



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Four, Term One 2026



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<p>Week 5 2-6 March</p>	 <p>Thursday 5 March Mana Whaitake at Kaiteriteri for Room 4 students.</p>
<p>Week 6 9-13 March</p>	<p>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 Thursday 12 March: PARENTS GROUP AGM 3pm-4pm. All welcome, more details overleaf</p>
<p>Week 7 16-20 March</p>	<p>MONDAY 16 MARCH is TEACHER ONLY DAY. No school for students. No buses will run. Thursday 19 March: The vintage cars are coming! Friday 20 March: Motorua Mission at Rabbit Island for Enviroleaders Year 4 and above.</p>
<p>TERM DATE REMINDERS: Term One ends on Thursday 2 April. Friday 3 April is Good Friday. Term 2: Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July. King's Birthday holiday Mon 1 June.</p>	



We were lucky to have 'Unicycle Norm' visit us last week. Thanks to Tobias & Nele for making this happen. Norm is attempting a Guinness World Record for the fastest circumnavigation by unicycle, whilst raising funds for Water Aid. Follow Norm's challenge at Instagram: unicycle_norm

One of the many challenges he will encounter is getting regular clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

For millions of people around the world, clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are still not a normal part of daily life. Norm believes that everybody on earth deserves to have access to these basic rights, and that together we can help achieve this. WaterAid plans to get clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to

everyone, everywhere within a generation. You can donate to his fundraising page to contribute to WaterAid's amazing work at

<https://fundraise.wateraid.org.au/fundraisers/unicyclenorm/unicycle-circumnavigation-around-the-world->

At Ngatimoti School, the Student Council will form a coin trail on **Thursday this week**. It would be great if everyone could bring a coin or two, to add to our trail tomorrow. 10c, 20c, 50c or a gold coin – it doesn't matter what, but a small contribution would be appreciated for us to donate to Unicycle Norm's effort.

To further reinforce our logo, and what we do as individuals to support a community, last week provided some examples of great teamwork and togetherness. Ed Stevens hosted two interesting local history trips, Tobias and Nele organised Norm the unicyclist to pop in, a team of adventure racers did us proud, Coralie hosted our enviro-leaders and John Stevens donated a lectern. 😊 Our students stepped up and showed active listening skills, great manners and gratitude. "Navigating together, with purpose and pride."



Congratulations to Cassian who turns 7 years old today!
Have a great day Cassian, from all of us here at school.



Water Fun on Friday

The first of our House Group Challenges is planned for this Friday afternoon. This is an opportunity for all students to work together, and to focus on what we have been learning about so far this term with our RIVER values.

- **Respect-** listening, including others and understanding boundaries
- **Innovation** - creative problem solving in social situations and inclusiveness
- **positiVity** - encouragement, gratitude, cheering others on, give-it-a-go

House Groups will rotate through four different challenges (swimming pool, water slide, two different relays) and will be allocated points as they go. At the end of the day, we will announce an overall House Group winner. This little bit of fun competition can help build an understanding of winning and losing, and an understanding of others in a team. It is very low-key, and although it is a House Group challenge, we won't have face paint this time as it will wash off in the pool! If your child wants to dress up in their house colour in some other way, they are welcome to!

The weather forecast does not look great, so if it turns cold, staff will make a decision later in the morning, whether to go ahead. In the meantime, please check that your child has togs, towel and a warm jersey or jacket, for this Friday.

Yesterday our Enviroleaders visited Coralie Grooby's property. With Mrs. Milnes the group found out about her 100 heritage fowl breeds, how the floods affected her property, visited the giant Totara and Rimu on her QEII covenanted bush block, walked the bush tracks and planned some exciting learning trips and activities we'd like to plan as the 2026 Enviroleaders at Ngatimoti School. Huge thanks to Coralie for her knowledge, kindness and hospitality, to parent Stephane for coming along with the group. Thanks too, to Mrs Milnes, for once again organising an interesting learning opportunity.



Thank you for all the delicious fruity donations coming into school at the moment! The Schockaert family grapes are delicious, as are Mrs. Hadley's plums! We are so grateful to you for sharing your surplus fruit 😊

Thank you



Adventure Kids! Representing Ngatimoti School - 1st place Year 7/8 team at True West Adventure Race, Hari Hari in a time of 3 hrs 41 mins, goes to "Lost Property". Go **Pedro, Rua, Connor & Bella!** Grit, attitude and teamwork at its best!

Acknowledging more outstanding achievements at the Motueka Swim Club's Swimathon last week; **Bella** swam 86 lengths of the Motueka High School pool in one hour. **Freddie** swam 82 lengths! Fantastic girls, well done!

