



Ngatimoti School Newsletter Week Three, Term Four 2023

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TERM FOUR: ends on Monday 18 December. Teacher Only Day – 20 November

TERM ONE 2024 begins on Wednesday 31 January.

Coming up next week



Gumboot Friday is next Friday 3 November to raise awareness of mental health issues, and we will tie this in with our **School Athletics day**. We intend to donate our cake and Juicie funds to this cause on the day, our Year 8 students will run a sausage sizzle, and any additional cash donations are welcome. For more details on Gumboot Friday go to <https://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz/>

After school on Friday 3 November, we will have a **Festival Feedback meeting**. We strongly encourage anybody who has any feedback to come along, particularly team leaders. If you are unable to attend please send your comments, suggestions etc to office@ngatimoti.school.nz or Parents Group Secretary Phoebe.quinlivan@gmail.com



We are all a bit tired and some of us are a bit festivalled-out at the moment, but omg, we turned on another great day! The Festival has become a significant community day and I have been blown away by the number of people who have commented about how our wee school is able to host such a massive event. For me, seeing so many ex-students and people who have had a connection with Ngatimoti School from years past, and who enjoy coming to the festival to reconnect, is a highlight. I also love to see the grandparents, the cousins, the neighbours and the extended families coming along. *Ali*

To echo the whakatauki, what is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people. He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

And by the way, it is looking like we did make some good money too!

Shylo looking cutely scary, or scarily cute on Festival day!

INDOOR SOCCER at Motueka Recreation Centre

If you have yet to pay your fees, please pay \$15 per player to Ngatimoti School 03 1354 0359568 00 or with cash at the office. Thanks to those who have already paid. Please let Ali know who intends to drive the school minivan if it is available each week. Good luck and enjoy!!

HEALTH ALERT: We have a case of chicken pox in one of our students. Please be vigilant, maintain and encourage good hygiene habits in your children to reduce the spread of any bugs.

Do you know any of these people? Graeme and Lisa Anderson, with ex-student, caretaker and bus driver- Maurice Grooby. Guthrie Beatson and Graeme Durrant, both ex-students, and Steve Anderson, an ex-Board Chair and school parent.



Hannah, Riley, Ada and Lexus re-connecting after 4 years apart! Don, a supportive school neighbour for many years and Sue, an ex-school parent and Board Chair. Still helping out after all these years!



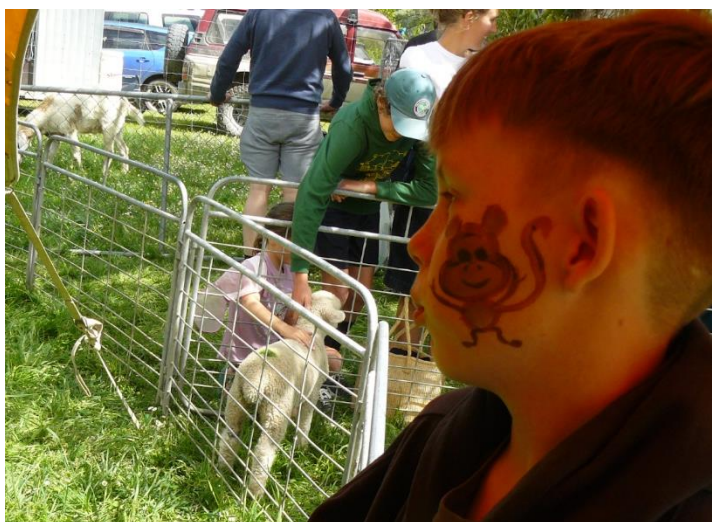
Best of all, though, is seeing our kids joining in, helping out, having fun and making memories!



Grace selling plants, and Lacie squirting the hose with past student, now rural volunteer firefighter, Ocean.



Many people put in many, many hours to ensure the day went well, so please take this as a personal thank you.



Max and his monkey!
Angus stretching for a treat!



Kaisami getting sponged!



Thanks to those who organised, put up marquees and gazebos, procured meat, shopped, rang around, painted signs, split firewood, set up and cleaned up after themselves, advertised, squeezed lemons, grew plants, cooked curries, helped with parking, sorted and displayed, picked things up, baked, put up scarecrows, washed dishes, vacuumed, fried and BBQed, marked and measured, fenced and fed, counted money, provided flowers, cleaned toilets, appeased the public and stayed positive! Huge thanks to those who helped with the overall setting up and cleaning up. A few ultra-amazing people were able to be here for every day of the weekend. Thank you.

Thanks to all those parents whose children have grown and left Ngatimoti School, yet they still came back and helped out. Thanks to the wonderful past-students who came and helped out. Thanks to those community members who pitched in and worked for us, just for the fun of it! And thanks to the staff who went above and beyond their role. I really can't thank everybody in our whole community enough!

