



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week One, Term Four 2026



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WEEK 1	NEXT WEEK
Craft Club with Davina will be held in the school library for the next five weeks starting tomorrow after school. The focus this term will be on Christmas crafts. Please let the office know if your child will be staying after school for this, and a koha for Davina's time and materials is appreciated. PET DAY FRIDAY 9-10:30am More details on page 2 of this newsletter.	FESTIVAL PREP WEEK Set up Saturday 24 Oct Festival Sunday 25 Oct Pack down Monday 26 Oct (Labour Day holiday) Wed 21 October, our school librarians will be treated to a trip to Motueka Library to see 'Kupe and the Great Octopus' CAMP DATES – changes have been made! Wk 7: Room 1 - Quinney's Bush on Thursday 26 Nov Wk 8: Room 3 - Marahau on Mon 7 Dec for 2 nights. Room 4 - Marahau on Mon 7 Dec for 3 nights. Wk 9: Room 5 - Bridge Valley on Tues 1 Dec for 3 nights. Note: Parents who stay overnight on camp must be police vet checked. Confirm with your teacher asap. Camp notices will be sent home soon.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM FOUR! We've hit the ground running around organising our biggest weekend of the year coming up at the end of next week.

We particularly welcome our new entrants this term; **Luna & Goldie**, welcome to school and to Room 1, we hope you love your time here at Ngatimoti School!

End of Year Plans Term 4 is always a very busy term, and this year is no exception with Festival looming and all classes off on camps. Our final assembly this year will be on **Friday 11 December at 1:30 pm. Our final official day is Monday 14 December.** This is a change to the date we had publicised last term. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes. The first day back for students in 2027 will be Wednesday 3 February.



Kaidyn, William, Nina & Milena took out 2nd place in the Motec Challenge last term. Well done to both of our teams!

Mr Hepburn is resigning As many of you already know, Mr Hepburn has tendered his resignation as of the end of the school year. The Board is immersed in the appointment process at the moment and will let you know as soon as possible who the new teacher in the Senior Class will be. We plan to have a farewell assembly for Mr Hepburn on Friday 4 December after Room 5 return from camp. (Hint - wear a bright shirt!)

2027 ATYA Applications Open to this year's Y6 & 7 students. There are only 4 spaces to fill, and the deadline is Friday 30 October. Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors work alongside Project Janszoon, DoC and other school representatives to work on conservation projects and our school's adopted section of the Abel Tasman National Park at Bark Bay. Applications and more details are available from the school office.



PET DAY – THIS FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER at 9am

The Student Council has planned a Pet Day for this coming Friday morning, 16 October. This is a fun morning for students to show their pets off!

It is not compulsory to bring a pet. If you do not have a pet, you can bring a favourite teddy bear or soft toy – one per student! 😊

Rules - parents please talk these through with your child

- When dogs are brought to school, they need to be tied up along the back tree line - fitness course area. (well separated from other dogs!) Lambs, calves and ponies can be tied up along the top of the bank or on the bottom field.
- Only bring your dog if it is safe around kids, other animals and other dogs. If you are worried, please do not bring it to school.
- Bring your own water container and food for your pet. For lambs, we have a fastest drinking lamb competition so please bring your own 200 ml of pre-mixed milk in a bottle for this.
- Please don't lead your dog all around. Leave it tied up and people can come and visit it!
- Any poo or mess is the responsibility of the person who entered the pet!
- Remember to look after your pet and not let it get stressed out.
- No dogs can come on the bus. If you have a smaller animal that will STAY in its cage on the bus, you can ask your bus driver if that will be ok.
- Pets need to be taken home at morning tea time.
- If you want to pet someone else's animal, you should ask the owner's permission. This is for your own safety.
- Do not run around the ponies and be careful and calm around all animals!

Organisation of the day

9 a.m. Your dog, calf, pony or lamb should be left tied up and students need to go to class. Animals in cages (chickens, ducks, rabbits etc) are to be left on display by the sandpit on the top field. After doing the roll, teachers will take their class around to see the pets of their class members.

9:30 a.m. The show ring will be on the top field. Dogs stay tied up, students with a dog or no pet are seated to watch the events. Students with any other pet are to bring the pet and start parading around the ring. There are categories like "biggest ears, shiniest coat, longest whiskers etc. LAMBS will be called in for judging first. Other pets and owners can line up and sit down in front of the audience. Then CALVES, then GOATS, PONIES and CAGED animals...

10 a.m. ish the dog show, which will include an obedience event of: "Sit, Stay, Come".

10:30 a.m. ish Obstacle courses – all animals and their owners can participate, with various courses running.

