

Wednesday 13 September 2023

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### Nau mai ki te Wiki o te Reo Māori

#### Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou kātoa

This week it is Māori Language Week, and the theme is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger. At Ngatimoti School, we are building on our enviro-learning last week about Huriawa and Whakarewa, and retelling pūrākau to all classes. “Pūrākau are a part of Māori symbolism, culture, and world views, and include philosophical understandings and thinking, cultural norms, and behaviours fundamental to Māori views of self and identity.” (Rameka 2016).

Did you know that Māui is a very significant character for our rohe? He is honoured for his personal traits of quick wittedness, bravery, and knowledge by iwi here in Te Taihū. Maybe you could find some of the stories of Māui to talk about with your children?



**Thanks for all your support for our environmental learning sessions last week! Above, one group visited Thorps Bush in Motueka. Below, Madi shows the pictorial re-creation of the Whakarewa story by our students. Some scary scarecrows were constructed, and a beautiful dramatic display of Huriawa.**



#### School Community Consultation

To develop our strategic plan for next year, we use the voice of our school community to help shape our school goals. At the February Infomingle. We gathered many great ideas and arising from the ‘two stars and one wish’ on the mid-year school reports, were a few further thoughts. At the moment it seems that many people see a need for developing connections and relationships, and a number of parents want students to increase confidence and capabilities.

**Please could you now let me know any thoughts you have on how we could build confidence or any specific capabilities you would like school to focus on. All ideas are good ideas! Send them to Ali asap. Many thanks for your help with this! Ali**

Pet day/Toy time On the final day of school for the term, next Friday 22 September, the Student Council is organising our annual Pet Morning. This is a fun morning for students to show their pets off. It is not compulsory to bring a pet, but we do enjoy seeing a range of pets here! If you do not have a pet, your child could bring a favourite teddy bear or soft toy – one per student!



Following the Pet activities, we want to show parents, caregivers, whānau and friends some of the toys we have been creating through our **science learning about energy**. Please make an effort to come around our classrooms to see and hear some creative and scientific learning! We plan for all these activities to be finished by 12:30 pm (lunchtime) at which time we would like all pets taken home please!

**Ka Pai Tui!** Last weekend, one of our students was specially invited to join the plaster cement workshops run by Motueka Arts Council. Tui was specifically invited because he showed talent and creativity through his work in the Year 7/8 Technology sessions at MoteC. Great stuff Tui, we hope the workshops were an inspiration!



**Abel Tasman Youth Ambassador 2024** Applications close next Friday 22 September for students in **Year 6 or 7 this year** to apply for this opportunity for 2024. For 2023 our ATYA representatives are Ella, Ruby McK, Liam & Jack C. For more details and/or an application pack please ask Amanda in the office, this year's ATYAs or Lauren in Room 4. Interviews will be held with Project Janszoon on Tues 10 Oct (Wk1T4).

This Sunday, the ATYA group are off to Brook Sanctuary and Natureland!

**NETBALL** Congratulations to our Ngatimoti Diamonds who were awarded the President's Round Trophy for the third year in a row, and the Department Trophy once again too from Motueka Netball! Well done to all of our netball players!

**THIS FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER is our own netball prizegiving celebration here at school from 4pm.** Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share, and your netball shoes ready to play some fun parent vs student games, followed by prize giving. Huge thanks to all parent coaches and helpers this season – we couldn't do it without you and our teams have once again done so well!

**Motueka Touch** Registrations are now open for the Riwaka Touch league (Touch NZ affiliated), register your name to join a school team with Amanda or Mrs Roberts before the end of term. **Names so far: Castiel, Kaidyn, Tadhg, Leon...**

**Teeball & 12U baseball:** MAPUA DOMAIN, every Wednesday of term 4. 4-5pm. Years 1-8 welcome as a team or as an individual. \$25 per player for the term. All equipment and coaching provided. Turn up and register on site or preregister at <http://www.tetauihubaseball.nz/play/tasman-country>. For more information call the Tasman Country Baseball Club on 027 644 1099.

**FREE Junior Tennis Open Day**  
**THIS Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
 at Upper Moutere Tennis Club  
**10:30pm - 11.30am**  
 A fun hour of ball machine, games, free coaching, match play & prizes.  
 A racquet will be given away on the day! All students are welcome!  
 Vanessa Mairs Cell: 022 4600 320  
[www.tennisvanessa.com](http://www.tennisvanessa.com)



**INDOOR SOCCER at Motueka Recreation Centre**  
 WE HAVE TO REGISTER TEAMS ON MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER Register your interest with Amanda.

Year 3 & 4 play Wednesdays **Interested students so far... Castiel, Orrin, Kaidyn**  
 Year 5 & 6 play Wednesdays **Interested students so far... Quinn, Flint, Manu, Benji**  
 Year 7 & 8 play Tuesdays **Interested students so far... Yuri, Ella Q, Kyrin, Jack C**






**Minimum 6 players, maximum 9 per team. Round up your teams, we don't have enough interest yet!!**



Congratulations to our **Ngatimoti Huskies Mini Ball team**, who made it through to the finals in the Recreation Centre league this term. Ka pai, **Orrin, Leon, Angus, Kaidyn, Sol, Castiel, Makaira, Cora and Connor!** Special thanks to Ben and Claire for transporting and managing the team.

