week to help with our stocktake. Thank you.

We have been running a competition to design a book cover. Students from all classes have entered. Shown above are a couple of imaginative examples from the junior room. Come and see the amazing display in the school Library! Winners will be announced before the end of term.



NETBALL SEASON 2021 Thank you to all those who have registered for netball this season, **we still desperately need a couple more players for our year 5/6 team**, if there are any year 5/6's that think they might like to give netball a go, we would love for you to come join us. **There are also a couple of year 7/8 players that still need to register.** All training/skill sessions and games will start at the beginning of next term. If there is a day that anybody absolutely cannot train after school please let Lou know asap, louandian@xtra.co.nz, 526 8815 or 021 0457798. **To register go to sporty.co.nz/motuekanetball, click on Player Registrations 2021, Club/School List. Find Ngatimoti School and click on Registration Form**

Room One students went on a flower hunt, then drew a picture of the flower they chose. Orrin and Juniper proudly show us their artwork!

Working Bee

Sat 10 Apr

Parents are having a working bee at the pump track/bike track on the reserve next to the school grounds this **Saturday 10 April**. If you are able to, please come along at **10am** for a couple of hours, with any weed eaters and tools you may think useful. The community rooms will be available for kitchen/toilet facilities. If wet, we will try for Sunday 11 April.

MINIBALL

Brodie from Sport Tasman has been giving our students some miniball (basketball) training this term here at school. Now is the time to register your child's name at the school office to play in a team next term at the Motueka Recreation Centre. The cost to parents is \$15 per player for the term. School sports shirts are provided and transport to Motueka is parents' responsibility.



Sultan, Jack, Chris, Eloise and the rest of Room 5 practice their mini ball skills

Start Date: Monday 17 May– Junior and Intermediate, Wednesday 19 May – Senior grades

Time: Matches start at 3:30 pm. Games run for 2 x 12 minute halves.

Grading: Year 3 & 4 children play in the Junior grade on Mondays, Year 5 & 6 play in the Intermediate grade on Mondays. Year 7 & 8 play in the Senior grade on Wednesdays.

Policy Review We invite you to visit our SchoolDocs site at <https://ngatimoti.schooldocs.co.nz> Our username is "ngatimoti" and password "river". This term's policy review comes to an end on 16 April.

Photographs Taken at School / On school trips

I currently have thousands of photos on my hard drive of children from Ngatimoti School. These include photos from cross-countries, triathlons, sports days, Waka trips, pet day, school centenary, touch rugby, Kai Fest, field trips, the Ngatimoti Festival and more. I would like to create a way to be able to share these images with parents and students. If parents wished, the files could be purchased for a small cost. (\$4 per file with bulk discounts available)

So far, this is what I have come up with: Using the cloud storage facility SmugMug, I would upload photos from an event and they would be available to view for 2 weeks. The current parents of Ngatimoti school (or a smaller group ie Room 4 parents, for a Room 4 trip) would be emailed a link to these images. Only someone with the link would be able to view the images. For this reason, parents should not share the links with other people.

If you wanted to purchase files, you would email an order directly through to me. If you want to buy files but perhaps not immediately, you would just need to write down the file numbers and event name for ordering at a later date as the folders will only be open for viewing for the 2 weeks.

Images can only be purchased by parents whose children are in the photos (unless permission is given by other parents). When viewed, the photos will be watermarked to avoid use of images without purchasing first. Any images taken by me which appear in the newsletter would be free of charge for the parent (you can either email me, or Amanda at the office, to receive these files).

If you do not wish for any images of your children to be used on this platform then please get in touch and I will make sure that they are not. It may also be a good idea to discuss this with your children too.

At this stage, I am just working through how it would all work and I am very keen to hear feedback on how you feel about this or suggestions for how it could be best managed. I am aiming for the first photos will be ready to view in early Term 2 so please be in touch before then if you have any concerns.

I can be emailed at marianchick@gmail.com or feel free to call me on 0212400416 to discuss further.

Thanks, Marian (Tui, Pedro & Freddie's Mum)

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

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

NB: Gluten free & vegan options available for those who need them

Dyslexia Information: A four-week course for parents and teacher aides Dyslexia, structured literacy, specific learning difficulties, parents, teacher aides. Every Thursday evening, for four weeks, from 6th May to 27th May, 2021 7-9pm at Greenmeadows Community Rooms, Kereru Room (Corner Main Road Stoke and Songer Street) Stoke. \$50pp+gst for all 4 sessions. *Parents: if you wish to carpool using the school minivan, please check availability with Ali.* **REGISTER AT** <https://www.lancewoodeducation.co.nz/slddyslexiainformation4week>



Supernova Child-Care
Before, After-school and
Holiday Programmes

Before and After School Care - Pioneer Hall Riwaka
Starting Monday 3rd May 2021

For Registration or enquires contact
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GO WILD!
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME **Apr 19-23**

5 days, 9am - 3pm
\$300*pp
7 - 10 YRS

A week of mini adventures
to get outdoors & have fun!

Enrol Online:
www.wio.org.nz

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