Ngatimoti School Newsletter Week Six, Term One 2025





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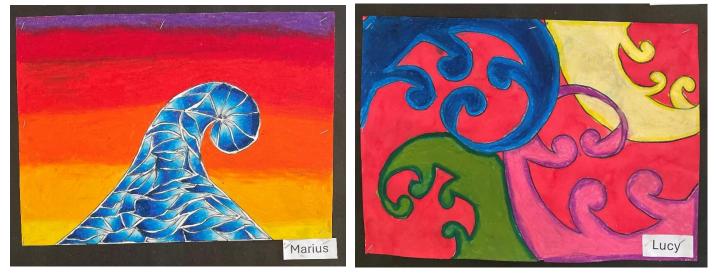
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Term 1 Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
NEXT WEEK Week 7	17 March	18 March	19 March Our School Tryathlon	20 March PARENT GROUP AGM 3pm	21 March Moturoa Mission for Y5-8 enviroleaders	22/23 March MUDDY BUDDY
Week 8	24 March	25 March	26 March Board meeting	27 March	28 March	29/30 March
Week 9	31 March TEACHER ONLY DAY – no school	1 April	2 April	3 April	4 A p ril	5/6 April
Week 10	7 April	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April Last day T1	12/13 April Holidays!



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Good luck to all our super swimmers participating in today's Interschool's swimming sports competition at Motueka High School. Stella, Grace, Leah, Ella, Bella, Alex, Freddie, Pedro, River and Rua, we know you will represent us well! Thanks also to the supportive parents for transporting, coaching and all that you do.



Above: Room Five koru art by Marius and Lucy. More on the office wall – a stunning display of variations on a theme by senior students.

Parent- Teacher meetings Thanks to all the parents who have been able to make contact with class teachers this term. Last night we had a great turnout of adults in the Senior Class, with 16 of the 22 students represented. Please remember that all class teachers are available to discuss your children's progress and achievement at your convenience. In fact, we welcome this opportunity! Make an appointment by emailing or contacting the school office.

Whole School Tryathlon next Wednesday 19 March – 1.30pm. It's about having a go and

doing your best. Dress in your house colours and have fun! Everyone is expected to participate in at least one event. IF you decide to do the competitive event, you can also then do the class event which is NOT a race, it is to do your personal best. Only some people will represent the House in the House race. This is the race with a biker/runner combo, then a 3-legged race and finally a piggy-backed race down the pool. These teams will be organised by the House group leaders and the House group teacher. Parents are welcome to come along and support our bike-run-swimmers!

<u>R.I.V.E.R. tickets</u> We are *Respectful - Innovative - positiVe - Excellent - Responsible*

To reinforce our school values (Respect, Innovation, positivity, Excellence and Responsibility) we often give out R.I.V.E.R. tickets. These are then popped into our takahe, which is like a letterbox! Each Monday we pull out some tickets, and lucky students are given a golden ticket to use in class. This can be used for free time activities, a free cake on Friday or another treat as negotiated with the class teacher! The original tickets are handed back to the students to take home. If you



see one of these RIVER tickets, please talk to your children about why they were given it and praise them up!

Positivity – Ngākaupai. The goal we are talking more about this week is positivity. Classes have discussed some of the aspects of positivity at school. Ideas such as having a positive attitude, even when things don't happen as we planned, being grateful and looking on the bright side are aspects that we discuss.

Wow! We have been impressed with some of the writing that we have been moderating this week. All students were given the task of writing about a community facility they would like. These samples are marked according to several criteria, such as number of ideas, sentence construction and punctuation. Here are just a couple of examples:

