

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

## June 2013

### Our Peninsula bridge is 100 years old

#### Birthday Party

2.30pm Saturday 6 July 2013

The Motueka river separates our valley lives into east and west banks and there are a few bridges that make the river crossing much easier and safer. But none so old and beautiful as the Peninsula bridge which was opened on 4th July 1913. Every valley resident will have many experiences, photographs, memories and stories that have taken place on, under, over or by this elegant bridge. So let's get together and honour her century;



2.30pm : speeches, stories and meanderings on the westbank end of the bridge

3.30pm : afternoon tea at the Bowling club

5.30pm : community pot-luck at the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

There'll be ample parking on the Beatson's property (westbank) and around the hall. So if driving to the event, please approach the bridge from the side you want to park so there are as few cars crossing the bridge as possible at this time. Come in period costume to help set the scene if you wish.

In the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall there will be a display of historical photographs and movies and also of bridge-related creativity by the pupils of Ngatimoti School. If you have any bridge memorabilia, photographs or stories to add to this display, please bring them to the hall (preferably before noon). The hall will be open from 10am and the display will stay for the evening.

For the Community Pot-luck, the MVA will provide a big pot of soup with bread and mulled apple

juice, tea and coffee. Everyone is to bring a dish (of food) to share and also your own plates, eating utensils and anything else you need to drink. The hall will be warmed for you and there'll be plenty of time for eating, drinking and talking interspersed with a few more stories, some music and braziers outside for the 'around the fire' stories.

If the weather is very bad (eg. the river is in flood) the event will be postponed. Listen to the radio (More FM or Fresh FM) for this information or telephone Elizabeth Beatson 5268750

see you there



#### Ngatimoti Playgroup

Bring your babies & preschoolers along to our fantastic playgroup held every Friday 10am-12pm during term time at Ngatimoti school.

No cost, but please bring something for morning tea for the children.

No need to book, just come along!

(Call or text Kathryn for more information 021 617 065)

#### Apology

Congratulations to those who spotted the misnomer in the May MVA newsletter!

Yes, the lovely Woodstock Hall (who could confuse such a name?) is not Stanleybrook.

If you haven't already, we'll all have the chance to dance at the Woodstock hall in November this year.

#### Next MVA Meeting

Tuesday 18 June 2013 7.30pm

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall All welcome



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Term 2: Mon 6 May – Fri 12 July  
Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday Mon 3 June

## KINDNESS

One kind word can change someone's entire day.

This great little quote was on display in the Life Ed truck that visited our school recently. It fits well with our school value of being POSITIVE. A challenge for the Senior Class was to do something kind for someone every day last week. I think we should all rise to this challenge!

**Class Learning** Our classes all benefitted from learning with Harold the Giraffe in the Life Education Truck recently. Now we are wrapping up the lessons on food and nutrition and devoting more time to science. We are planning another school Science Fair for the final week of term. This will involve all classes.

This year we were successful with applications to the Ministry of Education for extra intervention funding for both maths and writing. This term, Miss Copping has run our ALiM programme (Accelerated Learning in Maths) for selected learners from Rooms 2 & 3. This programme is already proving beneficial. Mrs Milnes is beginning to set up a writing group, which is known as ALL (Accelerating Literacy Learning).

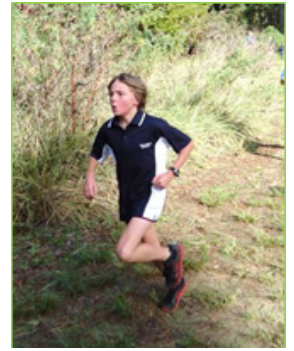
**Tackle 7s Rugby Tournament** Our squad of 10 players ended up entering the competitive grade, beating both Mot South and Lower Moutere. We lost our semi and the play off for 3rd/4th. A great result though, with some excellent skills shown by the Ngatimoti Team. Thanks again for parent support on the day and in particular to Kelly for helping out with transport!

**Motueka Districts X Country Race at Rabbit Island** Ngatimoti had 18 students representing the school at this event. Great conditions provided the perfect opportunity



for our students to show what they were capable of doing – and they certainly didn't disappoint. Every student ran exceptionally well but special mention must go to Hannah & Archie who both won their age groups! Huge congratulations to both of you. As well as being an individual event, there is also the teams section where the top 3 run-

ners from each school have their final places combined for an overall team score. Silver was very popular for Ngatimoti with our Year 5 Boys, Year 7 Girls and the Year 8 Boys, all coming second. Thank you to the parents for providing both transport and support, it was great to see so many of you there!



## Maori Culture Club

Many of our students are currently enjoying a Maori Culture Club after school based at Te Awhina Marae in Motueka. This is a great opportunity to experience and learn about Maori culture, learning all sorts of skills such as carving, rakau and poi.

## School Visitors

Hannah and Ollie have been visiting Ngatimoti School for the past 3 weeks. We have thoroughly enjoyed having them here and wish them a safe journey back home to Auckland. Last week a group of local teachers visited Ngatimoti School to share and discuss teaching and learning ideas; they all commented on the positive tone we have here and the friendliness of our students! On Teacher Only Day for the High School, a group of our past students came to visit. It is always a pleasure to see and hear from our past students! If you would like to visit, as a courtesy as well as a safety issue, please check in with Ali first. We welcome visitors!

## Milk in Schools/Food in Schools/Breakfast in Schools

These initiatives have all been in the news recently, however as a school we are still unsure of the impact they will have. Our BOT is currently investigating!

Do you want to be a part of our amazing Festival this year? Stallholders forms are now available from Lou on 03 526 8815 or by emailing the school office at office@ngatimoti.school.nz

The Ngatimoti Hall Committee extends sincere thanks to John Anderson for his continued work in mowing the grass around the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall.

## Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Sunday, 16th June at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by Rev. Matt Beech

Family Church Service

7th July at 10 : 30 a.m.

Conducted by Canon David Moynan

All children welcome to Sunday School  
Morning tea and social time to follow

*A very warm welcome to all*

### MVA Committee Members

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