



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Nine, Term Three 2026



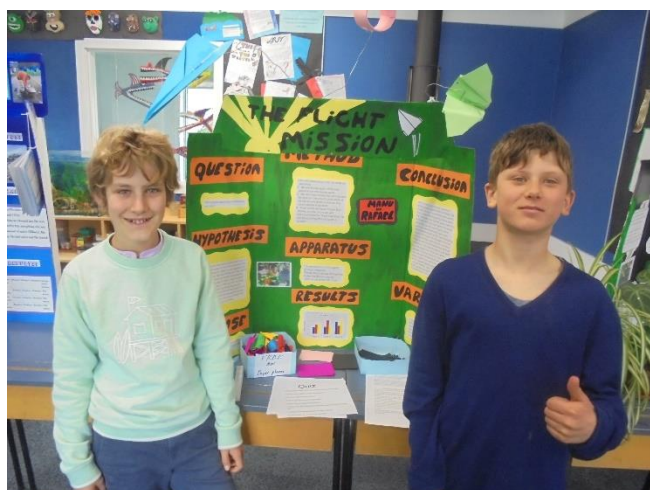
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WEEK 9 14-18 Sept	WEEK 10 21-25 Sept	TERM FOUR 12 Oct – 18 Dec
 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori Ake Ake Ake - A Forever Language 17 Sept: MHS Y8 Enrolment interviews 18 Sept: Volleyball tournament in Motueka (Y4-6) 20 Sept: ATYA trip to Tinline  TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI AKE AKE AKE MŌ AKE TONU TE REO	ENVIRO WEEK No Motec for Rm 5 Monday 21 September: Year 6 Motec Expo – students will need to wear covered shoes on Monday 23 Sept: Y5/6 Motec Challenge Room 5 sea kayaking Board meeting – 6pm 24 Sept: Y7/8 Motec Challenge 24 Sept: NETBALL prizegiving 4-6pm Friday 25 September is the last day of Term Three	The most exciting term ever! Week 1: PET DAY FRIDAY Week 2: FESTIVAL PREP WEEK Set up Saturday 24 Oct Festival Sunday 25 Oct Pack down Monday 26 Oct (Labour Day holiday) CAMP DATES: Wk 7: Room 1 camp at Quinney's Bush on Thursday 26 November Wk 8: Room 3 camp at Marahau on Mon 7 December for 2 nights. Room 4 camp at Marahau on Mon 7 December for 3 nights. Wk 9: Room 5 camp at Bridge Valley on Tues 1 December for 3 nights.



Rafael and Manu proudly showcasing their impressive 'Flight Mission' science project.

SPEECHES & SCIENCE

Last week was filled with energy and creativity as students worked hard preparing and presenting both their speech presentations and science fair projects.

The Science Fair Share Day was a fantastic success! It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic parents turn out to explore the students' incredible discoveries. A huge thank you to all the parents for your support!

Alex represented our school brilliantly at the Interschools Speech Competition hosted by Upper Moutere School last night. His insightful and beautifully delivered speech on deforestation made us all incredibly proud. Congratulations, Alex!

VolleyFest Friday

Best of luck to our three Year 4–6 teams competing in the Volleyball Festival at the Motueka Recreation Centre this Friday!

A huge thank you to **Kristin, Nathalie, Megan, Rebecca,** and **Kyna** for providing transport and supporting our students for this event.



Next week is Enviro Week, and here is the plan. BY NEXT WEEK STUDENTS WILL HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED THEIR ACTIVITIES

ENVIRO WEEK ACTIVITIES – TUESDAY TO FRIDAY – 11:30am – 12:30pm				
Local Wetland Visiting Thorn's wetland to find out more about what lives in and around the wetland and help with ideas to improve the habitat. Gumboots needed Students will travel in the school van with Mr Hepburn and Enviroleaders Leon and Maya.	Gardens Working on our school vegetable gardens, weeding, planting and landscaping. With Mrs. Roberts, Jade and Enviroleaders Oscar and Anaea. 	Pests Setting up and checking tracking tunnels, chew cards, motion sensor cameras and traps around the school grounds. With Mrs. Milnes and Rick Field from Nelson Enviroschools and Enviroleaders Rafael & Zakai	School Stream and Birds Students will need gumboots for this to visit the stream at the Hadley's property. With Whaea Beth and Enviroleaders Piko, Alex & Kaidyn 	Pool Challenges The challenge is to make equipment that can be used to challenge and build on swimming and survival skills in the pool. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! With Anna and Enviroleaders Amelia, Milena & Zaria

Strategic Planning Many thanks to those of you who were able to respond to our last set of questions. We are getting a clearer idea of what you would like us to keep doing, which is important!

