Ngatimoti School Newsletter - Week Five, Term One, 2023 Wednesday 1 March Rāapa 1 Poutū-te-rangi

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TERM DATES 2023

2023 Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Thurs 6 April Good Friday 7 April, Easter Sunday 9 April

Monday 24 April is a Teacher Only Day Tuesday 25 April is ANZAC Day holiday Term 2: Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June

Term 3: Monday 17 July – Friday 22 Sept Term 4: Monday 9 October - Monday 18 Dec



Best wishes to Jack E who is celebrating his 10th birthday today! Kaidyn will

turn 6 years old on Saturday and we wish you both very happy days from all of us here at school!

Wow! What a generous community we live in. Many thanks to those families who have sent their excess fruit along to share with students recently. Nashi, apples, tomatoes, plums - yum!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Thursday 2 March - Union Meetings for Teachers (pm) Friday 3 March - Sausage Sizzle fundraiser - \$3

Monday 6 March - Room 3 visits Motueka Library Tuesday 7 March - Room 4 trip to Kaiteriteri

- Room 5 snorkelling

Thursday 9 March - Room 4 trip to Bark Bay

PAID UNION MEETINGS TOMORROW AFTERNOON THURSDAY 2 MARCH:

TOMORROW is a paid union meeting for all teachers in the Motueka area. We expect all students to be at school for the morning, as this is the prime learning time. The buses will leave school at 12:30 pm so unless you have emailed /text/phoned us prior, please expect your child home early!

Thank you for your support.

Also many thanks to those who supported the Student Council fundraising sausage sizzle last Friday. They raised \$219 which we will donate to Waipawa School, in Hawke's Bay. This school is a similar size to Ngatimoti and has just re-opened following a lot of flood damage in their area. One of their important bridges has been compromised and this means there is still a group of children having to walk over a ladder structure at the approach to the bridge, before being picked up on the other side! This reminds me of the big slip on the Graham Valley Road and our two tenacious girls who walked across the slip each day to meet our bus! Great resilience building and perseverance in coming to school, in the face of adversity!



Speaking of coming to school, please send your children along every day, unless they are obviously quite unwell. There are some coughs and colds around, and also headlice, but mostly they are not reason enough to keep your child at home. Headlice can be treated at home and students sent to school. Some students might choose to wear a mask to help prevent germs spreading, or to protect themselves. Remember to text to let us know if your child is absent.



Last weekend our ATYA students had a busy weekend based at Marahau, further exploring the Abel Tasman National Park and developing their environmental protection skills. Again, Ella, Ruby, Jack and Liam did Ngatimoti School proud with their interest, knowledge and positive relationships. Special thanks again to Mrs Milnes for giving up her weekend so our students can have this opportunity. Next week is Sea Week and Room 4 will be participating in Mana Whaitake "Toi Tangata" on Tuesday. Six Senior students have also been selected to do the Exploring Marine Reserves programme on this day too.

Jack, Liam, Ruby, Ella and Mrs Milnes at the ATYA retreat last weekend

<u>Cricket skills sessions:</u> Dustin from Nelson Cricket was super impressed with the manaakitanga shown by a number of our students yesterday. All classes enjoyed some fun learning time with many learning to keep their eyes focused on the wickets or the ball! Did you know that the Motueka Cricket Club runs fun cricket games and activities at Memorial Park in Motueka (across from Parklands School on Pah Street) every Friday evening 5 pm. \$1 per session, and you get a sausage in bread too! All welcome. If any parents would like to get a group together and take them down in the school van, just let Ali know. *Below: Group photo shoot with Dustin in the centre, and Kaidyn and Eleanor demonstrate their super skills!*





We are excited to announce a new project happening at MoTEC in Motueka in Terms 1 and 2. All of our Year 7 and 8 students will have some voice in the design of a multimedia artwork for the entrance to MoTEC, and four have been selected to be our school representatives to work more intensively with Stuart Kere (artist/carver) and Kate Fitzgerald (film maker). Congratulations to our art designers Tui and Leighton and film makers Alex and Zeph.

<u>Term 4 Friday Cakes and Juicies</u> 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. For the rest of Term 1:

Friday 3 March - Kristin (Maggie, William) & Jinx (Bella, Connor)
THIS FRIDAY 3 MARCH \$3 SAUSAGE SIZZLE TOO!

10 March - Alisa (Luke, Theia) & Emelie (Loke, Viggo)

17 March - Kyna (Ari, River) & Bex (Stella)

24 March - Tamara (Leon) & Lucy (Ruby)

31 March - Jacqui (Leah) & Jen (Pete)

On Fridays, please send your child with a healthy lunch as well as the correct cash to buy their cake and/or Juicie if you wish. If any parents feel like donating some baking at any time we would appreciate that, and can freeze cakes for future use. Our Parents Group Cake Coordinator is Kristin and she can be contacted by email at

<u>kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz</u> or text 027 470 8224. To opt out of this roster or swap dates please contact Kristin.



Room 4 students at the Motueka Library this week.

THIS FRIDAY'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR A ROOM 4 SKI TRIP LATER IN THE YEAR - SEND AN EXTRA \$3 WITH YOUR CHILD ON FRIDAY IF THEY WANT A SAUSAGE FOR LUNCH

Ngatimoti Parent Group AGM - Friday 17 March - 3pm here at school - All welcome! We are planning a whole school triathlon that same afternoon and all parents are invited to attend!

SPRAY FREE NASHI FOR SALE \$4 / BAG Text Jess 027 828 6002 - Can be brought to school for collection.