



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Seven, Term One 2026



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| Week 7 | <p>Thursday 19 March: The vintage cars are coming! Dress ups and old-fashioned games! Friday 20 March: Motorua Mission at Rabbit Island for Enviroleaders Year 4 and above. PARENTS GROUP AGM 3pm – RESCHEDULED FROM LAST WEEK. PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN 😊</p> |
| Week 8 | <p>Wednesday 25 March Board meeting #2 6pm</p> |
| Week 9 | <p>Wednesday 1 April House party for this term's overall winning house. 🐣 Thursday 2 April is the last day of Term One!</p> |



Tomorrow, Thursday 19 March, we are expecting more than a hundred vintage vehicles on our school grounds as they travel through the Tasman area.

HELP PLEASE! We are looking for a few adult volunteers to help direct the cars onto the school field from the main highway from 11am until approximately 1pm. Come to the office for a hi-vis vest if you are able to help. Family and friends are welcome to come along to view the cars between 12pm and 1pm.

Parents, please use the usual Greenhill Road car park but be mindful this may be a bit busy!

The plan for the children is a normal morning of learning here at school, followed by an afternoon of fun with old-fashioned games and challenges. If possible, dress up in vintage style clothing to match the cars, some of which may be up to 100 years old! House points will be awarded during the afternoon, and the winning house declared at Friday afternoon's assembly.

PARENTS GROUP AGM Unfortunately, last week's AGM could not go ahead as a quorum of eight parents was needed, with only four in attendance. This important meeting has been rescheduled for **this Friday after school from 3pm to 4pm**. Please, if you are able to attend, even just for a short while, that would be great.

Every charitable organisation such as our Parents Group has to hold an annual AGM in line with their constitution. This is the only really important meeting of the year, where officers are elected, the financial report is ratified, and donations agreed to from the previous year's festival profits.



Motueka High School Swimming Sports

Go Bella, Pedro, Ella Q, Rua, Freddie, Tara & Ella P! Congratulations to all of our swimmers who made great placings in the finals, with a fantastic 2nd place in the relay final too!

Well done to all of you, and a huge thanks to the dedicated parent timekeepers and supporters for your help on the day.

Our Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors, **Leon, Rafael, Alex and Oscar**, spent last weekend with Mrs. Milnes and other school ATYAs in and around Pohara learning about local initiatives to protect blue penguins and other coastal species. Oscar is pictured with an inanga whilst exploring the estuary.

Next weekend they are off to Brook Sanctuary - lucky! Thanks Lauren and team for all of your valuable work.



Dyslexia. Dyslexia is a specific learning disability characterized by difficulties in word reading and/or spelling that involve accuracy, speed, or both and vary depending on the orthography. These difficulties occur along a continuum of severity and persist even with instruction that is effective for the individual's peers. The causes of dyslexia are complex and involve combinations of genetic, neurobiological, and environmental influences that interact throughout development.

Do you or any members of your family show dyslexic tendencies? Are you concerned that your child might also have some degree of dyslexia? Dyslexia is not any reflection on intelligence; however, it can impede some learning, especially learning to read, write and spell. We now have available a free tool for screening for dyslexia. Although it does not give us a formal diagnosis, it is giving us an indication of dyslexic tendencies. It can show us particular areas that we can strengthen, and areas that are already being used well.

If you would like Fraser, our Learning Support Coordinator, to work through this screening tool with your child, please contact Ali. Anything that we can do to understand what learning is like for your child can help us to design better support. "Navigating together with purpose and pride."

SPORTS FOR TERM TWO – TIME TO REGISTER NOW

NETBALL!!

Rochelle is organising our school netball teams again this year and now needs to know who is going to play! Games begin at the Motueka courts on Saturday 9th May for Year 7 & 8, and for other teams on Saturday 16th May. To add your child to the team list

please let Rochelle or the office know as soon as possible. Queries to rochelle@ngatimoti.school.nz

Look out for a separate notice going home this week with more details from Rochelle.

Sport Tasman leagues for Term Two – Football and Miniball (basketball)

After school for Year 3 and above at the Motueka Recreation Centre. \$15 per player for the term.

Football: Y3-5 Mondays, Y6-8 Thursdays. **Miniball:** Y3/4 & 5/6 Tuesdays, Y7/8 Wednesdays.

Starting in Week 3, Term 2. **Register your name at the school office now to join a team.**



Congratulations to Anna L who will celebrate her 9th birthday on Monday next week. Best wishes from all of us here at school.

Attendance Thank you parents for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible so far this term. There are a few coughs and colds around with the change of season. If your child is a little bit under the weather, please send them to school and if they are not coping, we will send them home.

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 appreciate it if you could bake enough for approximately 30 pieces of cake/slice to sell for \$1 each. If you are unable to bake on your rostered Friday, please let us know so that we can make a new plan. Thanks all!

Please send your child with one dollar for a piece of cake and one dollar for a Juicie if you want them to buy a cake and/or Juicie on Fridays. 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 20 March: Laura (Thea, Maisey) & Marian (Freddie, Pedro)

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

To begin Term Two:

Friday 24 April: Justina (Sol) & Tobias (Manu & Maya)

Friday 1 May: Danny (Leah) & Jola (Piko)

Friday 8 May: Phoebe (Ella) & Candice (Te Rehua & Waiata)

Be at your classroom on time and ready to learn!

Every minute counts

Lateness = lost learning (Figures below are calculated over a year)

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| 5 minutes late each day | 3 days lost | 15 lessons |
| 10 minutes late each day | 6.5 days lost | 33 lessons |
| 15 minutes late each day | 10 days lost | 50 lessons |
| 20 minutes late each day | 13 days lost | 65 lessons |
| 30 minutes late each day | 19 days lost | 95 lessons |

FREE CHEST OF DRAWERS

Old but good condition

Can deliver to school for pick up

Contact Anna 022 631 7636



- ✓ **Return your swimming pool key** to the office if you have finished with it to receive your \$10 refund. The pool is still open for keyholders, but it is getting colder!
- ✓ **Motec fees** are due for Y7 & 8 students: \$80 for the year. Please ask Amanda if you are unsure whether you have paid.