



# Ngatimoti School Newsletter

## Week Three, Term One 2026



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Week 4 23 -27 Feb	Tuesday 24 Feb: Enviroleaders walk to Coralie Grooby's property up Greenhill Road. Wednesday 25 Feb: Board Meeting - 6pm Friday 27 Feb: House Group Water Fun Challenge. An afternoon of fun, water-based team building activities at school.
Week 5 2-6 March	  <b>Thursday 5 March</b> Mana Whaitake at Kaiteriteri for Room 4 students.
Week 6 9-13 March	Tuesday 10 March Public Health Nurses here for Y7/8 consented vaccinations. Wednesday 11 March: Interschool's Swimming Sports at Motueka High School for selected students

**Navigating together, with purpose and pride. What is the purpose of education?**

According to the NZ Curriculum, "The main purpose of schooling is to support all students to gain the knowledge and skills they need to be lifelong learners, experience success, and to fully participate in jobs and careers, society, and their communities."

In some ways this statement is reflected in our Ngatimoti School logo.

The triangle is significant.

- One side represents school and school staff
- One side represents home and families
- One side represents the students themselves



Ngatimoti School

All three sides working together make a strong shape, and this triangle builds community.

Students learn so that they can participate and contribute. By learning to read, they are not only growing their autonomy, but they can learn to understand others' perspectives. By learning maths, they are becoming more confident, so they are able to use their skills in practical ways. By learning to self-regulate and communicate, they can hopefully make the world a more peaceful place!

According to Gert Biesta, the purpose of education is threefold:

1. Gain qualifications
2. Develop autonomy
3. Become social aware

**What do you think?**

Right: Ed Stevens talks to an attentive group of Room 5 and Room 3 students on yesterday's historical tour of the Ngatimoti area.

Thanks Ed!



It is great that at Ngatimoti School our students have opportunities to be a part of our wider community. Already the Senior Class have had an opportunity to walk through private property to White Rock, acknowledging and showing their gratitude to Mechthilde and Peter. The whole school has worked with a big or small buddy, showing care and thoughtfulness, whilst visiting local historical sites. We are super grateful to Ed Stevens for sharing his knowledge, and to Davina and Sandra for allowing us to look inside the St. James church.

Right: Room 5 students, Mr. Hepburn and our enthusiastic parent helpers at White Rock last week.

Thanks to all of our students for showing respect to the people in our wider community and these special places. Our current focus on being friendly and being active listeners were noticed!

### ENVIROLEADERS' TRIP TO CORALIE GROOBY

**Next Tuesday 24 February at 1:30pm**

Our enviroleaders, Zakai, Zaria, Anaea, Maya, Milena, Kaidyn, Amelia, Piko, Leon, Oscar, Rafael and Alex will walk with Mrs. Milnes up to Coralie Grooby's property up Greenhill Road to learn about Coralie's heritage fowl, visit her QEII covenanted native bush block and plan for a year of exciting enviro activities and learning for our school. Students will need sturdy walking shoes/gumboots, water bottle, hats and a raincoat, prepared for all weathers. The group will be back at school in time for the bus home. Any queries, please contact [lauren@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:lauren@ngatimoti.school.nz)



**RESPECT = Think of others**

## Being an Active Listener

QUICK REMINDERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please email <a href="mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz">office@ngatimoti.school.nz</a> with any updated <b>health details, contacts, bus travel arrangements</b> etc for your children.</li> <li>Your child needs a wide brimmed hat, swimming togs and towel, lunch and their own water bottle every day at school.</li> <li><b>Class Swimming EVERY DAY: Room 4 – 11:30am, Room 1 &amp; 3 – 1:30pm, Room 5 – 2:20pm</b> 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.</li> <li><b>Year 7 &amp; 8 students; Motec materials donations are now due.</b> \$80 for the year (you don't have to pay this all at once). Pay online to the bank account above. Thanks to those of you who have paid already!</li> <li><b>Please make an appointment with your child's class teacher</b> this term to discuss your child's learning. Contact <a href="mailto:malcolm@ngatimoti.school.nz">malcolm@ngatimoti.school.nz</a> <a href="mailto:lauren@ngatimoti.school.nz">lauren@ngatimoti.school.nz</a> <a href="mailto:rochelle@ngatimoti.school.nz">rochelle@ngatimoti.school.nz</a> or <a href="mailto:beth@ngatimoti.school.nz">beth@ngatimoti.school.nz</a></li> </ul>	

**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](mailto:blisteringtongues@yahoo.com)



Congratulations to Leon who turns 11 years old today!

