



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – WEEK 1 TERM 2 2021

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TERM DATES 2021

Term Two: 3 May – 9 July

FRI 4 JUNE – TEACHER ONLY DAY

MON 7 JUNE – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Term Three: 26 July – 1 October

Term Four: 18 October – 20 December

Ngatimoti Festival Sunday 24 October 2021.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

7 May: Last day to register for UC Kiwi Exams for Y5 – 8
7 May: Last day to register for Miniball (more details p2)
12 May: Board of Trustees meeting
13 & 14 May: Whole school waka trips to Kaiteriteri
17 May: Room 4 visit Motueka Library
18 May: School Cross Country
19 May: Pink Shirt Day
20 May: School photos
21 May: Enviro Day
24 – 25 May: Life Education Truck visit

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone!

This week we welcome new students **Connor and Zoe** to Room 1 and **Denys** returns to Room 5. It's great to see you all here at school. Our roll now stands at 90 students; 43 girls and 47 boys 😊

Maths There has been a lot of media attention given to the decline in NZ maths results over the last few years. I think there is some cause for concern, although most students from Ngatimoti School tend to hold their own when they get to High School. At Ngatimoti School, teachers plan for maths every day. Maths lessons include some 'maintenance' activities, some practice time and regular new learning sessions. As Principal, I can assure you that our students are being taught maths regularly, and the large majority of students are happily engaged in their maths sessions. Unfortunately a number of children do struggle to progress.



*Luke, Makaira and George enjoying the new playgroup sandpit.
Louie and Tui designed the sandpit in 2020
Both innovative and excellent!*



As you know, our logo is based on the equilateral triangle, whereby teachers, parents and students are represented by a side each. If parents are able to support the triangle, and students actively participate, then learning is strengthened.

Teachers base some of our 'maintenance' work on the Ngatimoti Basic Facts tests that all students do each term. These tests are available on our website, and I encourage you to look at them to see what we expect at each level. Test 1 is designed for mastery i.e. achieving 100% by the time students leave Room 1, Test 2 is designed for mastery by the time students leave Room 3, Test 3 is designed for mastery by the time students leave Room 4 and Test 4 is designed for mastery by the time students leave for High School. Of course there is a lot more maths happening than just these Basic Facts, but I think this is an area students can be supported with at home. Please don't just do the tests with your child! Instead, have a look at what is in the relevant test, and each day make up two or three similar sums for your child to practise. If you would like to talk more about your child's progress in maths, please feel free to contact the class teacher.

Waka Next week all students will have an opportunity to paddle a waka at Kaiteriteri. This is a part of a social sciences unit which involves learning about journeys and migration, working together, being brave and learning Māori tikanga and practices. On **Thursday 13 May, Room 5 and Room 3** (Mr Hepburn and Mrs Roberts) will take their classes. They will leave at 9 a.m. and be back by 3 p.m. We need some parents to provide transport please, and to help supervise or paddle!

On **Friday 14 May, Room 4 and Room 1** (Miss Kennedy, Miss Reid and Mrs Wood) will take their classes, leaving at 9 am and back by 3 pm. They also need parents to transport, supervise and/or paddle. Please fill in the slip at the bottom of this newsletter giving your permission for your child to participate, and indicating your availability ☺



SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT THURSDAY 20 MAY

Scott will be here to take our annual school photos next Thursday. Please let Amanda know if you wish to have family/sibling photos taken ☺

Te Reo Yesterday was the first combined teachers/parents te reo lesson and it was great! If there is anybody else who wants to join the group on a Tuesday 3:15 till 4:15 pm, this is your last chance. Please let River and Ali know. river@tereomaori.org or principal@ngatimoti.school.nz Students will begin their te reo lessons with River in Week 6.



Enviro Day: "It's Cool To Be An Enviro School" Our enviro leaders and our Student Council will host teachers and students from 13 schools here at Ngatimoti School on **Friday 21 May**.



