

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

December 2014

Concert at St James Church Ngatimoti

On Saturday 29th November every seat in the pews of the St James Church, Ngatimoti was filled. Extra chairs were added to seat the 120 people that had come to listen to acclaimed French pianist Claire Rouault.

Claire treated the audience to a variety of music from composers Mozart, Debussy, Bach, Ravel and Chopin. She received a standing ovation at the end of her performance and shared afterwards that this is what her "Piano on Tour" is all about bringing high quality concerts to rural areas at an affordable price. Much appreciation to Bruce Dyer from the MVA committee for making this special evening happen.



Motueka Valley Association would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday.

The next newsletter will be in February 2015.



Next MVA Meeting

8pm Wed 17 December

at Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room

All Welcome

Ngatimoti Playgroup

Come and Play!

Free local playgroup for 0-5 year olds. Shared morning tea. 10-12 Friday mornings (during school term only) at Ngatimoti School Hall. Please contact Canada for further details 021994442 or 035268287.

Community Profile

Music and More

I remember hearing "Grandad's Wedding," a music duo of 8 year old Billy on drums and his dad, Glen, on guitar playing some heavy duty self-written songs at the Mountain Valley School years ago. Billy (now 15) still plays music and played in the Motueka High School Jazz Combo at the October Ngatimoti Festival.

His dad, Glen Bathgate, also played but with his other son, Ocean (9) on keyboard.

And Glen's partner "Kath Bee" performed her own songs for "Kiwi Kids".

Glen and Kath together set up the entertainment stage, including all the sound gear and organised the line-up of other performers as well as themselves to keep the festival goers in fine fettle.

Glen is well-known to all the Ngatimoti School kids where he motivates, enthuses and teaches music - guitar, ukulele and recorder and prepares the school band for various inter-school Quests. Originally a punk rocker and a member of various Dunedin bands, he decided to study guitar and writing music himself at the Nelson School of music. Following this course Glen did a gig with Billy at his grandfather's wedding which became the name of the father and son 'band'. He still plays in other bands including "Shunt," one of the bands at the Ngatimoti Memorial hall gig in October.

In 2000 Kath studied contemporary music and original composition at the Nelson School of Music, after which she worked more in the field of children's music and became familiar with Learning Media. She decided "I could write songs like that" and had 3 songs published. Kath has recently had a video produced for one of her songs, "Dragons under my Bed" which won an Australasian music video award. When I visited them in the Pearse Valley they'd just returned from the Steiner School Spring Fair where Kath had performed some of her "Kiwi Kids' songs" in front of a bouncing, appreciative audience. Billy was cooking a delicious smelling curry and Ocean was repeating science experiments he'd learnt at school.

There are plenty of varied activities to keep life interesting and challenging in this household. Both Glen and Billy are right into multisport; running, biking, swimming – hence you might see Glen swimming UP the Motueka river in the summer. They've competed successfully in local, regional and national triathlons and even in the 2014 World Triathlon Championship. So the latest development for Glen is to set up a fitness-based coaching business. He wants to create programmes for people to achieve their (fitness) goals – "not life coaching but get-off-the-couch coaching." He's pretty enthusiastic so he might get all of us out and on our bikes!





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TERM DATES 2014: 2015
Term 4: Mon 13 Oct – Wed 17 Dec
Term 1: Wed 4th Feb - Thur 2nd Apr

We have had a very positive year this year, with many students making outstanding progress. In particular, results in reading, writing and maths show that over 80% of all students (who have attended Ngatimoti School for at least one year) are achieving the relevant National Standard.

Pool Keys The school swimming pool is OPEN! Pool keys are for sale from the school office at a cost of \$40, with \$10 refunded on return of your key next year – BE QUICK as school closes on Wednesday 17 December. You may pay by cash or cheque at the office (open 8.30am – 1pm daily) or you may also pay directly online to account 03 0693 0121445 00 (please reference swim pool key). There is an agreement to sign before you purchase a key so please request one from the office if you wish to purchase a season key. The pool is open to the public between the hours of 12-6pm in school holidays and after school except when swimming lessons are in progress – times and dates for these will be displayed at the poolside.

Preparations for 2015

Years 7 and 8 will be taught by Steve Dunn and Kathy Stephens

Years 5 and 6 will be taught by Lauren Milnes

Years 3 and 4 will be taught by Debbie Godsiff and Jo Hadley in Room 3.

Years 1 and 2 will be taught by Heather Reid in Room 5. We will also have Bruce Whitwell in for one day a week, and Jo Hadley as a literacy support teacher. Mechthild and Judy will continue as Teacher Aides. Amanda, Lou, Ian and Trevor will continue in their work.

END OF YEAR MUSIC RECITAL TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER – 7pm INDIGO ROOM

All students who are learning an instrument will be performing and everyone is very welcome to come along and watch.

Our final day at school will be the morning of Wednesday 17 December. We're looking forward to a bright new start for all teachers and students on Wednesday 4 Febru-

ary. The office will also be open for new enrolments and enquiries on Friday 30 January. You can contact school anytime with enquiries on 035268842, 0275268842, office@ngatimoti.school.nz or through our website at www.ngatimoti.school.nz

Wishing you all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and happy holidays from everyone here at school!



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Sunday, 21st Dec at 10:30 am

Communion and Prize Giving Service

Conducted by Rev. Matthew Beech

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Carol Singing with the Motueka District
Brass Band at 7.30P.M.

MVA Committee Members

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PH 526 8066



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