



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week One, Term Four 2025



Wednesday 8 October 2025

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Wk 1 T4	Welcome back to school all of you! Whilst the weather has been changeable, the sun is now very hot when it shows its' face! Please send a named, wide brimmed hat to school with your child every day.		Wed 8 October Rm 5 visit MHS Science Roadshow Board Meeting	Thurs 9 October	Fri 10 October Pet Day WEATHER PERMITTING	Sat 11 / Sun 12 October
Wk 2	Mon 13 Oct Festival Meeting 3pm Rathgar House Craft Club in the Library	Tues 14 Oct Happy Birthday George 😊	Wed 15 Oct	Thurs 16 Oct 	Fri 17 Oct	Sat 18 / Sun 19 October ATYA Bioblitz at Canaan Downs
Wk 3	Mon 20 October Craft Club in the Library	Tues 21 Oct Happy Birthday Alex and Manu 😊	Wed 22 Oct	Thurs 23 Oct NZEI Teachers POSSIBLE Strike Day	Friday 24 Oct	25/26 October Saturday is Festival SETUP Day, Sunday is FESTIVAL DAY

Term 4 Sports teams with Sport Tasman

We have one confirmed Touch Rugby team this term, yay!

Games will begin on Wednesdays after school **next week** and sports shirts will be handed out before then. The team is **Piko, Marius, Pedro, Benji, Jack, Quinn & Tara** plus one other player from Steiner. The draw has been sent home with players, and the school van should be available for a parent to drive in every week. Check with Ali 😊 Fees for the term per player are \$15, payable now by cash or direct credit to 03 1354 0359568 00. Good luck!

CRAFT CLUB

Mondays after school in the library from next week.

All welcome!

Please send a koha for Davina's time and materials 😊

Welcome to Term 4. Classes have had a great start and students seem happy and settled, with great attitudes to their learning. We have had two visitors at school this week who have been very impressed with the standard of work they saw and the friendly school vibe they felt! Spring is certainly here, with such changeable weather! This Friday we are hoping to have our school Pet Day, although we will make a decision about this tomorrow afternoon, as the forecast is not looking good at this stage.

Thanks Lions Club! At the end of last term, we were extremely fortunate to be gifted whiteware and a generator from the Lions Club. These will be a part of future proofing for any weather events, so that school is better set up as a community hub. Massive thanks to the Lions for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Room 4 students are loving investigating their 'simple machines' science unit. Above, Orrin has constructed a great crane as an example of our creative, practical learning.



PET DAY 2025



The Student Council has planned a Pet Day for this coming Friday morning, 10 October. This is a fun morning for students to show their pets off! It is not compulsory to bring a pet. If you do not have a pet, you can bring a favourite teddy bear or soft toy – one per student! 😊

Rules – parents please talk these through with your child

1. When dogs are brought to school, they need to be tied up along the back tree line – fitness course area. (well separated from other dogs!) Lambs, calves and ponies can be tied up along the top of the bank or on the bottom field.
2. Only bring your dog if it is safe around kids, other animals and other dogs. If you are worried, please do not bring it to school.
3. Bring your own water container and food for your pet. For lambs, we have a fastest drinking lamb competition so please bring your own 200 ml of pre-mixed milk in a bottle for this.
4. Please don't lead your dog all around. Leave it tied up, and people can come and visit it!
5. Any poo or mess is the responsibility of the person who entered the pet!
6. Remember to look after your pet and not let it get stressed out.
7. No dogs can come on the bus. If you have a smaller animal that will STAY in its cage on the bus, you can ask your bus driver if that will be ok!
8. Pets need to be taken home by lunchtime.
9. If you want to pat someone else's animal, you should ask the owner's permission. This is for your own safety.
10. Do not run around the ponies and be careful and calm around all animals!



Organisation of the day

9 a.m. Your dog, calf, pony or lamb should be left tied up and students need to go to class. Animals in cages (chickens, ducks, rabbits etc) are to be left on display by the sandpit. After doing the roll, teachers will take their class around to see the pets of their class members.

9:30 a.m. The show ring will be on the top field. Dogs stay tied up, students with a dog or no pet are seated to watch the events. Students with any other pet are to bring the pet and start parading around the ring. There are categories like "biggest ears, shiniest coat, longest whiskers etc. LAMBS will be called in for judging first. Other pets and owners can line up and sit down in front of the audience. Then CALVES, then GOATS, PONIES and CAGED animals...

