



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Ten, Term Three 2026



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WEEK 10 21-25 Sept	TERM FOUR 12 Oct – 18 Dec
 ENVIRO WEEK Enviro activities Tuesday to Friday 11:30am to 12:30pm Tomorrow, 24 Sept: Y7/8 Motec Challenge Tomorrow: Craft Club then NETBALL prizegiving 4-6pm This Friday 25 September is the last day of Term Three	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 Nov Wk 8: Room 3 camp at Marahau on Mon 7 Decr for 2 nights. Room 4 camp at Marahau on Tues 8 Dec for 3 nights. Wk 9: Room 5 camp at Bridge Valley on Tues 1 Dec for 3 nights.

A note from Ali: Well, that's Term 3 almost done and dusted, and what a strange term that it has been for me! Although I have managed to keep my finger on the pulse by doing a bit of work from home, my feet have not had much of a workout! It has been so lovely to receive so many messages of support though, including some amazing drawings, cards and letters from kids. I am recovering and I am looking forward to what Term 4 brings - Festival sunshine and greater mobility!

In the meantime, if each family could please make a scarecrow and a sign to advertise the Festival, that would be great! Term 4 means brimmed sunhats are required, we will learn about harakeke, create sculptures, do some athletics and there are class camps to look forward to! Yay!



SMASH CRICKET! All classes had a great cricket taster session with Dustin from Nelson Cricket last Friday. If your child is interested in playing cricket in Term Four, Motueka Cricket Club registrations are open. Go to <https://www.motuekacrickclub.co.nz> for more information.

ENVIRO WEEK ACTIVITIES – TUESDAY TO FRIDAY – 11:30am – 12:30pm

Local Wetland	Gardens	Pests.	School Stream and Birds	Pool Challenges
Students will travel in the school van with Mr Hepburn and Enviroleaders Leon and Maya. Anna, Orianna, Te Rehua, Rua, Bella 	With Mrs. Roberts, Jade and Enviroleaders Oscar and Anaea. Ella Q, Waiata, Maggie, Malte, Juniper, Rita, Leia, Ardy, Poppy, Madi, Sol, Toby, Lacie, Manu & Etta	With Mrs. Milnes and Rick Field from Nelson Enviroschools and Enviroleaders Rafael & Zakai Shylo, Ella P, Aniah, Leah, James, Thea TJ, Isabella, Freddie, Isaac, Iver, Xavier, Pete & Cassian	With Whaea Beth and Enviroleaders Piko, Alex & Kaidyn Flint, Luke, Hazel, Maisey, Viggo, Magnus, Connor R, River, Silvanis, William	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! With Anna and Enviroleaders Amelia, Milena & Zaria Nina, Theia, Sam, George, Eleanor, Zendé, Makaira & Connor F



Orianna, Maya, Leon, Rua, Te Rehua, Anna and Bella explore the Thorn's wetlands with Mr. Hepburn not far from our school.

Our enviro groups have been exploring a wide range of environmental topics this week.

Often described as the earth's kidneys, wetlands purify the water that passes through them. They capture soils and sediment, filter out nutrients, and eliminate contaminants. Additionally, they help mitigate flooding, safeguard coastal regions from storm surges, sustain water tables, and release nitrogen back into the atmosphere. Historically, these soggy areas were frequently drained for other uses. Today, however, we recognize them as vital, highly productive ecosystems. In New Zealand, wetlands sustain a higher concentration of wildlife than any other habitat type.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/wetlands>

RED HOUSE PARTY! Congratulations to Red House who earned the most house points this term from various challenges and got to go roller skating at the Motueka Recreation Centre

yesterday! Thanks so much to parents Megan and Nele who were able to help make this happen at short notice. It's lovely to see all these smiley, happy faces trying out something new! Ka pai Maisey, Leia, Thea, Etta, Kaidyn, Ardy, James, Xavier, Toby, Hazel, Manu, Zakai, Aniah & Oscar. And that's Nele, upside down again! 😊



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!

