

Ngatimoti School Newsletter - Week One, Term One, 2023

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Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you all had a safe and happy break from school and return full of enthusiasm to rejoin our school whānau 😊 We extend a particularly warm welcome to our new staff and students; Whaea Suzanne is here for the year to teach senior students in Room Five, and Whaea Beth and Ms Reid return as junior teachers. Mrs Roberts and Mrs Milnes continue to teach in Rooms Three and Four. Welcome also to new students **Xavier and Amelia**, with **Mollie** also joining us with Mum for a visit today. We hope you all love it here at Ngatimoti School!



Left: Whaea Rima, Whaea Suzanne, Xavier, Whaea Beth, Amelia and Mollie at this morning's mihi whakatau to welcome new Ngatimoti School families.

TERM DATES 2023

2023 Term 1: WED 1 Feb - Thurs 6 April

Waitangi Day Holiday next Monday 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

Term 4: Monday 9 October - Monday 18 Dec

Kia ora koutou, Suzanne Tawharu tōku ingoa. I am very lucky to be working at Ngatimoti School this year and look forward to meeting your children over the next couple of weeks. My husband, Chris was brought up in Motueka on a tobacco farm and we have eventually made our way back here. This is a very beautiful part of Aotearoa, and people are very friendly - we love it already! I started my teaching career in a small rural school in the heart of the Rangitikei where we brought our 3 children up. We had a small farmlet there. From there, we moved to Wellington where I taught across the senior school. I was team leader, ran the maths curriculum and was a DP for a while. From Wellington, we moved to Tauranga Moana where I taught at Matua School. I taught across the year groups there. I love teaching, especially learning about students and what makes them learn best. I look forward to meeting you. Please come and say hi. You will find me in Room 5. Kia ora, Nga mihi nui, Suzanne Tawharu

What's coming up?

Each day at school your child will have a class swimming lesson, and most days there will be an optional lunchtime swim, so please send them with a fresh towel and swimming togs each day. Please make sure your child also has their own sun hat (sun and headlice protection), water bottle and a good healthy lunch each day.

Next **Thursday 9 February** we have Janice here from Water Safety New Zealand to give special water safety lessons in the pool for each class.

Each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday we will also have Catherine Chick here to teach special junior swimming lessons.

Next **Monday 6 Feb** is Waitangi day, a public holiday.

In Week 4 on 20 and 21 February we have the Life Education Truck here and all classes will learn about 'body systems'.



Our whakatauki for the year. It takes all kinds of people.

Thursday 16 February at 5pm - Infomingle here at School This is an important event for those of us who have been around for a while to meet new families, hear about plans for 2023, and to enjoy a community get together. More details over the page....

Our Infomingle is a low stress event where you will learn more about the workings of Ngatimoti School and meet a few new faces. Please come along! The BBQ, with a free sausage in bread for everyone, will be turned on at 5 pm. Bring your togs for a swim!

The plan for Thursday 16 February:

- 5 pm BBQ on
- 5:30 pm Welcome and general school info
- 5:45 pm Room 1 parents meet Ms Reid & Whaea Beth
- 6:15 pm Room 3 parents to meet Mrs Roberts
- 6:45 pm Room 4 parents to meet Mrs Milnes
- 7:15 pm Room 5 parents to meet Whaea Suzanne

Our first meeting of the board is on Wednesday 15 February at 6pm. Board members for 2023 are Andy McFarland (Presiding Member), Alison Turner (Principal), Rochelle Roberts (Staff Representative), Rebecca Myjer, Chops Prouting, Sophie Jackson and Ciaran Bolger (all parent representatives). Come and meet them at the Infomingle!



Our students back to school this morning. Fun fact - we have 76 students enrolled today; 34 girls and 42 boys!



Congratulations to **Xavier, Leighton and Connor R** who all celebrate their birthdays this week. **Xavier** turned 5 yesterday and joins us here at school in Room One. **Leighton** will be 12 years old tomorrow, and **Connor** will be 8 years old on Sunday. Wishing you all lots of fun on your special days from all of us here at school.

Term 4 Friday Cakes and Juicies As a part of our Parents Group fundraising for the year, each Friday we sell cakes and frozen Juicies for \$1 each as a treat after lunch. We ask parents to bake on a roster for this so watch out for your name to appear in future weeks. **This Friday 3 Feb we will just sell Juicies** so no need to panic! Please send your child with a healthy lunch as well as the correct cash to buy their cake and/or Juicie if you want them to on Fridays. If any parents feel like donating some baking at any time we can freeze cakes for future use. Our Parents Group Cake Coordinator is Kristin and she can be contacted by email at kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz or text 027 470 8224. To opt out of this roster or swap dates in the future please contact Kristin. **More Parent Group News next week!**

Parents, please remember to keep the school office updated with contact details, health issues that your child may have developed over the holidays, bus routines (we will send your child home on the bus unless you let us know otherwise). Thanks! office@ngatimoti.school.nz 027 526 8842

