

## NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – WEEK 4 TERM 1 2022

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## **Terms and Holiday Dates 2022**

The last day of Term One is 14 April Good Friday – 15 April Easter Monday – 18 April Day after Easter Monday – 19 April ANZAC Day - Monday 25 April Term Two: 2 May – 8 July Queen's Birthday – Monday 6 June Matariki – Friday 24 June Term Three: 25 July – 30 September Term Four: 17 October – 15 December

## Things to look forward to...

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS: Glenn will be back next week to continue private music lessons. Contact Glenn on 0204 081 9932 or at school. New students in Room 3 and above welcome.

THURSDAYS: Triathlon club continues NEXT WEEK as Glenn is away this week. Bring your bikes, helmets & swim togs to join in.

FRIDAYS: Cakes & Juicies for sale every Friday at lunchtime - \$1 each thanks parents! Check the roster on page 2 🙂

4 Mar: Room 5 walk up to White Rock

10 Mar: Room 1 bridge picnic

18 Mar: Whole school triathlon

Parents Group AGM – 3pm at Rathgar House



Room 5 Motec Payments Thank you for your payments so far. If you have yet to pay, for Room 5 students, there is a \$70 materials fee payable for the year. You can pay this online to school 03 1354 0359568 00 or with cash at the school office. You do not

have to pay this all at once. We are happy to accept payment by instalments.

Hats, Head lice and Helmets A reminder to please send your child with their own wide brimmed hat to play outside, and helmet if they have their bike here at school. Please also continue to check your child's hair for head lice and treat if necessary. PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS COMING TO SCHOOL O



Watch out for info

about Community

Netball starting soon!

Best wishes to Jack E who celebrated his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday vesterday. We hope you had a fun day Jack, from all of us here at school!



RiverSafety for Room 5 yesterday: Chico, Alex, Johanan and Kaisami work together on their raft, and Rachel kayaks confidently.

Welcome to Anita Currie, who is working as a Healthy Active Learning Advisor at Sport Tasman. She will be at school with us every Wednesday. Anita is a trained primary school teacher with a special interest in sports, play and well-being. Many thanks Anita for your support yesterday with the Senior Class River Safety day, and lending a hand this afternoon weeding the new manuka at Ed Stevens' farm. 🙂

Next week we welcome Macey Barrow as a third year teacher trainee. Macey will be primarily working in the Senior Class, and will be here until the end of Term 1.

We also welcome Kim Van Kempen who is studying for a Bachelor of Sustainability and Outdoor Education. Kim is volunteering here as a way of building some practical hours of education experience prior to doing her teacher training.

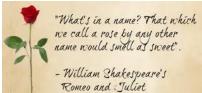
Water Safety Last Friday each class had the privilege of water safety lessons with Janice from Water Safety NZ. Practising treading water, doing a 'mushroom' to bob back up, and back-sculling were all great practical skills to learn. As well as these, three important messages were taught:

- Never swim alone
- Don't jump in to save someone else
- And take great care when first getting into any water

Please talk to your child about these, and any other water safety messages. ©



Kids have fun and learn watersafety



## Learning topics

This term, as well as water safety, we are learning about names, including our own names and place names. Coming up, we are learning about bridges and building bridges. At playtimes, many children have been bringing bikes which is great to see. With our school triathlon on 18 March, now would be a great time to check and service your bikes. Some are looking like they could do with a dose of oil, and handlebars regularly need to be checked, especially checking that the handle grips cover the metal ends.

Library activities: Our school library is open every lunch break. For the next two weeks, the student librarians are also providing some origami activities in the library. All students are welcome!

**Covid and Well-Being** It is two years since Covid arrived in NZ, but nobody knows quite what the next few months might look like. We are expecting more cases in our area and this will directly affect our school. The rules keep changing, but the one thing that stays the same is that we want the best for your children! Teachers have learning activities ready for any students who need to be isolating at home. Of course, if your children are sick, they need to rest and get well before worrying about school work.

One thing we can be pretty sure of is that there is going to be a lot of research over the next decade on the impact of Covid 19. For many of us, new challenges and the loss of some regular routines is causing stress. This can really erode our well-being over time. While its important to do the little things that recharge us, its also important to know there is someone to talk to and free help is available. Its all right to reach out - we all need a bit of support from time to time. You might like to call Lifeline 0800 543354 to talk. If there is any way we can support you and your family, please let us know. We are a community and at times like this, our community can be a great support.

Covid Isolation - Positive cases and Household Contacts There is a lot of conflicting messaging and confusion at the moment regarding isolation of household contacts. This from our Director of Education Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast:

- If someone tests positive they isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic from date of test. They do not require a further test before self-releasing.
- All household contacts linked to the positive case isolate for the same 10 day period as the case
- Household contacts need to test on the positive cases' Day 3 and Day 10
- If a household contact has a negative day 3 test but then develops symptoms before 10 days, they should get a test when they develop symptoms, not wait until Day 10
- Cases and household contacts can self-release after 10 days if asymptomatic
- All household contacts continue their isolation period from the first case in the house. It does not reset with subsequent cases and they are okay to be released once the first case finishes 10 days of isolation provided the contacts themselves are asymptomatic.
- At any time that a household contact tests positive, at Day 3 for instance or Day 10, their 10 days start from the date their symptoms started or if they are asymptomatic 10 days from the date of their test. They re-set but no one else in the household needs to.

Parent Cake Roster Every week on Fridays, parents take their turn to provide cakes to sell to students for a dollar each. Frozen Juicies are also available for \$1. Where you see your name please provide around 24 cup cakes, muffins or slices. These can be gluten free and/or vegan or traditional baking – please label so that all dietary requirements can be catered for. Drop your cake/slice off at the office, anytime before 1 pm. Please also send your child with a healthy lunch as well as the correct cash to

The roster for the remainder of this term is as

buy their cake and Juicie if you want them to. Kristin can be contacted by email

contact Kristin.

kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz or text 027 470 8224. To opt out of this parent roster please

The date for this year's AGM

any questions

AGM



25 March





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Catherine (Chico, Beau,