

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

November 2013

Community Dance Woodstock Hall 8pm Saturday 16 November

Dancing gumboots, swing your partner round about the haybales under the macrocampa trees - our version of Woodstock.

The MVA had a plan (see May 2013 newsletter) to encourage more usage of our local community halls and more opportunities for local catch-up. So we've had the bridge birthday party in Ngatimoti hall, we've been told and told lots of stories in Pokororo hall and now it's time for a little dancing (and more chatting).

Most of us have never entered this inconspicuous building sitting behind the fence under the macrocampa on the Thorpe road half a kilometer from Woodstock Junction. You'll be charmed by the atmosphere once you walk inside and your feet won't be able to stay still with the rhythms and musical gusto of Jiggery Folkery.

\$10 for adults. BYO and BYF (Bring your family). There'll be coffee and tea provided. Please bring something for a shared supper. All proceeds will go to the up-keep of the hall.

See you @ Woodstock



POKORORO WOMEN'S CLUB

MOTUEKA VALLEY DEFIBRILLATOR FUND UPDATE

At the recent Ngatimoti Fair the wonderful amount of \$950 was raised from public donations towards the purchase of this device.

Huge thanks to all who dug deep in their pockets on Sunday – as well as the volunteers who went around with the buckets. Thanks too to the Red Cross ladies for their CPR display and seemingly tireless energy explaining to folk the way a Defibrillator works. We also appreciated Peter at SIGNCRAFT for his generosity painting our sign.

However! We still need to raise another \$3500.

Further fund raising will take place over the next few months.

This lifesaving device is already available in several surrounding communities.

COME ON MOTUEKA VALLEY – MAKE IT HAPPEN HERE PLEASE HELP IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONATED

Any enquiries or donations – PLEASE CONTACT any of the following:

Jocelyn Thorn 5268802

Glen Davenport 5268740

Gloria Anderson 5268644

Next MVA Meeting

November MVA Meeting

8pm Tuesday 19th Nov.

Ngatimoti Community Room (Firestation)

All welcome

Great Spotted Kiwi Update

The 12 new immigrant kiwi were brought into the Flora from New Creek (near Inangahua) and Roaring Lion last summer.

Monitoring is essential to determine whether the kiwi remain within the project area, survive, breed and therefore achieve the goal of re-establishing a sustainable kiwi population in the Flora.

However, the kiwi have wandered much more widely than the original ones did. It is currently 14 km from the most southerly to the most northerly located kiwi. So monitoring is a major challenge! Two pairs seem to have established territories, 2 other partnerships seem to be loosely paired and settled but the remaining birds are still wandering.

Last Saturday 2 teams of 4 went up the Flora with spades and dug soil samples to check on worm and kiwi food richness to assess if this could be one of the reasons for the wandering.



The kiwi in the Flora carry radio transmitters. Our kiwi monitoring team track them from a distance to learn where they are and how active they are at night, an indicator as to whether they are breeding. This information is essential to understand whether we are on track to achieve a sustainable kiwi population in the Flora. The monitoring involves long days in the bush, often off track, with long periods stationary, sometimes on freezing ridge tops, trying to pick up elusive 'beeps' from the transmitters. But if you enjoy a challenge the experience is very rewarding. You receive training in radio telemetry, and you don't need to worry about gym fees! Contact us if you're interested in joining the kiwi team or in finding out more about the monitoring.

Contact Lesley Hadley, 526 8047

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Anniversary Service

Sunday 20th October at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by
Rev. Wayne Thornton

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

A very warm welcome to all



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

THANK YOU all!

Another very successful Festival day was a result of the work of so many people working together. Special thanks to all parents; the organisers of each "department" and their teams as well as to the organizing committee including Lisa, Kirsten and Amanda. The Festival is a very demanding day and we really appreciate the lengths many of you took to ensure it was as good as it was! If you do have any feedback, positive or constructive, please let us know. There is a box on the office desk for any thoughts or comments. Also in this box, you might like to make any suggestions for what you would like to spend any of the profits on. At this stage we cannot let you know how much profit we have actually made, but we think it will be at least \$20,000.

