

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

February 2016

Protecting the river, the land, the people

Motueka Valley residents—bring your ideas and input to the first Motueka Valley Association meeting of the year on Wednesday February 10. The meetings are informal and you'll be very welcome.

The first MVA meeting of the year is traditionally a time for brainstorming and planning...so come along and help plan the year's activities, events, tactics and speakers.

The MVA's Newsletter will be delivered on the first of each month instead of around the middle.

The change to the newsletter's delivery date means that the association will now hold monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month. The first meeting of the year will held on Wednesday February 10.

It will be advertised in advance when Tasman District Council Mayor Richard Kempthorne and Moutere/Waimea Ward Councillor Trevor Norris will attend the meetings in 2016.

If you can't make the meetings, take your concerns to MVA committee members; their numbers are on page 2. All Valley resident and ratepayers are welcome to come to the meetings to hear about the latest issues and have their views heard.

The MVA is a voluntary association that works to promote and protect the social and environmental interests of residents of Motueka Valley (from Shaggery Road to the McLean Recreation Centre) comprising Ngatimoti, Orinoco, Pokororo/Pearse, Graham Valley, Woodstock/Baton and Pangatotara. Representatives from all areas are sought for the MVA committee.

The Motueka Valley Association is happy to be a central collection point in cases of calamity. Over the Christmas-New Year period there was a fire where property was under-insured and table tennis equipment valued at \$200 was taken from the Ngatimoti Hall.

Lighting up the bridge



The Peninsula Bridge at Ngatimoti was lit up for the Christmas season. A local resident (who prefers to be anonymous) gave solar lights and money to buy more. The MVA matched the donation, recruiting volunteers like Luka Droppers (pictured doing the high work) and Barry Burger (traffic management).



The new school year begins at Ngatimoti

We welcome students back to school on Tuesday 2 February, and look forward to another great year of all sorts of learning at Ngatimoti School!

We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of learning experiences here, and we are strong believers in holistic education where we develop skills in managing ourselves, learning with and from other people, participating and contributing to a community and caring for the environment. We do believe too, that the basics of reading, writing and mathematics are important for lots of learning and we are obliged to use the Ministry of Education standards as a measure for these. Our National Standards data in 2015 showed that 75% of our students achieved at or above the relevant standard in reading and writing, and that 85% achieved this in mathematics. More importantly, our data showed that 100% of students showed progress in these learning areas. Having a growth mindset, which is about a positive attitude and a confidence to embrace challenges, has been an underlying driver in these positive results.

Our school vision is for all students to become R.I.V.E.R. students, confident and able to navigate in a changing world.

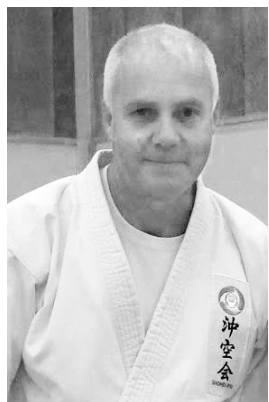
To begin this year, we plan to focus on the word 'change'. We will learn about water sources, including wetlands, and how changes in the way people use them can have an affect on these ecosystems. We will be learning more about some horticulture, with a focus on how plants grow, the changes they go through and the impacts that people can have on them.

A change in our health programme will be introducing dru yoga to all students, with Jill Francois teaching us over 5 weeks. This year is camp year for all classes, and our Year 1 to 6 students are all on camp in Term 1, at either Quinney's Bush or Marahau. This change in learning environment can be a great way to develop confidence and friendships, as well as offering lots of rewarding learning experiences. A change this year for the Senior class will be a taster course in Spanish in Term 1, as well as a change of teacher. We welcome Malcolm Hepburn to our teaching team, and we also welcome all students and new families to the area. Our roll will start with approximately 90 students, and we would love some more! If you are interested in enrolling your child, please make an appointment to meet Ali Turner, Principal. ☺

PS A big Thank You from all of us at school to the people who organized the lights on the Peninsula Bridge. This was a really nice community touch!

High kicks for high school kids

A new Karate class for high school students has started this month at the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall by Sensei Paul Natzyl (pictured below).



The new class was formed at the request of present students who had reached high school age and is held every Friday during school term time only, between 4.15pm and 5.15pm, following the younger children's class, which presently meets between 3.15pm and 4.15pm.

Paul has a friendly manner in the way he teaches and believes that students can learn more if they feel at ease. He advocates the

self-discipline and respect that Karate teaches, not to mention the hard work.

The origins of Shohei-Ryu Karate date back to China in the late 1800s, when a young man from the Japanese island of Okinawa, called Kanbun Uechi studied a form of Kung Fu known as Pangai-noon. Returning years later to his homeland Okinawa, the martial art he had learned

was renamed Uechi-Ryu.

Sensei Paul Natzyl achieved his first Dan Black Belt in 1982 and taught Karate full time in England for 32 years before moving to New Zealand in 2014. Paul holds the rank of seventh Dan Black Belt, which he received from the Masters of his style during a visit to Okinawa in 2010. He has also been awarded the Master titles of Kyoshi, as a student of the Art, and Shihan, the highest title awarded as a teacher of Shohei-Ryu Karate.

Globally, students have enjoyed performing the wax-on, wax-off and paint the fence blocks associated with the original *Karate Kid* movies from the 1980s, which depicts Okinawan Karate rather than most other forms of Karate that exist today.

No previous experience required, just wear loose fitting clothing. paul.natzyl@shohei-ryukarate.com 022 633 1055

Happy days at Ngatimoti Playgroup



The Ngatimoti Playgroup meets on Fridays from 10am-12pm at the Ngatimoti School Hall. Playgroup president Canada Moynan says newcomers under six years old are very welcome to join the self-led play. Every session, the children join Ngatimoti School's new entrants class for a 15 minute storytime. The Playgroup has 28 children registered and about 10 attend each week. For more information call Canada on 526 8287.

Book-a-Hall

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall: Paul Wielandt 526 8047
Reserve Comm'ity Room: Sarah Bradshaw 526 8026
Pokororo Hall: Brian or Giselle Storer 526 8065
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