

# Ngatimoti School Newsletter - Week Nine, Term One, 2023

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## TERM DATES 2023 Term One ends next 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

Monday 5 June: King's Birthday holiday

Tuesday 6 June: Teacher Only Day

Term 3: Monday 17 July – Friday 22 Sept

Term 4: Monday 9 October - Monday 18 Dec

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

THIS Friday 31 March - Sausage Sizzle for R4 ski trip

NEXT Monday 3 April - Whole school waka trip

Thurs 6 April - Motueka High School Band perform here at 10.45am (last day of Term One)

Term Two begins on Wednesday 26 April and we look forward to First Aid lessons for all classes, School Photos, Cross Country, Life Education and performances from NZ Playhouse and El Gregoe!!

To celebrate some of our learning this term about Kupe and the great migrations, and also learning about weather systems, we have booked a waka trip for this Monday 3 April for all students.

Our plan is as follows:

Room 3 and 5 students will need to be at school at 8:30 a.m., ready for a prompt departure to Kaiteretera at 9am. They will have their waka experience in the morning and will then travel back to Motueka at around 12 midday. Room 5 will then go to MoTeC and Room 3 will have a visit to the museum. They will return to school by 2:30 p.m.

Rooms 1 and 4 can come to school as usual. They will leave school at approx. 11 a.m. and will have an activity at Kaiteretera before their afternoon waka experience. We will need some offers of transport for these two classes please. They will leave Kaiteretera at 2:30 pm to be back at school by 3 pm.

We hope that some parents will also have an opportunity for a waka experience too, especially if you have not had this learning before! There is no cost for the bus or the waka experience, thanks to our fabulous Festival profits. 😊

PLEASE REPLY TO THIS NEWSLETTER TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME ALONG TO KAITERETERA ON MONDAY TO TRANSPORT AND HELP SUPERVISE STUDENTS, OR EMAIL, TEXT OR CALL AMANDA ASAP. WE NEED NUMBERS BY FRIDAY - THANK YOU!

Swimming Pool The swimming pool will officially close at the end of this term. Key holders, you can now return your key to the office within school hours to receive your \$10 refund. Please do this promptly if possible, rather than leaving it until the end of the year, so that we can monitor how many keys are still out there. Thank you for your continued support.



Best wishes to Ella P and Max who both celebrate their birthdays in the senior class this week. Ella will be 12 years old, and Max will turn 11 years old. Congratulations to both of you from everyone here at school!



Above: Leon, Max and Liam make a smoothie with pedal power as one of the challenges at last week's Tasman Mission Sustainability Challenge. Our students demonstrated their RIVER values beautifully and their knowledge of environmental issues was outstanding. Well done all of you!

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



NZEI is the Teachers Union for primary school teachers. They are still in negotiations with the government and so primary teachers do not yet know of any outcomes. Teachers are asking for better pay, which is partly to align with the cost of living, but also so that more people are attracted to the profession and more trained teachers are retained. In many parts of NZ, it is incredibly difficult to find suitable applicants for teaching positions. Another important aspect of the negotiation is around 'time to teach, time to lead'. In effect, this claim is asking for an increase in planning time and an increase in staffing for schools. This is to better cater for students with additional learning needs. At Ngatimoti School, our Board has been funding extra teacher time in the junior room for some years now. For example, Rowena Wood, Anna Ormandy and Beth Spencer have all been funded by the Board and not the MOE. This is a luxury that most schools cannot afford. In the current negotiations, NZEI are asking for an increase in staffing so schools all get a little more teacher time paid. This is important if NZ wants to have equity in schools.

*Left: Leia, Pete , Leah, Ria, Eleanor and William show off the bug hotel they made as a part of their environmental education in Room One.*



Room One students had a wonderful trip to Motueka Library yesterday for a special Greedy Cat event. Thanks to Lacie's mum Jess for coming along to help transport and supervise. There are heaps of amazing activities going on at the Library in the near future. Some details are attached to the email version of this newsletter. The holidays are a great time to check it out!

Board News We are continuing to work on our vision statement. A vision statement should be the basis of all that we do. It should be meaningful and memorable too. 😊 Our latest draft is:

*Our Ngatimoti School vision is to use our R.I.V.E.R. values with courage and determination, to be confident, connected and able to navigate in a changing world.*

Any thoughts on this? Is it meaningful for Ngatimoti? Is it memorable? Let us know!

Term 1 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. This Friday is the final cake day for Term 1 - **31 March - Jacqui (Leah) & Jen (Pete)**

For the first few weeks of Term Two:

28 April: Kate (Ella) and Ianthe (Vincent)	19 May: Shannon (Lacie, Ardy, Poppy) and Jamie (Leighton)
5 May: Phoebe (Yuri, Ella) and Bex (Orianna, Milena)	26 May: Marlene (Marius) and Nathalie (Rafael, Eleanor)
12 May: Lynette (Jack) and Rebecca (Chase)	2 June: Brenda (Madi, George) and Kerri-Ann (Angus)

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](mailto:kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz) . To swap dates please contact Kristin.



**1.5 litre plastic bottles needed for Room 4 Rocket Challenge next term.**  
Please send them into school whenever you can. Thanks!



**BROWN SHAVER CHICKS FOR SALE Call/text Emma 027 922 0361**

SPORT TASMAN TERM TWO MINIBALL COMPETITION REGISTRATION OPEN NOW There are Junior, Intermediate and Senior grades available, both social and competitive, with Year 3-6 students playing on Mondays after school and Year 7 & 8 students playing on Wednesdays throughout Term Two. Transport to Motueka is parents' responsibility, however if we can form Ngatimoti teams the school minivan may be available to use. Please let Amanda know THIS WEEK to register your child for this.