



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Seven, Term Four 2025



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FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR all students will be at 1.30pm Thursday 18 December at school in the Indigo Room. School will close at 12:30pm on Friday 19 December – clean up day. No buses will run.

TERM 1 2025: Tues 3 February – Thursday 2 April

Waitangi Day is Friday 6 February. Good Friday is Friday 3 April.

21 November

Cakes: Leah N & Cassian

22/23 November

Saturday ATYA
Canaan Downs

Wk 8	24 November CRAFT CLUB	25 November	26 November ROOM 5 VISIT TO BARK BAY	27 November	28 November KAPA HAKA DAY Cakes: Jordan & Leah, Sam	29/30 November
Wk 9	1 December CRAFT CLUB	2 December Happy Birthday to Ardy, Freddie and Jade 😊	3 December TALENT SHOW Board Meeting 5pm	4 December	5 December LIBRARY CLOSED Cakes; Luke/Theia and Madi/George	6/7 December

The Swimming Pool is open. To begin the season there will be lunchtime swims available, at teacher's discretion and dependent on the weather. Pool keys are now available to purchase from the school office at a cost to parents of the school (and playgroup) of \$30 for the season 😊. There is a pool keyholder's agreement to agree to and sign before you can purchase a key – request one from the office within school hours.



Above: Kaidyn and Sol leap the long jump at the Junior Athletics Interschool's Competition.

Our junior athletes did us proud at last week's competition, with **Tara** taking best overall for her 10yr old girl age group, winning the accuracy throw, 60m & 80m sprint and coming 2nd in the distance run – go Tara! **Rua** came 3rd in the 80m sprint, **Maya & Waiata** came 1st & 2nd in the 8yr old girl high jump and **Waiata** placed 3rd in the long jump. **William** came 1st in the 9yr old boy's long jump, and **Connor F** came 1st in the 9yr old boy accuracy throw event. Our relay team also celebrated 3rd place. Yay!

Unfortunately, the senior athletics competition was cancelled due to rain the next day.

As an enviroschool, we are proud to have several environmental learning activities on offer this term. Today Rooms 1 and 3 have braved the elements and headed to Bark Bay. In a perfect world, they would have a lovely sunny day for this trip, but taking all risks into account, going on trips with slightly inclement weather is a good learning experience in resiliency too. The environment is there to be appreciated in all weathers!

Next week the Senior Class heads to Bark Bay on Wednesday and on Saturday our 2025 and 2026 ATYA students will be exploring Canaan Downs. In a couple of weeks, we will all be a part of a Project Jonah presentation about whales and dolphins, and our school enviro-leaders have an upcoming trip to learn about eels to look forward to. Thanks to the TDC and a fabulous parent we have been donated two large planter boxes. The enviro-leaders will be planting these up soon!



Creative learning at playtime at Ngatimoti School. Isaac, Zakai & Magnus and Leia, Rita, Leah, Thea, Lacie & Eleanor.

Kapa Haka Festival Friday November 28th. Kapa Haka is a great opportunity for many of our students to share their increasing confidence, their self-discipline and their showmanship. We have 33 amazing students who will be representing us at the Motueka Kapa Haka day on Friday 28 November. We are very proud of you all! We will be needing some transport and support from parents to and from Motueka for the Kapa Haka Festival. All of Rooms 1 & 3, and seven awesome volunteers from Room 4 have been working really hard towards this, and it would be amazing to have a great big cheer section in the audience to support them on the day. The revised timetable for the Festival has our kura performing during the morning block, at approximately 11am. Please note that this time is an estimate only, and could be subject to changes on the day. Reminder: students will need to wear black skirt, shorts or long trousers.

Celebrating Ex-Ngatimoti Students School is a busy place, and this time of the year is especially busy with end-of-year needs to be met, as well as planning for 2026.

It has been great to hear of successes of past students who have done well at High School and who have plans for their futures. It is also great to hear that one of our past Ngatimoti School students has recently been selected as Head Boy in 2026 at Motueka High School. Congratulations Nikau Henderson! What an honour and a great reflection of your positive relationships with others, your work ethic and your service to the community.

**TALENT
SHOW**

Ngatimoti's got talent! Our school Talent Show is an opportunity to celebrate creativity, and we look forward to this event on **Wednesday 3 December**. All students are invited to show their class teacher, or Glenn, their skill or talent, as their audition for this show. It is not a competition but a fun way to share, show confidence and entertain others in our school community. Encourage your child to join in!

School Cleaner's Position The application deadline for the school cleaner's position is this Friday 21 November at 3pm. Cleaning responsibilities are daily, although there is some flexibility around hours. Generally, there is 3 hours of work each day. Holiday commitments are usually one week of every two-week block of holidays. Please chat to Ali if you are interested or email principal@ngatimoti.school.nz



Time to return the Library Books.