**FRIDAY CAKES!** 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. Baking is on a parent roster; watch out for your name on our calendar here. Our Parents Group Cake Coordinator is Kristin, text 027 470 8224 or email [kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:kristinmcfarland@hotmail.co.nz) to change your roster date if need be.

**This Friday, the families of Ella (R3) and Amelia are on parent cake duty. Thank you!!**

SEPTEMBER	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
Wk 9: 11-15 September	11  Rita turned 5 years old and joins us in Room 1 this week. Welcome Rita, and Happy Birthday to you!	12	13 What an amazing day to visit Bark Bay for Room 3 and 5 students! 	14	15 Parent Cakes: Matt (Ella) & Jason (Amelia) Y8 Student interviews for students moving up to Motueka High School in 2024  BEST WISHES TO CASTIEL – 8 today! NETBALL PRIZEGIVING AT RATHGAR HOUSE FROM 4pm	16 FREE TENNIS @ UPPER MOUTERE
Wk 10: 18 – 22 Sept	18 Y5/6 MoTec Challenge (Madi, Tadhg, Stella & Flint) Clued Up Kids in Motueka for other Rm 4 & all Rm 5 students (free bus, am)	19 Y7/8 Motec Challenge  BEST WISHES TO HAZE AND ZEPH who celebrate their birthdays today!	20  CONGRATULATIONS TO LEAH SB who will be 6 today!	21 Y6 MoTec Expo 10.45am Board Meeting 6pm	22 Last day T3 PET DAY 9am – 10.30am Science Show 11am - 12.30pm Parent Cakes: Craig & Stephane	😊 H O L I D A Y 😊

**TO BEGIN TERM FOUR:** Term Four begins on Monday 9 October and ends on Monday 18 December.

Rathgar House will be used as a polling station on Election Day on Saturday 14 October.

Ngatimoti Festival is at the end of Week Two on Sunday 22 October. Check the separate Festival Newsletter 😊

Teacher Only Day – 20 November



**Next Monday 18 September**, our Room 4 and 5 students will travel to Motueka Recreation Centre for the morning, travelling on a free bus provided by the Clued-Up Kids programme organisers. Clued Up Kids is a multi-agency programme teaching primary school-aged children confidence and life skills to help them stay safe in a range of real-life scenarios. They will return to school in time for lunch at 12.30pm.

The hands-on activities include a 'shaky house' for practising what to do in an earthquake, a smoky fire simulation teaching children how to react during a house fire, as well as demonstrations on water safety, interacting with dogs, road safety, quad bikes, truck and cycle safety, and first aid.

The agencies involved or providing support include the Tasman District and Nelson City councils, Nelson Bays Primary Health, Police, Fire Emergency NZ, Civil Defence, New Zealand Red Cross, CET Landskills, TNL and Neltech. Rotary and the Richmond Lions provide volunteers.

[Trafficquiz.com](https://trafficquiz.com) is **FREE** to use website developed with an aim to spread awareness regarding traffic rules and road safety rules. Through [trafficquiz.com](https://trafficquiz.com) school students can learn and test their knowledge about traffic & road safety rules in an entertaining way i.e. by playing quizzes. Teachers and Parents can also use [trafficquiz.com](https://trafficquiz.com) regularly to refresh their knowledge about traffic, road safety & child safety rules. School bus drivers can also regularly use it to learn and be conscious about following traffic rules. Benefit of being **ONLINE** is that [trafficquiz.com](https://trafficquiz.com) can be used anytime, anywhere on any device.

The links are as follows:

1. For Age group (5 to 9 years): <https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-junior-level-1/>
2. For Age group (10 to 15 years): <https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-secondary-level-1/>
3. For Parents (Child safety quizzes): <https://trafficquiz.com/child-safety-quiz-for-parents-level-1/>
4. For Parents and Teachers (Traffic & road safety rules quizzes): <https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-for-adults-level-1/>
5. For Drivers and support staff: <https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-for-adults-level-1/>
6. [Road Signs quiz](#)



ANOTHER FANTASTIC EVENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE KOMITIMITI TEAM IN SUPPORT OF THE RIVERSIDE CAFE PROJECT

## FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT!

With quiz master Glen Bathgate

Join an evening of fun and excitement - learn some new and amazing facts about the world we live in. Enjoy our home made food and drinks in the beautiful space of the Riverside Café.

Bring your team or take the opportunity to connect with new friends. \$5p.p.	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH 2023 7 pm	QUESTIONS? contact Glen 020 4081 9932
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## Motueka Valley Association

meeting tomorrow night,

Thursday 14 September at 7pm.

If you are keen to hear more about the cycle trail, Belinda from the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails trust will be at this MVA meeting. 7 pm at the Fire Station Community Rooms.



**NEXT MEETING**

Thanks to all who attended last week's Festival meeting. The next, and final Festival planning meeting for 2023 will be held on Friday 13 October, 3pm at Rathgar House. (The end of week one, term four). Please read the separate Festival Newsletter for more on what we need in the run up to our 21<sup>st</sup> Festival. Let's showcase our small, but special community in the best way we know how!