

## NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - WEEK 8 TERM 4 2022

Wednesday 7 December - Raapa 7 Hakihea



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### Terms and Holiday Dates 2022

Term Four: 17 Oct -15 Dec

2023 Term 1: WED 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April

Waitangi Day Mon 6 February

Good Friday 7 April, Easter Sunday 9 April

Term 2: Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

Term 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 Sept

*There will be an "Infomingle" evening planned in the first couple of weeks of Term 1 2023, date tbc. This is a fantastic chance to reconnect after the summer, meet and greet students and teachers and share plans for the year.*

### For your calendar

**THIS WEEK:** Wed 7 Dec: Board Meeting

Fri 9 Dec: Room 5 return from camp

#### NEXT WEEK:

**TUES 13 DEC:** Glenn's music students will perform at a Music Recital in the Indigo Room, at 6 pm.

**WED 14 DEC:** Everyone is welcome to join us at school in the Indigo Room for our final assembly at 1:30 pm.

**THURS 15 DEC:** School closes for the year and buses will run at 12:30 pm. We will be cleaning and stacking furniture for most of the morning.

Student achievement reports will be sent home to parents in school bags next week.



*Lacie and Ahikā at yesterday's trip to see the Kuaka at the Motueka and Marahau estuaries.*

It's a busy end of term, with the Senior Class enjoying their week-long camp at Totaranui this week and the Junior Class having an enjoyable day out to look for godwits yesterday. Everyone is preparing for Christmas and our all important final assembly. This year the final assembly will be held here at school in the Indigo Room, beginning at 1:30 pm. Everyone is most welcome. Please park on the bottom field! Prior to the assembly, Year 8 students and parents are invited to share lunch and a chat in Rathgar House, at 12:30 pm.

This time of the year is a time to review and reflect, which includes thinking about all the people who help make Ngatimoti School to be the successful place that it is. Thanks parents for all all of your support this year. Special thanks to the volunteers who go the extra mile. Jill, you are a great support to us all, and especially to those in the Junior Class. Davina, you have continued in your volunteer role as our library co-ordinator and for that we are very appreciative.

Many thanks to the staff who support in many, many ways to ensure the school ticks along with learning, laughter and love! Special thanks to Whaea Beth who returned this term to teach in the Junior Room. Heather Reid has enjoyed her sabbatical and will return next year. We hope to also have Beth back here again next year in some capacity as well.

As you know, Malcolm Hepburn will be taking 2023 as a year of study leave. We know that with his work ethic and networking skills, he is sure to do well. What a great opportunity to model being a lifelong learner! Our new 2023 teacher, Suzanne Tawharu, has connections (through her husband) to Te Awhina marae and so we are presently considering how to welcome her to this area. Watch this space!

**Pool Keys are available for sale now - ask the office for a keyholder's agreement.**

***We do not have many left so be quick if you want to buy one before the end of term.***



*Juniper, Eleanor, Lacie & Thea jump for joy on the beach yesterday, and the group enjoy their picnic lunch on the Room 1 trip to see the godwits yesterday. Thanks for all the parent support and photos too!*



Thank you to parents Kyna and Lynette, and our volunteer Librarian Davina for spending last Friday completing our library stocktake. There were 3007 library books processed through our system - aren't we lucky to have these resources!? There are 45 books currently out on loan - we would appreciate it if you checked at home and return any you may find. Thanks!

**Rā Whānau ki a koe - Happy Birthday to Lacie BR and Ahikā** who both celebrate their birthdays in the next few days. Lacie will be 11 years old, and Ahi will be 6 years old.

On the last day of term next week, Ian will celebrate his birthday too - make sure you give him a high-five for his birthday, and for being an awesome caretaker and bus driver this year!

Later in December, Rua, Grace, Connor F and Arabella will celebrate. January birthdays include Mrs Turner, Mrs Roberts, Mr Hepburn, Leah N, Vincent, Liam, Jordan, Sol, Chico, Alex C, Benji, Maggie, Beau, Loke, Julius and Jack C. Congratulations to all of you, enjoy your special days!



**Motueka Valley Highway Road Closure**

The slip they are clearing on the Motueka Valley Highway is taking longer than expected so the road closure has now been extended until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Buses will be running as we are currently to the end of term.

*Left: Johanan, Alex C and Julius make the most of the water slide last week - too much fun!*

**Term 4 Friday Cakes and Juicies** Thank you parents for your delicious baking. In Term 4 we have frozen Juicies for sale for \$1 each, and \$1 for a piece of cake. Send your child with a healthy lunch as well as the correct cash to buy their cake if you want them to on Fridays. Kristin can be contacted by email [kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz) or text 027 470 8224. To opt out of this roster please contact Kristin.

**This Friday 9 December is our final cake day for 2022**

**9 Dec: Claire (Connor) and Rebecca (Chase)**

*Thank you parents for all your support and hard work this year. This year's Festival surpassed all expectations and your wonderful weekly baking raised approximately \$2000 this year towards parent group funds. Let's do it again next year - thank you!!*



To our 8 year 8 students who have outgrown Ngatimoti School: Johanan, Chico, Alex A, Olivia, Arabella, Sayla, Isabella and Phoebe - good luck out there in the big wide world! Take your RIVER values and shine! Also leaving us for fresh pastures, we wish Korbyn and Ahikā the best of luck at your new schools - we will miss you all!