



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Five, Term One 2026



Wednesday 4 March 2026

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<p>Week 6 9-13 March</p>	<p>Tuesday 10 March Public Health Nurses here for Y7/8 consented vaccinations (am) WHOLE SCHOOL TRYATHLON - 1:30pm start. BRING YOUR BIKES if you have one. Please check they are safe, especially the handlebar grips etc. 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>Week 8</p>	<p>Wednesday 25 March Board meeting #2 6pm</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Congratulations to Kaidyn who turns 9 years old today!</p> <p>Have a great day Kaidyn, from all of us here at school.</p> </div>  </div>	

Ch ch ch changes ... Autumn is here this week! With the change of season comes a few coughs and colds, which makes decisions about attendance tricky. We want your child at school as much as possible, however we understand that if they are genuinely unwell, then they are best to stay at home and rest.

The expectation is for 100% attendance at school, and all days of absence add up, be they for medical reasons, appointments or whatever. When a threshold of 5 days of absence is reached in a term, for any reason, we receive an alert. We will notify you when this happens, as we then need to consider the impacts on learning, including social skills and progress. Remember too, that your child's absence does affect others. In a nutshell, we all miss your children when they are away!

Thank you for the texts re absences - we do value the strong lines of communication and honesty that we have at Ngatimoti School. 😊

In our strategic plan we have two success indicators at Ngatimoti School:

1. Learners understand the purpose of their learning and are willing to
 - Participate
 - Support other students
 - Lead



Pedro leads Zakai through the pool, with Isabella behind.

2. Ngatimoti School has a vibrant, inclusive and community focussed culture.

At last week's House Group Water Challenges, it was fantastic to see so many students experiencing success, with a high level of participation, lots of supportive teamwork and some great student leadership emerging. As well, it was a fun Friday afternoon!

Congratulations to Green House for being overall winners with 346 points, 8 points ahead of Yellow House. Special mentions to **Rafael, Ella Q, Orrin, Lacie, Rua, Isabella and Pete**, who were noticed for either great leadership or exceptional positivity!



Left: Rafael and Eleanor having fun representing blue house in the 'keep the water in the cup challenge'.

Right: Green house celebrates with the House Trophy; Alex, Bella, Leon, Connor, Makaira, Ella P, Orianna, Shylo, Milena, Zaria, Anna, Maya, Luke and Theia



This week is Seaweek and Room 4 students are looking forward to tomorrow's Toi Tongata Mana Whaitake event at Kaiteriteri. They will learn more about the ocean and coastal environment. Thanks to parents for your transport offers – **please be at school at 8:30am for a 9:15am start at Kaiteriteri.**

Flint and Manu are also lucky to be offered a snorkelling experience with the Tasman Bay Guardians tomorrow – thanks to Garrick for accompanying this trip.

Remember to ask at the school office if you would like to take up the offer of petrol vouchers if you have provided transport for a school trip.

Ngatimoti School Try-athlon/Triathlon – NEXT TUESDAY 10 MARCH 1:30pm

We have decided to run our school try-athlon a little earlier than originally planned, to take advantage of the warmer weather. Dress in your house colours just for fun! No facepaint.

Next Tuesday afternoon, will be our Ngatimoti School Try-athlon. This event is designed as a fun event for all students to participate in. As well as class events, and one competitive race, there is a fun House Group challenge. Approximate times are:

1:30 pm Competitive triathlon for any Room 3, 4 or 5 students who are **keen** to race. Students need to discuss this with their class teacher and enter by Monday.

- Bike, then run, then swim, then run through the finishing chute

1:45 pm Rooms 1 and 3: Try-athlon. A staggered start and not a competitive race. This event is about doing your personal best and finishing! Some students might only be able to do two sections of this and we will accommodate that! We simply ask all students to give-it-a-go and try their best.

- Bike, then run, then swim, then run through the finishing chute

2:00 pm Room 4: Try-athlon. Staggered start and not competitive. (Similar to above)

2:15 pm Room 5: Try-athlon. Staggered start and not competitive. (Similar to above)

Parents- you are most welcome to join in with the class try-athlons!

2:30 pm House Group team challenge: A relay with at least 6 in a team

- Buddy bike and run, then 3-legged race, then piggyback swim

Prizegiving: certificates for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the competitive race. Participation certificates for all Room 1 and 3 students, and anyone else who would like one. House Trophy, awarded for the winner of the House Group relay.

