

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

July 2013

Happy Birthday Peninsula Bridge!



As the crowds gathered on the west bank of the Motueka River, by the Ngatimoti Bowling Club, the sun made a grand entrance along with Lester Rountree's Clydesdales and wagon for the celebration on Saturday 6th July remembering the Peninsula Bridge's 100th birthday. A collection of vintage cars and period agricultural implements followed in a procession from the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall crossing the bridge in style adding to the ambience of early 20th century life in the Motueka Valley.

The men's work camp, equipped with Union building, named work shovels, camp fire, clothes line and leg of beef set the scene for remembering what life was like 100 years ago prior to the building of the Peninsula Bridge which eased the connection from west to east over the Motueka River.

The Peninsula Bridge, resplendent with bunting and banners, was blessed and Guthrie Beatson told several stories including the missing pier, washed away in the flood of 1911, but still visible today.

Trevor Norris, as a representative of Tasman District Council, spoke about the work TDC has done over the years to keep the Motueka Valley connected

with upgrades to the local bridges and warned us to care for our Peninsula Bridge by making sure we respect the weight capacity.

John Crick entertained with a poem/song from the point of view of the bridge and tried to engage the crowd in song with mixed results. And then the crowd of over 100 dispersed to the back of the Ngatimoti Bowling Club for tea and scones as stories were swapped and locals caught up with each other in typical country style, reflecting life in the Motueka Valley for over a century.

As well as enjoying the fine variety of dishes brought to the community pot-luck in the evening, everyone was most impressed by Ngatimoti school's colourful display. An array of artistic works including bright paintings & pencil drawings, detailed sketches & expansive riverscapes, structural drawings & surreal creations, along with model bridges and poems surrounded the hall and complemented the historical photos, articles and stories.

The evening drew to a close with live folk music and the stage was alive with a beautiful interpretation of folk dancing from the local young ones.





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TERM DATES 2013:
Term 3: Mon 29 July – Fri 27 Sep
Term 4: Mon 14 Oct – Fri 20 Dec
Ngatimoti Festival Day Sun 27 Oct

School News – July 2013

We are very proud to have been involved in the recent Peninsular Bridge centenary celebrations. What a fantastic whole community effort!



As we approach Term 3 we are busy putting our annual festival together for Sunday October 27th this year. If anyone in the community would like to be involved please contact the school – many hands make light work and we know there are many kind people out there who may not have a daily relationship with the school but who are keen to help out. We really do appreciate you!

Our Ngatimoti sports teams continue to excel with our 'Aces' Mini ball team reaching the finals and our gymnasts performing beautifully in the Inter-schools competition at the end of last term. In Term 3 some lucky Room 2 students have an exciting trip to Rainbow Ski Field. We are also preparing our MASSIVE performance. MASSIVE is a musical performance involving senior students from many Motueka schools. Each school is invited to choreograph and create their performance in line with the chosen theme. This is scheduled for the beginning of September and

is approaching fast! We are currently planning our costumes for the show and are looking for grown up volunteers to help us sew and create some of our costumes. We are also looking for items of clothing and accessories that fit with the themes: Britain, Rarotonga, India, Africa, Holland or Kiwiana. If you are able to help in any way please let us know at school. In Term 3 we also look forward to technology challenges, a whole school visit to Te Awhina Marae and our Student Council are planning a pet day!

Renovations: Our admin and main entrance to the school is being renovated this term to include a new sick bay area. This should be completed in good time for Festival day, however for Term 3 you will find our office in the Hall should you need to pop in!

As a continuation of our Green-Gold Enviro-Schools journey, our Enviro-Groups have been working hard and fundraising to sponsor a fence post for the Brook Sanctuary's 'pest-free fence'. Our senior students recently visited the Brook Sanctuary and you can find more details and/or 'get behind the fence' at <http://www.brooksanctuary.org/>

Board of Trustees: We recently held our second meeting of the new board. We had a great discussion about our new strategic goal "Well Being" and we also revised and amended our appointments procedure. Our policies/procedures are available at the school office.

WOF Time? If you have your vehicle WOF done at Parkes Automotive in July, Aug or September they will donate \$5 per test to your chosen school. Choose Ngatimoti!

Next MVA Meeting
Tuesday 16 July 2013 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Memorial Hall All welcome

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Sunday, 21st July, at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by
Rev. Murray McCaskey

All children welcome to Sunday School
Morning tea and social time to follow
A very warm welcome to all

MVA Committee Members	
Fred Hickling	027 448 4430
Bruce Dyer	526 8288
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