



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Three, Term Four 2026



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- NEXT WEEK:** Monday 2 November: Clued up Kids at Motueka Recreation Centre for Room 4 students
Wednesday 4 November: Ngatimoti Athletics competition in the afternoon
Friday 6 November: Room 4 students visit NW Motueka 'Food for Thought' programme
- WEEK FIVE:** Wednesday 11 November: Junior Athletics competition at Lower Moutere School
Thursday 12 November: Senior Athletics competition at Lower Moutere School
Friday 13 November: Year 8 Orientation Day at Motueka High School
- WEEK SIX:** We will have a school art exhibition
Friday 19 November is our Kapa Haka performance



We smashed it again! Another fantastic festival happened at the weekend, and we cannot thank you enough for all your input.

Many of us are still feeling the aftermath of another amazing Ngatimoti Festival. **THANK YOU** for making it such a happy (and profitable) day!

We have had so much positive feedback about the organisation, the students, the school and the atmosphere we created together. Thank you everyone for pitching in, keeping smiling and getting it done!

Gate numbers were slightly down, and the day seemed to wrap up a bit earlier this year, possibly because it was so hot, but overall, it is looking like we have made a great profit and there were certainly lots of very good community vibes!

So many people go above and beyond; Festival just couldn't happen without your generosity. Weeks of preparation may not be visible, but I know what is happening behind the scenes. Please take this thank you as an acknowledgement of your planning, managing, setting up and sorting out. Thank you for your resilience when it gets tough, your innovation when solutions are needed and your kindness when you are stretched. On Festival Day the work you all put in was phenomenal and very much appreciated. Thank you also to those who cleaned up their own area so well, and those who cleaned up the rest of the grounds! You would never know what a great Festival was held here just days ago. 😊

Special thanks must go to the organisers of each area, and especially to the Year 8 parents who will not be organising next year. You are amazing people and we will miss your experience. We are also very grateful to the past parents, whānau, and community members who came back and helped, once again. Amazing!

A Parent Group wrap up meeting will be held soon, when we will have a clearer idea of profits and an opportunity to share feedback. In the meantime, whilst it is fresh in your mind, please email any feedback and suggestions for future Festivals or fill in the form on page 4 and drop it into the office.



Jackson (above right in black) came to the festival to do some woodchopping, some 24 years after his mother, Gaylene, was one of the instigators and organisers of the very first Ngatimoti Festival!



The café was another big hit! Thanks for all your baking. Come and collect your containers from school!

Congratulations to Ella P who took first prize with her entry in the cake competition. **Cassian & Iver** and **Ella Q** were awarded second prize, and **Orrin** made third. Great effort everyone!

DELICIOUS GOAT CURRY FOR SALE - \$20

Tender and tasty goat curry – 4 frozen portions in each container for \$20.

Contact the office. Be quick, there are only a few available!

CAMP DATES

Wk 7: Room 1 - **Quinney's Bush** on **Thurs 26 Nov**

Wk 8: Room 3 - **Marahau** on **Mon 7 Dec (2 nights)**

Room 4 - **Marahau** on **Mon 7 Dec (3 nights)**

Wk 9: Room 5 - **Bridge Valley** on **Tues 1 Dec (3 nights)**

Note: Parents who stay overnight on camp must be police vet checked. Grab a form from the office.

TERM DATES The final assembly is **Friday 11 December** this year. **Monday 14 December** is the official last day of term. There will be no buses running on this day.

Term 1 starts Wednesday 3 February in 2027

2027 ATYA Applications Open to this year's Y6 & 7 students. There are only 4 spaces to fill, and the deadline is THIS Friday 30 October.

Applications and more details are available from the school office.

A community education evening

PARENTING | NEURODEVELOPMENT | WELLBEING
PRACTICAL STRATEGIES | REAL-WORLD INSIGHTS

My Child's Brain

Understanding what drives their behaviour, learning and wellbeing

Join renowned educator and speaker Kathryn Berkett for an engaging and practical session that unpacks how a child's brain develops, and what this means for their behaviour, learning and resilience.

