

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

## June 2012

### Mid-Winter Madness

**“Yes! The popular, annual, mid-winter Ngatimoti Celebration is on again this year...”**

Come and be part of the celebration of our vibrant local community at the Ngatimoti Hall on

**Saturday 28th July**

Last years mid-winter feast was a great success and for this year we showcase two talented local bands.

#### **Homegrown Ngatimoti Music.**

Chimuka, with their infectious African marimba music and the second band we will introduce next month.

**So meet up with your neighbours and friends, warm-up to the sounds and revitalise your spirit.**

**We're kicking off at 7:30,**

\$5 per adult entry, and bring finger food for a shared little something to nibble on as the night goes on.'

### CHIMUKA

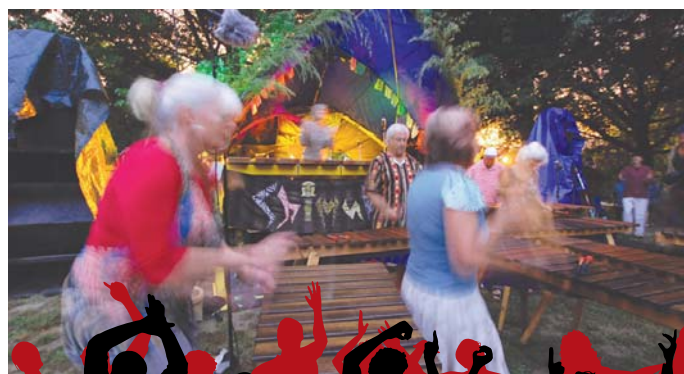


Marimba music has been played in the Nelson region since 1997. Chimuka, based in Ngatimoti, is one of only two groups playing this music in New Zealand. The group is directed and taught by musical director Russell Matthews.

We are an eight-piece band consisting of seven marimbas (bass, baritone, tenors, alto and sopranos) and a pair of hosho (shakers) and we play mostly acoustically, needing amplification only on stage for large outdoor venues. Indoors the sound is big, normally making amplification unnecessary.

We are mainly a dance band; the music is very infectious and we have had people dancing in most unlikely circumstances, but the sound has a broad spectrum of context and it sits happily in an ambient surrounding as well where people can mostly listen and enjoy the intricacy of the music.

The music itself has been adapted for marimba from the mbira (thumb piano) of the Shona people of Zimbabwe, who have developed this instrument and its music to a high degree of sophistication. With intricate polyrhythmic cyclic melodies the music has a powerful uplifting quality capable of connecting people to a childlike sense of joy and delight, which is one of the main reasons we enjoy performing this music.



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As winter descends our school continues to flourish with 109 students on our roll. We're keeping warm with our winter sports - our netball and mini-ball teams are doing well in competition. We have recently held our very own science fair to demonstrate our innovative science learning in action. We have also had the Life Education Truck here helping our students learn to be responsible for their good health choices. We are in the process of constructing a new sandpit in our school grounds and all students have created a clay plaque of their own design to place in the sandpit wall. All these extras have been able to be provided from last year's festival funds and by the generosity of our parents' time, energy and talented creativity. This is much appreciated and a great example of our community working together. Our core business, of course, is student achievement in reading, writing and maths. Our students' progress in relation to the National Standards in these subjects shows that although we do have a number of students needing extra support, all are making positive progress. Maths results show that this subject is a particular strength at Ngatimoti. Our target groups this year are junior reading and senior writing. The BOT invest in these areas by providing resources for Reading Recovery programmes, teacher aides and ongoing professional development for teachers.

As you may have seen in the local press, one of our students, Emily Anderson (pictured) has been awarded joint winner in the 10-13year age group and also the overall supreme winner for her Lest We Forget writing competition run by Dramatix Theatre Company!! Emily's poignant letter stunned the judges with her "maturity and human connectivity". We are very proud!

Our Parent Group have been particularly active recently, holding a very popular coffee morning for parents to connect as well as an interesting evening of discussion for parents about



financial literacy for children. We also continue to work hard behind the scenes raising funds for school and organising this year's Ngatimoti Festival to be held on Sunday October 21. If you would like your own craft stall, forms are now available from Lou on 526 8815. Any other festival queries may be directed to the school office in the first instance – we are always receptive to new ideas and offers of help before or on the day.

### MVA Committee Members

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We would like to hear from you if you are using Vodofone wireless phone/broad-band and having problems

Also from those on Telecom or other providers.

Ian Davey  
5268 707

### JUNE MVA Meeting

7.30pm Wed 20th June

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

Everyone Welcome

### Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Family Church Service

St James Ngatimoti

10:30 a.m. 17th June, 2012

Conducted by Rev. Matt Beech

Children welcome to Sunday School

*A very warm welcome to all*

### Pokororo Women's Club

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### Concert

at Ngatimoti Hall,

**Saturday the 7th July. 7pm start.**

\$10 door, \$5 under 18 and kids free with paying adult.

Blistering Tongues (Glenn the music teacher from Ngatimoti's band which have been going for 16 years!), Grandad's Wedding (his son Billys band) and more local bands to be announced.

*This is the 2nd show in a ten show tour so catch them whilst they still fresh!*

### "The Expansion of Happiness and its process"

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