Pink Shirt Day With so much happening, we are celebrating Pink Shirt Day on **Wednesday 19 May**. The Student Council have some fun activities at lunchtime and some spot prizes for people wearing pink! Pink Shirt Day is a day to particularly think about being kind and inclusive, which is a significant part of showing Respect (the first R in our R.I.V.E.R. values)

MINIBALL REGISTER NOW to play in a team 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. **Start Date:** Monday 17 May– Junior & Intermediate, Wednesday 19 May – Senior grades. Matches start at 3:30 pm. **At this stage, we do not have enough players to form a team – let Amanda know before the end of this week to register your interest.**

LIBRARY Huge thanks to **Davina, Sasha and Lynette** who volunteered a whole day in the holidays to the reorganisation of our school library non-fiction. We appreciate your help, the library is looking amazing!

NETBALL SEASON 2021 Year 7 & 8 netball training will continue each Tuesday from 3-4.30pm. Netball competition for the year 7&8's commences this Saturday with the Yvonne Primmer Special Fixture. Ngatimoti Diamonds will have 3 games throughout the day, each game consisting of 2 x 10 minute halves. Please meet at the courts at 9.30am READY to warm up for your first game at 10am. Your other two games are 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Fundraising at the courts this week is being run by A J Binns, raising money for Heart Kids New Zealand. AJ is running this by himself as well as umpiring about 6 games through the day. If anyone can spare a little help by either providing some home baking or helping out on the stall throughout the day it would be very much appreciated. Saturday netball for the year 3 to 6's will commence on Saturday May 15th (training Wednesdays 3-4pm at school)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This week **Makaira** will turn 6 years old and **Eloise** will be 12 years old. Congratulations also to **Luke** who turned 6 last month. Best wishes all of you, from everyone here at school!

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB!

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES WITH GLENN

Meet outside Rathgar House at 12.30pm. All ages welcome, with or without shoes is fine. Training for our school run on 18 May and Interschool's competition at Rabbit Island on 18 June.



NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL 2021 – SUN 24 OCTOBER

We don't want to scare you, however we would like to bring to your attention that donations towards our Treasure Trove and Silent Auction can now start to be gathered.

For our **Treasure Trove** we are looking for good quality bric-a-brac, toys, furniture, books and household items. We cannot accept clothes, shoes or electrical items, and please do not send in any broken items. Errilyn (Malachi, Josiah & Alyssa's mum) and Emelie (Loke & Viggo's mum) are collecting donations so please talk to them if you have something to offer: Errilyn can be contacted on 0274697263, and Emelie at 0277635872.

Catherine and Kristin are our **Silent Auction** superstars and they will be collecting donations of services, goods, art etc from businesses all over NZ. Keep this in mind if you are travelling the country or have any ideas for donations to the Festival auction.



R2D2 was a big hit to round off last term. The students were fascinated, learning how he was created with a 3D printer – they even got to see his insides!

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.
Gluten free & vegan options available for those who need them

Friday 7 May: Ciaran (Tadhg & Cora) and Sam (Bella & Connor)

Friday 14 May: Johan (Loke & Viggo) and Nic (Alex A)

Friday 21 May: John (Isabella), Shane (Yuri & Ella), Craig (Rachel & Lucy), Andy (Maggie)

Friday 28 May: Jacqui (Leah) and Chance (Chase)

Friday 4 June - Teacher only day, no school

Friday 11 June: Tao (Madi & George) and Gary (Jack C)

Friday 18 June: Brent (Stella) and River (Flint)

Friday 25 June: Andrew (Mila) and Alistair (Jack & Liam)

Friday 2 July: Greg (Sayla) and Clare (Connor & Libby)

Friday 9 July: Juliette (Kyrin) and Alistair (Phoebe & Ari)

WAKA TRIP TO KAITERITERI – THURS 13 MAY (Rm 3 & 5) or FRI 14 MAY (Rm 1 & 4)

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK OR EMAIL WRITTEN PERMISSION TO OFFICE@NGATIMOTI.SCHOOL.NZ

I give / do not give permission for my child (name/s) to travel to Kaiteriteri to participate in the waka experience on Thursday 13 May / Friday 14 May

I am available / not available to help transport / supervise / paddle with students (delete as appropriate)



Signed Parent/ Guardian

