

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

June 2015

Midwinter Community Potluck @ Ngatimoti Memorial Hall 6.30pm Friday 26 June 2015

Winter days are short and cold but the Ngatimoti hall will be warm and welcoming for an (almost) midwinter feast.

MVA will set up the long trestles in the main hall and get the heaters on early. Also there'll be two big pots of soup simmering, warm bread for dipping and mulled wine and warm spiced apple juice for sipping. Add a little live music and fun to complement the hum of local laughter and conversation and it promises to be a relaxed evening.

Bring your family and a dish to share.

Also as the hall doesn't have all the eating utensils, please bring your own plates, bowls, cups and cutlery. So it's kind of a winter-picnic style.

A chance to meet and eat with fellow valley dwellers.

Next MVA Meeting @ Ngatimoti Community Room 7.30pm Wed 17th June

New valley resident Vjerushka Kaminsky started learning to make crocheted rag rugs when she was a four-year-old growing up in France. She has made rug rugs in England, Wales, in Europe, Morocco and NZ. Since coming to live in Motueka Valley she's been busy making rugs of varying sizes and shapes. Contact her on 021 182 1176.



No-Spray Option for your property

Did you know that residents of the Tasman district can request that their rural property frontage not be chemically sprayed and instead undertake the vegetation control themselves? On approval Tasman District Council will mark the no spray area with red marker pegs.

For more information visit www.tasman.govt.nz and search for "no spray". Complete the application form and send it to Bettina Koessler at the Council – email – Bettina.koessler@tasman.govt

Possums

Are you seeing more pesky possums about the place? This might be because TBfree NZ is scaling down its possum control work east of the Motueka River.

Nick Hancox from TBfree says this is because after more than 10 years of very effective possum control, there is now little risk of possums carrying bovine tuberculosis to cattle or deer herds east of the river.

"This is a great result, and we are very grateful for the hard work of our local possum control contractors and the assistance of residents and landowners."

The downside will be more possums in east bank gardens and orchards, because TBfree NZ will move some of its funding to areas of greater TB control need. It might be time for some community discussion about this risk. The MVA Committee will help in this as best we can – watch this space.

Nick Hancox

**Senior Operational Policy Advisor
TBfree New Zealand**

To the Motueka Valley Association.....

On behalf of the Councillors and Council staff we would like to thank the Association, in particular, Ian Davey and Ian Thorn and the local Ngatimoti community, for hosting us recently for the Bogie Creek Bridge and Engineering Services Committee meeting.

Holding our regular Engineering Services Committee meeting at the Ngatimoti Hall after the opening of the new bridge provided a good opportunity for the Councillors to talk to the local community on their own turf.

And those Councillors who were able to stay after the meeting appreciated the chance to visit the community rooms/fire station and the swing bridge which connects the community from both sides of the Motueka River

Please pass on our thanks to the Ngatimoti community.

Kind regards

Richard Kempthorne Mayor

Trevor Norris Chairman Engineering Services Committee



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TERM DATES 2015

Term 1 : Tues 4 Feb – Thurs 2 April
Term 2: 20 April – 3 July
Term 3: 20 July – 25 September
Term 4: 12 October – 16 December



HAVING A GROWTH MIND SET: This is an attitude we are discussing regularly at school.

‘When I am frustrated, I persevere.’ Compare this with ‘When I am frustrated, I give up.’

‘When I make a mistake, I learn.’ Compare this with ‘When I make a mistake, I feel I am no good.’

In our Ngatimoti School vision, the phrase ‘confident and able to navigate in a changing world’ acknowledges that there will be challenges and struggles. We have to help our children to be resilient, understanding and accepting, whilst also being confident and able to problem solve.

MATHS: You may have heard on the news that there is some debate about maths teaching recently. In 2001 the MOE introduced the Numeracy Project. The numeracy project involves using a lot of resources, such as an abacus, a hundreds board or counters, so kids can see how maths works. Mathematical thinking and problem solving come to the fore with this project, but basic facts knowledge is still taught and expected. This method (the numeracy project) has been defended by some, saying that kids are building on basic maths facts to be flexible thinkers. Those against say we have swung too far from rote learning and the strategies take too long to find the right answer.

What happens at Ngatimoti School? We do strongly believe in learning basic facts, but we also believe that there needs to be some logical understanding of these basic facts. When we are learning to memorise facts, we should also be able to show or explain how they work, in order to apply them.

Food and Nutrition has featured as a learning area for all classes this term, with Room 3 extending the learning by cooking up healthy shared lunches for their class. Riley looks very happy with this delicious looking quiche, which used some silverbeet from a school garden. Many thanks to Lesley for your culinary expertise and superb management skills!

SCIENCE: All classes will be presenting some of their learning in science on Wednesday 24 June. We have all been discovering just how much science goes on around us!

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Thanks, Ollly :)

Local Hall Bookings

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Reserve Community Room - Sarah Bradshaw 5268026
Pokororo Hall - Brian or Giselle Storer 5268065
Woodstock Hall - Kerry Hall 5433884

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Family Church Service

Sunday 21st June at 10:30 am
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MVA Committee Members

Fred Hickling	528 6794
Bruce Dyer	526 8288
Lesley Hadley	526 8047
Stuart Granger	021 277 2704
Bernd Reiter	526 8545
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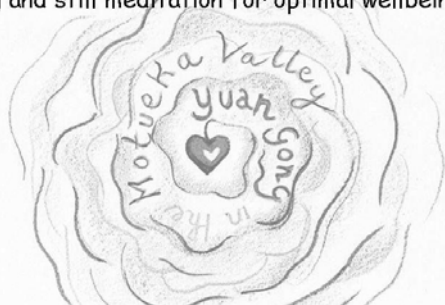
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The Motueka Arts Council is once again running a full winter workshop program. It's an opportunity to participate in art, learning and having fun. There is a display of Tutors work in the NBS window on High street and of past students in the Motueka Library. The courses are varied to cater for many peoples interests. We have engaged out of town tutors like Dr Carol Dawber who is a well-respected author of history and fiction. She is taking a session on writing biography and memoir. And there are many local artists willing to share their skills and enthusiasm. Everyone is welcome and course costs are subsidised.

Programs Available from Potters Patch, Tasman District Libraries and Registrations to Westrupp Jewellers. Online program available from woolweaving@gmail.com
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