



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week One, Term One 2026



Wednesday 4 February 2026

Rāapa 4 Huitānguru 2026

office@ngatimoti.school.nz 03 526 8842 principal@ngatimoti.school.nz

TEXT ABSENCES: 027 526 8842


Ngatimoti School Bank Account 03 1354 0359568 00

Welcome back to school everyone! Ngatimoti School feels good. With the sun shining on our beautiful school grounds, and so many friendly and responsible kids, it is a pleasure to be back!

This year the whakatauki that we are following comes from Ngāti Tama: Tama tū ki Te Taihu, tama ora ki te ao. "Stand strong at the prow and you will thrive in the world." We are interpreting this with keywords each term, and this term it is about courage and being friendly - reaching out to others.

We welcome five new students to our school this week: **Zendé** and **Iver** join Room 1, **Toby** joins Room 3, & **James** and **Hazel** join us in Room 5. We hope you all love your time here at Ngatimoti School!

We thank Andrea for all her hard work in her role as cleaner for the past five years, and welcome Kate (Orrin's mum) to the team as cleaner and Orinoco bus driver. We farewell Juliette, who has driven the Orinoco bus for many years, and wish her happiness as she explores new opportunities 😊

<p>Please email office@ngatimoti.school.nz with any updated health details, contacts, bus travel arrangements etc for your children. Your child should also have a wide brimmed hat, swimming togs and towel, lunch and their own water bottle every day at school. Here's a taster of what's coming up in the first few weeks:</p>		<p>Week 1 is a short week. No school this Friday to celebrate Waitangi Day. Expected Class Swimming EVERY DAY Room 4 – 11:30am-12:30pm Room 1 & 3 – 1:30pm Room 5 – 2:20pm</p> <p>Please send a note/text/email if your child is not to swim. Lunchtime swims are at the discretion of the class teacher on supervision.</p>
<p>Week 2 9-13 Feb</p> 	<p>Monday 10 Feb: First Motec session for Y7 & 8 students. Travelling on the school bus, students leave school at 11:30am each Monday and return to school at 2:30pm. Closed toe shoes must be worn and long hair tied back for these technology sessions. There is a cost to parents of \$80 for the year for Motec take-home components. Please pay this to our school account 03 1354 0359568 00. Ask Mr. Hepburn or at the office if unclear.</p> <p>Wednesday 11 Feb: Room 5 plan to walk up to White Rock on Greenhill Road.</p> <p>INFOMINGLE AT SCHOOL for all families – 5:30pm. More details on page 3.</p>	
<p>Week 3 16 -20 Feb</p>	<p>Monday 16 Feb: Daniel from Sport Tasman begins his Monday afternoon sports skills training here at school for Rooms 1, 3 and 4 students.</p> <p>Tuesday 17 Feb: Room 5 and Room 3 students will have a local history trip with Ed Stevens.</p> <p>Wednesday 18 Feb: Room 4 and Room 1 local history trip with Ed Stevens.</p>	
<p>Week 4 23 -27 Feb</p>	<p>Wednesday 25 Feb: Board Meeting – 6pm</p> <p>Friday 27 Feb: House Group Water Fun Challenge. More details to come. 😊</p>	



Best Wishes to everyone who celebrated their special days over the holidays, including Mrs. Turner, Mr. Hepburn and Mrs. Roberts! Congratulations to all of you who celebrated in January: Anaea, Sol, Maggie and Xavier. Connor R will celebrate his 11th Birthday tomorrow, and Toby will be 7 on Friday! We hope you all had lots of fun, from all of us here at school.

During January, school has been a busy place, with the construction of a new retaining wall around the adventure playground.

The admin buildings have been checked for asbestos (all clear!) and some soffits repainted.

Most excitingly, we have had two flash new basketball hoops installed. Huge thanks to TDC, Sport NZ, Sport Tasman and Nelmac/Kūmanu 😊



We will spend time during Term 1 considering some history, and thinking where, when and how people might have shown courage in the past. This will include trips to some local sites, such as the Ngatimoti St James church, the Waiwhero cemetery and old school sites. The emphasis will be on how Ngatimoti was 'in the olden days and why things might have changed. If you have any concerns with your children visiting a church or a cemetery, please let us know.

Later in the term, we look forward to hosting a number of vintage cars, as a part of the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring. On this day, we are planning some olden days fun and would love it if your child could dress up in some type of olden days fashion!