Our next questions for you to consider are around what we might change or improve.

1. What do you think we could do better?
2. What might help your children to learn better?
3. Is there anything we should stop doing?

Thank you!

Your thoughts are helping us to shape our school planning for the next two years.

Please respond to either principal@ngatimoti.school.nz or amcfarland@ngatimoti.school.nz

Māori Language Week

Be like Māui Daily Wero

Rāhina - Greeting others

1 person - Kia Ora, Morena, Ata mārie, Ahiahi mārie, Tēnā koe e hoa

2 people - Tēnā kōrua, Kia ora kōrua

3 or more people - Kia ora koutou, Tēnā koutou, Tēnā koutou katoa

Rātu - Asking a question

Ke te pehea koe? - How are you?

Māku e tiri? - Shall I share / deal?

Kei te hiahia tākarō koe? - Do you want to play?

Ko te aha te wā? - What is the time?

Ko te aha te mahi ināianei? - What is the activity right now?

Kua tae te wā mō te whakawātea? - Is it time for pack up / cleaning?

He aha tēnei? - What is this?

He aha tērā? - What is that?

He aha tō mahi? - What is your job/work?

Raapa - Compliments

Nāu anō i mahi! - You did it!

Tō kaha hoki! - You are hard-working!

Tō kerewa hoki! - You are clever!

Ka mau te wehi! - Fantastic! / Outstanding!

Miharo! - Awesome! / Wonderful!

Koia kei a koe! - Good on you! / Well done!

Kei reira katoa! - Fabulous! / Nailed it!

Ka raka! or Karawhiua! - Excellent! / Go for it!

Rāpare - Read a Te Reo Māori book

Rāmere - Play a Māori game or use Te Reo in one of your class games.

Year 6 Motec Expo next Monday 21 September There is no Motec for Room 5 students next Monday. Instead, our Year 6 students get to travel to Motueka for a taster technology session in preparation for their weekly visits next year. **Amelia, Aniah, Ella P, Makaira, George, Freddie, Juniper, Te Rehua, Milena, Silvanis, Connor F, Luke & Nina – you will need to wear covered shoes on Monday and will travel on the school bus with our lovely TA Anna, leaving school at 10:30am and returning to school by 1pm.**

NETBALL NEWS PLEASE RETURN YOUR NETBALL DRESSES/UNIFORMS TO SCHOOL. PRIZEGIVING here at Rathgar House next Thursday 24 September from 4pm to 6pm. For all netballers and their parents/whanau. Please bring a plate of food to share and come prepared to have some fun games, thank our managers, coaches and players, and celebrate the 2026 netball season together.



Congratulations to **Leah** who will be celebrating her 9th birthday on Sunday! Wishing you lots of fun on your special day Leah, from all of us here at school.



Huge thanks to the Knowles' family for bringing in a whole bin of apples for us to share. They are in the school car park – please help yourselves to as many as you like – they need to be gone this week if possible!

Tomato Plants for Sale before our Festival

In Week 10 (next week!) or the first week of the school holidays there will be some tomato plants available to buy as part of the Festival plant stall fundraiser. These tomatoes will be \$2 instead of the \$4 which will be paid on festival day. They will be freshly potted up into a new bag and will need till mid-late October to mature in their bag before being ready to transplant out.

These tomatoes are just the extra ones that we cannot fit in the tunnel for the next month until the festival, so they will need to be collected as soon as they are potted up. I can confirm dates with those who order. We will have approx. 30 plants per variety. Tomato varieties are Money Maker, Red Cherry, Juane Flame (yellow tomato), Heritage, Black Cherry and White cherry.



Please txt/WhatsApp your orders through Marian on 021 2400 416. First in first served, payment will be required to confirm order. Please don't order if you have no means to collect them in the two weeks mentioned above as we have no means to store these.