10 a.m. ish The dog show, which will include an obedience event of: "Sit, Stay, Come".

10:30 a.m. ish Obstacle courses – all animals and their owners can participate, with various courses running.

Finally, we have a dress up competition. All pets that are dressed up can parade around the ring again for this final event!

Morning teatime and lunch time will be flexible. We would like all pets, especially dogs, to be collected and taken home by about midday.

Thank you, parents, for your support for this fun event!



Ngatimoti Festival: Labour Weekend Sunday 26 October

18 days to go!! This week's festival update:

✓ **FESTIVAL MEETING FOR PARENTS NEXT MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 3pm RATHGAR HOUSE**

- ✓ **Where are all the scarecrows?** Thank you to those who have crafted or re-crafted their scarecrow already. We would really appreciate it if every family could please put up a scarecrow and a sign to advertise our festival. Your scarecrow doesn't need to be the best or most creative, it just needs to be out there, please! Over the years, so many people have looked forward to the drive to Ngatimoti and seeing lots of scarecrows around. Make a sign to go with your character: Ngatimoti Festival, 10am – 4pm Sunday 26 October. Rain or shine. Point the way with a scarecrow trail! If you live away from either Waiwhero Road or the Motueka Valley highway, you might like to consider placing your scarecrow somewhere along a main route. Once your scarecrow is up, please send us a photo to office@ngatimoti.school.nz
- ✓ **CAFÉ:** We ask all families to provide baking for our Festival café! There is an amazing cake competition on Saturday afternoon, judged by a professional chef, with 3 prize categories: Adult (normal cake), Gluten Free/Dairy Free, and Kids. Cakes will be judged for the competition at 3pm on Saturday 25 October so bring your cake to Rathgar House to enter. General cakes and baking (savoury and sweet) for the café can be dropped in late Saturday afternoon or early on Sunday morning. Please label with ingredients, GF / DF etc.
- ✓ **DEEP FAT FRYERS x 2 wanted for our Schnitzel stall.** Please let the office know or contact the Schockaert or Gaul family.
- ✓ **Vegetable donations** for our curry team would be appreciated.
- ✓ **LEMONS:** For our home-made lemonade, to sell on plant stall and for the Festival Café. Bring them to school any time from now please, thank you!
- ✓ **EGGS:** For our schnitzel stall and café – we're going to need a lot of eggs – please send them into school so we can track how many we have.
- ✓ **OUTDOOR FURNITURE:** We always need more seating and shade for the café – name any items you loan us!
- ✓ **SAUCE BOTTLES:** We could use some empty, cleaned tomato sauce bottles for our BBQ and foodstalls to use.
- ✓ **TREASURE TROVE:** Still accepting good quality second hand items; clothes, books, toys etc. No junk please, and no electrical items.
- ✓ **SILENT AUCTION:** Any offers of services, vouchers, art, jewellery, sports gear, furniture, etc. are most appreciated.
- ✓ **CAGED TRAILER WANTED.** For the firewood for the silent auction.
- ✓ **ADVERTISING:** We have printed posters/flyers at the office. Ask Amanda to send some home if you have places to put them
- ✓ **ROSTER:** Attached to this newsletter. This is rough, and always a work in progress, with many question marks!! Team leaders need to confirm their own rosters with parents and helpers. Bring in your family and friends if you can, we need all hands on deck! Contact your team leader to confirm times, or the school office if you do not see your name! We always need more help ... be in touch if you know of any willing helpers!
- ✓ **TEAM LEADERS:** If you have any shopping or equipment needs that you are struggling to find, let us know. Make sure you have everything you need to run your stall!

Thank you everyone for all your generosity and energy.

Your children will benefit from this amazing community effort once again!! 😊

POSSIBLE STRIKE: You have probably heard about the likelihood of teachers, principals and support staff striking on Thursday 23 October. As a staff, we have discussed this at length. We feel very conflicted with closing the school for a strike because we strongly believe that attendance is important, and we are all happy in our workplace here at Ngatimoti. I want you to know that our decision to strike has not been taken lightly, but in consideration of the rest of the country's education force. Throughout the NZEI collective agreement negotiations, several issues have been raised that would support students' learning. This includes having a teacher aide in every class. (We are so fortunate at Ngatimoti School that our Board funds the majority of our teacher aide time, which includes Jade, Anna, Glenn and Davina.) Many schools cannot afford to employ teacher aides. As well, we want to attract and retain great people in our schools, rather than seeing so many leave for Australia. A strike means a day without pay for our teachers, but that is a sacrifice that we are making to try to get the government to listen.