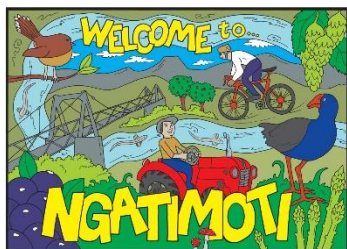
Our next questions for you to consider are around what we might change or improve.

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



Welcome to Ngatimoti! Have you noticed our new road sign welcoming drivers and cyclists to Ngatimoti at the bottom of Waiwhero Road? Thanks to the TDC Creative Communities Scheme, artist Julie Davies and all the students who worked hard on this project. Our students all came up with ideas on what Ngatimoti is all about. How many local features can you spot!? We hope you like it. Your feedback is welcome!

Happy Holiday Birthdays. Warm birthday wishes to **Theia**, turning 9, and **Milena**, turning 11, during the term break. Jill and Anna are also celebrating. We hope everyone has a wonderful time relaxing and celebrating their special day!



Health & Safety We love to see families and students using the school grounds after school however children do need to be supervised by an adult. Occasionally teachers can be asked to do this, however we would just like to remind you that after school supervision is a parent responsibility. Thank you for your understanding.

CRAFT CLUB The last craft club for the term will be held tomorrow after school in the library. It will finish slightly early for the netballers to join their teams and families at the prizegiving in Rathgar House. Please remember to send a koha to Davina for her time and materials. Thanks Davina!

NETBALL PLEASE RETURN YOUR NETBALL DRESSES/UNIFORMS TO SCHOOL.

PRIZEGIVING here at Rathgar House tomorrow, 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.



After the most closely contested election in years, a little battler from Rēkohu Chatham Islands has won the 2026 Bird of the Year. Fun Fact: This jet-black feather puffball weighs less than an AA battery. Karure are a conservation success story that put Aotearoa on the international conservation map. In 1980 just five birds were left, one of them the only fertile female. The Chathams community and the Wildlife Service (which later became the Department of Conservation) turned that around, working from a single breeding pair, Old Blue and Old Yellow. There are now around 350 adult birds living on two pest-free nature reserve islands.

MOTEC CHALLENGES Good luck to our Technology Challengers this week! Today, William, Nina, Milena and Kaidyn take part in the Y5/6 event and tomorrow, Flint, Manu, Rafael & Alex will have their turn in the Y7/8 competition. Thanks again to the parents who have taken our students to Motueka for this and supported them.

Sea Kayaking Today our Room 5 students are having a go at sea kayaking off Marahau. A beautifully sunny and fresh day for it! We hope you all had a great day, and once again, thanks to Imola, Claire, Chris, Sam & Nataliya for your support!



Tomato Plants for Sale In 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 once we have potted them up. 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 during the holidays as we have no means to store them.

FESTIVAL NEWS Sunday 25 October 2026 At the end of Week Two!

Scarecrow time! Every year before our festival, we like to advertise with colourful and quirky scarecrow style creations. It would be great if each family could make a start on their scarecrow during the holiday break. Position it outside your house, pointing in the direction of school with a clear sign. Remember to secure your constructions as we expect they will be exposed to some weather in the next few weeks! Please send a photo to office@ngatimoti.school.nz that would be great for our advertising and our fun competition!

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 10am-4pm
RAIN OR SHINE

Festival Flyers We have thousands of festival flyers to distribute to advertise our festival far and wide. If you are travelling over the holidays (or even just going to Nelson!) we would love you to drop off our small flyers everywhere you go. Come and grab as many as you can from the school office, or email / text Amanda to send some home with your children. Thanks to Beth H for creating these, and to Canon for the free printing.