FESTIVAL NEWS Sunday 25 October 2026 THANKS FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS SO FAR!

PLANT STALL Please send in any spare **cardboard boxes and bags** for our school plant stall and treasure trove and take up the offer from Marian above to grab some early tomato seedlings!



TREASURE TROVE Bring in your donations of good quality second hand clothing, toys, books and bric-a-brac. Please no electrical items.

SILENT AUCTION If you know anyone who may like to donate their professional services, art work or new, unwanted items to auction off on Festival day please contact ngatimotifestivalauction@gmail.com Thanks team auction!

Cakes for sale each Friday.

Each Friday we have a parent baking roster to provide cakes for sale to our students. Funds raised go to parent group. Watch out for your name on the termly roster and when it's your duty day, please bake enough for approximately 30 pieces of cake/slice to sell for \$1 each. Send your child with one dollar for a piece of cake if you wish. They should also bring a healthy lunch on Fridays. Thanks to our Cake Coordinator Laura. You can contact Laura on 022 084 2606. The baking roster is as follows through to the end of Term Three:

Friday 18 September: Brig (Oscar) and Nele (Manu, Maya, Luna)

Friday 25 September: Katrin (Anaea) and Claire (Connor)

TERM FOUR SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES AT MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE.

Sign up at the school office now 😊

**Mondays Y6-8 Ki o Rahi, Tuesdays Y3/4 & Y5/6 Touch,
Wednesdays Y1/2 & Y7/8 Touch.**



LOVELY RABBIT LOOKING FOR HER FOREVER HOME

Contact Nora 0204 152 5277 elfrino13@gmail.com

This sweet little lady was recently rehomed and is now looking for a permanent home where she can settle in and be loved.

She is approximately one year old and female. Ideally, we would love to find her a home where she can have a rabbit companion, or where there may already be a friendly bunny looking for company.

She comes with a complete set-up, including an outdoor lawn cage/run, a double-storey rabbit cage, food, hay, wood chips/bedding and a drinking bottle. Most importantly, we are looking for a caring, permanent home with plenty of space, attention and love.

If you think she might be the perfect addition to your family, please get in touch and tell us a little about the home you could offer her.



This little guy also needs a new home. He will need bottle feeding for a few more weeks. Contact Kim or Ali if you are able to help principal@ngatimoti.school.nz

Best Riddles for Kids

@RiddleCraze

Riddle	Answer
WHAT BELONGS TO YOU BUT OTHER PEOPLE USE IT MORE THAN YOU DO?	YOUR NAME
WHAT HAS MANY RINGS BUT NO FINGERS?	A TELEPHONE
WHAT CAN YOU HOLD WITHOUT EVER TOUCHING IT?	YOUR BREATH
WHAT CAN YOU BREAK WITHOUT TOUCHING IT?	A PROMISE
WHAT HAS A HEAD AND A TAIL BUT NO BODY?	A COIN
WHAT QUESTION CAN YOU NEVER ANSWER YES TO?	ARE YOU ASLEEP YET?
WHAT IS EASY TO LIFT BUT HARD TO THROW?	A FEATHER
WHAT HAS 13 HEARTS BUT NO OTHER ORGANS?	A DECK OF CARDS



Hands on Spanish

Spring holiday programme

LEARN SPANISH AND HAVE FUN

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL SPECIAL
SAVE \$10 ON REGISTRATIONS
BEFORE SEP 10

WED 30 SEP COOKING: ALFAJORES + 'SHOP' EXPERIENCE

FRI 2 OCT CRAFT: QUITAPESARES/ WORRY DOLLS

WED 7 OCT COOKING: NACHOS & LIMONADA + 'RESTAURANT' EXPERIENCE

FRI 9 OCT GAMES, PIÑATA & FIESTA. CREATE AND TAKE HOME GAMES + GOODIES

\$40 PER WORKSHOP
SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

MOTUEKA COMMUNITY HOUSE
2PM - 4.30PM
AGE 7 +

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Dr. Seuss' The LORAX

Fundraiser MOVIE NIGHT

SAT 26 SEPT | 6:00 PM

State Cinema Nelson

Proceeds support local rangatahi to attend the Youth Environmental Voice Summit 2027 and grow their skills as future environmental leaders.

Tickets - <https://events.humanitix.com/film-screening-the-lorax>

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