Happy Birthday! This week we celebrate **Milena's** 10th birthday yesterday, and our wonderful Room One volunteer **Jill** has her special day today!

Best wishes to both of you, from all of us here at school.

Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors 2026 Congratulations to **Leon, Oscar, Rafael and Alex** who made successful applications to become our 2026 Ngatimoti School ATYA representatives. We know you will represent us well with all your RIVER values.



Congratulations to **Makaira, Te Rehua, Orrin, Jack and Shylo** who were the top attendees at school in Term Three! Closely followed by **Leah N, Rita, Pete, Theia & Luke** who only missed half a day of school last term.



Juicies will be for sale on Fridays from this week in addition to our parent baking. Send an extra dollar with your child if they are allowed to buy a Juicie. They will still need a healthy lunch provided to go along with their cake and Juicie.

PARENT GROUP: Cakes AND JUICIES for sale each Friday. Each Friday we have a parent baking roster to provide cakes for sale to our students. Please send your child with a dollar in cash to buy a cake each week, and another dollar if they would also like to buy a Juicie, preferably in a named purse. On your duty day, please provide 24-30 cupcakes, muffins, cake or slice. Our Parent Cake Coordinator is Laura 022 084 2606. Contact Laura to swap your rostered cake duty or with any questions. Thanks parents!

Term 4 roster

Friday 10 October: Kathryn (Grace) and Catherine (Rua)

Friday 17 October: Dan (Benji) and Nele (Manu, Maya)

Friday 24 October: We would appreciate all families baking this weekend for Festival 😊



**FREE RANGE EGGS FOR SALE
\$8 / DOZEN**

See Anna in Room 4 at school or text
/ call 022 631 7636

WHITEBAIT FOR SALE \$40 / lb
Can be delivered to school.
Contact 021 223 0620

Another example above of creative, practical learning, the senior class and Dr. Will Stovell enjoyed playing polar bear chairs to explore the loss of habitat, warming seas and the effects on eco-systems.

**WANT TO BE PART OF
KATH BEE'S
MUSIC VIDEO?**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME!!**

**FUN
ACTIVITIES**

**GROUP
SING-ALONG**

**KOHA
ENTRY**

**EXTRAS
FOR THE KIDS:
(WHILE STOCKS LAST)**

**FREE BALLOON
BRACELET**

**\$1 ICECREAM
OR ICEPOP**

**VICTORY COMMUNITY CENTRE
1ST NOVEMBER 2025
10.30AM-12PM**

You will see the amazing Kath Bee performing here on Festival Day too!



**LET'S POOL
TOGETHER!**



Motueka is on the cusp of something big – a heated, indoor aquatic centre for everyone. We just need a little help.

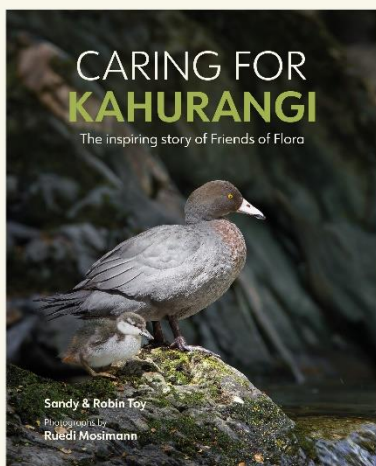
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POTTON & BURTON AND MOTUEKA PUBLIC LIBRARY

invite you to the book launch of



Wednesday 15 October, 2025, 6pm

Motueka Public Library

32 Wallace Street, Motueka

RSVP: by 10 October 2025, pauline@pottonandburton.co.nz

**ABEL TASMAN
NATIONAL PARK
COMMUNITY
BIOBLITZ**

**CANAAN CAMPGROUND
SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER**

**REGISTER
NOW!**



IF YOUR NAME IS IN BOLD, YOU ARE THE TEAM LEADER. PLEASE ORGANISE YOUR OWN ROSTER

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL PARENTS ROSTER – SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025 - 10am-4pm

