

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

October 2012

Welcome to the Godwits.

Some of you may have heard the bell ringing at St James Church on Sunday 23rd September and wondered why. For the last three years we have been celebrating the return of the Godwits to the Motueka sand spit. The parent birds arrived from their epic flight from Akaska the previous week and their young will follow them in the next few weeks. This remarkable bird flies non stop across the Pacific Ocean taking 7 – 9 days returning to the same site each year. They arrive tired and hungry and over the next six months fatten up and grow new wing feathers for the return journey. They will stay with us until March when they once more cross the Pacific.

This year Motueka Arts Council organised a morning of activities to welcome back the Godwits. Church Bells were rung at 10.00 a.m, artists pitched stands along the Quay and telescopes were set up to view the Godwits. At the Kumaras driftwood and sand sculptures were designed by individuals and groups of people and the event was deemed a great success by all those who participated.

Pam Marchant
Secretary Motueka Arts Council.

Just a quick note to say there appears to be a group stealing items out of letterboxes in the rural areas. Parcels, letters etc

Please be aware of this as it seems to be a growing trend. Lately in Canterbury a team of mongrel thieves targetted rural letterboxes and took statements etc then rang the owners to obtain there PINS etc They then cleaned their bank accounts out - thankfully they have been arrested Under no circumstances give out any information like this over the phone.

Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious out there contact me or your local guys.

Cheers

Rob Crawford

Sergeant RCD096

Motueka Ph 03 5281220 cell 0272348231

MVA Meeting

17 October

7.30 Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

Fundraiser for the Pokororo Hall

Date: Sat. 10th of Nov. 2012, 7.00 pm

Disco/Karaoke Night

Put on your dancing shoes, gladrags and lube the vocalchords

Entry: \$5 per head + fingerfood, B.Y.O
Raffle on the night

Vet Talk with Tasman Bay Vets

The basics of bulls

While most of us are sitting back enjoying the spring daffodils and the lambs and calves frolicking in the paddocks, for dairy and beef farmers preparations are already underway for the next lot of calves to be born. Mating season is just around the corner and for many people that will mean replacing some of last year's bulls.

When introducing a new bull to your property there are a few pertinent things to consider from a disease point of view. Venereal diseases such as campylobacter, trichomoniasis and ureaplasma are rare. Of greater concern are Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) and Leptospirosis.

BVD has been a particular problem in dairy herds for well over a decade. While many dairy farmers are aware of the BVD status of their cows through bulk milk testing, it is easy to forget about the potential of new bulls to bring this unwanted disease on to the farm, with potentially disastrous consequences. BVD is being diagnosed more frequently amongst beef herds now, where it has the potential to cause significant losses through lower in calf rates, abortions and calf deaths as well as production checks in young stock. We cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring that any bulls you bring on to your property have been blood tested negative for BVD and vaccinated.

Leptospirosis is still a concern for dairy farmers. While cows and young stock are generally well vaccinated these days on an annual programme it is easy to forget about the potential for bulls to introduce and spread this disease. Ensure any new bulls are vaccinated before they arrive on the property and that existing bulls get an annual vaccination at the same time as the cows in Autumn.

It is also important to consider parasites when you are introducing new stock to your farm. With drench resistance increasing and causing economically significant losses now days no stock should be brought on to your property without an exit drench prior to leaving their current property. If this has not been done then do a quarantine drench on arrival on your property. Choose a high quality combination drench or a novel drench such as Startect or Zolvix. Do not bring someone else's drench resistance problems onto your place!

Talk to us if you have any queries or concerns about BVD, Leptospirosis or parasite control on your property.

Our schoolwide focus last term was Activate - Participating and Contributing. He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people. It has been great to see so many students not only involving themselves in school activities, but out of school as well. We certainly are proud of our students here at school. Some memories of term three that stand out are - Maori Culture Club, Reading Together Workshops, Rock Da House, Winter Tournament, Whenua-iti for Room 1, Disco, BP Technology Challenges in the classroom, Mr Bugman, Nelson Mathix, School and Inter School X-Country, Ngati-Lympics and of course all the class related activities related to the London Olympics. Some of our senior students are off on their Whenua-iti Journey during these holidays, and we'll all be busy making scarecrows to advertise the upcoming festival held at school and at the community reserve next weekend!

Ngatimoti Festival 2012 – Sunday 21 October - 10am-4pm - \$2 entry

- We would love to see a trail of scarecrows pointing the way to our festival from all directions in the next week or two. There are prizes available as in previous years and scarecrows will be judged the weekend of October 13/14. Your scarecrow should clearly display this year's festival date and times to qualify.



- Our professional cake taster – the delicious Mr. Grooby! - will be judging the annual festival cake competition on Saturday 20 October, the day before festival. All entries are very welcome as well as donations for the Devonshire Teas which will take place in the school hall.

If anyone in our great community would like to offer their services helping out before, during or after the event

we would love to hear from you or just turn up on the day (or the day before or the day after!), or if any local businesses are willing to offer a gift / donation for prizes and our silent auction please phone Amanda at school 5268842 (leave a message during the holidays – they will be picked up) or text 02108207923.

We are looking forward to another great festival with the usual mix of fantastic local entertainment, crafts, talent and of course yummy food and drink. There's something for everyone so make a wish for a sunny day and thank you for supporting our school - see you there!

Above everything else, Festival day is a lot of fun – great live music, a vast array of yummy food, fun activities for all ages – what more could you wish for - a wonderful day out for the whole family and a way to celebrate our great valley community.

If you are able to help in any way, please call Amanda at the school office on 03 526 8842 or email office@ngatimoti.school.nz

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Sat 27th and Sun 28th October

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Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti

Anniversary Service

St James, Ngatimoti

10:30 a.m. 21st October, 2012

Conducted by Rev. Wayne Thornton

No Sunday School

Morning tea to follow



A very warm welcome to all

MVA Committee Members

Fred Hickling	528 9122
Bruce Dyer	526 8282
Lesley Hadley	526 8047
Stuart Granger	970 9004
Bernd Reiter	526 8544
Karen O'Malley	526 8211

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Application form for Pokororo Fair Sunday 13 th. Jan. 2013

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

PHONE:..... EMAIL:.....

No. of Art & Craft 3 metre sites@ \$30 ea :.....

Type of goods being sold.....

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- * Entertainment for kids
- * Sausage Sizzle
- * Fireworks Area
- * Bonfire
- * Bring your fireworks or come and watch

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