Whilst this Festival is fresh in our minds, we would like to hear your feedback – what do you think went well and do you have any possible suggestions for

the future? PLEASE fill in the form attached, return to school, and attend the meeting after school next Friday 3 November if possible. Finally, if you can think of anybody in the wider community who needs a special thank you note sent, please let us know.

FRIDAY CAKES! Each Friday please send your child with one dollar for a piece of cake if you wish. We will also sell frozen Juicies for \$1 each. Students should also bring a healthy lunch on Fridays. Baking is on a parent roster; watch out for your name 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.

Term Four Friday cake duty:

This Friday 27 October: Kristin (Maggie & William) and Kerri-Ann (Angus)

Friday 3 November: Andy (Maggie & William) and Ben (Angus) (*Gumboot Day, Sausage Sizzle too*)

Friday 10 November: Sam (Bella & Connor) and Brent (Stella)

Friday 17 November: Sophie (Zeph) and Jess (Lacie)

Friday 24 November: Tao (George & Madi) and Tupou (Sina & Zac)

Friday 1 December: Sam (Ruby) and James (Mollie)

COMPETITION WINNERS Scarecrow Competition 2023

Equal prize winners:

Sam: Step it Up

- For having incredible detail, lots of family involvement and a positive attitude on his face.

Bella and Connor

- For the most rascally looking scarecrow, so beautifully positioned and with such attention to detail.

Beau and Rua: Curry Up

- For being the best car-stopper! Amazing detail, superb effort and particularly eye catching. Wow!

Ella P (R3): Chook and Egg

- For being the cutest scarecrow. Such an original and memorable scarecrow!

Xavier: Twiggy

- For 'Twiggy': the best super-model look alike scarecrow

Leia: Unity

- For the best theme, the most mega of structures and the incredible originality. Wow!

Maggie and William: Plop on Down

- For the best giggle

Thea: Flower Face

- For the most beautiful scarecrow and sign.

Lacie K: Cat in the Hat

- For incredible effort and originality.

Makaira and Shylo: Time to Rock on Down

- For so much detail and originality.

The Stewart family: Wryven

- Wow! For the most amazing creation and a beautiful sign.

Zeph: Mario

- For the great idea and the fantastic positioning

Luke and Theia: The snake

- For the best upcycling and original idea

Karen and Mike on Waiwhero Road

- Community scarecrow award: The cheekiest scarecrow "Get your Ass to the Festival"

Other scarecrows – GREAT EFFORT EVERYONE!!

There were more than 30 scarecrows out there supporting our festival last week – this is a real highlight for many people and we always receive lots of fun compliments and comments about them. Thank you everyone for all your creativity, perseverance and positivity once again. It is a way to make memories, and the kids love to see them around the valley.

CAKE COMPETITION

Thank you all for your delicious contributions to the café!

Junior Competition

1st – Ella (R3)

2nd – Angus

3rd – Thea TJ

Adults (GF)

1st – Nathalie

2nd – Lucy

3rd – Shannon

Other winners were not school parents 😊



Thanks Clover the cow, you made us \$300 by pooping in a square 3 times!!

A Festival poem
by Ruby McK in Room 5 😊

Soaking sponges flew across the sky
slap, on my face it goes.

Throwing beanbags into a boot,
yay, I won a prize

Pulling the bungee cord is like
trying to stretch a strip of licorice.

Rainbows and unicorns
dance across the kids faces.

Soury goodness
melts inside my mouth.

Freezing lemonade
bubbles in the glass

Bounce! Down the ball goes
till it reaches the bottom and the prize.

Kids smile up at us as they
play the games.



FESTIVAL FEEDBACK FORM – 2023

Thanks to everyone who helped make our school and community fundraising festival a wonderful success. We would like to collect your ideas, wisdom, and experiences while it's fresh in your minds, to help us with planning for next year.

NAME: _____

What are your general thoughts about this year's Festival overall?

The area/s we were involved with: _____

What worked well in that area?

What was missing / had too much of / ran out of / needs to change in that area?

Things we noticed that relate to the functioning of the festival overall: (eg advertising / signage / money/ parking/ rubbish / layout)

Suggestions about other stalls / activities we noticed about other sections:

Other stalls/ activities we could do next year / should drop.

A Thank-you note **has been / needs to be** sent to the following businesses / people in the community:

We think that the funds raised could make the most impact to our children's schooling by being used for:

In previous years, Festival funds have been spent on stationery, photos, subsidising swimming pool keys, solar panels to heat swimming pool, dance lessons, creative arts, performances, support for school bands, sports, school trips, additional teaching resources. We have been saving some of these profits to put towards the renovation of the swimming pool changing sheds. Do you have any further ideas or comments?

Do you think the effort and hard work is worth it?

Which area would you like to work in next year?