Have a great day Leon, from all of us here at school.



**Attendance at school** Regular school attendance is vital for the success and wellbeing of our tamariki. Attending school every day supports our tamariki to build strong foundations for their learning and social development. Regular attendance also promotes achievement success as tamariki are able to consistently build on their learning.

Our government has set a national target of 80% of students attending school at least 90% of the time. This means that tamariki should be absent for no more than one day a fortnight to ensure that they can have continued success at school.

Ngatimoti School had 60% average of regular attendance for 2025. (Term 1 68%, Term 2 61%, Term 3 48% and Term 4 64%).

**Whānau responsibilities** Whānau have legal obligations to ensure their tamariki attend school (Education and Training Act, s244). We expect whānau to:

- notify us as soon as possible if your child is going to be late or absent
- Arrange appointments/trips outside of school hours or during school holidays where possible
- Work with us to manage attendance concerns

Below is our stepped attendance response for responding to individual student absence.

Good Attendance (Regular attendance)	Worrying Attendance (Irregular absence)	Concerning Attendance (Moderate absence)	Very concerning (Chronic Absence)
<b>Less than 5 days absence in a school term</b>	<b>Up to 10 days absence in a term FOR ANY REASON</b>	<b>Up to 15 days absence in a term FOR ANY REASON</b>	<b>15 days or more absence in a term FOR ANY REASON</b>
Whānau	Whānau	Whānau	Whānau
Ensure students attend every day they are able.  Reinforce good attendance habits.  Support other whānau to reinforce good attendance habits.  Follow school attendance management plan and procedures.	Return student to regular attendance.  Contact school to discuss reasons for absence and impact on learning.  Support students to catch up on missed learning.  Engage in supports offered	Return student to regular attendance.  Participate in meetings with school to analyse reasons for absence and to collaborate on a support plan.  Implement strategies at home	Return student to regular attendance.  Engage in support plan.  Participate in regular meetings

## Quick Guide to SchoolDocs for the School Community

Information for school staff, students, parents, and whānau

SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Your SchoolDocs site contains policies that are specific to your school and can be accessed by the whole school community.

### Using SchoolDocs

Website <https://ngatimoti.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username ngatimoti

Password river

Enter the login information for your SchoolDocs site here.





Related policies are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information and resources.

- To find a policy, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse the site using the table of contents. Click the black arrows to open each section.
- Search for **Quick links for staff** and **Quick links for parents and whānau**, which provide links to useful policy information.
- For more information about using SchoolDocs, see the **Help** tab at the top of your SchoolDocs site.

### Reviews and feedback

**Start your review**

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review cycle to keep policies up to date. For review information each term, see **Current Review** at the top of the site.

- You can provide **content feedback** to suggest changes to improve the content of a policy.
- You can provide **implementation feedback** about how the policy is implemented at your school.

! If you find information that's incorrect during a review (e.g. location of first aid supplies), **do not** submit this through the review tool. Let the principal or board know that it needs to be updated.

If you'd like to comment on a policy that's not under review, you can use the **feedback button** to send an email to your school. This feedback is not sent to the SchoolDocs team.



**RUGBY 2026**  
REGISTER FOR NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS

Grades Rippa to under 11s  
Register with  
**Tapawera**  
Tasman RFU, Crusaders

Grades Under 12s to Seniors  
Register with  
**Valley Stags Rugby Club**  
Tasman RFU, Crusaders

For more information  
tapawerarugby@gmail.com or  
Blair 0278450355  
Alex 0274607348

REGISTRATION  
xplorer.rugby 

### 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. Thanks Laura!

### For the next few weeks:

**Friday 20 Feb:**

**Jola (Piko) & River (Flint)**

**Friday 27 Feb:**

Emelie (Viggo) & Dave (Magnus)

**Friday 6 March:**

Rachael (Leia) & Claire (Connor)

**Friday 13 March:**

Shane (Ella Q) & Candice (Te Rehua, Waiata)

**Friday 20 March:**

Laura (Thea, Maisey) & Marian (Freddie,

### **Zambuko Marimba**

Playing at the MVA community potluck and BBQ on **Saturday, February 28th** at the Community Rooms, next to the fire station. From 4:00pm.

Come and join us!

### **ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI**

**10.30-11.30 every third Sunday of the Month**

**Sunday School**

**Tea and cake after service**

**All welcome**

**NEXT SERVICE  
15 MARCH**



**Chess Course**  
Fridays 4:30pm - 5:30pm  
at Motueka High School  
[play@chessinnelson.com](mailto:play@chessinnelson.com)