



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 7 TERM 3 2021

Wednesday 8 September - Raapa 8 Mahuru

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TERM DATES 2021

Term Three: 26 July - 1 October

Term Four: 18 October - 20 December

Ngatimoti Festival Sunday 24 October 2021

Happy Birthday Best wishes to all of you who celebrated your special days during the lockdown: Tui, Orianna, Chris, Lucy, Olivia, Phoebe and Rachel, we hope you enjoyed your bubble birthdays!

Science Survey A fun science experiment is being sent home in an envelope with a child from each family this week. Mrs Milnes is hoping to gather information about parents' hopes and expectations around science learning at Ngatimoti School. Please return to the office or Room 4 when completed. One survey will be drawn out to win a prize! Thank you ☺

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Week 7: Conservation Week

PARENT FESTIVAL MEETING FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 3pm
Environmental study sessions begin to the end of term.

Week 8: Māori Language Week

Tuesday 14 September: Room 4 Ski Trip

Thursday 16 September: Board of Trustees meeting at 5.30pm

MOTEC sessions resume as normal on Monday 13 September

Week 9: Mon 20 September: Room 1 plan to visit Motueka Library. Students will travel on the school bus with the Motec students.

Week 10: Mon 27 September: Y7/8 Epro8 Challenge for selected students, 5pm at Lower Mouere Hall.

Tuesday 28 September: Y5/6 Epro8 Challenge for selected students, 9.30am at Lower Mouere Hall.

Wed 29 September: All Y6 students visit Motec for the expo in preparation for next year.

We are hoping to resume te reo classes next week for students, staff and parents. To be confirmed.

Nau mai hoki mai, welcome back to school and Level 2!

School resumes tomorrow, Thursday 9 September. Buses will run as normal. Please let us know via text, email or phone if your child will not attend school. If your child is unwell at all, or if you are isolating for any reason, they should not attend.

Students need to bring their own water bottle, lunch and practice recommended good hygiene habits such as hand washing. Please also return any school computers, chargers and/or school equipment you may have borrowed or had delivered over lockdown. It may also be a good idea for students to bring their own bikes, scooters or sports equipment (name them please!) to reduce shared contact of these items.

Ideally, please drop your children off at the school gate if they do not travel by bus, however if you do enter the school grounds please scan the QR code and/or sign in at the office.

Social distancing rules will be maintained as much as possible, with 1m spacing recommended. Masks are not mandatory, however students are welcome to wear them if they wish if aged 12 and above. There will be no whole school assembly this week.

Thank you all for your support, we are looking forward to seeing all the students back at school.



This week is Conservation Week and the focus is 'take a moment to notice nature'. We have been doing many nature-based activities at school at level 3 and through our distance learning. Jack C is pictured here making some flax rope, and over the page you can see Nicholas working beautifully with harakeke too! Well done all of you who have persevered with your learning at home ☺





Eleanor shows us her maths pizza. Ka pai!



THIS FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER at 3pm

A parent meeting will be held to make some pressing decisions regarding this year's Festival. For example, Parents Group would like to purchase a new greenhouse, as our current one has been beaten by the weather. There are lots of opportunities to help out in the planning for this year's festival so come along and find out what needs to be done. We are continuing with our planning in the hope that the country is reduced to Level 1 Covid restrictions and the festival can go ahead. Have you been thinking about your scarecrows for this year yet? It's a wonderfully fun and creative way to advertise our famous festival! ☺



Volleyball We are hoping our volleyball players can resume play next week. Parents will receive notification emails from Allan Brodie as soon as this can be confirmed.

Room 4 Ski Trip confirmation notices will be sent home tomorrow from Lauren. Fingers crossed this will go ahead!

Board of Trustees News

School Donations: Our board of trustees have opted into the Ministry of Education School Donations scheme once again for 2021/22. This means that it is not compulsory for parents to pay donations to the school. However, contributions are gratefully received, and we thank you all for your huge efforts around festival, which enable our school to participate in many activities we otherwise may not be able to.

Term 3 policy review: This term, board, staff, and parents are reviewing Concerns and Complaints, and Behaviour Management. **GO TO:** <https://ngatimoti.schooldocs.co.nz/> **LOGIN:** ngatimoti **PASSWORD:** river

Strategic Plan Review: Earlier this term we asked you for your feedback on our strategic goals. To continue this review we would like parents to give each of our goals a priority rating. Our goals are: **Numeracy, Literacy, Creativity, Identity & Well-being.** Which of these do you think is the most important? We'd love to know what you think is important and why. Please email or send in your thoughts to principal@ngatimoti.school.nz or sjackson@ngatimoti.school.nz



ATYA Applications for 2022 are now open until Monday 13 September. Applications are open to current Year 6 and Year 7 students, and those that have been in ATYA can reapply. Applications can be obtained from Mrs Milnes or the school office (can be emailed out to you too by request). Current ATYA students are Eloise, Chico, GBelle and Madi.

NETBALL So far it is unclear if the end of the season will play out. Lou will email netball parents with any information that comes through, however, we will still do team photos at some stage and have our end of year prizegiving when things settle down a bit.

Weekly Parent Cake Roster

At alert level 2 we ask that parents who are rostered onto cake duty provide cakes, however you are not required to come into school and serve them. Students will be served cakes by their class teacher to maintain good hygiene and distancing rules.

Every week on Fridays, parents take their turn to provide cakes to sell to students for a dollar each. 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. **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 on Friday, please send with the correct cash in a named purse along with their healthy lunch. Gluten free & vegan options are available too.

Friday 10 September: Michelle (Ella P) and Rita (Madi M)

Friday 17 September: Sam (Eloise & Willow) and Suntah (Kalahni, Haze, Aniah)