Motueka River Westbank Roadworks. It has been brought to our attention that major roadworks are planned around the Alexander Bluff Bridge next week. We have been assured by TDC/Downers that this will not affect the school bus too much. It may, however, affect parents driving the valley. Thank you for your patience as we navigate the unknown 😊

QUICK REMINDERS

- Please email office@ngatimoti.school.nz with any updated **health details, contacts, bus travel arrangements** etc for your children.
- **Year 7 & 8 students; Motec materials donations are now due.** \$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!
- **Please make an appointment with your child's class teacher** this term to discuss your child's learning. Contact malcolm@ngatimoti.school.nz lauren@ngatimoti.school.nz rochelle@ngatimoti.school.nz or beth@ngatimoti.school.nz



What a treat to be donated a piece of carefully crafted furniture last week. John Stevens surprised us with a lectern he had built using very old rimu that was salvaged from an old house in the valley. This adds to our local history by making us think about what this area was once like - covered in dense native forest! Many thanks John, for your thoughtfulness, craftsmanship and generosity.

PARENTS GROUP AGM – THURSDAY 12 MARCH – 3pm-4pm

Our Ngatimoti Parents Group is a registered charity and all parents and caregivers are members! Being an active member of this group is a great way to connect with the school community for the benefit of your children while they attend Ngatimoti School.

A huge part of the Parent Group work is our annual Ngatimoti Festival. It has become the biggest event in our community, and we need all parents, caregivers and community members to make it a success each year. The Festival is always on the Sunday of Labour Weekend – Sunday 25 October 2026. Your children benefit directly from the hard work (and lots of fun!) and in previous years funds raised from festival have been used to provide stationery for every child, school photos, class trips, musical instruments, visiting performers, subsidise the maintenance of our swimming pool, additional teacher aide hours and the purchase and maintenance of our school minivan.

As a registered charity, an Annual General Meeting is required each year, where officer roles are allocated. Currently, we have a Chairperson; Jess King-Harris (Lacie's mum) and Secretary; Claire Haskell (Connor R's mum). The Treasurer's role is vacant, and it is important for the constitution that this is filled at the upcoming AGM. A date has been set for this on **Thursday 12 March at 3pm here at Rathgar House**. The meeting will take no longer than one hour. All parents & caregivers are welcome. At the meeting:

- Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer roles will be confirmed
- Cake roster. Do parents group want to continue providing cakes for students on Fridays and should prices remain the same? Co-ordinator confirmation; currently this is Laura, Thea & Maisey's mum. This role is not required for the constitution.
- Donations will be agreed upon from last year's festival profits (in 2025, parent group donations were as follows: Ngatimoti School \$54,800, Rotary Club \$500, Westpac Rescue Helicopter \$1500, Kai Collective \$300, Farmers for Whio \$200, Ngatimoti Fire Service \$200, Petrol vouchers for parents who transport for class trips \$500.)
- Thanks to retiring Treasurer Kathryn Beatson, we have the financial report completed for 2025 and can table that report and approve the previous AGM minutes.

We look forward to seeing many of you there. Email office@ngatimoti.school.nz with any questions, apologies or suggestions for donations.

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 rest of Term One:

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,

Friday 27 March: Shannon (Ardy, Poppy) & Josh (Kaidyn)

This denim jacket was left at school after the Infomingle on 11 February. Size 10. Does it belong to you or a family member? It is at the school office.



Last of the Summer Wine

The MVA Midwinter community get together has been a popular and well attended event on the community's social calendar for some years. So much so that we've decided to trial a summer BBQ on:

Saturday 28th February at the Ngātīmoti Recreation Reserve, from 4pm onwards.
(Rain day 7th March)

The Zambuko Marimba Band will play. Games will include: pétanque, frisbee, etc. A quiz, with prizes.

Things to bring:

- Something to share; for the BBQ, a salad, sweet treats
- Something to drink
- Something to sit on (camp chairs, cushions, etc.)
- Something to eat and drink with/from (glasses, plates, knives and forks)
- Any surplus garden produce you may have (To share)

If it proves popular we'll make it a regular event so do please come along with family and friends. Everyone welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

Fresh Free-Range Eggs for sale

\$8 / dozen

From Anna at school 022 631 7636

Muddy Buddy

Adventure Fun Run

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026 tasman.school

FOOD | COFFEE | SILENT AUCTION | WHITE ELEPHANT STALL & MORE!

GREAT SPOT PRIZES!

PRIZES FOR THE BEST ECO DRESS-UP!

EARLYBIRD / ONLINE | \$20 per person | \$50 family
 ENTER ON THE DAY | \$25 per person | \$55 per family
 SIGN IN 10.30-12pm | RACE STARTS 12.30pm

EACH LAP APPROX 1KM | 1 LAP - Kids, Family Fun, Open | 2 Laps - Open | 3 Laps - Open

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RUGBY 2026

REGISTER FOR NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS

<p>Grades Ripa to under 11s</p> <p>Register with</p> <p>Tapawera</p> <p>Tasman RFU, Crusaders</p>	<p>Grades Under 12s to Seniors</p> <p>Register with</p> <p>Valley Stags Rugby Club</p> <p>Tasman RFU, Crusaders</p>
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