

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

November 2015

An artist of the Valley



Valley artist and potter Sarah Douglas (above) prepares her work to go in the Motueka Pottery Workshop's 40th anniversary exhibition that's on show until November 20 at the Motueka Museum.

Sarah started working seriously with clay about six years ago. After trying several different colours and types of clay she settled on terracotta for its lovely colour.

"I started out modelling lovely little animals and birds that were around me that I like such as dogs and ducks. After a generous gift of a pottery wheel from a teacher at Brooklyn school I have been making some very stylish and interesting domestic ware. I love the thought of people eating from and enjoying using my pots every day," she says.

Sarah and her artist blacksmith partner Red are dedicated to make functional and useful objects. They are opening their studio on on corner of the Alexander Bluff Bridge on December 4 and 5 and invite people to come and have a look at what is going on. Look for the sign and drive in.



MVA monthly meeting
7.30pm Thursday • November 19
@ Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room
(Note: now every third Thursday of the month)

Ngatimoti Festival 2015

Many thanks to everybody who ensured our 14th Ngatimoti Festival was another great success this year.

In particular, thanks to:

- Our wonderful community; landowners, past and present students, staff and the hard working and dedicated parents.
- Local businesses who contributed with services or donations.
- All the fantastic entertainers.
- Neighbours and extended families.

Your commitment, goodwill and generosity is most appreciated. Thanks to you, we made a record breaking \$40,000 for our students.

This is primarily used to ensure that every child in the school gets to participate fully in all school activities, subsidising travel expenses as well as maintaining our school pool so that we can keep it open to the public each summer.

In addition, our students, parents and staff have a 'festival wish list'.

If you have any suggestions regarding our annual festival we would be pleased to hear them.

Thank you all for your continued support.

MVA keen to support community projects

The new MVA Committee appointed at the AGM in September held its first meeting on 21 October. We were pleased to note the MVA has a healthy bank balance. This means some funding could be available to support worthwhile community projects or activities.

We would like to hear of any suggestions for this from valley residents. Please send your ideas to info@mva.org.nz, or call one of your committee members. We would also like to thank Liz Mahoney for taking on the job of newsletter editor. Great to have you on board, Liz!

—Nick Hancox, MVA Committee

**Friends, writers and photographers...
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Your local newsletter is a great place to start if you've ever wanted to have your work published. See page 2 for details under "about your newsletter".



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Term 4:
October 12—December 16

School will close following assembly at lunchtime on 16 December

2016: Tues 2 February – Friday 15 April 2016

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Positive spin-offs at Ngatimoti School



Well done the Post family who made this year's winning scarecrow for the Ngatimoti Festival! Thanks everyone for your efforts! There were some interesting characters out there to advertise our festival – even a couple made by people who do not attend Ngatimoti School.

Ngatimoti School's fourth term is off to a great start with buddy reading and writing. Mixing students from all classes for learning activities has many positive spin-offs, including helping to create a caring and family-type school culture.

Mrs Milnes has started an "Enrichment Group" with 20 motivated students learning Kapa Haka. Whaia Tania, the Resource Teacher of Māori for Motueka was most impressed with the pronunciation when she visited.

Thanks to a pro-active parent and Nelson Building Society, we now have a new school set of hi-vis vests. Watch out for us! Coming up this term we have some class trips, including one to Ngarua caves next week to study geology. As well we have athletics coming up for all students and a school based art week later in the term.

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