Finally, we have a dress up competition. All pets that are dressed up can parade around the ring again for this final event!

Morning teatime will be flexible. We would like all pets, especially dogs, to be collected and taken home by 11am. Thank you parents, for your support for this fun event!



MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 2 November: Clued up Kids at Motueka Recreation Centre for Room 4 students

Wednesday 4 November: Ngatimoti Athletics competition

Friday 6 November: Room 4 students visit NW Motueka 'Food for Thought' programme

Wednesday 11 November: Junior Athletics Interschool's competition at Lower Moutere School

Thursday 12 November: Senior Athletics Interschool's competition at Lower Moutere School

Friday 13 November: Year 8 Orientation Day at Motueka High School

FESTIVAL NEWS Sunday 25 October 2026 At the end of NEXT WEEK!

Scarecrow time! This weekend's weather forecast is looking great for scarecrow construction! Position your creation outside your house, pointing in the direction of school with a clear sign. Please send a photo to office@ngatimoti.school.nz for us to display, and for our fun competition with prizes!

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

Ngatimoti Festival: Labour Weekend Sunday 25 October

11 days to go!! This week's festival update:

- ✓ **Make a scarecrow and sign.** Send a photo for judging to office@ngatimoti.school.nz
If anyone would like signs touched up and painted, please message Beth (Cassian & Iver's mum), she'd be happy to help this weekend.
- ✓ **Parent roster: If you are in charge of an area, please put your parent roster together. We welcome more helpers for the café, spit roast and parking please!**
- ✓ **CAFÉ:** We ask all families to provide baking for our Festival café! At least one cake/slice per family please. Hopefully we will have enough donated eggs for you to take to help with the festival baking.
- ✓ **Children's baking competition.** Entries must be able to be sliced. Cakes will be judged for the competition at 3pm on Saturday 24 October so bring your cake to Rathgar House to enter. General cakes and baking (savoury and sweet) for the café can be dropped in late Saturday afternoon or early on Sunday morning. Please label with ingredients, GF / DF etc.
- ✓ **LEMONS** please for our home-made lemonade and café
- ✓ **EGGS:** For our schnitzel stall and café baking.
- ✓ **OUTDOOR FURNITURE & SEATING:** We always need more seating and shade for the café – name any items you loan us! For the animal tent we'd love a few hay bales.
- ✓ **2l plastic juice bottles** for our lemonade makers
- ✓ **TREASURE TROVE:** Still accepting good quality second hand items; clothes, books, toys etc. No junk please, and no electrical items.
- ✓ **SILENT AUCTION:** Any offers of services, vouchers, art, jewellery, sports gear, furniture, etc. are most appreciated.
- ✓ **ANIMALS wanted** – and some help on set up Saturday with fencing for our animal petting zone. Please contact Kate (Orrin's mum) on 022 656 6447 or see her at pet day!
- ✓ **FLOWERS** for the café tables and other areas to make everything look pretty – bring them in on Saturday afternoon
- ✓ **FLYERS** There are posters and small flyers at the school office if you can distribute them at your workplace or wherever you go!
- ✓ **FACEBOOK** Like and share our Ngatimoti Festival facebook page

Cakes for sale each Friday.

Each Friday we have a parent baking roster to provide cakes and frozen Juicies 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 and another dollar for a Juicie. 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 16 October: Andy (Maggie, William) & Chops (Pedro, Freddie)

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

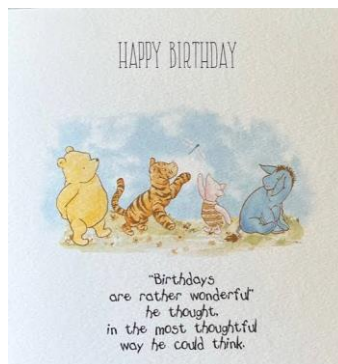
Friday 30 October: Stephane (Eleanor, Rafael) & Garrick (Flint)

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

Friday 13 November: Jeff (Quinn, Tara) & Jinx (Bella, Connor)

Friday 20 November: Clyde (Luke, Theia) & John (Pete, Rita)





Congratulations to George who turns 11 years old today. We hope you have a great day, George!

Did you know that Winnie the Pooh was published 100 years ago today!?

Sunday School at St. James' Church this Sunday 18 October

10:30am All welcome.

This weekend is St. James' Church 142nd Birthday! 😊

Drama classes with Naomi Baker

Wednesdays 4.30 - 5.30 10-13-year-olds

Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30 7-10-year-olds

At the Imaginarium Theatre, Motueka

\$10 per class

Lots of fun, great for building confidence and working as a team.

Contact Naomi: 0212370663



Durrant/Bensemman family scarecrow. Beautifully done!