

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

Delivered monthly to 500 homes in the Motueka Valley from February to December

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MARCH 2017

## HARVEST BBQ WITH THE MOTUEKA GREENS

Do you ever wonder how to use the zucchini that turned into a marrow overnight? Or what different dishes you can prepare with the abundance of vegetables and fruit in your late summer garden? The 'Motueka Greens' Harvest BBQ on March 25th may be just what you're looking for-it will feature vegetable and fruit kebabs, grills, and salads using the summer harvest from our own gardens. Although 'harvest' will be the predominant feature of the BBQ, sausages (provided) and meat (BYO) are also welcome.

The harvest aspect of the BBQ will give the Greens and supporters the chance to help create a delicious vegetarian BBQ using vegetables and/or fruit from their own garden. We'll collaborate and share ideas and explore combinations of fruit, veg, marinades and dressings to produce some interesting kebabs and Grills.

Our local Jiggery Folkery will play from 6 - 8 pm, and our local Green Party candidate(s) will be there flipping kebabs. The BBQ, open to Green party members and supporters, will be at the Ngatimoti Community Hall and Reserve (next to the school), on Saturday March 25th, from 5-9pm. It's all BYO-fresh vegetables and/or fruit for the BBQ, potluck salad/bread, drink. Entry is gold coin or koha.

Further information on Facebook 'Harvest BBQ with the Motueka Greens' or phone Heather 03 5224458; Muriel 03 5286782; Petra 03 9298647 (until March 9th only). Or email heather@clear.net.nz with 'harvest BBQ' in subject line.

## Fun, friendship and Family at Ngatimoti Playgroup

Ngatimoti Playgroup is your local Motueka Valley Community playgroup focused on fun, friendships, for kids and parents/caregivers alike. We are a welcoming group providing play and socialisation opportunities for all pre-schoolers and their whanau in our community, regardless of eventual schooling choice. The sessions are free and held weekly during term time on Fridays between 9.15 and 12.15, but families are welcome to arrive anytime during the session to fit in with naps etc. We are based in the Ngatimoti School Hall on Greenhill road. Bring a plate for shared morning tea and join in the fun. We love to see new faces and welcome back old friends, so come along, or call /text Annie Simpson for more information 0210643232



## NGATIMOTI MEMORIAL HALL AGM

To be held  
**APRIL 12TH**  
In conjunction with the MVA  
monthly meeting at the  
Ngatimoti Community rooms.

## Weedbusters prepare to cut and paste



Motueka Valley Weedbusters' Working Bee will be held on Saturday 25th March. We will be clearing weeds on QE11 protected block of bush at the Mountain Valley Centre, 66 Graham Valley Road. The trustees of the property will supply all the equipment required. Start time is 9.30am and morning tea will also be provided. If wet it will be held the following day Sunday 26th. All welcome! Simply turn up, or for further details contact Katerina Seligman on 021 159-0263.

## Gourmets dine at Rabbit Hill

Local gourmets will host a special Friday night dinner and event on March 24th. An Asian dinner with a kiwi Dessert. (see add on page 3 for details).



## Contact MVA Committee Members

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Next MVA Meeting . 8pm Wednesday March 8 @ Ngatimoti Community Room

Check out the website on [www.mva.org.nz](http://www.mva.org.nz) • Ask to join the Motueka Valley Community Facebook Page to swap goods and ser-

# NGATIMOTI SCHOOL 'AHAKOA HE ITI HE POUNAMU'



## Term Dates 2017

### TERM DATES 2017

Term 1: Tues 7 Feb – Thurs 13 April

Term 2: 1 May – 7 July (Queen's Birthday Holiday Mon 5 June)

Term 3: 24 July – 22 September

Term 4: 9 October – 20 December NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY SUN 22 OCTOBER

## MVA News March 2017

This year our school whakatauki is 'Ahakoa he iti he pounamu – although it is small, it is a treasure.' This is so true about Ngatimoti School! We are a small rural school but we are proud to offer a range of learning experiences, and very proud of our students and their attitudes to learning in all sorts of situations.

Students are enjoying opportunities to practice their swimming at the moment, including with their classes, after school with Yvette or even at the river! The Senior Class are lucky enough to have had a day with Whenua Iti learning more about swimming and enjoying the river. Thanks to last year's Festival, all expenses for this have been covered.

Thanks also to last year's Festival, we are able to take all four classes on a trip to Motueka next week, to learn more about early explorers. This unit of learning is proving to be a great reinforcement of our goal setting learning earlier in the term. Words like perseverance, challenge, risk taking or organization can be applied to each of us with our personal goals, and also to the early explorers.

As well, we have some great class learning happening already. Many students are buzzing about their reading, some have shared their fabulous writing ideas with others and math's is a popular subject for a large number of students. It is great to see so many students enjoying the routines of class, and also very encouraging to hear so many parents speaking positively to their children about school. This generates a family feel, and supports our belief that Ngatimoti is a community school.

If you are interested in what is happening here at school, please don't hesitate to make a time to come in. If you are interested in enrolling your child, we will be especially pleased to see you! Please phone 526 8842 for an appointment.

## Do your bit for the planet and recycle your electronic waste.

Electronic waste (e-waste) is the fastest growing hazardous waste stream globally and causes harm to the environment when it is thrown into our landfills. On top of that, precious metals, e.g. gold, silver and platinum are wasted if they end up in the landfill.

To help do the right thing and ensure that e-waste from Nelson/Tasman is responsibly recycled, Nelson Environment Centre has set up an e-waste drop off centre at its new premises in Nelson. From here we ship e-waste to E-Cycle, a Christchurch company, who dismantle the items and recycle as much as possible here in New Zealand.

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Our new premises are 31 Vanguard Street, opposite the salvation Army Op Shop! Come in and check us out- we have a small Eco-Store and are soon to be running a food rescue service to rescue food from supermarkets and donate to agencies who feed those in need.

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### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Morning tea and social time to follow

A special Friday night dinner & event  
at Rabbit Hill Cafe  
on the 24th of March, 2017 by  
local gourmets Wilfred, Paul & Maya.



An Asian Dinner  
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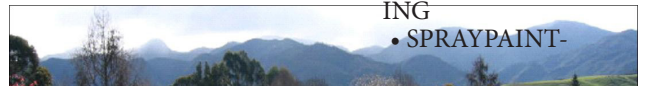
Wednesday 29th March 7.30 pm  
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- Send editorial of up to 400 words, photos & adverts: [leigh.jukes.smart@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.jukes.smart@gmail.com)
- Please include "MVA News" in the subject line
- Phone Leigh on 027 539 3656
- Advertisements \$2.00 a column cm
- Newsletter archives at [www.mva.org.nz](http://www.mva.org.nz)

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