Reporting to parents: You might have heard through the media about new government expectations about reporting to parents. We will continue to provide a written report twice a year, but there will be some changes in what is reported. E.g. reporting against the new curriculum in Maths and English, information about how you can help at home and attendance data. You can expect the first of these written reports at the end of Term 2, however we invite all parents in for a meeting with the class teacher to talk about your child's learning, at any time this term. Please make an appointment:

malcolm@ngatimoti.school.nz

lauren@ngatimoti.school.nz

rochelle@ngatimoti.school.nz

beth@ngatimoti.school.nz

Music Lessons with Glenn Private music tuition with Glenn is available here at school Tuesdays and Wednesdays, in school time or after school on Tuesday. Learn guitar, bass, drums, piano, recorder or ukelele. Available to students in Room 3 and above. **Contact Glenn 02040819932 or blisteringtongues@yahoo.com**

2026 School Terms and Holidays	
TERM 1	
Term start and end dates	Tuesday 3 February to Thursday 2 April
Public holidays	Public holidays: Waitangi Day Friday 6 February
School holidays	Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April
TERM 2	
Term start and end dates	Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July
Public holidays	ANZAC day observed Monday 27 April. King's Birthday Monday 1 June.
School holidays	Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July
TERM 3	
Term start and end dates	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Public holidays	None
School holidays	Saturday 26 September – Sunday 11 October
TERM 4	
Term start and end dates	Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December
Public holidays	Labour Day Monday 27 October

INFO-MINGLE



**INFORMATION FOR
PARENTS AND
CAREGIVERS ABOUT
CLASS ROUTINES AND
EXPECTATIONS THIS
YEAR**

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

5:30 PM INTRO AND BBQ

**6 PM MR HEPBURN AND WHAEA
BETH'S CLASS MEETINGS**

**6:30 PM MRS ROBERTS' CLASS
MEETING**

**6:45 PM MRS MILNES' CLASS
MEETING**

**BOUNCY
SLIDE**

**FREE BBQ
SAUSAGE**

**POOL WILL
BE OPEN**



PLEASE COME!

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL: NAVIGATING TOGETHER WITH PURPOSE AND PRIDE



Cakes and Juicies for sale each Friday. 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 love you to bake 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:

Friday 13 Feb: Greg (Silvanis) & Jason (Amelia) Friday 6 March: Rachael (Leia) & Claire (Connor)
 Friday 20 Feb: Jola (Piko) & River (Flint) Friday 13 March: Shane (Ella Q) & Candice (Te Rehua, Waiata)
 Friday 27 Feb: Emelie (Viggo) & Dave (Magnus) Friday 20 March: Laura (Thea, Maisey) & Marian (Freddie, Pedro)

Swimming Lessons with Anna Lessons continue after school on **Thursdays** until further notice.

Pre-schoolers at 3pm. School age 5-7 years at 3:20pm.

Older children and adults are welcome following these lessons.

If interested, just show up at the school pool (adults must attend) or contact Anna on 022 631 7636

After school sports at Motueka Recreation Centre

REGISTRATION DEADLINE WED 11 FEB

TOUCH RUGBY	Tuesdays Y1/2, Y3/4 starts 17 Feb Wednesdays Y5/6 and 7/8 start 18 Feb	\$15 per player for the term, payable to school. Register through Amanda in the school office.
NETBALL	Mondays starting 16 Feb	
KI-O-RAHI	For Y6, 7 & 8 Thursdays, start 19 Feb	

MATILDA COLOURING COMPETITION All students, currently enrolled in Year 1-6, are invited to colour the attached sheet. They may use any materials they wish, whether that's pencils, pens, crayons or paint - creativity is encouraged! Please ensure each submission includes the information indicated on the sheet (the entrant's first name, age, school, and a contactable email address).

All entries can be submitted via the collection box, stationed at the windmill in Founders Park. If you are not going to Nelson, you can bring them to school, and we will mail them on your behalf. Entries close on February 15th and will be judged by members of the Nelson Musical Theatre team, with a focus on creativity, colour use, and overall impact.

The prizes are as follows:

- 🥇 First Place
 - * Family Pass (x2 Adults, x2 Children) to 'Matilda: The Musical'.
 - * Picture with the cast.
 - * Signed programme.

- 🥈 Second Place
 - * Two tickets to 'Matilda: The Musical'.
 - * Free programme.

- 🥉 Third Place
 - * One ticket to 'Matilda: The Musical'.
 - * Free programme.

facebook

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL HAS
A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!
Have a look, like and
follow! 😊

NGATIMOTI PLAYGROUP
 At Rathgar House, Ngatimoti School
 Every Friday of term 9:30-12:30

COME AND JOIN US!

- MORNING TEA PROVIDED
- HEAPS OF FUN TO BE HAD
- LOTS OF TOYS!
- LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
- FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY
- RAIN OR SHINE
- FREE ENTRY!
- FIND US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES

Nelson Tasman Underwater Hockey CLUB

Have a Go!
 Thursday 5th Feb 2026
 Friday 13th Feb 2026
 7.00 - 8.15pm
 Riverside Pool, Nelson

Everyone welcome - Only togs and a towel needed
 Feel free to bring your own mask, snorkel, and flippers

GET UP TO **3 FREE BOOKS**

Issue 1 is Now Open!

See **LOOP** for the full list!

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 out now. Brochures are available from the office. Order deadline 27 March. For every \$10 order, our school receives \$2 credit to help us purchase library books.

Thanks for your support!

FIRST NAME:

AGE:



EMAIL ADDRESS:

SCHOOL:

NGATIMOTI