The school library will close for the end of year stocktake on Friday 5 December.

Please have a good hunt around your home and return your library books to your class teacher before 5 December.

Motueka Library has a great summer reading programme so your children can keep up their reading practice over the summer.

SWIMMING LESSONS IN THE NGATIMOTI SCHOOL POOL. Anna is seeking expressions of interest for her to run swimming lessons in the school pool over the summer break.
Text/call Anna 022 631 7636

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 21 November: Jacqui (Leah) & Bethany (Cassian)

Friday 28 November: Vicky (Jordan, Leah) & Sam (Bella, Connor)

Friday 5 December: Alisa (Luke, Theia) and Tao (Madi, George)

Friday 12 December: Andy (Maggie, William) and Chops (Pedro, Freddie)

SPORT START Funding

Sport Start is a grant that is available through Sport Tasman. It supports young people to take part in sport and physical activity by providing assistance where financial hardship is a barrier to participation.

Details

- Funding must be used for sport subscriptions only
- Age Group: 5-18 year olds
- Current Community Services Card holder (either in the child or guardian's name)
- Limit: Up to \$30 per child (tamariki ages 5 to 12 yrs)
- Limit: Up to \$50 per child (rangatahi ages 13 to 18 yrs)
- Up to 2 applications per calendar year per child
- Up to 2 sports can be funded on one application, however, a multi-sport application counts as your yearly allocation

PROCESS:

Sports clubs and schools must be registered as a Provider with Sport Tasman (see our website).

- Funding rounds are processed and paid out monthly, on/around the 20th (excludes Jan)
- Applications to be submitted by the 10th of the month
- Funds are paid directly to the Registered Provider School/Club/Organisation
- Any difference between fees and funding is NOT covered by Sport Tasman
- Funding must be used for sport subscriptions only: for example, it cannot be used for travel or uniforms

Further information and online applications

via www.sporttasman.org.nz/funding/sportstart-1.

SCAN ME



Apply on-line if possible.

However, paper copies can still be emailed to admin@sporttasman.org.nz if you don't have access to the website.



SPORT TASMAN

Still have a question? Call us on 03 546 7910

From Tasman District Council: Your Flood Stories

As part of the recovery after the floods we are keen to collect your thoughts and experiences about the events of June/July 2025. We have created a short questionnaire, click on the Flood Stories link below.

The questionnaire gives you the opportunity to reflect not only on your own circumstances, but those of your wider area, networks, communities of concern, social groups, workplaces, schools and so on.

The responses to the questionnaire will be collated into a book, which will be a tangible reminder of how the wider community came through one of the biggest weather events in 150 years.

Your answers can be as brief as you like, or longer if you have more to say. I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. If you prefer pen and paper you can ask at your local library for a printed copy.

Flood Stories - Community Experiences of the Tasman Floods of 2025 – Fill out form

And a little more storytelling...

As we move into the last days of spring, we have been told by a few people that they would like to write down their own story of the floods, maybe for themselves, or for their children and grandchildren, or to add to the historic record.

We know there are many stories to be told, some small snippets, some longer and more involved – all important. But how to start? The blank sheet of paper, the blank screen, can be intimidating.

Come along to Motueka Library on Friday November 28th from 10am-12pm for a chat about stories, have a cuppa and biscuits with Janine (Motueka Librarian) and Katie (Flood Navigator), and get some tips to help get you started with your writing.

You can bring a laptop or tablet, or pen and paper, and begin your story writing in the session if you feel like it. If you prefer to just chat and pick up ideas, that is fine too.

It will be a calm, safe, and friendly space and everyone is welcome.

Do you have photographs to share?

I will have more information about where and how to send any photographs you may wish to share in a couple of weeks' time. **Katie Sellars, Flood Navigator, TDC**



Summer Holiday Camps at Bridge Valley!

These summer holidays, we have four exciting weeks of camp, packed with fun, friendship, and adventure! Each camp is designed for different age groups and includes activities such as luge, rock climbing, the aquapark, epic games, and more! Don't miss out, spaces fill fast!

Christmas Day Camp

17 - 19 December for ages 7-13

Day adventures full of activities and Christmas-themed games!

'Under the Sea' January Camps

Ultimate Camp: Ages 11-13 on the 12 - 16 January

Junior Camp: Ages 8-11 on the 20 - 23 January

Dive into a week of ocean-themed games, challenges, and unforgettable memories!

Summer Bible Camp

27 - 30 January for ages 8 - 13

Grow in faith, make new friends, and experience the best of summer at Bridge Valley!