

Ngatimoti School Newsletter - Week Five, Term Two 2023

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tomorrow! Thursday 25 May - SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday 25 May - Board meeting 6pm
Friday 26 May - School Cross Country
Environmental Education Thursday 1/15/29 June 1.30 - 2.30pm.
Mon 29 & Tues 30 May - Life Education Truck here
31 May - Wood is Good visit (Forestry Education Programme)
31 May - POSSIBLE TEACHERS STRIKE
1 June - Author Des Hunt visits us here at School
2 June - Sausage Sizzle for R4 ski trip

TERM DATES 2023

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
FESTIVAL DAY IS SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

BREAKING NEWS: There is an impending STRIKE day planned by all teachers' unions next Wednesday 31 May. This will not be confirmed until Monday 29 May, and we will let you know as soon as we can whether this strike will be going ahead, or not.

Room 4 visited Motueka Library on Monday. Here they are pictured learning about local migration purakau (stories) with librarian Donna. Thanks to Marlene who came along to help support our students too!



Cross Country This Friday 26 May we will have our annual whole school cross country race after lunch. For this we will walk up to Ed Steven's paddock - thanks Ed! We are hoping to enter some qualifying students in the Interschools event at Rabbit Island on Friday 9 June and Glenn is continuing his Cross Country training club each Tuesday at morning tea time for anyone keen to practise. Thanks Glenn!

The plan for Friday's Cross Country is as follows:

12.15pm - Lunch
12.50pm - Room 3, 4 & 5 walk to Ed Steven's property up Greenhill Road
1.15pm - Room 1 students, teachers and parents walk up to Ed's
1.25pm - Year 6, 7 & 8 race
1.35pm - Year 3, 4 & 5 race *All students should bring a warm change of clothes!*
1.45pm - Year 1 & 2 race
2.15pm - Walk back to school

Parents, we will need a few of you to help actively supervise our runners, so please put your hand up if you are able. Bring your running shoes too if you want to run the course with your child (particularly parents of junior students).



Room 3 being silly in 2022!
Marian and River will be here tomorrow to take this year's class, individual and family photos. Bring on the smiles and sunshine!

Happy Birthday to Viggo and Madi who both celebrate their 10th birthday this coming week!
Best wishes to you from everyone here at school!





Thank you for supporting our Pink Shirt Day last week. The students were enthusiastic about our activities where everyone had to work together and be kind. As you know, this is not unusual at Ngatimoti, however a reminder of the need to support and uplift each other with kindness is always good! Together we Excel!

Left, Angus, Cas, Manu, Rua and Benji - the floor is lava!

Right, another fantastic fungi foraging mission took place as a part of last weekend's ATYA hui which was led by Lauren and our students. The team also completed an invertebrate disc survey and spotted kaka! Well done all of you, we have had some great feedback about how confident, polite and knowledgeable our students are and that is great to hear!



For a wide variety of reasons, it seems like many people in our community are having some hard times at the moment. The health and well-being of our Ngatimoti students is a top priority for us, and so although I do not need to know everyone's personal business, if there is anything that could impact on your children, please keep me in the loop. In saying that, we are a community and school is central to this. Please don't feel isolated. Reach out if you need to talk, if you need any medical supplies, any groceries delivered or any other support.

A Board Strategic Goal: Health and Well-Being Key indicators of this goal include students knowing the importance of both rest and good nutrition. In a recent review it has been great to hear students talk about these elements of health in a positive way. These are areas where home and school can work together, but actually home has the greatest impact! Looking at lunch boxes, most students have healthy foods, with limited processed foods and packaging. Well done families! This is no easy task as often it is easier to throw together some items into a lunch box that are not particularly nutritious or environmentally friendly. Your children are showing us that they understand the need for good nutrition. Thank you for the thinking and planning that goes into providing a simple and wholesome lunch box!

To build on this learning, we have the Life Education truck visiting on Monday and Tuesday next week. The lessons this year are based on body systems, including nervous, digestive, respiratory and circulatory. We will learn about the interrelationships between body parts and the impacts on our health. For example, students might learn about which organs benefit most from physical activity. How much do we need, and which foods should we eat to give us the energy we need to make it through the day? We will talk about how body parts perform and react when we experience different feelings and we will learn about bones, muscles and the brain control centre. There is no cost to our students for these lessons, thanks to our Festival profits from last year. 😊

Term 2 Friday Cakes - Parent Roster

This term we have cakes for sale, but no Juicies. Each Friday please send your child with one dollar for a piece of cake if you wish. They should also bring a healthy lunch on Fridays (unless it's sausage sizzle day, in which case bring an extra \$3). Watch out for your name on our parent baking roster below. Our Parents Group Cake Coordinator is Kristin, text 027 470 8224 or email kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz to change your roster date if need be. For the next few weeks:



26 May: Marlene (Marius) and Nathalie (Rafael, Eleanor)	<p>Young black orpington roosters free to a good home, text Kate 0274068114.</p>
2 June: Brenda (Madi, George) and Kerri-Ann (Angus)	
9 June: Emma (Jack, Liam) and Claire (Connor)	<p>House sitter available from September - happy to look after animals too, reliable and local - call Anna Gimson 022 631 7636</p>
16 June: River (Flint) and Kate (Orrin, Kuri)	