- ✓ **Parent roster:** If you are in charge of an area, please put your parent roster together to confirm in week one of next term.
- ✓ **Bring in your donations of GOOD QUALITY second hand items.** A great school holiday job, have a spring clean! Books, trinkets, kitchenware, clothes etc are most welcome!
- ✓ **Like and share the facebook page** – Ngatimoti Festival.
- ✓ **Lemons** wanted. We have people making lemonade syrup and your donations of lemons are very welcome. Send them into the office. Thank you.
- ✓ **Eggs** wanted. For our schnitzel stall – bring them in at the beginning of next term.
- ✓ **Silent Auction Donations** If you have any ideas for donations towards our silent auction, particularly popular are services like massages, vouchers and visual items like artworks, trailers of firewood etc. let our auction team know through the office or ngatimotifestivalauction@gmail.com
- ✓ **Seating wanted:** In week one of next term, we will be hunting for hay bales, bean bags, outdoor furniture to scatter around the festival site. Please name everything you loan to us. Thank you!

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:

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

Friday 16 October: Andy (Maggie, William) & Chops (Pedro, Freddie)

Friday 23 October: Please everyone bake a cake for our Festival Café!

Friday 30 October: Stephane (Eleanor, Rafael) & Garrick (Flint)

Friday 6 November: Justin (Piko) & Brig (Oscar)

Juicies will also be available to buy on Fridays next term.



HATS ON FOR TERM FOUR!

Volleyball Motueka & Golden Bay is offering both Spikers & Kiwi Volley competitions at the Motueka Recreation Centre through Term 4, 2026. These competitions will have separate playing nights:

Mondays 4.00pm to 6.00pm Spikers (year 7 & 8 players)
Tuesdays 4.00pm to 6.00pm Kiwi Volley (years 3 to 6 players)

If there are young players who wish to play or train for Touch on those days, please talk to us as we should be able to move the match times around to enable them to play both. Register your interest at the school office in the first instance, it would be great if we could make a couple of Ngatimoti teams!

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.



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MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
Victory Square 1:00PM–3:00PM

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
Marsden Recreation Reserve, 2:30PM–
Stoke (behind the Turf Hotel) 4:30PM

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER
Sundial Square, 2:30PM–
Richmond 4:00PM

FREE EVENT

Te Whatu Ora
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Shark in the Park is supported by Stronger Together – a Tasman Mako and Te Whatu Ora initiative supporting the health and wellbeing of our tamariki and whānau.



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TOUCH 2026
KIDSTOUCH
YEARS 3-8

Thursdays at Riwaka Rugby Club & Cemetary Grounds
21st October - 17th December
4pm - 5.30pm

FORMAT
 Mixed Grades = Year 3-4, Year 5-6, & Year 7-8
 School or Club Teams entered for mixed grades.
 Please get in touch if you are an individual looking for a team

Boys & Girls Grade = Year 5-6 & Year 7-8
 Teams or individuals can be entered. Teams will be formed or found for individuals.

\$80
 per team

- Team uniforms to be worn
- Footwear required (no metal spurs)
- Mixed teams must have 2 girls on field
- Two points for girls tries
- To be eligible for Motueka Representative teams you must be playing in our module

Registration Link for Mixed or Boys & Girls Teams:
<https://www.motuekatouch.co.nz/viewform/519795>
 CONTACT: motuekatouch@gmail.com



FireBird Circus

Silks classes for all ages with Beck in Term Four. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Ngatimoti Hall.



Contact 022 646 3045 beck.firebirdcircus@gmail.com

Wishing everyone a fun and safe spring holiday break! We look forward to an exciting Term 4 ahead and can't wait to see your scarecrow creations popping up all across the valley. Remember to tell your pets they are coming to school on Friday 18 October!!



Term 4: 12 Oct–18 Dec. Term 1 2027: 3 Feb–9 April. Term 2 2027: 27 April–2 July.



Happy colouring! This is not a competition, but many of you may enjoy this while we are thinking especially about our environment this week, and every week at Ngatimoti School!!