Festival funds from last year were spent in a variety of ways to ensure all students benefitted! Each year we aim to purchase something significant, as well as ensure we have funds so we do not need to ask parents for too much money during the year for trips, travel and performances. Our major purchases using festival funds from last year were a new set of gymnastics mats, ipads and a TV display screen and literacy resources for classrooms. As well we have paid for bus hire for sports trips, museum trips and subsidized class trips to Lake Rototiti. We have also used funds for our MASSIVE costumes and equipment, paid for all students for the Bob Bickerton music show, Reading Rocks show and The Big Sad Wolf show. We have paid for specialist teacher support for computers and we have provided a class photo to every child. Having this funding has also allowed us to send some students to an "Inspire Day" and subsidise skiing for Room 2. We have also saved \$10,000 of our Festival profit from last year to put towards an adventure playground upgrade in the future. Funds raised from this year will be used in a variety of ways too! At this stage we are considering building a concrete wall at the back of the tennis courts for kicking or hitting a ball against, having a major focus on library resources and continuing to pay for bus travel for class trips. We hope to put something aside towards the playground upgrade too!

Any other suggestions are most welcome – please let Ali know your thoughts or come and pop a suggestion in the box in the foyer.

SCARECROWS! What a funny bunch of characters we had out there again this year! Well done all of you who made the effort! Our winners are shown



MOST ORIGINAL – Wood Family, Valley Highway



Best Scarecrow Blishen Family, Waiwhero Rd

Cake Competition Well done to all our super bakers and thanks to Nick Jewell for judging this year. Our prizewinners were: 1st: Kirsten Braniff, 2nd: Julie Edwards, 3rd: Steph Jewell. Thanks to all those who baked and, of course to the wonderful Jan for running the delightful Devonshire teas again this year!!

Our School Band

Did you see or hear our band play at the opening of our Festival? They will be competing at the national Rock-Fest in Nelson on Saturday 9 November. Thanks to Glenn for making this opportunity possible and for doing such a great job of coordinating our entertainment on Festival day. Good Luck "Desire 6"!

Silent Auction If you placed a bid on an item in our silent auction and you think you may have won, please contact school to make payment and claim your purchase. Thank you.

What's coming up at school for the remainder of this term?

Our school whakatauki this term is based on caring for the environment: Whatungarongaro te tangata toi tu whenua: As man disappears from sight, the land remains.

Thanks to some Kiwisport funding and proceeds from our Festival we are beginning a programme of swimming lessons at ASB Aquatic Centre with selected students. This is a great opportunity to improve skills as the swimming season approaches. We are hoping the weather is favourable and our pool is warm enough to open up next month. We will let you know in December's news about the price and availability of school pool keys for the summer. We are looking forward to the inter-schools athletics tournament coming up, and again thanks to festival funding we are able to take the school buses to transport our students to Lower Moutere. On a more academic note, our final unit of learning this term is based on world celebrations.

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Are you starting school soon?? We would love to hear from any families with pre-preschoolers soon to be turning 5. Give us a call or pop in for a visit anytime. Playgroup runs from 10am-12pm on Fridays too - all welcome!



BEST SIGN – O'Donohue Rogers Family, Westbank Rd

MVA Committee Members

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Lesley Hadley	526 8047
Stuart Granger	970 9004
Bernd Reiter	526 8545

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!! Not to be missed !!

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Application form for Pokororo Fair Sunday, 12th Jan. 2014

- Site numbers are limited, so prompt applications are advised. Site fees are \$30 for art and craft. All fees payable with application.
- Cheques made payable to R. Brooks.
- All proceeds go to Pokororo Hall.
- All applications will be acknowledged by phone, email or letter.
- Buskers welcome. No animals on hall grounds. Stalls to be ready by 9.00 a.m.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE: EMAIL:

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

Food & Wine stalls \$75 for 4 metres

Power is limited, please contact me for availability

Extra for Craft and food \$10 per metre

Total \$.....

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