Kathryn Berkett
Engage Training

Kathryn is an experienced educator, trainer and speaker, and the founder of Engage Training. She is passionate about sharing the latest neuroscience in a practical and relatable way to support children's learning, wellbeing and positive behaviour.

NEURODEVELOPMENT

How a child's brain grows and changes, from early years through to adolescence.

DOPAMINE

Understanding motivation, reward and why some behaviours are hard to shift.

STRESS

The impact of stress on the developing brain and how to support calm, regulation and connection.

RESILIENCE

Practical ways to build resilience, confidence and lifelong skills for a positive future.

Wednesday 4 November | **7.00pm (90 minutes)** | **Motueka High School Hall**

Everyone welcome!
Parents, caregivers, whānau and community members.

\$2 ENTRY

engage training

This is an incredible opportunity for all parents and whānau to hear Kathryn Berkett speaking in Motueka next Wednesday evening. (4 November) If anybody would like to volunteer to be the driver, the school van is available.



Happy 6th Birthday to Isabella who celebrated yesterday. Best wishes also to **Fleur** who turned 5 years old yesterday and will start school in Room 1 next week. Congratulations to both of you, and welcome to school Fleur!

Ngatimoti School Athletics next Wednesday 4 November. Next week's event at school will start at 11:30am. Activities will continue after lunch and finish by 2:45pm. Teachers need to leave promptly on this day to attend the Kathryn Berkett course so there should be no children at school after 3pm.

We really need some parent volunteers to help run the activities. Contact your class teacher or the office to offer your help. Thanks.

Cakes and Juicies for sale each Friday.

COME AND GRAB YOUR FESTIVAL CAKE CONTAINERS FROM SCHOOL!

Each Friday we have a parent baking roster to provide cakes & Juicies for sale to our students. Please send your child with a dollar in cash to buy a cake each week, and another dollar if they would also like to buy a Juicie, preferably in a named purse. On your duty day, please provide 24-30 cupcakes, muffins, cake or slice. Our Parent Cake Coordinator is Laura 022 084 2606. Contact Laura to swap your rostered cake duty or with any questions.

Thanks parents!

This week we have leftovers to sell:

Cakes \$1, lolly bags \$1, Juicies \$1, Pete's Lemonade \$3

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

Friday 13 November: Jeff (Quinn, Tara) & Emelie (Viggo)

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

Friday 27 November: Megan (Etta, Nina) & Tao (Madi & George) *Room 1 camp*

Friday 4 December: Terri (Makaira, Shylo & Zaria) & Candice (Te Rehua & Waiata) *Room 5 camp*

Friday 11 December: Suntah (Aniah, Zakai) & Shannon (Ardy, Poppy) *Last day of Term Four!*



**Ngatimoti
Parents' Group**

03-1354-0354943-00

Thanks for paying by
bank transfer.

Ref - stall name.

If you need to pay for anything festival related, please use these bank details

Thank you for all the scarecrows you created this year. We have many comments from the public on festival day about how fun and welcoming they are!

**This year's competition winners were
Isabella B, Luke & Theia D, Thea & Maisey
and Pete, Rita & Doug**



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



Festival Feedback

We would like to collect your ideas, wisdom and experiences while it's fresh in your minds, to help us with planning for next year. **Use another piece of paper or an email if you have more to say!**

NAME:

The area/s we were involved with:

What worked well in that area:

What was missing / had too much of / ran out of / needs to change:

Things we noticed that relate to the functioning of the festival overall: (e.g. advertising / signage / money/ parking/ rubbish / layout)

Suggestions about other stalls / activities we noticed about other sections:

Other stalls/ activities we could do next year / should drop.

Thank-yous have been or need to be sent to the following businesses / people in the community:

We think that the funds raised could make the most impact to our children's schooling by being used for:

Spending areas that have been done in the past that we really value (e.g. stationery, photos, subsidising swimming pool key, solar panels to heat swimming pool, dance lessons, creative arts, performances, bands, sports, additional teaching resources) are: