

Taking responsibility for our learning can be summed up with the quote by Guy Kawasaki "You have to sit by the side of a river for a very long time before a roast duck will fly into your mouth". It has been very heartening to see and hear of a number of students who have been taking maths home to practise or complete, finishing art at home or bringing ideas about huts and houses to share with the class. Having students engaged like this is a great example of being a R.I.V.E.R. learner. Although we do not believe that all children should be doing homework, if you would like any work for you to do with your child at home, or even practice worksheets, please ask the class teacher. Sometimes a little bit of extra practice at home with a parent can be a big confidence booster.



Well done to our Motueka Technology Challengers who participated at this week's competition: Stella, Yuri, Beau, Chase, Sayla, Ruby, Arabella and Alex. Ka pai! Thanks to Phoebe and Heather for transporting and supporting!

FEEDBACK on Parent-Student-Teacher meetings and reports please

You might like to reply to these questions by email. Recently you have had an opportunity to talk through a written report with a class teacher, about your child's learning, life at school and learning goals. We would like to know how parents and caregivers are feeling about our reporting processes.

- 1. Do you feel you had a chance to have your thoughts listened to?
- 2. Do you understand how well your child is doing and what their goals are?
- 3. Did you get enough information?
- If not, specifically what else would you have liked?
- 4. Were the learning goals set relevant?
- 5. Would you like more in the way of written reporting?
- 6. Would you like more face to face meetings?
- 7. Any further thoughts about reporting that will help to enhance your child's learning?

Happy Birthday Pete turns 6 years old today! Best wishes to you, from everyone here at school!





Room 4 enjoyed a trip to the Suter Art Gallery in Nelson this week. The artist studied was Stevei Houkamu. Our students made clay waka based on our whanau, whakapapa and Whenua using inspiration from Houkamu's work. Thanks to Sophie, Tomas, Phoebe and lanthe for all your help. Left: Zeph & Jack look at some of Houkamu's art work. Above: Grace, Lacie & Stella create their waka.

HOCKEY:

Thanks Tui for sending along mouth guards for all of our hockey players!

All Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be playing hockey at the interschools Winter Tournament next Wednesday. Please bring a mouth guard every day for practices.

The Year 7 & 8 competition is on Thursday next week.



NETBALL This Saturday 20 August

STARS play LMS Sapphires at 8.30am - please be at the courts by 8.10am to warm up.

FERNS are on Court duty at 8am. You play Pakarana Taniwha at 9.40am so please be at the court to warm up at 9.10am.

DIAMONDS have 2 games this week - vs. Tasman Diamonds at 12pm - please be at the courts by 11.30am to warm up. Your second game is against MSS Rockets at 2.20pm - please be back at the courts by 2pm in good time. You are also on court duty at 3pm.

Right: Liam, Max & Jack at last week's rugby game.

The Ngatimoti Festival Each week there are opportunities created by the work that we all collectively do at Festival time. Every child directly benefits from Festival funds, with free stationery, free trips in the school van, the solar heated swimming pool, music and artistic performances, sports gear and activities such as Whenua Iti or Life Education (Harold the Giraffe!)

Our aim is to ask whanau to pay as little as possible for anything school-related, whilst giving Ngatimoti School students a huge range of learning activities.

This year we plan to heavily subsidise class camps, use some funds towards the new swimming pool changing sheds and continue to support the rich learning activities provided at school.

We also use Festival funds for things such as topping up the hours for our Teacher Aides, and for Rathgar House which is not a Ministry owned building. School took responsibility for the earthquake strengthening and the modernisation four years ago and is responsible for all ongoing maintenance of Rathgar House.

To ensure another fabulous Festival, we need everyone's help! Please pop in or email an area you can help with.

- Thanks to Heather (Ruby's mum) who has offered to take a lead role in the Animal Tent! We will also need to start thinking about a range of animals that can be brought in on the day, aswell as small cages, a shearing platform and prattley gates.
- Homemade lemonade is very popular! Does anybody want to take on the responsibility for organising, making and selling the homemade lemonade?
- Quality second hand goods! If you have nothing to do on these wet days, maybe start sorting some good quality clothes that you would be prepared to donate. Phoebe is happy to collect clothes each week from the school office.



Parent Cake Roster FRIDAYS - \$1 Cake (no Juicies this term) Thank you parents for your delicious baking. Send your child with a healthy lunch as well as the correct cash to buy their cake if you want them to. Kristin can be contacted by email kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz or text 027 470 8224. To opt out of this roster please contact Kristin. Thanks everyone! This Friday 19-Aug Nic (Alexander) and Bex (Stella) 26-Aug: Meeka (Aniah, Haze) and Sophie (Zeph) (Daffodil Day)