A community facility – Sanctuary	A proper football pitch and proper goals!		
I think it would be really good to have a sanctuary. First, a sanctuary could be awesome to have. We could protect our native species from extinction in the future. Plus, we could be the only sanctuary to have native reptiles, insects, plants and birds all in one.	Hello, my name is Orrin, and I firmly think that we need a proper football pitch and goals because Football seems to be the main sport here at school. It would encourage kids to be sporty and would make lunchtimes funner for heaps of people as it would keep kids fit. It would solve the problem of who gets the bottom pitch – rugby or football It also would help NZ football progress to the top as it should be. I reckon it could do a lot for the people of NZ if we win a football World Cup. It would make it so we are good at all sports		
Secondly, if we get heaps of DOC Rangers, we could start releasing native species back to the wild as they used to be. With this, we could try and make all of the Abel Tasman pest-free.			
And thirdly, if we make a huge sanctuary, schools could start learning about native wildlife and what we can do to protect it.			
By Rafael, Room 4	By Orrin, Room 4		

Moturoa Mission Next Friday 21 March, our Enviroleaders from Rooms 3, 4 & 5



will take part in the Moturoa Challenge at Rabbit Island. Good luck to our Ngatimoti Keas – **Jordan, Sahara, Madi, Connor F & Pete**, and our Ngatimoti Wekas – **Benji, Quinn, Bella, Eleanor & Aniah**. Thanks to parents Stephane and Lisa for enabling this to happen!



Yesterday we had an earthquake drill at school. Our procedure is to drop, cover and hold (under desks if in class), and then make our way to meet at the bottom field.

PARENT GROUP NEWS A NEW DATE OF THURSDAY 20 MARCH AT 3pm has been agreed

for our Parent Group AGM. At the AGM, Parent Group will decide on the donations to be made from the 2024 Festival and elect officer roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. This is an important meeting, and we encourage as many of you to attend as possible.

<u>Cakes and Juicies for sale each Friday</u>. Each Friday we have a parent baking roster to provide cakes for sale to our students. Funds raised go towards parent group funds. Watch out for your name on the termly roster and when it's your duty day we would appreciate you baking enough for approximately 30 pieces of cake/slice to sell for \$1 each. Please send your child with one dollar for a piece of cake and one dollar for a Juicie if you wish. They should also bring a healthy lunch on Fridays. Our Parents Group Cake Coordinator is Laura 022 084 2606

For the next few weeks:

Wk 6: 14 March - Jason (Amelia) & Laura (Thea, Maisey) Wk 7: 21 March - Amy (Eva) & Josh (Kaidyn) Wk 8: 28 March – Charlie (Lucy) & Tobias (Manu, Maya) Wk 9: 4 April - Brooke (Xavier) & Sebastian (Marius) Wk 10: 11 April - Greg (Silvanis) & Bex (Orianna, Milena)

HAY BALES FOR SALE Small bales \$7.75 each Contact Davina 022 670 2281

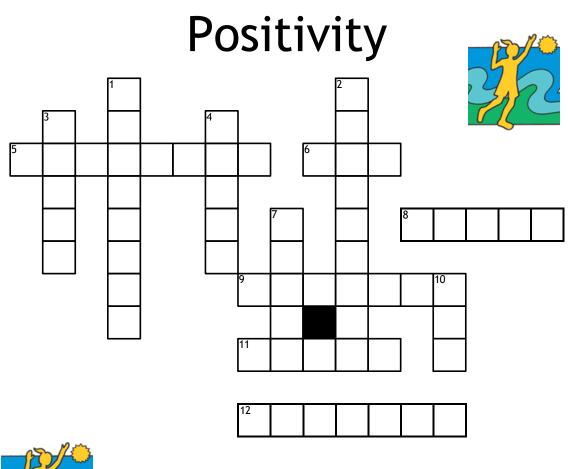


PIANO TUNING

Glenn is organising for the school pianos to be tuned, and it may be more economical if the tuner can visit more than one place in the valley on the same day. If your piano needs a tune up, contact Glenn to see if you can fit in with his plans. 0204 081 9932 <u>blisteringtongues@yahoo.com</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL at ST. JAMES' CHURCH NGATIMOTI – THIS SUNDAY 16 MARCH 10:30am. All welcome!







<u>Across</u>

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saying"I can't", say "I
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1. Thi
2. Life

9. No one is —— - that's why pencils have erasers

4. A positive person sees this as half full
7. Make goals & _____ big
10. You won't know what you can do until

what you can do until you——