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

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

This year's Annual General Meeting is happening here at Rathgar House on Thursday 12 March at 3pm. Since last week's news, Jen Cawood (Pete & Rita's mum) has volunteered to take on the role of treasurer. Thanks Jen! Jen is unable to join the AGM due to work commitments; however, parents who attend the meeting will be able to vote Jen on in her absence. If anyone else is happy to put their hand up for this role, you are still very welcome to. The current office holders will also be re-confirmed for 2026. 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
- 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.

Please come along if you are able! 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 6 March: Rachael (Leia) & Claire (Connor)

Friday 13 March: Shane (Ella Q) & Candice (Te Rehua, Waiata)

Friday 20 March: Laura (Thea, Maisey) & Marian (Freddie, Pedro)

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



FREE TRAMPOLINE

Round.

No pads or net.

Needs dismantling
and taking away.

Woodstock

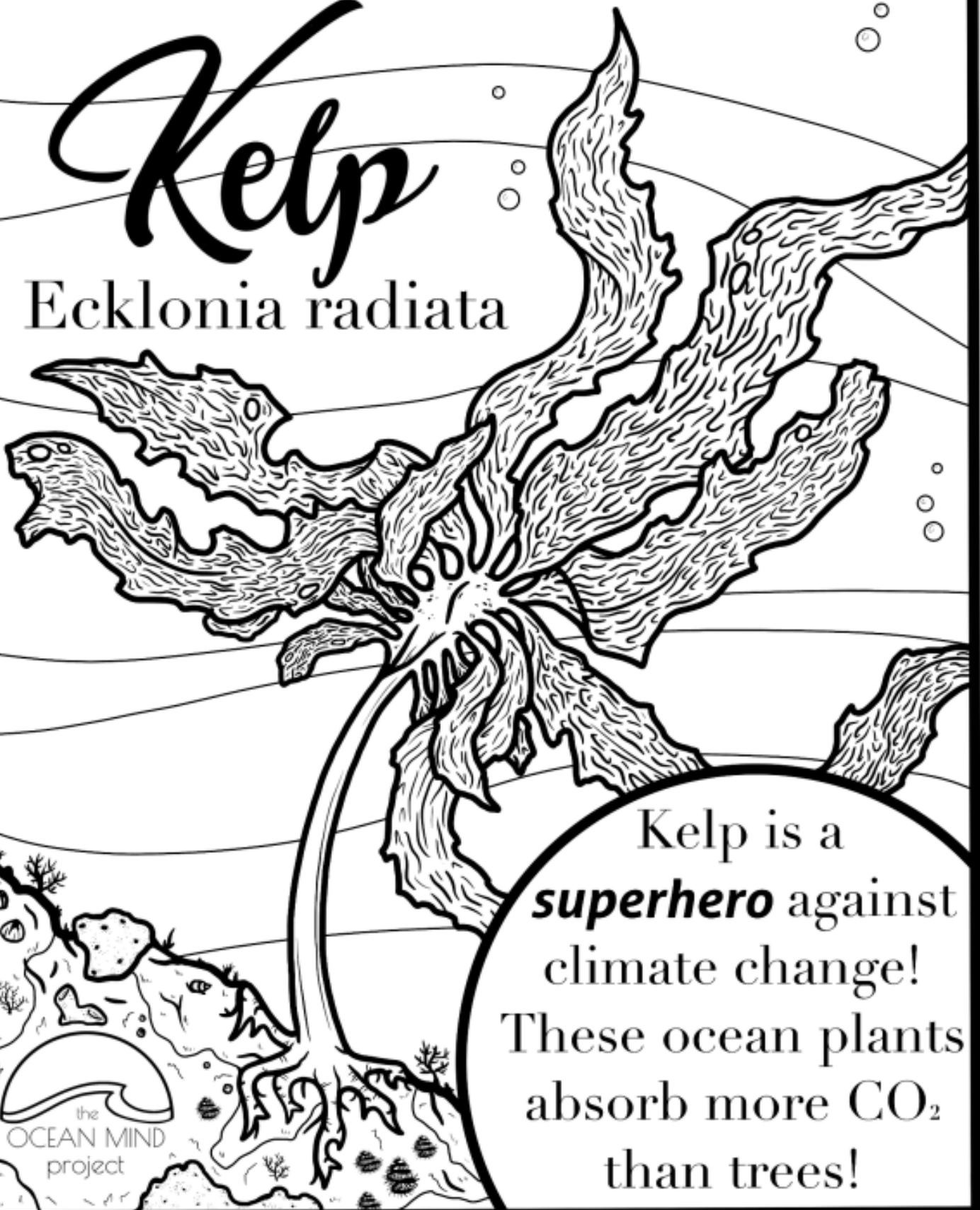
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