

Ngatimoti School Newsletter - Week Seven, Term One, 2023

Wednesday 15 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 – Fri 30 June

Term 3: Monday 17 July – Friday 22 Sept

Term 4: Monday 9 October - Monday 18 Dec

Parent Group AGM this Friday



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wednesday 15 March - Interschool's swimming sports

Thurs 16 March - teacher's strike - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 17 March - St Patrick's Day

- 12.30pm Sausage sizzle

- 1.30pm School Triathlon

- 3pm Parent's Group AGM

Mon 20 March - Room 5 visit Motueka Library at 10am before their usual Motec session.

Fri 24 March - Tasman Mission (selected students)

Monday 3 April - Whole school waka trip (hopefully)

"Sorry for the disruption...but your kids are worth it".

Tomorrow our teachers and principal are on strike. We are striking for better conditions, such as better access to specialist services for children, increased staffing and greater recognition for the work we do. We need to be attracting good people into the profession. Your children deserve this. "We can't put tamariki first if you put kaiako last!" Ngatimoti School will therefore be closed tomorrow.

Bark Bay: Room 4 and our ATYA leaders had another fabulous day full of learning in the great outdoors yesterday. They learned about the pou and some significant local history. They inspected the insect rounds which are hopefully acting as a food supermarket for the kaka, and they installed weta homes and motor lures. They looked for fungi and plants, and they completed a Marine Litter Intelligence Survey. All of these activities are what scientists do, so this gives our students a head start if thinking about careers in the sciences. 😊 Huge thanks once again to Abel Tasman Sea Shuttle for transporting our group and to all the fabulous adult helpers who ensured everybody was on-task, comfortable and transported home safely!

Following last week's thoughts about refreshing our vision, here is a draft version that includes a social aspect. Any thoughts? I am sure there will be further drafts to come!

Our Ngatimoti School vision is to connect our students to others, using our R.I.V.E.R. values, to be confident and able to navigate in a changing world.

How can you help your children to succeed?

- Stay involved and feel free to talk to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.
- Read with your child for about 20 minutes every night. Read and chat! Even through the High School years, shared reading times help grow young minds and create a great base for discussions. :)



Ruby as an excellent leader, with Ari, Viggo, Marius and Benji at Bark Bay yesterday

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER FOR R4 SKI TRIP - SEND \$3 WITH YOUR CHILD ON FRIDAY IN ADDITION TO THEIR CAKE/JUICIE MONEY :) Yum!



Happy Birthday to Angus who celebrates his 7th birthday on Monday next week. We hope you have lots of fun, from all of us here at school.

Our school try-athlon this Friday afternoon This year, to cater for all enjoyment levels, the Student Council has decided to organise a competitive race for those who want it, and also staggered starts for everyone to complete a try-athlon course as best as they can, without the element of competition. For this reason, we expect everyone to participate and to do their personal best.

Our plan for Friday is:

12:30 pm Eat lunch (with the option of a sausage sizzle)

1:15 pm Assemble in our House Group areas.

1:30 pm Competitive tri-athlon race begins

1:40 pm Room 1 try-athlon course, then Room 3, Room 4 and Room 5

2:15 pm House Group challenge

Of course these times are approximate! Students are encouraged to dress in their House colour, do their best and cheer positively for their House mates.

We want to see manaakitanga in practice! Please bring your bike and helmet, if you can. If you can't, we really hope others will be able to share their bikes. All parents, whānau and supporters are most welcome. Let's make this a fun physical experience for everyone! If the weather is too wet, we will notify parents on Friday morning around 11am and reschedule the tryathlon for Tuesday 21 March.

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



Swimming Our Try-athlon marks the end of class swimming lessons. The school pool will remain open for a few more weeks and there may be occasional lunchtime swims. For key holders, the pool is still open out-of-school hours.

Inter-school swimming sports. Today we have a very competitive bunch of RIVER students representing us at the Motueka Inter-School Swimming Sports. All the best to Ella, Stella, Bella, Leah, Grace, Rua, Pedro, Freddie, Tui, Beau, Jack, Ruby Max, Kyrin and Ruby McK and once again, thanks to those parents who are able to support our students at this event. 😊



*The University of Canterbury is offering the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. **The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered. Ask Amanda at the school office for a permission form and/or more details (attached to the newsletter email)***

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: **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 swap dates please contact Kristin.

NGATIMOTI PARENT GROUP AGM FOLLOWS OUR SCHOOL TRYATHLON THIS FRIDAY. This is an important meeting at which our parents elect officers; Chairperson (currently Annie Simpson), Secretary (currently Phoebe Quinlivan) and Treasurer (currently Kathryn Beatson). At this meeting parents also decide how much money to donate to our school and other community groups from our hugely successful 2022 festival. In previous years funds have been donated to the Motueka Swimming pool fundraising, Ngatimoti Hall and Friends of Flora amongst many others. All parents are encouraged to attend if possible and bring ideas for donations and suggestions for parent group events, purchases and festival plans for the year ahead. Annie can be contacted on 0210643232 if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

2 X KITTENS - 7wks old looking for their new home
1 x black/white girl and 1 x tabby/white boy - text Sarah 021 027 26696