

# NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 5 TERM 4 2021

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## TERM DATES 2021

Term Four: 18 October - 20 December

**TERM 1 2022: 8 FEB - 14 APRIL**

**End of Year plans** We plan to have our whole school assembly on Friday 17 December. The format of this is yet to be decided. Monday 20 Dec is our last school day for 2021.



**HATS ON! All students need to wear a wide-brimmed hat in Terms 4 & 1 when playing outside.**

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

18 Nov: Room 3 visit Whenua Iti

23/24 November: Junior/Senior Athletics at Lower Moutere School for selected students

27 Nov: Quiz & Curry night - Indigo Room - 6pm

8 Dec: Room 5 visit Nelson Museum

### TRIATHLON CLUB THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES

**Bring your swimming togs and bikes tomorrow! New members are welcome. Parents: Please let Glenn know as soon as possible if you wish your child to be entered in the school group for the Weetbix Triathlon in Nelson on Sun 20 Mar 2022.**

## Happy Birthday!

Best wishes to **Ari** who will be 8 years old this weekend!

Have fun Ari, from everyone here at school.



Thank you to everyone who was involved in our Festival Treasure Trove which went ahead at the Ngatimoti Hall last weekend. A fantastic \$750 was made and will go to Parent Group funds ☺

There has been a lot of concern across NZ with the implications of the Covid mandate. Please be assured that at Ngatimoti School, our staff are all still fully employed and we will work hard to keep them as a part of our team. Nobody who is employed by the school has lost their job. Ian Stephens is employed by the school as our caretaker, and was employed by the bus company to drive a bus. Ian will continue as our wonderful caretaker but is no longer going to drive the big bus. Kate Hyde is also no longer driving the little bus. I thank them both for the great job they have done in this role and I know that the bus company also appreciated their work. Our teacher aides, teachers and support staff have no changes to their hours worked this year, although Jacqui will now be doing a variety of other tasks rather than working in Room 4.

We are regularly coming up with ways to keep school a happy place for students and to mitigate issues arising from the Covid mandate. Although the mandate is out of our control, the Ministry of Education is aware of the views of some of our parents. I have also shared concerns with NZEI at national level. I am now asking you, our Board, our staff and parents to support our school so any divide does not develop. I think it is up to us all to take a role in this. I wholeheartedly appreciate the work and support our parent community gives, and I firmly believe that parents supporting school can be a great enabler of learning success for children. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated parents have been strong supporters of our school, and for many years we have listened to a wide range of perspectives that have come from our diverse community. Individually we can all make sure we don't allow this to affect our sense of belonging, and collectively I believe we have a sense of caring for each other which should stand us in good stead in the long term.



Room 1 & 3 students had a wonderful time at the Dinosaur exhibition at Nelson Museum last week. This is Leon's dinosaur in the desert and he wrote about what he learned:

*"I didn't know that dinosaurs had long claws, feathers, frills and armour. My favourite dinosaurs were T-Rex and Brachiosaurus"*

**REMINDER:** As per the email sent out on Friday 5 November, if you are visiting the school as a parent to drop off, pick up, or have a meeting with a teacher, there is **not** a requirement to be vaccinated. People who have contact with children other than their own, in a volunteer or work capacity, need to show proof of vaccination. If you are coming onto the school grounds, please use the tracking app on the noticeboard at the end of Rathgar House, or in the office, and wear a mask. This is all a part of the Public Health Guidelines that we are required to follow.



*Makaira and Sequoia discovering dinosaurs in the 'dig pit' at Nelson Museum last week.*

### Motueka High School Emerging Talent Scholarship

Congratulations to Nikau for a successful application for the Emerging Talent Scholarship at Motueka High School. This is a great acknowledgement of a well-rounded student who shows integrity, empathy and insightful thinking. It is also a good reflection on our school, as we have had recipients of this award every year for the past three years!

**Athletics** The inter-school athletics cannot run as usual this year, instead Lower Moutere will host a championship day. The highest scoring students who reach the standards are invited to participate at Lower Moutere on 23/24 November.

Congratulations to the following qualifying students: **Leah, Bella, Benji, Tadhg, Josiah, Pedro, Ella, Kuri, Lucy, Stella, Beau, Liam, Kyryn, Nicholas, Tui, Yuri, Alex, Johanan, Chico, Kaisami, Sayla, Madi, Libby & Nikau** 😊



*Amy, Kim & Jet. Just some of our ex-Ngatimoti students who graduated from Motueka High School this week. Many of our students received special achievement awards at this week's prize giving! 😊😊😊*



**Board news** At this week's board meeting it was decided to begin Term 1 2022 on Tuesday 8 February (Monday 7th being Waitangi Day). The board also confirmed that we will sell swimming pool keys to school families for \$40, and to the general public at a cost of \$70 as we did last year. Key sales will begin next week, for use out of school hours only. There is a keyholders contract to sign when you purchase a key, please request one from the office and if you still have a key from last year please return it now. Thank you.

*Our Year 7 & 8 students have enjoyed a day of climbing at Takaka Hill Quarry this week. Left: Kiwa shows the Tuesday team how to do it. A cold but exhilarating experience was had by all!*



**NEXT Saturday 27 November** The Curry and Quiz night will now be held on Saturday 27 November in the INDIGO ROOM, 6pm curry - 7pm quiz. Teams of 6-8 people are invited to book at the school office (limited numbers

due to covid restrictions so book now!) The quiz will cost \$10 per person. A portion of curry with rice will be \$5. No children. BYO drinks, plates/bowls, cutlery and/or takeaway containers. Money raised will go to Festival funds. *If anyone has rice cookers we can borrow for the evening, please let us know, thank you.*

**Calling all cooks!** Is there anyone out there who would like to make a vege curry for the planned curry and quiz night? Please let us know at the office asap if you have skills in this area. Thanks!



**BLUE FRIDAY** This Friday 19 November, wear blue in support of raising awareness of diabetes in children.

Type 1 diabetes cannot be prevented but it can be managed through a combination of medication, healthy food choices and exercise.

Diabetes is the result of the body not creating enough insulin to keep blood glucose (sugar) levels in the normal range. Everyone needs some glucose in their blood, but if it's too high it can damage your body over time.

Type 1 diabetes is an 'auto-immune' condition. The body sets up an attack against the cells within it that make insulin. These cells are called beta cells and are isolated in the pancreas. The result is that the body does not produce any insulin (or very little).

**When does type 1 diabetes normally occur?**

Type 1 diabetes most often occurs in childhood, often in children aged 7 - 12 years. However it can occur at any age - from tiny babies to very old people. Symptoms of type 1 diabetes may include thirst, passing more urine, weight loss, tiredness, mood changes Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, skin infections, thrush, extreme hunger, poor concentration and performance.

**To donate or find out more go to [www.diabetes.org.nz](http://www.diabetes.org.nz)**

**Weekly Parent Cake Roster** 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 them with the correct cash in a named purse along with their healthy lunch. Juicies are available for \$1 each.

**Friday 19 Nov: Nic (Kiwa),**

**Eugenie (Eloise, Willow)**

**Friday 26 Nov: Phil (Allanah), Jamie (Leighton), Errilyn (Josiah, Alyssa)**

**Friday 3 Dec: Meeka (Kalahni, Haze, Aniah), Nathalie (Rafael & Eleanor), Kate (Orrin & Kuri)**

**Friday 10 Dec: Michelle (Ella), Neisha (Pyper), Catherine (Acacia & Sequoia)**