NSAIMOT FESTIVAL RELEVANT ROSTER - SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018 - 12:00 - 4pm									
Gates <i>(3 x small gazebos)</i>	PARKING MANAGEMENT	Silent Auction <i>(Indigo Room)</i>	Café <i>Rathgar House</i>		Wash Truck	Recycling	PIG / LAMB SPIT <i>(NBS marquee)</i>		Ice Cream <i>(school gazebo)</i>
Anna Gimson Barbara Verboom Lucy Maxwell Ruby Maxwell Briar Hughes Sarah-Jane Noesgaard <i>(also on ice-cream)</i> Dan Bulman Suzanne Tawharu Chris Stokes Marios & Fleur Justin Hayward Joe Kayyali Helene Baigent Alison Bruce Charlie Ablett Craig Schock	Andy McFarland organising NMTM (away on the day) Josh Stephen Rob Jones Jeff Furrows (am) Danny Bright Chops Paul Wiedlandt + 6 rotary club Tao Kelly Ollie Langridge Dave Baisley John Cawood Ben Ayers Malcolm Hepburn Duncan Mackintosh <i>Ben Roche ? Brent Isherwood ?</i> <i>Sebastian DD ? Wes Verboom?</i> <i>Jason Plunkett?</i>	Catherine Chick Greg Villarosa Kristin McFarland <i>(away on the day)</i>	Jinx Flewitt Brig Knowles Rebecca Myjer Sam Flewitt Isla Fitzsimmons Sophie Maxwell Maya Mosimann Jo Hadley Claire Haskell Greg Villarosa (also on auction) lanthe Ward Tina Williams <i>Bex Isherwood?</i>	Rebecca Myjer Kyna Towns Katrin Gandras Brenda Fry Lesley Hadley Nataliya Langridge Sophie Jackson <i>Tania McArley ?</i> <i>Candice Pinga ?</i> <i>Melissa Plunkett ?</i> <i>Bex Isherwood ?</i>	Kate Gimson Anna Gimson Marlene - compost ??	3 serving, 3 carving at any one time Alistair Eggers Emma Eggers Tomas Kugler Matt Page Barry Eastwood Tobias Hunter Terri Danielson Sam Knowles	Dan Cairney Annie Simpson Sarah-Jane Noesgaard (pm) Shane Quinlivan		
							Schnitzel & Lemonade Andy Gaul Stephane Schockaert <u>LEMONADE</u> Rachael Gaul Nathalie Schockaert		
Curry <i>(Totalspan gazebo x 2)</i>	Animal Tent Cow Pat Bingo <i>(NBS Marquee & Sport Tasman)</i>	TREASURE TROVE Community Rooms	SET UP AND CLEAN UP	Plants <i>(school gazebo plus 2 small blue ones)</i>	Craftstalls External Foodstalls	Grounds maintenance and toilet checks	Office	KIDZONE <i>Sport Tasman Marquee, Schockaert's gazebo</i>	JUICIES LUCKY DIP
River Seligman Clyde Douglas Alisa Douglas James Douglas Jacqui Jenkins (am) Tamara Jenkins (am) Veg curry - Brooke, Tamara, Jacqui Kate H - vege donations	Kate Hyde Tobias Hunter ? Hobbit ? <u>Cow pat Clover bingo</u> Room 4 students	Emelie Wahlgren Johan Wahlgren Justina Ozolina Phoebe Quinlivan Laura Townley	EACH TEAM SET UP YOUR OWN AREA ON Saturday Take the gazebo down in the area you are working in on Sunday afternoon. ASK ALL PARENTS TO HELP BETWEEN 10am – 12pm MONDAY	Marian Chick Marlene Moreau Lauren Milnes & Room 4 students Ollie Langridge (pm) Claire Fanning Shannon Borrett	Annie Simpson Kate Steffens Jess King	Ian Stephens Suntah Hassik Alistair Stewart Victoria Solloway	Kathryn Craig Amanda Jen Cawood Jeff Furrows (pm)	Rochelle Roberts Jade Hogan Room 3 & 5 students Tobias Castelli Nele Siezen Jola Siezen	Beth Spencer Jill Tran Room 1 students