

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

April 2012

Gessler's on the Go

Amaka Olympic Athlete

Four months after breaking her elbow, damaging ligaments and suffering a concussion from an over-the-handlebars, headfirst cycle accident, Amaka Gessler has qualified 3rd in the Olympics trials for the women's 4x200m freestyle relay.

Amaka "jumped for joy" last Tuesday night knowing she will be going to London as part of the Olympic swim team at the end of July this year. She was especially ecstatic as she had missed out on the 2008 Beijing Olympics due to a technicality.

At the age of eight, Amaka saw a medal her older sister Ines brought home from a swimming event and wanted one so bad that she started swimming and training. 250 medals later (but who's counting) including a bronze and silver at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010 for the 4x100m and 4x200m freestyle relay, and a silver medal from the 2011 World University Games in China for the 4x200m freestyle, she is hoping to bring another one back for her collection from the Olympics this year. Amaka's specialities are the 100m and 200m freestyle and the relay races bring out her best.

21 year old Amaka studies and trains in Auckland. She received a scholarship from the High Performance Centre three years ago to train and use the facilities of the Millennium Institute of Sport and Health. Her day starts with two hours of swimming and one hour in the gym, followed by self-motivated extramural study for a BSc in Psychology through Massey University, which is flexible with athletes' training schedules. Another two hours training in the evening rounds off Amaka's day. Sunday is a rest day unless she is training for a specific event. Needless to say her social life is minimal. She comes home to Ngatimoti and the Motueka Valley café, twice a year for a week with her family at Christmas and Easter.

After competing at the 2012 Olympics in London, Amaka plans to spend a couple of months in Germany with her parents and touring Eu-

rope. Her coach and trainers think she will peak in 2016 for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Amaka says she'll wait and see.....

All the best for London this year Amaka. You go girl!

Ines Trailwalker

Big sister, Ines Gessler has just completed a 100km walk on the annual Oxfam Trailwalker. Teams of four walk 100kms in under 36 hours to raise money and awareness for a safer, fairer, and sustainable world.

Ines and her team, "the Ministry of Silly Walks" took 23 hours and 42 minutes walking through the night, with 7 pit stops of about 15-20 minutes. The course was in and around the scenic town of Taupo.

Visit http://www.oxfam.org.nz/oxfam_trailwalker/ for more information and an opportunity to donate to Oxfam through the Ministry of Silly Walks.



Wolfram & Johanna doctoring

Meanwhile, parents Wolfram and Johanna are off to Germany to complete the work experience, required by the Medical Council, that will allow them to work as Doctors in Motueka. Having spent the last 17 years establishing a restaurant in Wanaka, followed by a Vineyard and Cafe in Ngatimoti, Wolfram and Johanna now have the opportunity to begin practising medicine again. They both look forward to returning to their home in Ngatimoti and contributing to the community through their profession, especially due to the shortage of doctors in rural communities.

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This term has been busy and productive and I acknowledge the hard work of all our learners. Big thanks to our teachers who have worked hard to inspire our RIVER students with new ideas and experiences. All classes have been off-site learning about eels and freshwater life. As well there have been many relevant, interesting and fun learning experiences at school too, such as massage, water fun, debates and maths challenges! Students have had opportunities to participate in all sorts of fitness activities from ball games, skipping and yoga, as well as chances to show their creative skills with sketching, painting or patterning.

This term our 3 Touch teams have done very well at the weekly Rec Centre competition, with all teams getting in to the semi-finals and our mixed senior team winning their final! Next term we have 5 mini-ball teams playing in the Rec Centre competition each week. These teams would not be possible without the management, coaching and support of some dedicated parents. On behalf of the school, thank you for ensuring our students are able to represent us.

Coming up next term, as well as lots of reading, writing and maths, we will learn about ANZAC Day, do lots of science experiments and celebrate Matariki. Gymnastics, enviro-time and financial literacy will also feature!

Thank you! We would like to thank the whole community for supporting our school in all that we do! A special thank you to Alan Brereton for all the maintenance work he does for us behind the scenes. Many thanks also to John Green for kindly donating heaps of firewood and to those who have already donated scrap metal. Any more is always welcome! Thanks again to Pat and Nicky for allowing us to hoard your hazelnuts for fundraising! If anybody in the community would like to become more involved in the school in any way, please phone or pop in and chat to Ali.

School opens for Term 2 on Monday 23 April.

School Pool: The swimming pool is now closed. Key holders may return their key to the school office to receive their \$10 refund. Thanks to all for your continued support for our school pool.

MVA Committee Members

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March MVA Meeting

Even though there has been a steady stream of opinions in the local papers regarding the question whether to amalgamate or not, it was an interesting evening at the hall with a dozen people and 3 councillors exchanging views and trying to see some clarity in the muddy waters. The dice has been thrown and now it's a waiting game for the results.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

April MVA Meeting

is at 7.30pm Wednesday 18 April
(winter meetings start 30 minutes earlier than summer ones)

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Monday, 23 April at 7.30 p.m.
ST. JAMES CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
To be held in the Sunday School.
A Warm Welcome to All

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Wednesday, 25th April, 2012 at 10.30am.
MOTUEKA DISTRICT BRASS IN ATTENDANCE
Cup of tea to follow

A very warm welcome to all

Pokororo Women's Club

We meet first Wednesday of each month
at the Pokororo Hall

usually at 7.30pm for fun, friendship, and
sometimes fundraising for local causes.

We welcome new members

For more information call Ann at 5268076



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MAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 12TH OF MAY 2012

6 – 11 PM

A family Celebration with DJ Music & Dinner

Food for sale:
Curry & Satay * Cake & Drinks

66 Graham Valley Rd. Pokororo
mountainvalley@actrix.co.nz
this is a fundraiser event

The Ngatimoti Community Art Group

meets in the Fire Brigade Rooms every Thursday 9-12

This is a social untutored group in which the participants engage in any art or craft, eg. painting, knitting, mosaics, card making etc.

Come and meet your neighbours and discover their hidden talents.

For more information , phone Anne 5268623