

Ngatimoti School Newsletter - Week Six, Term One, 2023

Wednesday 8 March

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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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

TOMORROW'S BARK BAY TRIP FOR ROOM 4 IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY 14 MARCH.

Wednesday 15 March - Interschool's swimming sports

Thursday 16 March - POSSIBLE teacher's strike

Friday 17 March - 12.30pm Sausage sizzle

- 1.30pm School Triathlon

- 3pm Parent's Group AGM

Monday 3 April - Whole school waka trip (hopefully)



Special thanks to our Rooms 4 and 5 students who represented us so well at a fabulous learning day at Kaiteriteri yesterday. Mana Whaitake was a day based on learning about the sea and ways we can ensure it stays healthy, safe and accessible to all. Many thanks to those parents who supported this day out, supporting not just their own children but other students and the teachers too! Many thanks to Catherine for enabling our Year 7 and 8 representatives to go snorkelling and learn about marine reserves. Well done to you all.

A school vision is aspirational yet should set a tone for learning. It should give us a direction for how we would like our school leavers to be. *Our current Ngatimoti School vision is for all students to become R.I.V.E.R. students, confident and able to navigate in a changing world.* From the feedback following Infomingle, it seems that many of your ideas fit into this existing vision. Some people also mentioned expectations around being socially literate, emotionally resilient and having an ability to cope with challenges and adversity. If you have any thoughts on wording our vision to further encompass these important aspects, I would be keen to hear from you. Reviewing our vision and refreshing our strategic plan is a part of our Boards' work this year.

Manaakitanga - the act of giving people mana. We have been talking about this at school and thinking about how other people feel by imagining "walking in someone else's shoes". This is a nice way to think about respecting others and considering different perspectives. This acrostic poem from Ella P in Room 5 reflects an essence of mana:

*Manners are a key way to lift people's spirits.
After you use manners, people begin to respect you.
Never make people upset on purpose.
Always be kind and think how other people see things.*



At school, we don't always get everything right! Teachers try their best to provide a range of learning opportunities and sometimes things can be missed. Please let us know if we are missing something that is affecting your child's learning. In the first instance, come and talk, text or email the class teacher directly. If you want to follow up with a meeting with me, I am here and happy to meet. We all want the best for all of our students and working together and communicating is a great way to ensure your child has the best possible learning opportunities. Our logo is based on a triangle and this triangle symbolises the strength of school, students and families working together. Communication is at the heart of this! *Ali*



Thanks to Tyrella Orchards who have donated a whole bin of delicious apples for our students to eat!



As most of you will be aware, teachers and principals are currently voting on strike action, with the ballot closing at 5pm today (Wednesday). If this goes ahead then school will be closed next Thursday 16 March. We will notify you of the decision as soon as possible via email.

Health Notice:

We have a student who has tested positive for Covid in our school this week. There are also coughs and colds doing the rounds as the seasons change. If you need covid tests to take home, please let us know.



Whole School Triathlon next Friday 17 March

Next Friday in the afternoon, all of our students will participate in our annual triathlon here at school. This is a low key, fun event for everyone to have a go at running, swimming and biking. Parents are welcome to come and cheer everyone along at 1.30pm. More details next week. The Parents Group AGM follows at 3pm and we encourage all parents to come along.

Your thoughts are needed

Healthy Active Learning Whānau Survey

To help understand the impact of Healthy Active Learning, the government wellbeing initiative now in 900 schools including ours, Massey University is keen to hear about how your tamariki participate in physical activity and healthy eating and drinking at school and in their community.

The survey takes 5-10 minutes and puts you in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.

Click the button below or scan the QR code to take part in the survey.

START SURVEY



Safeguarding Children

Tiakina ngā tamariki

What can you do as a parent to help protect children from experiencing abuse in your family, community and the places they go?

What do you do when a child discloses abuse to you or you are worried about any child, including your own? Learn how with Safeguarding Children in Nelson this April: Tuesday, 18 April 2023 6.00pm - 8.00pm at Victory Community Centre, Nelson. Duration: 2 hours COST IS FREE (funded by NBS, Rātā Foundation and Lottery Grants Board) Register: <https://safeguardingchildren.org.nz/>

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. For the rest of Term 1:

- 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, text 027 470 8224 kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz . To opt out of this roster or swap dates please contact Kristin.



BROWN SHAVER CHICKS FOR SALE
Guaranteed hens, 1 week old, \$16 each
Call/text Emma 027 922 0361

We had our local St John's Youth team visit us for Monday Morning Meeting this week to promote their Penguins and Cadets programme. Thursdays from 6-7.30pm in Motueka.

MOTUEKA DIVISION

We invite you to visit our Division to find out more!

Motueka Division Meets Thursday nights 6pm-7:30pm St John Hall, Courtney Street, Motueka During School terms

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ST JOHN YOUTH

St John Youth Programme focuses on teaching young people first aid, health care, leadership and life skills - all in a fun and engaging environment that encouraging growth and discovery.

Activities are designed to cater to different needs and abilities to open opportunities to all young people. St John offers two unique programmes, Penguin Programme, aged 6-8 years old, and the Cadet Programme, aged 9-18 years old.

0800 ST JOHN youth.stjohn.org.nz



Ministry of Inspiration Holiday Programmes

17-19 and 20-21 APRIL Cooking and Engineering- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-programmes-april-2023-at-garin-tickets-567229758477>

17-19 and 20-21 APRIL Art and Engineering <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-programmes-april-2023-at-garin-tickets-567229758477>